Fridley Women of Today

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kris – November 26th
Dolores – November 26th
Karen – November 29th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Julie – November 10th, 2011
Gidget – November 10th, 2011

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★ = remember

★ **October Birthday Social** – Tammi

The October birthday social was held on October 30th at Clives Roadhouse on 104th and Central. Joanne, Gidget, Tammi, Dianna, Julie, Cheryl and Brenda attended. We all agreed that this restaurant is a keeper! Please send any restaurant suggestions for future birthday socials to Brenda!

★ **Reminder!** – Joanne

Bring your ink cartridges to meeting. They will not pay us for recycled cartridges. Sorry.

7th Annual Food Drive for SACA - Kathy
For seven years Fridley Women of Today has hosted a food drive to benefit SACA and for 6 years we've registered the project with Make A Difference Day. On October 19th we delivered about a thousand bags to home in 5 Fridley neighborhoods. Then on October 26th we went back to those 5 neighborhoods and collected bags of food and household goods donated by the residents. After it was collected, we brought it to SACA to have it weighted. The total was 1,515 pounds of food and $75 cash. There were 3 bags that we missed picking up so the total pounds collected will be increasing [see below]. Dave Rudolph, manager of SACA, was delighted and very appreciative of our efforts.

Thanks to all who helped make this food drive another successful project. Great job everyone!

Final Totals – Tammi
The totals from the annual SACA food drive were incredible.
59 man hours and 28 volunteers collected 1,530 pounds of food and [as above] $75 in donation. With the average cost per pound at $3.00 the dollar amount raised for SACA was $4,665.00

What as amazing contribution to our community!

Thank you Kathy and all the volunteers.

Back row L-R: Scott, Brenda, Michelle, Mary
Middle row L-R: Gidget Dolores, Kathy, Dianna
Front row L-R: 6 Key Club teens, Pam

Peyton Blanket Making - Dolores
Peyton Blanket making was held on October 12th. We had 8 people participate at the event and made 20 blankets while there. As always, Peyton was there and still doing well. They even had channel 5 there to do a special report on the event. It is an amazing event and you'd be surprised how many volunteers come to this and how many blankets are made in a night. I believe that last total I heard was 800 and still counting. I know that even our District 7 made 4 blankets to donate to the cause. Please feel free to contact Dolores is you have any question.

Duck Races – Tammi

On Saturday, October 4th Heidi, Chandra, Gidget and Tammi volunteered at the Neighbors 6th annual duck races in South Saint Paul from 10-3. We walked around the festival trying to get people to "adopt" a duck for $5.00 for their duck races. Heidi embarrassed all of us with her natural sales abilities. Gidget and I were so bad at it that we ended up being Chandra and Heidi's runners.....taking back all of their sales and getting them registered and then finding them in the crowds to do it all over again. Luckily Chandra and Heidi were wearing bright yellow rain ponchos. Tammi brought her Magic poncho which she gives full credit for keeping the rain away during the event. The only time Gidget and I had any success selling the ducks was when we following the Duck Mascot and when parents stopped to take pictures of their kids with the ducks....Gidget and I pounced on the parents to adopt a duck! Sneaky....but effective!

Delbert and his fellow ducks wanted to shout out a HUGE THANK YOU to all of those the braved a little rain on Saturday to come support South St. Paul and Neighbors at the Great Neighbors Duck Race. The On the Road again that South St. Paul hosts brought out impressive crowds with Steve Mankowski predicting approximately 11,000 people. By the end of this fun filled day Delbert was full of booya and all tuckered out.

We filled the races throughout the day and after a long season of training, the ducks were in top form. The competition was tough and nail biting to say the least. In the end, the best pulled ahead. We are still running final numbers but even with the weather we definitely cleared our amount of last year and have made over $14,000 for our Neighbors programs.

Santa's Workshop - Dolores

HO HO HO!!! We continue to meet behind the scenes for Santa's Workshop. All is coming together nicely. Our next and last meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20th at 6:30 PM at Dolores's home. We will wrap up any last minute business and get ready for the big day. In case you have not put it on your calendar, it is Saturday, December 7th. Back this year; we will have singers from Fridley High School. We will start set up at 8:00 AM. Please call Brenda or Dolores with questions.

Isaac's Journey – Dianna
We raised $20 from the lucky buck basket. The change bucket will be at the next meeting so bring your coin purse or piggy bank and let's add to that $20!

Luminary Bags
The luminary bags will have a flameless candle placed in it and placed in the hall leading to the Saturday night banquet at Winter State. These bags will be an amazing tribute to our young heroes. You can decorate the bags with a different name and age of a child that has suffered from cancer. You can honor the same children to honor, please email Anna Nichols at priority-area@mnwt.org. This year there is an option to honor an adult who is dealing with cancer or has passed on due to this terrible disease. This is a wonderful way to support children's cancer research and at the same time honor all those who have suffered through cancer. There is a donation of $5 for each bag. Proceeds from the Luminary walk will go to Isaac's Journey. They would like each chapter to at least bring two bags, let's see if we can bring more!

Pediatric Cancer Fact
Childhood cancer is not one disease entity, but rather is a spectrum of different malignancies. Cancers found in children are biologically different from those seen in adults. About 1,310 children are expected to die from cancer in 2013.

Certifications – Julie
Just a reminder to work on your Certifications for Living & Learning, Health and Wellness, and Personal Development. If you have them done and you can scan, email them to me at jsteger18@aol.com or bring them to one of the general meeting and I will get them submitted for you. Same for STEP certifications. If you need a copy of any of the certifications you can go on to www.mnwt.org, to 'book of forms' and look under the sections 'Programming – Certifications and Programming – USWT forms.

District Fundraiser – Jill

Baker's Square Pie Cards
Price $13 (District keeps $3). The pie cards are good for any pie even the more expensive cream pies. The expiration date on the card is December 31st, 2014, so your customers have over a year to use their cards. Money and any unsold cards can be turned in by January 6th, 2014. Contact Laura Erickson for additional cards at lauraerickson@live.com or 651-776-7809.

Restaurant.com Fundraiser – Jill
Big savings on dining out with Restaurant.com Cards. Supporters pay just $20 for a $100 card!
The restaurant cards can be redeemed online for a variety of restaurant offers in your area. Please note that these cards are not the equivalent of restaurant certificates. View the available restaurants in your area by visiting http://www.restaurant.com/ and entering your zip code. This fundraising program is so easy and it's risk-free! Restaurant cards have no expiration dates for you to worry about.

Fridley Women of Today keeps 50% profit for each card sold!

Make sure to ask your friends and family if they would like one, or three, too!
Please let Jill Watson know how many cards you would like by November 15th so we can have the cards in hand at the December meeting, just in time for the holidays!

Ways & Means
2nd Trimester State Promotional – Dianna

Fun Pasta Fundraiser
Orders can be placed through Jill Watson, or online at http://funpastafundraising.com/shop/minnesota-women-of-today
Specials for purchasing online:
1) 10 Lucky online shippers will win a holiday gift box
2) 10 chances for Women of Today to win a $100 check in December
3) Free Shipping for online orders placed before 11/15/13 over $50.

Order Deadline: 11/23/2013
If you order online, please email Jill Watson with order total for tracking purposes.
Fridley keeps 20% of the profits.

Delivery at Winter State Convention
There will be a drawing at Winter State convention for every chapter who purchases more than $75 this trimester.

TADA!

Dianna –
Thank you for making the lucky buck basket for Isaac's Journey. You are doing a great job as LPM!
- Tammi

Many thanks to Fridley Key Club teens and of course to Mary Bowen for helping with the food drive again this year. We truly appreciate it SO much.
- Kathy

Dianna –
Thank you for this month's 'Who Said That?' question!
- Lindsey

Gidget, Brenda, Dolores, Mary, Pam, and Key Clubbers –
Thank you for helping us pick up the grocery bags for SACA!
- Dianna

Vanessa & Kari–
Thanks for picking up and returning the vests for Adopt-a-Highway.
- Dolores

Thanks to everyone who helped with the food drive this year. It wouldn't have been a success without you!
- Kathy

Gidget & Michelle –
Thank you for riding along on food drive pick-up day and for providing so much fun and laughter!
- Kathy

Brenda –
Thank you for helping organize the food drive.
- Kathy

Gidget –
Thank you for picking up and coordinating delivery of the fall flower bulbs at Fall Convention!
- Jill

Mary Bowen & Key Club –
Thank for helping with the SACA drive.
- Dolores

Thanks to all who worked the Peyton Blanket making
- Dolores

Gidget, Heidi and Chandra –
Thank you for working at the Dick races – I had a great time.
- Tammi

Joanne –
Thank you support hugs!
- Julie

Thanks to all who attended the Breaking Free event.
- Dolores

Kathy –
Thanks for doing a great job setting up the SACA drop off and pick up.
- Dolores

Joanne, Brenda, Heidi, Chandra, Emily and of course Halle –
Thank you for doing Adopt a Highway.
- Tammi

Kathy –
Thanks for coordinating SACA pick up with Make a Difference Day.
- Dolores

Tammi –
Thanks for getting all the sign-ups done.
- Dolores

Dolores, Brenda, Julie, Emily, Heidi, Chandra, Katheryn, Megan, Bailey, Bethany –
Thanks for making the Peyton Blanket making event so much fun!
- Tammi

Tammi –
Thank you for driving for Peyton Blanket.
- Julie

Kathy –
Thank you for all you do for the SACA Food Drive – Your maps and organization for this event is PRICELESS!
- Tammi

TADA! CONT.

Brenda –
Thank for setting up the b-day social and all who attended.
- Dolores

Thanks to all who attended Santa's Workshop on October 15th.
- Dolores

Kathy –
Thank you for all the pre-work you do for the SACA project.
- Julie

Gidget & Pam –
Thanks for helping me drop off bags for SACA.
- Julie

Fridley Chapter –
Thank you for the nomination of Outstanding LPM! I'm honored to be part of such a great group of women making a big impact in the community!
- Jill

Thanks to all who attended the District meeting held at the FCC.
- Dolores

Thanks to all who worked the Adopt-A-Highway event.
- Dolores

Dolores –
Well just thank you!
- Julie

Dianna –
Thanks for working the Get Fit in Fridley event.
- Dolores

Who Said That?
What was your favorite costume you wore for Halloween?

JOANNE	A bag of jelly beans.
Lindsey	Mine was a bat costume I made for 6th grade and I finally won a blue ribbon!
Emily	For years I dressed up as a 50s girl, whether it be poodle skirt or 'Pink Lady'
Dianna	Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz

Dianna dressed up for Halloween