

# THE CALLIOPE



April 2011

Massachusetts Women of Today  
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## From The President

By Lucy Kelliher

Hello Divas!

When I took on the position of State President I set several goals. Mayor goals were 100% chapter retention, 100% membership retention, adding \$800 to our treasury.

I am happy to report that my goal of 100% chapter retention is holding strong, the goal of 100% Membership Retention has fallen short by about 6%, however I do believe we have added several new members and that is good news! I have visited each chapter several times, and thanks to all of you and your generous friends and family we have added \$308 to our treasury through the raffling off of 2 very stylish coach bags. Thank you to all of you who purchased and sold tickets.

Our friend Sue Beattie of Bellingham is working on an extension, and we hope to introduce the **Greater Bridgewater Women of Today** at our year end meeting in May. Many thanks to Sue and her team – Lisa Jessick and Amy Morrison for taking on this project and keeping our organization alive! I was in attendance at an informational meeting held on March 14, and was pleased to see the enthusiasm in the women who are considering joining this new chapter.

Serving as your State President has truly been an honor. However all good things must come to an end and the year of Divas

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Doing Good is rapidly coming to an end. Having met many of you, I know there are many capable women ready to take on this very rewarding position. Please call me/email and we can discuss your presidency!

Warmly,  
Lucy Kelliher



Divas Doing Good

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## National Volunteer Week

By Lisa Jessick

We recognize National Volunteer Week this year from April 10-16. Celebrating People in Action is a call to action for Americans to volunteer and a week to inspire by example. Created by executive order of President Richard Nixon in 1974, this week signaled a recommitment to creating a culture of service in America. Millions of Americans volunteer this week and demonstrate the positive community impact that individuals, families, businesses and organizations can create year-round. For more than two decades, Points of Light Institute has provided resources to enable nonprofits to commemorate this signature week of volunteer recognition. More details and helpful tips are available at <http://www.pointsoflight.org/signature-events-and-series>

It would be great to recognize the volunteers in your chapter by submitting an article to the local newspaper, sending cards to each member's home, or having a special social at your April general meeting. Be sure to take a photo or two and send in for our scrapbook.

Please let me know how I can help you.

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Public Relations PM  
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## We've Moved

By Corina Bonefant, Greater Attleboro WT President

We've Moved!  
The Greater Attleboro Woman of Today  
We have packed our shopping bags and changed our location.  
Our meeting place has been changed to:  
Attleboro Public Library  
74 North Main St  
Attleboro, MA 02703  
Fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30pm  
We hope this move will help to increase membership.



## Membership “Let’s Grow Together”

By Marie Tucker

February 5, 2011 State Winter Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester numbers submitted to National are:

13 New Members – great job! Thank you all for all your hard work in getting these new members for your chapters. I know you will all benefit from having them involved and we, as Massachusetts State, will also benefit. I thank you.

36 Renewals were also submitted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester.

The state as a whole we have 125 members with retention of 94% and have a total of 16 new members between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester and unfortunately we had a total drop of 26 members.

I challenged my membership chapter chairs to a contest for the 2nd trimester – 95% retention plus 2 new members for \$50.00 or \$25.00 if they had 95% retention plus 1 new member.

We had two chapters with 5 and 6 new members submitted. I would like to recognize Chelmsford with 6 new members and 84% retention.

I would like to congratulate Bellingham Women of Today – they turned in 5 new members with 100% retention for the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester.

I would also like to present 2 – 10 year awards and 1 – 20 year award

Easton Women of Today – 10 years  
Karen Deane  
Amy Morrison

Bellingham Women of Today – 20 years  
Suzanne (Sue) Beattie

United Regional Chamber of Commerce – check out the April calendar for current events and news articles.

Respectively submitted,  
Marie Tucker  
Massachusetts – Membership VP

## Year End State Meeting

By Lisa Jessick

The Easton Women of Today are pleased to host the MAWT year-end state meeting. It will be on Saturday, May 14 starting at 9:12 am. A flyer with registration information is enclosed in the newsletter.

Be the first to register and win a yummy surprise.

Any questions about the meeting can be directed to:  
Lisa Jessick  
[lj.ewot@comcast.net](mailto:lj.ewot@comcast.net)  
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## From the National Parliamentarian

By Marcia Allison

A motion has been proposed (and seconded) to the U.S. Women of Today Executive Board, and is being presented now to the general membership for your consideration so that it may be discussed and voted on at the Year-End National Convention. The motion is to amend a Membership bylaw as follows:

### **CURRENTLY READS:**

Article III, Section 5, C: An individual may only be listed on the roster as a member of one chapter.

### **PROPOSED MOTION TO AMEND WOULD READ:**

Article III, Section 5, C: A member may be listed on the roster of more than one chapter, and have officers' and voting rights in same, if all other membership requirements are met.

Motion proposed by Amy Morrison (Easton, Massachusetts Women of Today)

Seconded by Rebecca Fleming (Easton, Massachusetts Women of Today)

Please be sure to forward this information to ALL state and local officers and members. It should be given serious consideration and discussion before voting in June. I will gladly speak with any of you if you have any questions regarding the background, reasons, and effects of this motion, Feel free to contact me personally by phone or e-mail. (Phone 978-256-3395, or [randmallison@comcast.net](mailto:randmallison@comcast.net))

In friendship....

Marcia Allison

USWT Parliamentarian

## Newsletter Information

By Becky Fleming

I have truly enjoyed serving as your Newsletter Editor this year. Thank you for submitting articles and reading this great source of information! Serving as the Newsletter Editor is a great way to serve the MA Women of Today - give it a try!

## Coach Bag Raffle

By Lisa Jessick

After all the soliciting and selling, the winner of the Coach pocketbook was finally drawn at the MAWT February convention. A total of \$202 was raised for the benefit of Massachusetts Women of Today. The winning raffle ticket was sold by a member of EWOT. The winner was MaryAnn Twomey, the sister-in-law of Lisa Jessick. Congratulations!



## From the Historian

By Dee Clark

Hi everyone,

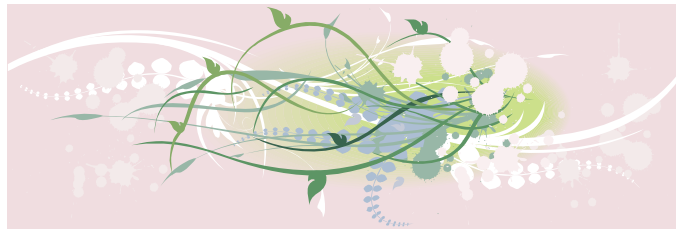
My name is Dee Clark and I am your state historian this year. This is my second time in this position and I enjoy seeing all the wonderful things each chapter is doing. But I won't know, and neither will other chapters, if you don't send me your information!

It is so much fun to look back in the photo albums and see ourselves years ago. Is that Joanne in the hula skirt or Julie in a nun's habit? It is also a good way to get ideas for projects your chapter might try.

You can mail, email, or hand them to me in person. My email is [joedee1986@verizon.net](mailto:joedee1986@verizon.net) and my mail address is 8 Pony Court, Bellingham, MA 02019. Julie Hutchinson and Sue Beattie are members of the Bellingham Women of today and also hold state positions. You can pass info to them at state meetings if I am not able to attend.

*Our history shows the way to our future.*

Dee Clark  
BWOT Treasurer  
MAWT Historian



## Mansfield Women of Today News

By Eileen Murray, Mansfield President

We had a very successful House Tour in December. We were able to support several charities with our over \$5000.00 profit. Jeanne Hagar and her team did a fabulous job. We also sent out 123 Santa letters which helped us to raise \$400.00 for the Norton Food Pantry.

Our February meeting brought us a new member who volunteered to Co-Chair our Scholarship Committee. We love new enthusiastic members!!

Mansfield has a Reunion Celebration in the planning. On April 28<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a Cocktail Party at the La Fayette House in Foxboro. A list of over three hundred past members has been compiled. We are celebrating over 28 years as a chapter. All are welcome to join us to reminisce of our many years of service to the community. The cost is \$28.00 and will include appetizers, coffee & dessert (cash bar). Contact me if you would like to attend. It is sure to be a great reunion.

Hope to see you all at the May State Meeting.

Touching Lives Through Teamwork  
Eileen

## From the Awards PM

By Sue Beattie

The history books are full of stories of gifted persons whose talents were overlooked by a procession of people until someone believed in them. Albert Einstein was four years old before he could speak and seven before he could read. Isaac Newton did poorly in grade school. A newspaper editor fired Walt Disney because he had "no good ideas." Werner von Braun failed ninth-grade algebra. Haydn gave up on making a musician of Beethoven, who seemed a slow and plodding man with no apparent talent.

There is a lesson in such stories: Different people develop at different rates, and the best motivators are always on the lookout for hidden capacities. This was written by Alan McGinnis in *Bringing Out The Best In People*.

The Awards program is designed to recognize member's achievements. I highly encourage all chapter presidents to submit deserving members for the Outstanding Rookie, Outstanding Woman, or Outstanding Officer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester.

At our May state meeting, awards will also be given for Year End Outstanding Rookie, Woman, and Officer. Therefore, start thinking about who you would like to submit for this recognition as well.

Also, is there a special project that your chapter has completed? Why not submit the project for an award? Let everyone know of your successes!

All submissions are due postmarked (or emailed) to me no later than April 22. If you would like more details or submission outlines, please contact me.

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## Happy Spring from Bellingham!

By Joanne Eisner

Hi Everyone, well the rest of the year is soon coming to an end. I hope that everyone had a good year. Bellingham is getting ready for their Spaghetti Dinner with the Easter bunny. We are having pictures taken for a small fee, crafts, and baskets to be raffled off. Our new members are doing the project, and they are doing quite well working real hard.

During Appreciation Week we are baking desserts and delivering them to the Police Dept., and the Fire Dept.

For Mother's Day we give flowers to the children in a Shelter in our area, so that they can give them to their Mothers for Mother's Day.

Joanne Eisner  
President  
Bellingham Women of Today, Inc.

## Let's Talk Step!

By Kathy Griffin

Hello Friends~

The New Year is here and Spring is in the air! We had a great time at the February State meeting, Live Out Loud was a program that Kathy Simmons and I presented and I must say it was a great hit. I know there are surprises for our May State meeting- hope you will be there.

Let's talk S.T.E.P. (Success Through Enthusiastic Participation) for a moment, it has been the step dog of the year, even I have ignored it. But we still have time- STEP 1 is for new members, if you have been a member for 90 days or less. STEP 2 is for members 12 months or less-STEP 3 is for members who have been around for more than 12 months- Please ask your Chapter President about these - they will have the forms. Many of the state team will qualify for the STEP 3 program- I do not include myself in this qualification since I do not meet 11 requirements - but I know there are those of you who do!

Please continue to think about the personal side of our organization- we need to remember to enrich our minds and to think positive as we continue to work on projects for others. Stress was the key word for 2010; hopefully 2011 will pave the way for a brighter future!

Hope to see you in the months to come or in May-

Focusing on US and Having Fun!

Kathy Griffin

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25+ Years of USWT Friendship~ Proud member of Mansfield WT

## MSPCC State Charity Update

By Melanie Kempton

Hello Chapters and Chapter Presidents,

Just a reminder that at the beginning of the year we set a target goal to raise \$1000 for the MSPCC, which is our state charity. As the year draws to a close, please review your plans to help us meet this amount.

Where we stand today:

We raised \$54 from the raffle at our October meeting and I plan to have another basket at the May meeting.

Chelmsford has committed \$500 towards that target goal. That means that we still need an additional \$446 dollars.

Thank You all for supporting our state charity.

Best Regards,

Melanie

## Bridgewater Extension

By Sue Beattie

Would you like to be a part of a new chapter for the MA Women of Today? This exciting opportunity will enable you to meet women in the Greater Bridgewater area. From time to time, if you can attend a chapter meeting to share your knowledge and experience with our newest members, the Extension Committee would love to have your help. Your support can make this new chapter a success.

Please contact either Sue Beattie or Lisa Jessick to become a part of this electrifying endeavor!

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## From the Programming VP

By Kathy Simmons

Greetings Women of Today,

It is hard to believe that this WOT year is already halfway through the third trimester! You have been so busy all year that it has just flown by. Kathy has offered you fun, interactive programming at both state meetings this year. Everyone that attended the November meeting and the Friday Night Party in February certified in both Effective Listening and Teambuilding and those attending the State Meeting in February have certified in Leadership. Have you run any of the programs in your chapter? Be sure to send a list of your members completing certifications to Kathy as soon as possible so that she can be sure your members receive recognition at national.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to submit all your certifications, chapter participation forms, programming awards, project books and to postmark your essays and effective speaking stat sheets to National.

Melanie is asking each chapter to help reach the goal of \$1000 for MSPCC. Be sure to let her know what your chapter will be donating to our state charity this year. Also, remember to submit an external transmittal for any project, donation or funds raised for your local shelter. Your MSPCC donations should also be reported on an external transmittal.

If you need any of the forms, stats sheets or transmittals, contact Kathy, Melanie or send me an email. I hope to see everyone at May convention and look forward to receiving all your certifications!

Kathy

Programming VP

## Chelmsford First Annual Bowlathon

By Melanie Kempton

Chelmsford held their very first bowlathon on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Brunswick Lowell Lanes and not only was it a big success but a great time was had by all who participated. Congratulations to the committee led by Jessica Davis and Kathy Simmons as the event raised over \$2400 for our Alternative House and other local domestic violence awareness programs and more donations are still coming in!

There were seven diverse teams participating which included our town selectman, our High School LiveSmart club, our local Galleria spa to name a few. The two highest pledging individuals received Spa Gift Certificates and the highest pledging team each received a \$5 scratch ticket. Each member of the highest scoring team received a \$25 gift card. There were door prizes for which all bowlers were eligible and additional prizes for anyone getting over \$100 in sponsorships. Everyone enjoyed pizza, soda and snacks while they were showing off their 'bowling talents' and raising money for a wonderful cause.

The event was well organized and will become an annual event as we already have 5 teams signed up for next year!



## Chelmsford Bruins Raffle

By Melanie Kempton

On another successful note, our Boston Bruins Raffle for the autographed Bruins Jersey raised a whopping \$1542! The winning ticket was drawn at the bowlathon and the winner was Maria S of Arlington, MA.

Congratulations to Kristen Kempton who not only solicited the donation but also sold over \$700 worth of tickets. Chelmsford is donating \$500 of the proceeds to the MSPCC with the remaining amount earmarked for the Alternative House and other Domestic Violence Awareness programs.



A special thanks to the Boston Bruins organization that once again supported our worthy cause.

MASSACHUSETTS WOMEN OF TODAY  
STATE MEETING  
Bellingham, MA  
February 5, 2011  
**Divas Doing Good**  
2010 - 2011

9:30 – 9:45 A.M. Registration, Credentials - Bellingham

Attendees:

Deb Stein, National President - USWT  
Beverly Grove, Presidential Assistant  
4 of 5 Chapters represented: 19

**Bellingham**

Sue Beattie  
Joanne Eisner  
Janet Greco-Russo  
Julie Hutchinson  
Dawn Schilke

**Chelmsford**

Marcia Allison  
Melanie Kempton  
Mary Gail Leonard  
Kathy Simmons

**Easton**

**Greater Attleboro**

Corina Bonenfant  
Marion Brousseau  
Therese LaPorte  
Elaine Tallini  
Patricia Zervas

**Mansfield**

Kathy Griffin  
Jeanne Hagar  
Lucy Kelliher  
Eileen Murray  
Marie Tucker

9:50 A.M.

*Welcome* Julie Hutchinson - Bellingham

*Pledge:* All

*Invocation:* Eileen Murray - Mansfield

10:05 A.M. Review Agenda

10:15 A.M. Additions or deletions to Agenda

10:20 A.M. Rules of the day – Marcia Allison – Chelmsford

10:25 A.M. Introductions: Opened with Lucy Kelliher introducing:  
Deb Stein, USWOT and her Assistant: Beverly Grove, USWOT (also Deb Stein's Sister)

10:30 A.M. Acceptance of October 2010 Meeting Minutes  
1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Janet Greco-Russo - Bellingham  
2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Joanne Eisner – Bellingham  
Accepted by: Lucy Kelliher - Mansfield

10:35 A.M. – 10:50 A.M.

Ice Breaker – Kathy Griffin - Mansfield

10:55 A.M. – 11:15 A.M. - National President: Deb Stein

11:15 A.M. – Individual Development Exercise – Kathy Griffin (Mansfield) & Kathy Simmons (Chelmsford)  
*Personal Enrichment Program: Video Course: “Live Out Loud!”*

- Video Course developed for Minnesota WOT's Personal Enrichment Program
- The video is of a motivational speaker, Amanda Gore at a Dell convention. She is also a physiotherapist.
- Video ends with a song from Monty Python “Always Look on the Bright Side of Life”  
“zoot, zoot, zoot”

12:25 P.M. - Lunch moved to 12:45 P.M.

*February State Meeting Minutes Continued*

- Diva Bucks were distributed
- Diva's Auction
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Auction:
    - 1) Colorful tennis socks and water bottle went for \$150 Diva Bucks purchased by Kathy Griffin.
    - 2) 3 Books sold for \$225 to Sue Beattie
    - 3) "Surprise Box" by Marie Tucker sold to Kathy Simmons for \$550  
(box contained 2 mini purses & bracelets)
    - 4) Books sold to Teresa LaPorte for \$150: "Biting the Apple", "Eat Cake" & "33 Swoons"
    - 5) Chocolate Chip Cookies baked by Julie Hutchinson purchased for \$400 by Teresa LaPorte
    - 6) A 2<sup>nd</sup> box of Chocolate Chip Cookies (baked by Julie) sold for \$500 to Marie Tucker

12:35 P.M. Lunch & "Lucky Bucks" Auction  
1<sup>st</sup> item for bid:  
 Basket of Coffee – Dunkin Donuts, included mugs & a gift certificate  
 Winner: Kathy Simmons for \$32  
2<sup>nd</sup> item for bid:  
 Gift pack to Showcase Cinema - \$34 value – Winner = Marie Tucker  
3<sup>rd</sup> item for bid:  
 Quilt sold for \$125

**Officer Reports:**

1:25 P.M. Extension Update – Sue Beattie (Bellingham)  
1:35 P.M. State Membership VP, Marie Tucker (Mansfield)  
1:45 P.M. Historian, Dee Clark (Bellingham) – not in attendance – Sick  
1:50 P.M. Secretary, Mary Gail Leonard (Chelmsford)  
1:55 P.M. Treasurer – Financial Report January 31, 2011  
2:00 P.M. Programming VP, Kath Simmons (Chelmsford)  
2:05 P.M. Individual Development, Kathy Griffin (Mansfield)  
2:10 P.M. Internal/External Foundation, Melanie Kempton (Chelmsford)  
2:15 P.M. Chapter Report – None

**Awards Presented by Sue Beattie (Bellingham), Program Manager**

2:20 P.M. Rookie – Irene Masson, Chelmsford  
2:25 P.M. Officer – Lucia Pacitti, Chelmsford  
2:30 P.M. Member – Marie Tucker, Mansfield  
 Project Recognition – Holiday Breakfast, Easton.  
2:35 P.M. Carrie Lutz Spirit Award – Sue Beattie (Bellingham)  
2:40 P.M. May State Meeting (May 14—2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday) – Easton  
2:45 P.M. National Year-End Convention 2011 in Pittsburgh
 

- Boat rides
- Chelmsford driving on Wednesday, not Sunday

*February State Meeting Minutes Continued*

- 2:50 P.M. Announcements – Opening by Lucy Kelliher
- Easton Hosting a *Skate Day – Winterfest*
  - Chelmsford WT are raffling an autographed Boston Bruins Jersey, winner to be drawn on March 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Lucy Kelliher thanked Deb Stein, President USWT and presented President Deb with Turkey Salt & Pepper Shakers to add to her collection.
  - Lucy Kelliher thanked Bellingham for hosting the MAWT

3:00 P.M. Adjournment - Creed

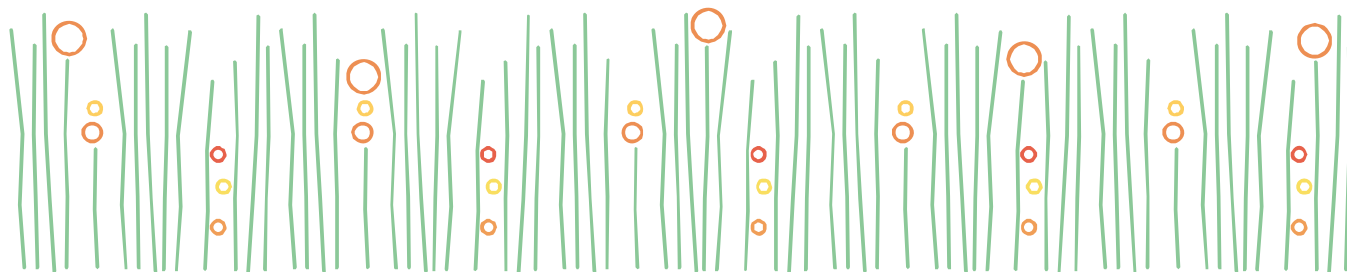
- Diva Dollars distributed throughout the meeting
- \$165 collected for Coach Bag

My sincere appreciation to the members of the board.

Thanks to you: The year of Divas Doing Good was a success. We tried new things -state meetings were more interactive, we participated in workshops, we saw our first Divas of the Runway show. We filed an 'Intent to Extend' and we received much needed publicity.

Thank you all for making this a fabulous and productive year.

Warmest,  
Lucy



PLEASE ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING COMPETITIONS:

*Dear*  
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT- MAY 1, 2011  
SEND TO ME BY APRIL 20, 2011 AND I WILL SEND ALONG TO NATIONAL OR  
ASK ABOUT DETAILS IN SENDING

Effective Speaking and Essay Competition

Topic for both: *"Life is too short to take yourself too serious. What did/do you do to lighten it up?"\* This is the topic not the title of your speech or essay*

If anyone in your chapter is attending I encourage you to think about the Effective Speaking. Speech is 4-6 minutes in length on approved topic-

The deadline for the essay is postmark May 1 - mail to Kathy Simmons 4 Hart Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824

Guidelines: 600-800 words, double spaces, single sided  
Send 5 copies and the stat sheet (attached) with \$5.00 check to the USWT.  
Please make sure stat sheet is completely filled out-

Focus on Women Essay Competition for Year end  
The topic is - "How a Focus on Women Activity Changed My Life"  
800 to 1,200 words double spaced typed single sided \$5.00 entry fee

Poetry Competition for Year end- no rules or guidelines, no topic  
Same postmark and entry fee- \$5.00

Chaplin Year End

No length requirements but typed, etc  
Same fees  
"God in My Life- essay

Let me know if you have any questions-  
Kathy Griffin  
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# A FIESTA OF FRIENDS

MAWT YEAR-END  
2010-2011 MEETING

MAY 14, SATURDAY

9:12 am – 2:34 pm



Covenant Congregational Church, 204 Center Street, North Easton, MA 02356  
(smoke-free building and grounds)

**Breakfast:**

- Juice
- Coffee
- Tea
- Strudel Bites
- Mini Muffins

**Lunch:**

- Chips, Guacamole, Salsa
- Fajitas
- Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Sour Cream, Jalapenos
- Chili and Cornbread
- Cinnamon Pita Chips
- Mexican Cake



Be sure to bring your Lucky Bucks because Julie Hutchinson is donating a quilt for the benefit of the new Bridgewater chapter

EWOT Host Fee: \$15 (mail in to register)  
MAWT Fee: \$ 3 (paid on day of event)



Questions can be directed to  
Lisa Jessick, 508-238-2531, lj.ewot@comcast.net

Please register by mail before May 7:

**FIRST** person to register will win a yummy surprise at the meeting  
Send \$15 check payable to EWOT, P. O. Box 196, Easton, MA 02334

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print legibly.



**SAVE THE DATE:  
May State Meeting  
May 14, 2011**

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