



Fridley Women of Today

A community organization dedicated to service, growth and friendship.

September 2016 Newsletter

Letter from the President

“Girls Just Want to Have Fun”

I attended the District Meeting on Thursday, August 18, and our very own Jenise Teske who is the District Director this year did an awesome job! I was very proud to say she was from the Fridley Chapter! We were also responsible for bringing a lucky buck basket so you will see that it included a couple bottles of wine, wine glasses, candy and Tammi donated a \$100 gift card to Restaurants.com so that was also included. I don't think there was anyone there that didn't buy a ticket for our basket!

Gidget Wegener
Chapter President
Fridley Women of Today



CALENDAR

September

- 11 Day at the Diamond
- 13 Social at Sticks & Stones at Fogerty Arena
- 18-24 WT Week
- 27 Book Club

October

- 6-9 USWT Mid-Year Convention
- 22 Make a difference Day



Cookies for Habitat for Humanity

Submitted by Kathy EM

In early August, Habitat for Humanity was seeking donations of cookies once again to give as treats to their construction workers after a hard day at work. Cheryl, Patti, Jenise, Gidget and Kathy EM turned on their ovens and got busy baking nearly 24 dozen cookies! Donated were Snickerdoodles, Chocolate Haystacks, Oatmeal Raisin, Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter and more. Great job ladies! Your time and efforts will be greatly appreciated and literally eaten up by the recipients!

Corcoran Days

Submitted by Tammi

Corcoran Country Daze-For the first time in 4 years we had rain.....lots of it.....both Friday night and Saturday. It was also the first year we worked out of a food truck. I guess we were lucky for the rain because only 3 people fit in the food truck at one time and last year during the Saturday lunch rush it took all 8 of us to make it run smoothly.

Due to the bad weather, we sent people home early, cancelled Carol and Emily's 11-3 shift and actually used our lawn chairs this year. The rain didn't damper the fun-Just goes to show you can always have fun depending on who you are working with!

Thanks again to everyone that made this a successful year. Hopefully we will still receive a nice donation from them again this year.



Domestic Violence Awareness Challenge

Submitted Kathy EM

For the August social, we had planned to participate in the USWT DVA Program Managers challenge of wearing purple and coloring the “I am Strong” page. Unfortunately, the social was cancelled but we were still able to take part in the challenge. Jenise and Kathy got out their pencils and markers and spent a little time coloring their pages. At the August FWT chapter meeting, we completed the challenge along with Cheryl who wore purple. (Note: I did have a purple shirt on just before leaving for the meeting, but a few minutes prior, I spilled water down the front of it, so I had to change! But the thought was there!)



Feed My Starving Children

Submitted Kathy EM

On August 3rd, District 8 invited District 7 to join them at the Coon Rapids Feed My Starving Children site. Three members from District 7 and five members from District 8 joined together with many other volunteers to fill bags with rice based healthy meal ingredients that will be sent worldwide to help fight against hunger and feed thousands of starving people.

SACA Food Drive

Submitted Kathy EM

Locally, we're gearing up again for our food drive to benefit SACA food shelves. Get your calendar out and mark down these dates so you can be ready to help: October 12th, the 15th and the 22nd. On October 12th, we'll meet at the DQ in Fridley to attach the flyers to the bags. October 15th we'll be delivering all the bags to Fridley neighborhood homes and then on October 22nd, which is Make A Difference Day 2016, we'll go out and collect the donations and deliver them to SACA. Times and other details will be coming out in September so stay tuned! We can use a lot of help for this project so be sure to enlist family and friends.



Fleece Blankets

Submitted Kathy EM



On August 23rd, Emily, Jenise, Gidget and Kathy EM met at Banfill-Locke Center to make fleece blankets. Thank you to Emily who had the fleece donated to her and then in turn donated it to FWT. We had enough to make 2 good sized blankets and 2 crib sized blankets. There were also several pieces of smaller sized fleece that we're planning to use to make pillows next time.

At this time its undecided where these blankets will be donated.



Bundles of Love Fall Fundraiser - Kathy EM

September 24 at Flaherty's Arden Bowl

The annual Fall Fundraiser for Bundles of Love Charity will be taking place on Saturday, September 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pizza, along with a Silent Auction with GREAT items, raffle, door prizes and bowling. There will be lots of fun and food, while raising funds for Bundles of Love.

Bring your family and friends; tickets are available at \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Flaherty's Arden Bowl is located at 1273 County Rd E (just east of Snelling Ave) in Arden Hills.

They are still looking for donations for their silent auction and will need by September 10th. A suggestion from them is to join with a few friends, choose a theme and donate a basket of items (for example, a Pet Lover's Basket).

AMAZING WOMEN!



"I don't feel like retiring."
**99-YEAR-OLD SCHOOL SECRETARY
CELEBRATES 80TH 'WORKIVERSARY'**

The start of the new school year marks a very special milestone for 99-year-old Elisabeth Davis -- her 80th "workiversary" as the school secretary at Culver Academies! Davis began working at the Culver, Indiana prep school in 1936 shortly after graduating from high school. She's become a cherished member of the school community, and she loves the work: "It's better to sit here and do what I can do [for the school] instead of being home all by myself since my husband is gone," she says. "I'm so happy I can be of help."

As part of her daily duties, Davis keeps meticulous files, using her typewriter or in elegant penmanship. "There's just something nice about that for the alumni to come back and see that hard copy," says Bill Hargraves, Culver Academies' director of strategic

communications, "to pull their file from 20 years ago and see her handwriting." And, he adds that Davis' presence is particularly special for today's students: "Having her show the rich history here at the school gives great perspective for the students to appreciate the past and the future. Some people don't even know what FDR stands for today, and he was the president when she started!"

Davis started her work at Culver as a teenager: "I had graduated from high school and didn't have money enough to go to college." After she enjoyed the work so much, she decided to stay, noting that "everybody over here is so good to me." Today, she still insists on the importance of creating paper files: "You always need one hard copy because you could lose it." She says "I can do what I have to do on the typewriter," so Culver special orders parts and supplies to keep the one in her office in perfect working order. The great-grandmother of five still lives independently in her home and carools to work with another school employee because she doesn't drive any more. As for the future, Davis says, "I just live day by day. If there comes a time when I feel like it, I will, but I don't feel like retiring... I'm just blessed with another day to do what I can do."



"Josephine Holloway worked to ensure African American girls could be a part of Girls Scouts. After graduating from Fisk University Holloway began working with girls at the Bethlehem Center in Nashville, Tennessee. While working at this center Holloway was able to bring Girl Scout inspired activities to more than 300 girls. She even had the opportunity to attend a training by Juliette Gordon Low. Then when Holloway's oldest daughter turned six, in 1933, she applied to start a troop. The Nashville Girl Scout Council would not allow her to start an African American troop, but Holloway did not give up. She continued to fight for her daughters and other African American girls to have an opportunity to join. Then in 1942 Holloway was able to form an official African American Girl Scout troop. Holloway was then hired in 1944 by the Girl Scouts as a field advisor for black troops. During her time in this position Holloway would supervise thousands of African American girls and adults." -- via National Women's History Museum

A few things you may or may not have known about Emily Markuson!

1. What made you join the Fridley Women of Today? *Saw the sign on East River Road for Adopt a Highway and after looking into it, seemed like it would be a fun group to get more involved in my community – it is!*
2. Why do you stay? *Friendly people, community involvement*
3. Where did you grow up? *St. Paul and Maplewood*
4. What is your super power? *Attention to detail*
5. As a child what did you want to be when you grew up? *Doctor or something in the medical field*
6. If you could travel through time would you go to the past or the future? If in the past when? *Past, before my mom got really ill to spend more quality time with her and ask more questions about life*
7. If your house was burning and you could only save one item, what would it be and why? (Your family and pets are safe and sound!) *cell phone, I'm terrible at backing up all of the photos of my daughter from there*
8. When this song comes on the radio I turn it up and sing my heart out! *More Than Words by Extreme*
9. Name three things on your bucket list: *vacation in Bora Bora, run a 10 mile race, hot air balloon ride*
10. Name one thing you would like to learn (skiing, piano): *how to play the violin again*
11. What is your biggest pet peeve? *Groups of people walking that don't make room for you to go around*
12. Who has been your biggest influence? Why? *My mom, the older I've gotten, the more I appreciate all she did for me. I hope to set the same example for my children.*
13. What are you the most grateful for? *Family*
14. What is your biggest phobia? *spiders*
15. What is the most adventurous thing you have ever done? *Parasailing over the ocean in South Carolina*
16. Are you a morning person or night owl? *Morning person*
17. What is the sneakiest thing you have ever done? *TPed someone's house in high school*
18. What is something about you that people would be shocked to learn? *I've known my husband for 13 years – dated for 6.5 years, married for almost 5*
19. What Golden Girl would you choose to be? *Sophia*
20. What makes you laugh the most? *Puns*
21. Which would you rather do: wash dishes, mow the lawn, clean the bathroom, or vacuum the house? *Vacuum the house*
22. What is your favorite sound? *My daughters giggle*
23. What is your favorite curse word? *F-bomb – so many uses!*

Ta~Da!

Happy Birthday
Shirley-Sept 21 –
Tammi

Thank you Jeanne,
Chandra and Tara!! We
couldn't of done it without
you this year. – Tammi

Thanks Tammi for donating the \$100
Restaurants.com gift card for the District Lucky
Buck Basket! – Gidget

Thanks to all who
offered cookies for
Habitat for Humanity.
They loved the variety!-
Kathy EM

Thanks Tammi for
coordinating all the
volunteers for Corcoran
Days! – Gidget

Kathy EM – Thanks so
much for collecting
and delivering cookies
for Habitat for
Humanity! – Gidget

Thank you to all who
donated something
for the School Supply
Drive. --Kathy EM

Thank you Kathy RM, Deb,
Vicki, Gidget, Chandra, Tara,
Dolores, Molly and Jeanne
for making Corcoran
Country Daze a success! –
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Happy Retirement
month Kathy EM! –
Tammi

Thank you Gidget and Vicki
for setting up the food truck
Friday night at Corcoran! –
Tammi

Thank you Jenise for
dropping off my MN
Spice order! – Tammi

Thanks Molly for
attending orientation
for FWT. – Dolores

Thanks so everyone that
helped with Corcoran Days
this year! We got wet but it
was still fun! – Gidget

Jenise, thanks for
participating in the DVA
Challenge and for
submitting your beautifully
colored I am Strong picture.
--Kathy EM

Patti, heard you are
fostering more puppies
and it was touch and
go for a while with one
of them. Thank you
for all you do in giving
them a fighting chance
for moving on to a
better life. --Kathy EM

Thanks Gidget for doing a great job
at installation ceremony. - Dolores

Emily, thank you
for donating the
fleece fabric
needed for making
blankets/pillows. -
-Kathy EM

Thank you Tammi for
getting things started
and on the right track for
Santa's Workshop 2016.
--Kathy EM

Many, many thanks to former
FWT member Brenda M for
offering to make all the Food
Drive flyers for us this year. --
Kathy EM

Thanks so much
Kathy EM for
collecting and
delivering school
supplies! – Gidget

Thanks Tammi for
organizing Corcoran Days
this year, despite the
rain. – Dolores

Thanks to all
who attended
the Dist.
Meeting. -
Dolores

Thanks to all
who attended
the Aug general
meeting. It was
great to have a
big group there.
– Dolores

Thanks Sarah
for putting
together our
GREAT
newsletters
each month. --
Kathy EM

Thanks Jenise for
organizing "Blanket
Making" event at
Banfil. – Dolores

Thanks Kathy EM for
organizing making
cookies for Bundles of
Love again. - Dolores

Thanks Jenise for
getting MN spice
orders in. – Dolores

Dolores – Thank you
for the sock donation
at fall state
convention. I
appreciate all your
support for Breaking
Free. – Cheryl

Shirley - Thank You
for offering to take
the Breaking Free
sock donation to
convention. - Cheryl

Jenise - Thank you for
driving to Crave to
help Gidget celebrate
her birthday – Cheryl

Thanks Kathy EM for
the reminder on LPM
reports. – Dolores



The **Fridley Women of Today** meets at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at:

The Fridley Community Center
6085 7th Street NE
Fridley, MN

For more information please visit our website at
www.fridleywt.org
or visit the state organization's website at
www.mnwt.org



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Fridley Women of Today believes very strongly in service to others. We contribute to our communities through fundraising for worthy causes and by providing services and education to community and chapter members. We are a nonprofit, volunteer organization that has many interesting programs and projects for everyone.

Service

Developing self-confidence and learning how to work more effectively with others is a priority in the Fridley Women of Today organization. We offer programs designed to help "build a better you" through training and personal enrichment courses and projects.

Growth

Membership in the Fridley Women of Today offers the opportunity to develop close friendships with others who share similar interests. Socials and other fun-filled events

Friendship

Membership in the Fridley Women of Today offers the opportunity to develop close friendships with others who share similar interests. Socials and other fun-filled events are held to encourage members and their families to get to know each other better. The friendships among our members and their families help strengthen our community.

Minnesota Women of Today Creed

We, the Women of Today are service, growth and fellowship.
We believe that through us great lessons can be learned,
worthy deeds performed, and a hand of fellowship
extended to millions of women everywhere.
May we leave the world a better place because we lived and served within it.

