



Fridley Women of Today

A community organization dedicated to service, growth and friendship.

December 2016 Newsletter



*Girls Just Want To Have Fun!
And what a better place to have fun than...*

WINTER STATE CONVENTION



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CALENDAR

December

- 8 Holiday Party at Gidget's
- 25 HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

January

- 1 Happy New Year!!
- 5 Board Meeting
- 12 General Meeting
- 27-29 Winter State Convention in St. Louis Park



AMAZING WOMEN!



Josephine Baker is often remembered as a trailblazing singer, actress, and dancer of the Jazz Age but few people know that during World War II she supported the Allied cause by working as a spy for the French Resistance. By the start of the war, Baker had already been living in France for many years; she had become a French citizen in 1937 after marrying Jewish Frenchman Jean Lion. Throughout the war, she maintained a busy performance schedule in many of Europe's wartime cities which provided an excellent cover for her covert activities. Baker served as a sub-lieutenant in the Women's Auxiliary of the Free French Air Force and helped spy for the French government by gathering information at high society events held at embassies. Her fame gave her

the unusual ability to visit neutral nations during the war so she assisted the French Resistance by smuggling secrets written in invisible ink on her sheet music. She helped other intelligence agents secure travel visas by including them as part of her performance entourage. Baker also helped many people in danger from the Nazis get visas to leave occupied France. Toward the war's end, she performed for liberated prisoners at Buchenwald who were too weak to move.

For her service to France during the war, Baker was awarded the Croix de guerre and the Medal of the French Resistance with Rosette. She was also made a Chevalier of the Légion d'honneur -- the country's highest decoration -- by General Charles de Gaulle. When Baker passed away in 1975, she became the first American-born woman to receive full French military honors at her funeral. – *via A Mighty Girl*



Meet Susan La Flesche Picotte, she was the first Native American woman to earn a medical degree in the United States. Born in 1865, Picotte grew up on the Omaha Reservation in Nebraska to mixed parents. As a young girl, she witnessed a local white doctor refuse medical care to a Native American woman, who later died. Picotte credits this instance as inspiration for wanting to become a physician. She left the reservation in 1884 to study at the Hampton Institute in Virginia and graduated in 1886. With the help of a scholarship from the U.S. Office of Indian Affairs, Picotte attended the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania to earn her medical degree. After finishing her medical internship in 1889, Picotte became the first Native American female physician. She returned to the Omaha reservation to practice medicine, and would go on to overhaul the healthcare that people were receiving there. She was paid very little and was chronically understaffed.

However, Picotte worked tirelessly to educate her patients on the importance of cleanliness and getting rid of trash and flies in order to reduce risk of tuberculosis. Along with being a physician, she was also a champion of Native American causes and lobbied in Washington, DC, in particular against alcohol, which she believed was destroying many Native American communities.

MNWT Foundation

The mission of the Minnesota Women of Today (MNWT) Foundation is to provide financial and non-financial support to MNWT programming and to provide appropriate oversight of the distribution of funding.

GOALS:

1. Raise capital for the endowment fund.
2. Raise funds from individuals, corporations and non-profit foundations.
3. Provide financial support to expand MNWT programs.
4. Provide financial support to serve the needs of the MNWT chapters and members.
5. Educate the members of the MNWT on opportunities available through the foundation.

The Foundation is a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code. All donations are tax deductible.

Programs of the Minnesota Women of Today Foundation

- **Endowment Fund**
 - Sapphire Club—Contributors make a one-time pledge of \$500 or \$100 paid in installments over a three-year period. Membership is open to individuals, organizations, businesses, and chapters.
- **Sustaining Members**—contributors who donate \$25 yearly to the overall programs of the Foundation.
- **Corporate Solicitations/Grant Seeking**— Funds are sought from businesses and corporate foundations to support training programs of the MNWT and to supplement donations to the other programs of the Women of Today and its Foundation.
- **Outstanding Young Adult Scholarship**— Contributions are accepted from individuals, chapters, and businesses to provide scholarships for up to five Outstanding Young Adults honored at the Winter State Banquet for their volunteer contributions to their communities.
- **Outstanding Award Grants**—Contributions are accepted from individuals, chapters, and businesses to provide a monetary award for the recipient of the Women Who Impact Award. The money is designated by the recipient to a charitable organization of their choice.
- **Chapter Grants Program**—Provides financial grants to MNWT chapters wanting to run that special project they would otherwise be unable to do without financial aid. Applicants must donate \$25 to the Foundation within the past 24 months to be eligible to apply for a grant. Chapter grants are presented annually at the Winter State meeting.
- **Member Scholarships**
 - The Cheryl L. Anderson \$500 scholar ship is presented annually at the Fall State meeting. Recipients must be a member of at least two years, be seeking higher education and need financial assistance.
 - Straight River scholarships are available up to \$400 for classes relating to people with disabilities. Recipients must be a member of at least two years. Donations are accepted throughout the year from individuals, chapters, and businesses for these scholarships.

For more information regarding the Foundation please contact:

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Are You Familiar With Our State Committees?

Did you know that just like your chapter, the MNWT has committees? We have a Finance Committee, Bylaw and Policy Review Committee, Membership Management Committee, Future Directions Committee, and Marketing Committee.

Being part of a state committee is an excellent way to become more involved with the MNWT and also to learn more about our organization. Representatives are needed from all over the state. Read a little about each committee.

The Finance Committee provides financial direction for the MNWT. They help designate funds and propose our annual budget as well as promoting a statewide raffle, vendors at conventions and state store. January 7th is the next Finance Meeting. Treasurer Cathy Shuman heads this committee. (treasurer@mnwt.org)

The Marketing Committee works to communicate the mission of the MNWT and provide media opportunities. Marketing chair is Sharon Erickson (marketing@mnwt.org) and meets next on December 10th.

The Membership Management Committee also meets on December 10th. This committee supports membership efforts for the president and her staff focusing on growth. Wendy Homyak is MMC chair (mmc@mnwt.org)

The Future Directions Committee makes recommendations about MNWT structure, administration and programming. Tevyan Sorensen is Future Directions chair (fdc@mnwt.org) and December 10th is the next time this committee will meet. If you are interested in attending a meeting, joining a committee or want to suggest a topic for an upcoming meeting, please contact the committee chair or let me know and I can assist you.

~ Taken from President Jane's Fall State CIP

A Little Holiday Humor!



Christmas Movie Trivia – Name that Christmas Movie

1. "Teacher says, every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings."
2. "What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."
3. "It's a one year membership to the Jelly of the Month Club."
4. "You'll shoot your eye out kid!"
5. "He never got his picture on bubble gum cards, did he? Have you ever seen his picture on a bubble gum card? Hmm? How can you say someone is great who's never had his picture on bubble gum cards?"
6. "Uh, since the United States Government declares this man to be Santa Claus, this court will not dispute it. Case dismissed."
7. "Bless this highly nutritious microwavable macaroni and cheese dinner and the people who sold it on sale. Amen."
8. "We're your worst nightmare... Elves with attitude."
9. "Fog as thick as peanut butter"
10. "Lovely, glorious, beautiful Christmas, upon which the entire kid year revolved."
11. "The thing about trains... it doesn't matter where they're going. What matters is deciding to get on."
12. "Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?"

Answers

1. It's A Wonderful Life
2. How The Grinch Stole Christmas
3. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
4. A Christmas Story
5. A Charlie Brown Christmas
6. Miracle On 34th Street
7. Home Alone
8. The Santa Clause
9. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
10. A Christmas Story
11. The Polar Express
12. It's A Wonderful Life

Ta~Da!

Happy Birthday
Jenise! Dec 25th –
Tammi

Thanks Gidget for hosting
the Christmas Party this
year at your home. –
Dolores

Thanks to all who
volunteered to help with
adopt-a-hwy – Dolores

Thanks to all for
volunteering at the Vet's
luncheon. – Dolores

Dolores-Thank you for
setting up Adopt-A-
Highway every year. –
Tammi

We miss you
Sarah!!!!!! – Tammi

Great job on the
Droolin Moose sales
Jenise! – Tammi

Thanks to all who attended
the Dist. meeting this
month. – Dolores

Thanks for all the
communication for Santa's
workshop so we all stay
informed. – Dolores

Congratulations Molly
and Jenise on winning
the Living and Learning
baskets – Tammi

Thanks FWT for
continuing to make a
difference in our
community. –
Dolores

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to
you all!!! – Sarah

THANK YOU FOR BEING AWESOME

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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



You may also email us at
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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

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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.

