

# T.T.T. Tidings



National T.T.T. Society • Camping for girls – and more!

AUGUST 2025

## Why we do...



## ...what we do!

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## NATIONAL PRESIDENT

### It's all about special relationships

It's hard to believe this is my final message as your National President. I've truly cherished my time serving on the National Board since 2015, working alongside dedicated and inspiring Executive and Project Board members.

I'm especially excited that my last event as President will be our upcoming National Convention, right here in my home state of Illinois. While October may feel far away, there's so much in store – I hope every chapter can send delegates and members to share in the excitement! Although I am most excited to see all of you, I am so excited to share with you the results of all of **our** hard work (members, boards and RBI). We will be revealing the DBA (“doing business as,” a name we will all be able to use that better describes what we do), along with the updated logo, the new website and the updated, modernized branding that will allow us all to use consistent, modern messaging. Continue reading this issue of *Tidings* to learn more about all of the convention activities.

Lately, I've been reflecting on the special relationships we share: the bonds we create with each other – members and campers alike. These relationships have so much in common:

**CONNECTION:** We connect with our sisters at monthly meetings, chapter events, conventions and more. We connect with our campers when we shop with them, host camper showers, bring them to/from camp and plan activities afterward. Our campers, in turn, connect with us, with other campers, with nature and with themselves as they gain self-confidence from their camp experience.

**DISCOVERY:** As members, we discover our own value and impact – realizing how our efforts shape the lives of young campers, especially when those relationships extend beyond camp. Our campers discover that they can be empowered to try new things at camp and be successful, that they can work as part of a team, that they can become leaders and that they can be resilient.

**BELONGING:** We all belong to our chapters, but also belong to something much larger – a sisterhood within the National T.T.T. Society. Our desire is that each camper leaves camp feeling they belong and knowing they are seen, heard and supported by each other, their counselors and us.

I warmly invite you to join us for the 63rd Biennial National Convention, Oct. 23-25 at the Embassy Suites in Lombard, IL, just west of Chicago. It's an opportunity to connect with your sisters, discover fresh ideas and feel the deep sense of belonging that our organization brings – not only to each of us, but to the lives of the campers we serve.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your National President these past two years. I'm deeply humbled, grateful, and so excited to see you all in October!

*Julie Baker, 2023-2025 National President*

### A LITTLE CHANGE CAN MAKE A Brighter Future★

NATIONAL T.T.T. SOCIETY  
63RD CONVENTION  
OCTOBER 23-25, 2025



*Julie Baker (left) and Cathy Code (right) of Illinois AF – Des Plaines with their chapter's 2024 camper, Isa.*

### Iowa Farm Bureau continues its support of T.T.T. camping

The Iowa Farm Bureau Federation in June contributed \$5,000 to T.T.T. The funding is the result of perseverance on the part of Partnership Team member Peggy Cobb, Iowa FM – Anamosa.

For the past three years, Peggy has nurtured a relationship with Ronnette Vondrak, the community resource manager of the Federation. The Iowa Farm Bureau has supported T.T.T. in previous years, and each year the contribution has increased.

Members of the Partnership Team have worked since 2023 to identify potential donors, explore strategies to find funding and work with consultant Bryan Partee to support his grant writing successes. Meeting monthly, the team members share contacts, suggest potential fund sources and review material helpful to chapters seeking local or national funding.

Team members, in addition to Peggy, are Pat Young, Iowa GF – Bagley-Jamaica-Yale; Debbie Baldwin, Minnesota Z – Minneapolis; Edrena Alexander, Arizona Q – Pebble Creek; Julie Baker, Illinois AF – Des Plaines; and Joyce Rudowski, Ohio N – Cincinnati. The Team welcomes suggestions and new members.

*– Joyce Rudowski, Partnership Team Chair*

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Items for *Tidings* may be sent to the National Office at [office@nationalTTTSociety.org](mailto:office@nationalTTTSociety.org) or National T.T.T. Society, 1415 28th St., Suite 400, West Des Moines, IA 50266.



## Celebrating T.T.T. milestones

The National Executive Board, along with all of our sisters, congratulate these chapters and members for their service and dedication to T.T.T. Chapters and members being recognized have anniversaries that fall between 10/1/2021 and 9/30/2025. You have touched so many lives through your work, and we thank you.

### 75 Years

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Iowa BI

Iowa BJ

Carol Parson, Iowa G

### 50 Years

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Colorado J

Judy Baker, Iowa AF

Barbara Black, Iowa AN

Elaine Core, Iowa BX

Mae Courtney, Member-At-Large

Lorna Cress, Iowa FG

Cindy Elwick, Iowa DM

Dianne Faldet, Wisconsin C

Deborah Gill, Iowa FG

Lorraine Giltner, Iowa AN

Nancy Gossett, Illinois U

Heather Heddens, Iowa R

Dona Herr, Iowa EG

Juanita Hill, Nebraska A

Alice Huss, Iowa GH

Shirley Jacobs, Illinois AQ

Lois Keppy, Iowa AF

Donna Kinsey, Iowa BR

Susan Knippel, Iowa EU

Susan Langstaff, Iowa T

Leanne Latham, Iowa BX

Karen Martin, Iowa EW

Donna McCoy, Iowa KEN

Darlene Morrison,

Member-At-Large

Schelly Odeen, Member-At-Large

Becky (Marian) Peters,

Member-At-Large

Marianne Phelps, Iowa BJ

Vicki Porter, Member-At-Large

Janyce Rawson, Iowa BX

Lorene Rexwinkel, Iowa DY

Carol Saele, Iowa BX

Jamie Sawin, Iowa KEN

Karen Schaapveld, Iowa T

Cynthia Seberg, Iowa J

Loretta Stahlberg, Iowa ES

Judy Stewart, Iowa ES

Pam Stone, Iowa KEN

Barbara Taylor, Iowa KEN

Wanda Thomas, Iowa A

Karen White, Iowa M

Kay Vandenberg, Iowa CK

Yvonne Wilson, Iowa CK

Nancy Wittich, Iowa DD

Georgina Wong, California M

### 25 Years

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Iowa GR

Linda Abbott, Sustaining, Iowa FZ

Mary Ann Anderson, Iowa CK

Denise Anthony, Iowa AO

Kay Beyerink, Iowa FA

Janelle Bixenman, Iowa AO

Judy Cruzen, Iowa APBN

Janice Cummings, Iowa AB

Julie DeMoss, Iowa DI

Alice Field, Illinois AZ

Donna J Fischer, Iowa J

Jane Friedel, Iowa AB

Mary Gibson, Iowa EL

Terri Greiner, Iowa AN

Denise Hall, Iowa F

Nicki Handel, Illinois AF

Lou Heiman, Iowa D

Debbie Horch, Iowa DI

Karen Horstmann, Iowa BX

Mitzi Jessen, Iowa CK

Jan John, Illinois AQ

Janella Kammin, Iowa EU

Rose Kastner, Iowa GF

Audrey Keeney, Iowa AF

Patricia King, Iowa L

Rhonda Klemme, Iowa AO

Sallie Lyons, Ohio U

Kim McQuillen, Iowa GR

Naomi Morris, Ohio N

Jenny Myers, Iowa F

Debra Nelson, Iowa EU

Cheryl Olofson, Iowa GL

Emmy Patchett, Colorado J

Janis Patton, Iowa GE

Linda Pierce, Iowa R

Jamie Reifsteck, Iowa E

Nanci Repala, Illinois AF

Joan Rodgers, Iowa L

Carolyn Rokosz, Iowa CK

Kathleen Rollings, Iowa EX

Brenda Roskens Iowa T

Angelena Ruskin, Ohio Z

Jodie Ryan, Iowa EY

Connie Sandegren, Iowa GL

Pat Seaver, Iowa EG

Ardith Simms, Iowa AF

Donna Smith, Iowa A

Jan Spier, Iowa DU

Dorothy, Spriggs, Iowa AU

Tina Ullrich, Ohio N

Nancy Vellinga, Iowa D

Breanna Welter, Iowa GR

Jolene Wheeler, Iowa R

Jennifer Wiggins, Arkansas D

Tracey Wilson, Iowa EU

Margaret Woltman, Iowa EZ



A LITTLE CHANGE CAN MAKE A  
**Brighter Future** ★

NATIONAL T.T.T. SOCIETY  
63RD CONVENTION

Thursday, Oct. 23, 5:30 p.m.,  
through Saturday, Oct. 25, 8:30 p.m.  
Lombard, IL

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**Thursday, Oct. 23**

**Registration, Convention  
Reception, Market Place**

**&**

**Chapter Showcase**

5:30-8 p.m.

(setup 5 p.m.)

Register and join us for  
light appetizers as you shop  
at Marketplace, visit the  
**\*new\*** Chapter Showcase  
and visit with new and old  
friends.

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**Friday, Oct. 24**

**Registration**

8-9 a.m.

**Market Place**

7:30-9 a.m.

4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Meeting**

9:15 a.m.

**Keynote**

*Listening to Learn - Building  
Meaningful Connections with Our Girls*  
- Cathy Cassani Adams, LCSW

10 a.m. to Noon

**Lunch**

Noon

**Buffet & Entertainment**

6:30 p.m.

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**Saturday, Oct. 25**

**Registration**

8-9 a.m.

**Market Place**

7:30-9 a.m.

(cleanup 4 p.m.)

**Meeting**

9:15 a.m.

**Lunch**

Noon

**Banquet**

6 p.m.

(followed by Officer installations,  
National President remarks,  
adjournment)

★ **MARKET PLACE 25** ★

Don't miss your chance to sell your chapter's items at Marketplace  
during the National Convention!

Tables \$10 each • Please make reservations with check by Sept. 15.

**NEW! CHAPTER SHOWCASE**

Eight spaces (half of six-foot table) available in Market Place for chapters  
to showcase exceptional initiatives – camper mentorship, follow-up,  
community engagement, fundraising or another impactful project.

FREE, but first come, first served.

Bring a display (poster/easel etc.) and flier with key details/contact.

**RESERVATION FORM** for Market Place or Chapter Showcase can be  
found at [bit.ly/MarketPlaceReservation](http://bit.ly/MarketPlaceReservation). The form downloads to  
computer automatically.

**QUESTIONS:** Deb Moore, [moo@speednet.com](mailto:moo@speednet.com) OR 309-255-2315.

**Convention Host Site**

Embassy Suites by Hilton  
Chicago  
707 Butterfield Road, Lombard,  
IL 60148

**Please make room  
reservations online at  
[bit.ly/25TTTconvention](http://bit.ly/25TTTconvention)  
or call 630-969-7500,  
push 1 for reservations, give  
code B63 for T.T.T. room rate.**

Daily room rate is \$187.59  
with tax.

FREE cooked-to-order breakfast  
and evening reception.  
FREE parking.

**Register for the National Convention online or by mail**

Access online registration and payment through [nationaltttsociety.org](http://nationaltttsociety.org). Log into the Member  
Section, then select Register Now for National Convention.

— or —

Complete the form on the following page and mail it to the National Office.

# ★ CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM ★

63rd National T.T.T. Convention • Oct. 23-25, 2025 • Lombard, IL  
Thursday Evening Welcome • Friday/Saturday Business • Friday Buffet • Saturday Banquet

NAME #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter (State/Letter) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Voting status:  Chapter Delegate  State/Council President  Current NEB/ PB Member  Past National President  
Other:  Non-voting Member  Guest  First-time convention-goer

**REGISTRATION AND MEALS** – See meal details at [nationaltttsociety.org/meals](http://nationaltttsociety.org/meals)

Dietary needs (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

- Registration – \$5 (*\*required for members only*) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Thursday Reception – FREE, but need attendance count
- Friday Lunch – \$41 **Choose one:**  Chicken Chopped Salad or  Club Sandwich \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Friday Buffet – \$82 – Chicago Style Buffet \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday Lunch – \$41 **Choose one:**  Spinach Salad – *or* –  Embassy Chicken Sandwich \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday Banquet – \$76 **Choose one:**  Citrus Glazed Chicken – *or* –  New Orleans Style Blackened Tilapia \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT

- Check enclosed – payable to National T.T.T. Society  
 Credit card – \$5 processing fee to cover PayPal cost – call National Office at 319-385-7246 to provide info

NAME #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter (State/Letter) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Voting status:  Chapter Delegate  State/Council President  Current NEB/ PB Member  Past National President  
Other:  Non-voting Member  Guest  First-time convention-goer

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**Send registration to: National T.T.T. Society 1415 28th Street, Suite 400, West Des Moines, IA 50266**

**REGISTRATION FORMS DUE BY OCT. 1, 2025 • NO REFUNDS AFTER OCT. 1, 2025**

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS must be made with Embassy Suites at [bit.ly/25TTTconvention](http://bit.ly/25TTTconvention) or call 630-969-7500, push 1 for reservations, use code B63 for T.T.T. room rate. Room rate is \$187.59 with tax.**

## Nominations for 2025-2027 National Boards

The following members will be nominated to serve T.T.T. on the national level for the next two-year term:

### Executive Board

#### President

Daphne Emmack, Iowa AJ

#### Vice President

Rachel Bly, Iowa AU

#### Treasurer

Sarah Howdeshelt, Ohio F

#### Organizer

Pauline Phillips-Gill,  
Iowa EG

#### Recording Secretary

Joan Greenlee, Iowa BI

#### Corresponding Secretary

Open

#### Project Administrator

Kim Langley, Iowa FX

### Project Board

#### Eastern Area:

Brenda Davis, Ohio Z

#### North Central Co-Chairs:

Bryce Carlton, Iowa APBN

Hanna Langley, Iowa FX

#### South Central Co-Chairs:

Mary Jo Messerli, Iowa FM

Sarah Nemmers, Iowa FM

#### Western Area:

Christy Zemke, Arizona P

We thank each of you for consenting to serve on one of the boards and wish you nothing but the best as you make decisions that fulfill the ideals of our Society.

### Nominating Committee

Ann Thariani, Nebraska A,  
chair

Karen Zakerwski, Arizona J

Mary Kalberg, Ohio N

Tamara DeYarman,  
Iowa APBN

Colleen Regnier,  
Minnesota Z



**Daphne Emmack**  
President

Daphne Emmack has been an active member of Iowa AJ – Prairie City since 2001, serving in numerous leadership roles including chapter president and camp chair. She dedicated seven years to the Iowa State T.T.T. Board before joining the National Executive Board. Daphne holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa and a master's degree from Arizona State University. For the past 19 years, she has worked as a forecast analyst at John Deere. She also contributes to several internal initiatives, including the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion team, ABLeD (for employees with disabilities), the JDF Giving Garden (supplying produce to local food pantries), and N8V (supporting indigenous employees). Daphne is also deeply involved in her community. She serves as secretary for the Jasper County Master Gardeners and as a national officer for Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. Daphne lives on a cherished family farm, which will be honored with the Heritage 150-Year Farm Award at the Iowa State Fair this year. She treasures time with her sons, Blake (19) and Jasper (17). T.T.T. is a family tradition – shared with her mother, a 50-year member, and her great aunt.



**Rachel Bly**  
Vice President

Rachel Bly was initiated into Iowa AU – Grinnell in 2002. She has served her chapter in many roles, including president. She also served on the Iowa State Board and as National Recording Secretary. She has a son, Davis, who graduated from Lake Forest College in May. Rachel enjoys hiking, competing in triathlons and generally being active. Travel is a passion and she looks forward to planning new adventures. Rachel earned a BA in political science at Grinnell College and a master's in public administration at Drake University. She received a master's certificate in emergency management from Park University. She is currently working on certification in accounting, economics and business analytics from Harvard Business School Online. She has worked for Grinnell College for 29 years in a variety of roles, currently serving as Assistant Vice President of Auxiliary Services. She also teaches American Politics at Iowa Valley Community College. She serves on the Grinnell City Council and the Mental Health Consortium. She sits on the board of the League of Women Voters and Kiwanis. She is active in the local Democratic Party.



**Sarah Howdeshelt**  
Treasurer

Sarah Howdeshelt joined Ohio F – Dayton in 2006 after a chance meeting between a chapter member and her sister – a former camper. Composed of older members, Ohio F met during the day. Sarah, sister Katie Franklin and a friend formed an evening segment of the chapter and worked with the older members, who met during the day, to rejuvenate Ohio F. She has served as chapter treasurer and president. For the state council, she was president, treasurer and secretary. She was a member of the National Nominating Committee, the T.T.T. Ambassadors, and National Corresponding Secretary. She currently serves as the Treasurer. Sarah earned a bachelor's degree from Miami University (Ohio) and a master's degree from the University of Dayton. She works as a fixed asset accountant for AES Ohio and AES Indiana, a utility company. She has served as membership director and swim team coordinator of a private neighborhood pool, president of the Greater Dayton Swimming Association and president of Kettering Education Foundation. She loves spending time with her family, which includes three dogs, three sisters and multiple nieces and nephews.



**Pauline Phillips-Gill**  
Organizer

Pauline Phillips-Gill is currently serving her second term as National Organizer. She has been a member of Iowa EG - Keokuk since 2009, where she has served as chapter historian, vice president, president, parliamentarian and ways and means co-chair. Pauline came from a small town in Illinois where, when she was 11, her parents divorced. Knowing how that impacted her own life gave her a heart to help others. She is a mother to two grown sons and four grandchildren. Pauline went back to college when her sons joined the Navy and earned a bachelor degree in management from Western Illinois University. Pauline has worn many hats in her lifetime of careers. Prior to retiring in 2021, she worked 10 years as a certified ophthalmic assistant. During the past year, she has been volunteering at a soup kitchen. Pauline is a talented seamstress and her talents are often used to entertain T.T.T. sisters. She made angel wings for a Founders Day skit, a tree that has been used at two Iowa State Conventions and a costume for the T.T.T. 100th anniversary. Pauline enjoys fishing, being in the garden and traveling to South Carolina and Germany to visit her family.



**Joan Greenlee**  
Recording Secretary

A T.T.T. sister since 1992, Joan Greenlee has been a member of Iowa ES - Waverly and currently of Iowa BI - Ames. She has served her chapters in various positions, including president, vice president, camp chair and recording secretary. She is completing her first term as National Recording Secretary. Joan graduated from the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) after doing her student teaching in Italy. She also earned a master's degree from UNI. She taught special education for more than 20 years. Joan is a fan of wrestling, and has been the floor manager, recruiting and overseeing floor workers, for several National Junior tournaments and NCAA tournaments. Her husband, Jerry, passed in 2007, after nearly 30 years as a police officer. They have three sons, all grown and married. She also has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all who own quilts Joan made. She loves to read, sew, garden and travel. Joan belongs to the Iowa State University Women's Club and has served as spring luncheon chair for four years. She also serves on the financial committee at Bethesda Lutheran Church and tutors adults in reading.



**OPEN**  
Corresponding Secretary

**Kim Langley**  
Project Administrator

Kim Langley was introduced to T.T.T. as a counselor at Camp Bear Creek (formerly Camp Wyoming), where she quickly learned that making a difference in the lives of young girls was one of the most rewarding things in her world. Her education includes a bachelor's degree in Religion/Camping Ministry from Wartburg College and a master's degree in Religion/Pastoral Counseling from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. At seminary, she met Jim, her husband of 28 years. They share three children: Isaac, Hanna and Micah. Kim's first career was serving as the program director of Camp Bear Creek, where she served as a leader for many weeks of T.T.T. camp and developed a deep respect for the Society. After a break to raise her kids, she now evaluates applications for admission at Coe College in Cedar Rapids. Kim was initiated into Iowa FX - Marion in 2004, and has served in many roles in her chapter and council. She served in all Iowa State Board positions. Kim loves to read, travel, watch her kids do the things they love and volunteer for organizations that strive to make a difference.

## Project Board nominees

### **Kim Langley**

*Project Administrator*

*See info on previous page.*

### **Brenda Davis**

*Eastern Area Chair*

Brenda Davis has been a member of T.T.T. since 1997 when she joined Ohio Z - Cincinnati as a charter member.

She has served as Ohio Z recording secretary, camp chair and president. She has been a member of the Project Board serving as Eastern Area chair since 2007. Brenda is a graduate of Miami University in Ohio. She was an elementary teacher for 35 years, teaching fourth grade for the majority of those years. Several of her students became T.T.T. campers. She is retired, but continues to tutor privately. She lives on the outskirts of Cincinnati with her husband, Pete. She has one son and two granddaughters who live close by. Brenda's other interests include enjoying her pets, reading, gardening, quilting, crocheting, and spending time with friends.



### **Bryce Carlton**

*North Central Area Co-Chair*

Bryce Carlton joined Iowa FG - Iowa City in 2006 and has

served the chapter as recording secretary, historian and camp chair.



She has also served on the camp committee for several years. Bryce has bachelor's degrees in both psychology and occupational therapy. She has worked as an occupational therapist in a private pediatric practice and in local school districts for many years. Bryce is married to Zach and enjoys refinishing furniture, creating DIY home decor and completing home improvement projects. She also likes playing pickleball, spending time outdoors and exploring new places. Each year, Bryce volunteers to package or deliver meals on Christmas Day for Hope Ministries.

### **Hanna Langley**

*North Central Area Co-Chair*

Hanna Langley started attending T.T.T. meetings as an infant, being passed around by the loving members of Iowa FX -



Marion. The instant she turned 18, she joined T.T.T. with her grandmother, Sandi Hanna (Iowa EW) at the virtual National Convention in 2021. Hanna has been a helper in getting girls ready for camp for years and has experienced the magic of T.T.T. as a staff member of Camp Bear Creek. She has also been active with her chapter's fundraising activities and the camp committee. She is currently a fourth year music therapy major

at Wartburg College. She is excited for the opportunity to serve T.T.T. and our campers in new ways.

### **Sarah Nemmers**

*South Central Area Co-Chair*

Sarah Nemmers joined Iowa FM - Anamosa in 2012. She has served as chapter president, secretary and camp committee member. She joined the Project Board in 2018. Sarah earned a BS from Cornell College and an MA from the University of Northern



Iowa. A retired social studies teacher, she and her husband, Ron, have four grown sons, four granddaughters, one grandson, one great-granddaughter and one great-grandson. Sarah organizes group travel and has journeyed to the British Isles, Italy, Belgium, Germany, Portugal, Spain and Morocco. In 2025 Sarah will visit Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

### **Mary Jo Messerli**

*South Central Area Co-Chair*

Mary Jo Messerli is serving her fifth term as South Central Area co-chair.

She was initiated into Iowa FM - Anamosa in 1994 and has held the chapter offices of president, vice president,



treasurer and camp chair. Mary Jo and her husband have one daughter, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She attained her bachelor's degree in business from Mt. Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. For 41 years, Mary Jo worked at Evergreen Packaging Equipment. Activities that Mary Jo enjoys include golf, exercising, reading and working with kids. She is active in the Friends of the Library and Mike's Kids Education Foundation

### **Christy Zemke**

*Western Area Chair*

Christy Zemke joined T.T.T. in 2017. She has held the camp chair position for her chapter and will become chapter president for the next term. She and her husband of 38 years have two grown children living in Michigan and one granddaughter who is 3.

A certified travel agent, Christy worked for AAA Travel for 18 years. She then went back to work for Airport Community Schools as an instructional aide and secretary before retiring in 2014. Christy enjoys traveling, flower and succulent gardening, paper crafting, playing mahjoong and pickleball. She loves spending time with her T.T.T. chapter, especially doing activities with their campers. Other community activities include volunteering for her community's Kare Bears House.





# Welcome our new members!

This section celebrates the chapters and the women they have initiated. These new members have been reported to the National Office between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2025.

**Arizona P** – Bonnie Brown, Kena Kramer, Karen Van Fleet, Ro Getto, Patricia Lindsay, Carla LaBarbera, Marsha Bannon, Sandra Kolls

**Arizona Q** – Sharon Deering, Jaki White, Elizabeth Wring

**Colorado J** – Gretchen Brower

**Illinois U** – Tracy Gillock, Anita Lovell, Lora Adkisson

**Illinois AF** – Cathy Code, Natalie Sarby

**Illinois AI** – Teresa Busen, Gina Bradley, Diane Parker, Carolyn Wort

**Iowa A** – Linda Linn

**Iowa D** – Shelley Holtman, Ramona Fletcher

**Iowa J** – McKenna Vardenburg, Cori Kuntz

**Iowa M** – Sara Porter, Cinda Hilger, Michelle Bower

**Iowa Q** – Autumn Pulis, Megan Hull, Karen Shrik

**Iowa AB** – Kaitlin Denning, Julie Messer, Megan Oetken

**Iowa AE** – Regina Lowery, Brittany Prokupek, Valerie Brandt

**Iowa AF** – Kristen Tobias, Jeri Elam, Janice Foley, Jessica Fuller, Emily Shell, Beth Bearbower, Joyce Patzner, Cindy Waite

**Iowa AN** – Angel Schafer, Tara Giltner

**Iowa AO** – Heidi Nemmers

**Iowa APBN** – Yolanda Christensen, Lore Solo

**Iowa AR** – Ann McKibbin

**Iowa AU** – Jane Casten, Gina Donovan, Liz Queathem, Cassie Strayer

**Iowa BI** – Michelle Becker, Keri Kain, Emily Martini, Michele Van Loh, Milly Agai, Billie Glenn

**Iowa BJ** – Katherine Thrasher

**Iowa BX** – Gloria Holmes

**Iowa CK** – Michelle Vandenberg

**Iowa DD** – Megan Jacobson, Ann Bennett, Jenni Andrew, Sandra Snyder, Mikayla Yaley, Erica Olson, Rachel Yaley

**Iowa DI** – Cheryl Fuller

**Iowa DK** – Chastity Bryne

**Iowa DM** – Ann Conklin, Mackenzie Ford

**Iowa DU** – Madison Schneider, Teresa Kraft

**Iowa DY** – Erica Krohn, Madelyn Calzadillas, Robin Miller

**Iowa E** – Julie Rayburn, Carisa Allison, Lisa Martin

**Iowa EA** – Sonya Shelton

**Iowa EG** – Susan Schlatter, Nikki Wilson



*New Iowa FG - Iowa City members Heather Morrison (left) and Julie Gaines (right) with Melissa Beltz, chapter president. Heather is the mother of one of our past campers.*

**Iowa EL** – Janet Kilkenny, Maria Avalos Banuelos

**Iowa ES** – Jan Lansink, Ellen Schutte

**Iowa ET** – Katie Lundberg, Kayla Elliot

**Iowa EU** – Shannon Parrish

**Iowa EW** – Kasey Dix, Jennifer Juhl, Kim Korte, Emily Martin, Kelley Wells

**Iowa EX** – Denise Forney, Janette McMahon

**Iowa EZ** – Donna Bofenkamp, Barb Messerole

**Iowa FG** – Heather Morrison, Julie Gaines

**Iowa FV** – Sylvia Strand, Cinda Nelson

**Iowa FX** – Ann Holub, Jennifer Hildreth

**Iowa FZ** – Kayci Mongar, Shiela Buckingham, Keatyn Rhodes

**Iowa G** – Cathleen Simpson, Kelley Guckert

**Iowa GD** – Mariane Imhof, Kendra Kunkel

**Iowa GF** – Kelly Hummel

**Iowa GO** – Brianda Salamanca-Giovanazzi

**Iowa GR** – Kenzie Hulett

**Iowa GV** – Teri Walsh

**Iowa GW** – Tina Clark, Hanna Wassenaar, Nicole Clay, Maggie Plahn, Vonnie Doyle, Jo Capps

**Iowa GX** – Becky Herrig, Paula Norby, Martha Christ

**Iowa T** – Susan Schnedler

**Iowa U** – Maureen Gill, Margaret Hutton

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**To ensure new members are included on this list, the Chapter Treasurer should order the New Member Packet (currently \$20) by calling the office or placing an order from the T.T.T. store on the website prior to the welcoming ceremony. Immediately following the welcoming ceremony, the Treasurer must return to the National Office the completed New Member Record Form with appropriate dues, check made payable to the National T.T.T. Society Project Fund.**

## Call to National Convention

The 63rd Convention of the National T.T.T. Society will be held Oct. 20-21, 2025, for the purpose of transacting business and electing officers. Business begins at 9 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 20.

National T.T.T. Society Bylaws, Article XI, Sections 1 and 2, will govern the voting:

*Section 1.* The voting body of the National Convention shall be composed of the National Executive Board, the Past National Presidents (when active), the National Project Board, the State Presidents or their alternates, the Presidents of Councils-at-Large or their alternates, and two delegates or their alternates from each local chapter. If possible, the local chapter President shall be one of the delegates.

*Section 2.* Delegates and alternates to the National Convention shall be elected prior to Convention, and the Corresponding Secretary shall send the names to the National Convention Registrar by the deadline as requested in the Call to Convention. In case it is necessary to make a change in the delegation after the registration deadline, such delegate shall present at the Credentials Desk a signed authorization from the President of her chapter.

**Find registration form and details on pages 4-5.**

While I have you all, I'm a former T.T.T camper! It's been many, many years since I've gone to camp, but I have countless fond memories of that summer, and it really did make a significant impact on me. Although I've lost connection with the friends I made, I never lost touch with the confidence and curiosity I gained. I appreciate the women like yourselves who made, and continue to make, it a possibility for young girls to have such an incredible experience!

## Positive proof – T.T.T. impacts lives

Imagine the surprise when this note came in to the National Executive Board! The author, Justine Lange, works for Carson Wealth, T.T.T.'s financial advisor. It's so nice to work with people who truly understand the work our members do.

## Supporting the Project Fund: A unified effort

We believe in the power of collective support and generosity. While sending girls to camp is a crucial part of our mission, we also encourage chapters to contribute to the Project Fund when possible. These additional gifts help ensure that we can continue to provide enriching experiences and opportunities for our camp mission. Chapters with substantial balances in their checking, savings, or CDs – funds not required for their annual fundraising efforts – might consider making a larger contribution to the Project Fund.

Here is a great example of why we ask our chapters to give more. My small-town chapter (Iowa AJ – Prairie City) typically sends two campers every year. To send more is hard for us not only financially, but also voluntarily. This year, when we called the school for our typical two campers, they came

back to us and asked, "Is there ANY WAY you could send four?" They explained that there were four girls who really could use our help and attention and that they were having a hard time narrowing it to two. Our chapter discussed it as this would be a stretch for us, but decided that if the school felt it important enough to ask, we had the obligation to help. We are working on other funding sources (including camperships), but THIS is why we share our gifts when we have extra... so that we can help outside of our own communities when needed.

These contributions play a vital role in sustaining and expanding our programs, ensuring that we can continue to make a positive impact on the lives of fourth grade girls.

– Daphne Emmack, National Vice President

## Celebrating Elda Woodruffe: A legacy of T.T.T. dedication

Elda Woodruffe, recently passed away at the remarkable age of 108, but leaves behind a legacy of dedication, compassion, and commitment to the National T.T.T. Society.

Elda's journey with T.T.T. began in her late 50s, and she quickly became a beloved figure among her chapter sisters and with camp girls. Her enthusiasm for the program was infectious, and she took great joy in supporting the young campers. She attended every event she could where the campers were concerned until she was no longer able. She enjoyed camp showers and reports with her chapter members, and loved seeing the joy T.T.T. brought to those campers.



## Project news

PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR

### Camp challenges growth

T.T.T. camp is a place where growth and fun go hand in hand. Whether the girls are learning to paddle a canoe, trying archery for the first time, or making new friends around the campfire, every moment is a chance to grow.

Camp helps our girls step out of their comfort zone in a supportive environment, building confidence and resilience. Team games teach cooperation, while nature hikes spark curiosity. Even the silly songs and laughter create lasting memories that shape who they are. At camp, they discover more about themselves — not just by learning new skills, but by learning how to enjoy the journey.

T.T.T. chapters gave 266 girls a camping experience this summer. Thanks to all for making this happen!

— Kim Langley, Project Administrator



Special thanks to all chapters who submitted these camper photos to [tttphotographs@gmail.com](mailto:tttphotographs@gmail.com).



## In Memory of T.T.T. Sisters

*Reported between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2025.*

*These sisters will be remembered during the National Convention.*

### 2023

Diane M. Bryne, Iowa DK, 7-2-2023  
Carolyn A. Kacena, Iowa BD, 8-16-2023  
Norma Helphrey, Iowa U, 8-22-2023  
Patricia Groth, Iowa AU, 9-1-2023  
Beth Schuler, Iowa D, 9-10-2023  
Carole Waterman, Iowa EL, 9-10-2023  
Diana Hybert, Illinois AQ, 9-12-2023  
Patricia Hill, Iowa AT, 9-26-2023  
Sara Johnston, Iowa E, 10-21-2023  
Joann Butcher, Iowa ET, 11-2-2023  
Marianne Gatton, Iowa FN, 11-02-2023  
Gwen Ward, Iowa BI, 11-11-2023  
Delores Gentzler, Iowa R, 11-28-2023  
Judith L. White, Iowa E, 11-28-2023  
Gloria Clay, Iowa AU, 12-01-2023  
Patty Burdess, Nebraska A, 12-12-2023  
Kay Hartung, Illinois AQ, 12-12-2023  
Ann Krummen, Iowa HC, 12-15-2023

### 2024

Joy Anderson, Iowa AU, 1-1-2024  
Clarice Sigurdson, Iowa KEN, 1-3-2024  
Shirley Sterner, Iowa BJ, 1-6-2024  
Hazel Senske, Minnesota W, 1-7-2024  
Janet Kinne, Iowa BA, 1-11-2024  
Mary Hodges, Iowa G, 1-19-2024  
Betty J. Hoeksema, Iowa BR, 1-21-2024  
Addie Hanson, Iowa AU, 2-1-2024  
Carol Nemitz, Iowa DD, 2-03-2024  
Ruth Ann Whittenburg, Iowa BP, 2-3-2024  
Lynn Shumate, Iowa Q, 2-7-2024  
Patricia Reynoldson, Iowa D, 2-11-2024  
Maxine Ehrmann, Colorado J, 3-2-2024  
Phyllis Parrott, Iowa EZ, 3-05-2024  
Linda Roxberg, Iowa CK, 3-09-2024  
Louise Unkrich, Iowa L, 3-25-2024  
Elsie Wetzeler, Iowa CD, 4-5-2024  
Carole Escajeda, Arizona Q, 4-9-2024  
Fern Clark, Iowa EU, 4-13-2024

Sue Singleton, Colorado J, 4-13-2024  
Patti M. Durlinger, Iowa I, 4-23-2024  
Gwenith Mitchell, Iowa F, 5-1-2024  
Lorraine Lamport, Iowa BP, 5-03-2024  
Dorothy Bailey, Iowa T, 5-13-2024  
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Audrey Thiessen, Iowa BP, 5-25-2024  
Joyce Vesey, Iowa DV, 5-29-2024  
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Elaine Woodrum, Iowa GD, 9-6-2024  
Leesa Stoffers, Iowa CU, 9-20-2024  
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Diana Weddell, Iowa EU, 10-4-2024  
Barbara Fors, Iowa APBN, 10-15-2024  
Betty Hotchkin, Iowa KEN, 11-1-2024  
Harriet Stork, Iowa GD, 11-1-2024  
Gloria Williams, Wisconsin C, 11-8-2024  
Nancy Schau, Iowa CK, 11-16-2024  
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Pam Newman, Iowa ACCG, 12-18-2024  
Marie Ballard, Iowa BR, 12-27-2024

### 2025

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Aileen Larson, Iowa EZ, 2-15-2025  
Louise Warren, Arizona P, 3-13-2025  
Connie Pederson, Iowa DD, 3-18-2025  
JoEllen Moore, Illinois AF, 4-2-2025  
Shirley Pennock, Iowa EL, 4-30-2025  
Elda Woodroffe, Iowa CK, 5-8-2025

***Please promptly notify the National Office about the death of a T.T.T. member.***



# The T.T.T. Violet Award

**Recognizing chapter support of the Project Fund**  
(Chapters giving \$600 or more since October 2023)

Arizona J	Iowa AB	Iowa DI	Iowa FX
Arizona P	Iowa ACCG	Iowa DK	Iowa GD
Arizona Q	Iowa AE	Iowa DR	Iowa GE
California M	Iowa AF	Iowa DU	Iowa GF
Colorado J	Iowa AJ	Iowa DY	Iowa GH
Illinois U	Iowa AO	Iowa EA	Iowa GL
Illinois AF	Iowa APBN	Iowa EG	Iowa GR
Illinois AI	Iowa AT	Iowa EL	Iowa GV
Iowa A	Iowa BA	Iowa ES	Iowa GW
Iowa D	Iowa BD	Iowa ET	Iowa GX
Iowa E	Iowa BI	Iowa EU	Iowa KEN
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Iowa U	Iowa DD	Iowa FT	

..... **Still Growing Chapters** .....

(Chapters giving \$300-599 since October 2023)

Illinois AQ	Iowa DU	Iowa FX
Iowa AR	Iowa EY	

Between October 1, 2023, and June 24, 2025, 82 state, council and local chapters have donated \$207,597.40 to the Project Fund. Thank you!



**E-mail updates** - Be sure you stay in touch with all the news from T.T.T. by having your e-mail address up-to-date. Please let the National Office know if your e-mail address - or any other contact info - has changed. Call 319-385-7246 or e-mail [office@nationalTTTociety.org](mailto:office@nationalTTTociety.org).



Catch and post the latest T.T.T. news from chapters across the country at [facebook.com/groups/campingforgirls/](https://facebook.com/groups/campingforgirls/)

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• (Received between April 29 and June 24, 2025)

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Sarah Howdeshelt (Ohio F)

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### PROJECT FUND – MEMORIALS

Donor – In Memory of

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- Iowa EY – Becky Edelen (Iowa EY)
- Iowa GD – Harriet Stork (Iowa GD)
- Ohio N – Dr. David Groth, husband of Mary Jane Bradley (Ohio N)
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## CAMPER PHOTOS!!

Send in those smiling camper photos – we would like to use LOTS of them on the T.T.T. website, in Tidings and in brochures. Please send electronic files to tttphotographs@gmail.com. Please include chapter name (state and letters) and names so we can verify that we have release forms.





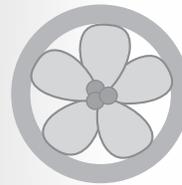
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Founders Circle provides a way for T.T.T. members and friends to support the Society in life and in their estate planning. Founders Circle was established as a means by which T.T.T. could be included in the Will or Trust of members and friends of the Society.

Founders Circle gifts can be applied to one or more of three T.T.T. funds: Project, Endowment, or Kay Eng Fund. The gift may be through automatic bank payment, check, cash, or investments, either stocks or bonds.

Founders Circle has recently been expanded to provide several ways to support T.T.T. in addition to estate planning. Founders Circle members can give monthly, yearly or as a one-time gift. The overall Founders Circle commitment is a minimum of \$2,500.

Of the current Founders Circle members three are sustaining donors, seven have included T.T.T. in their estate plans, and two have donated at least \$2500 to complete their membership commitment.

If you have considered joining the Founders Circle, we welcome you to take action now. The Founders Circle donor form is found on the T.T.T. website as an option for non-members and members. Find the donor form on the public website on the Donate page or in the member section on the Founders Circle page under Fundraising and Special Initiatives.

Add your name proudly to the Founders Circle of T.T.T. supporters.

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