

# THE CALLIOPE

Massachusetts Women of Today  
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## From The President

By Louise Orum

Hello Massachusetts!

Women of Today week is September 21st  
 –September 27th.

Thank you to Chelmsford for doing all the hard work to get the Board of Selectmen to acknowledge Women of Today Week and to recognize the dedicated Women of Today members across the United States for their community service. See attached proclamation (page 10).

Being a member of the Women of Today organization has given a deeper meaning to my life! I joined Greater Attleboro Women of Today in January 2004 after spending a day with some existing members. We were painting at the

## From the Editor

By Becky Fleming

I hope that you enjoy this special edition of the Calliope. This issue is meant to celebrate who we are as Women of Today during our Special Week. As part of this issue I asked some of our members the following question “What does being a Woman of Today mean to you?” I hope that you enjoy their responses and take some time this week of reflect on why you are a member also. If anyone would like to submit their response, I will include it in a future issue of the Calliope. Happy Women of Today Week to each of you!

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Women at Work Museum in preparation for their grand opening. I was very impressed with what the organization did. I feel that I have come full circle in regards to the volunteer work that I have been doing since the early 80's.

 Louise Orum

Massachusetts Women of Today President

## From the National President

By President Janet

### What Does Being a Woman of Today Mean To Me?

The upcoming national election for the United States President – for the next four years – has changed my thoughts and views somewhat. I am thrilled to be a part of the United States Women of Today and have made so many wonderful friends. Friends that I can count on in both good and bad times. Friends that are there that come forward on their own to help or just be there – knowing when I need a good hug, advice, companionship, suggestions, and concern about my family. For the first time in my life I have watched both political conventions, formed opinions for both sides, and I am following both parties with the speeches and interviews. My involvement with the Women of Today has opened my mind to being objective and how to compare both of what each will be doing if elected. With all the certifications we do, I have the opportunity to improve and become more involved with our daily life. I have realized it is important to be involved. I have learned that even an hour of my time somewhere in the community does make a difference. I have learned that making a difference doesn't always mean giving money is the only way to improve something.

My family has learned that when being a part of any form of community service makes a difference in the life of each of us. I have noticed that my family does support me and will even try to help and become part of what I do for the community – whatever or where ever that community is. What does Being a Woman of Today Mean to Me? It means everything.

Janet Esper, President 2008 – 2009

“New Dreams ~ New Vision ~ New Stars”

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*Angels dream beautiful visions and illuminate the power of our vision.*



## What is the Women of Today?

*Excerpt from the USWT Public Relations Manual*

The Women of Today is about people. The Women of Today is about community service. The Women of Today is about leadership training and development. The Women of Today is about fostering friendships and developing relationships within your community. The Women of Today is about making a difference, making a friend and having impact on your community through community service efforts. Women of Today may look a little bit different in each community because each community is unique. That's what the Women of Today is all about.



## What is Women of Today Week?

*Adapted from the USWT Public Relations manual*

The week of September 22, 2008 has been set aside by the United States Women of Today as Women of Today Week. During this time, chapters and states nationwide will be celebrating accomplishments, hosting membership drives and other special events.

The United States Women of Today was chartered in 1985 and have celebrated over twenty-two years of successful educational and fundraising partnerships with other groups such as March of Dimes, Leukemia Society, Arthritis Foundation to name a few. The United States Women of Today is an organization open to all persons, at least 18 years of age, interested in promoting community service, personal enrichment and leadership training. Today over 2,500 members belong to the organization in 15 states and are making a difference in your community.

## Some Thoughts

This special week of the year is a time to reflect on who we are, what we have accomplished, and where we are going. It is also a time to give ourselves a pat on the back and say thank you to all our fellow members for their contributions to our organization. We could not be the great group we are without each and every one of you!

## Volunteers

*From the Today's Leader, August 2008*

Valuable is the work you do.  
Outstanding in how you always come through.  
Loyal, sincere and full of good cheer,  
Untiring in your efforts throughout the year.  
Notable are the contributions you make,  
Trustworthy in every project you take.  
Eager to reach your every goal,  
Effective in the way you fulfill your role.  
Ready with a smile like a shining star,  
Special and wonderful – that's what you are

## What does being a Woman of Today mean to me?

Being a Woman of Today has become a way of life for me. It has enhanced my life by providing an outlet to help in my community, provided ways to increase skills in leadership, teambuilding, etc and has shown me better understanding of the plight of those less fortunate than myself. Along with these opportunities, I have found friends across this nation who believes in the same ideals as me. These friendships will endure a lifetime.

Brenda S. Almoney, Past USWT President 2005–2006  
Northeastern chapter, PAWT  
Member 15 years



Being a Women of Today means camaraderie with wonderful woman in all different stages in their lives.

Donna Bishop, Easton President



I've been a member of the [Greater Attleboro] Women of Today organization for five years. Since then, I've been in almost-daily contact with one member or another. My fellow members, local and state-wide, have been (and still are) mentors and friends. They are like-minded in that their family, friends, neighbors and members of their community are most important to them.

They have encouraged me, applauded me, boosted my morale and inspired me. They've given me a shoulder to cry on and an arm, or an armchair, to lean on. They've shared their homes, their meals, their histories, their fears, their goals and dreams. They've shown me courage, spirit, enthusiasm, integrity. They've donated their time and their energy to their communities.

They've walked beside me in the Relay for Life and stood beside me in soup kitchens or in line at "Gourmet Guys". Most of all, they walk beside me in my life's journey and stand with me, and all Women of Today, "united by our friendship and belief in the future"

Judy Romero



"I am a Woman of Today because it connects me with other women who want to do good things for people and places in need. It feels good to be with others who believe in good deeds and get the same joy of helping for the sake of it. I'm glad to have met and become friendly with so many wonderful women in my town."

Lisa Jessick  
Easton Women of Today, Inc.



Being a Woman of Today has meant two things to me: friendship and growth. I've met some fantastic people and made some of my best friends through Women of Today. As for growth, I find myself taking on things that I never would have felt prepared for before. Thanks WOT!

Marcia Allison  
Chelmsford Women of Today  
(Joined 10/97)

What does being a Woman of Today mean to me? Our creed in Pennsylvania says it best for me:

We believe:

- That service to our fellow man is service to God;
- That in striving thus to serve, we enrich our own lives and contribute to the welfare of our community;
- That working together in service develops good and loyal friends;
- That fellowships and lasting friendships enrich our own and our families' lives;



That's why I'm passionate about serving as the USWT Extensions Director this year. Every community and citizen should be given the chance to experience the same rewards as my community, my family and I have experienced over the past twenty years.

Women of Today...It doesn't get much better than this!

**Deborah Stein**  
USWT Extensions Director



It's all about the journey. Make the most of the road you find yourself on.



I am who I am today because of Women of Today!

Sue Beattie, Bellingham member since 1991



It probably would not be fair of me to ask people to answer a question and then not answer it myself, so here goes...

Women of Today has given me the opportunity to try (and sometimes fail) at new things - being a leader, a webmaster, a newsletter editor, an event chairperson. The opportunity to show my children that volunteering is important and the opportunity to make new friends and be involved in my community.

Becky Fleming, Easton member since 1997



Hello MA Women of Today,

I know that our year has just started, but I wanted to make sure that you are starting to think about next year. The National Organization needs your time and talents to serve in various positions. From Program Managers to Directors as well as committee members. The success of this organization is in your hands. Let me know if you have any questions.

Still "Believing"

Kayla Hermann

COB 08-09



## Bellingham News

By Sheila Chartier, President

The BWOT members do not meet over the summer, but did enjoy a summer social by holding their annual Salad Supper. Now it's off to work, as this upcoming quarter is our busiest. In October we will participate in the Bucket of Sunshine, by donating personal items to a local Battered women's shelter. Before entering the Christmas rush, we will enjoy a girl's night out to shop and dine. Dawn Shilke will host a membership night, with a theme of exchanging our Favorite Holiday recipes and samples with the public. Then it will be our Annual Telethon, Shopping For the less fortunate, Muffins with Santa, Letters from Santa, and gift-wrapping at Barnes and Noble. Several of our members plan to attend the State Meeting in November.

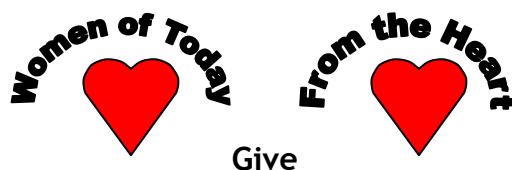
**"Soaring to new heights"**

## Newsletter Information

By Becky Fleming

Please note that the next newsletter deadline is November 15, 2008. Please submit your articles, suggestions or comments to: [becky496@comcast.net](mailto:becky496@comcast.net)

I look forward to hearing from you!



Please join us as we share our adventures, achievements and ideas!

When: Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

Where: American Legion Post #217 John Edward Mc Neill Post  
44 South Street (Route 1A) Plainville, MA 02762.

Time: Registration and Credentials 9:30 am  
Meeting 10:00 am -3:00 pm (approximate ending time)

Cost: \$15 - prepaid with registration form below  
**\*\*postmarked by October 20<sup>th</sup>\*\***

Please contact: Louise Orum [lro2@netzero.net](mailto:lro2@netzero.net) or Elaine Tallini [etallini@comcast.net](mailto:etallini@comcast.net)  
with any questions.

**\*\*continental breakfast w/coffee/tea will be available @ 9:30 am  
lunch will be served @ 12:30 pm\*\***

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| Name:  |  |
| Chapter:   |  |
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(508) 481-3000

Mention Massachusetts Women of Today

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Select One:**  
Full registration  
\$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Friday Night Pampering Party only  
\$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday meeting/Luncheon only  
\$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Women of Today Need Pampering!!**  
  
**Massachusetts Women of Today  
Winter Meeting**  
  
**February 6-7, 2009**

\*\*\*Late fee (postmarked after January 23, 2009) \$5.00

*Sorry, no refunds*

*Register before December 1, 2008 to be entered in to a special prize drawing*

**Please make checks payable to Massachusetts Women of Today**  
**Send registration form and check by January 23, 2009 to:**  
**Eileen Murray, 7 Plowshare Court, Mansfield, MA 02048 (Eileen Murray@comcast.net)**

TOWN OF CHELMSFORD  
**PROCLAMATION**

In recognition of the  
**Chelmsford Women of Today**

**WHEREAS**, The United States Women of Today and the Chelmsford Women of Today have set aside September 21 through September 27, 2008 As Women of Today Week to recognize the many community activities of dedicated Women of Today members across the nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, The United States Women of Today is an organization of over 3000 members in 15 states; and,

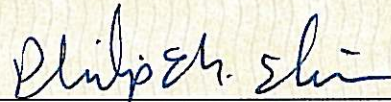
**WHEREAS**, The United States Women of Today and the Chelmsford Women of Today are dedicated to promoting public awareness and service programs such as Domestic Violence, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, our local Alternative House, Chelmsford's Secret Santa, Food Pantry and Scholarship Fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, The United States Women of Today and The Chelmsford Women of Today provide personal enrichment and leadership training for its members; and,

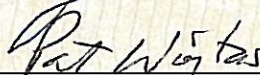
**WHEREAS**, The United States Women of Today believe that "we are dedicated to serving our community and nation, committed to strengthening our individual talents, and stand united by our friendship and believe in the future":

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Chelmsford Board of Selectmen do hereby proclaim **September 21 through September 27**, to be **United States Women of Today Week**.

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008:

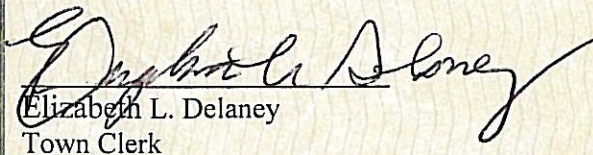










  
Elizabeth L. Delaney  
Town Clerk

Board of Selectmen

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Are dedicated to serving our community and nation,  
Are committed to strengthening our individual talents,  
And stand united by our friendship and belief in the future.



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