



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Get ready for the 2023 National Convention

The 2023 National T.T.T. Convention will be held at Stoney Creek Hotel in Johnston, Iowa, Oct. 19-21. Building on the theme of *Think Strategically, Serve Abundantly*, this year our strategy includes welcoming community and business leaders to join us for a Thursday evening reception.

There are several Convention schedule items of note:

THURSDAY EVENING RECEPTION The reception from 5 to 7 p.m. will be an occasion to introduce the T.T.T. mission to business and community leaders in the Greater Des Moines area. Reaching beyond ourselves, area leaders will be invited to meet us and get to know why we do what we do. The Partnership Team will issue personal invitations to area leaders. Don't miss this opportunity to show off T.T.T.

Do you know someone who should be on the guest list? Please contact the National Office at office@nationaltttsociety.org with the name, company/organization, and contact information.

FRIDAY SCHEDULE A guest speaker will join us for lunch on Friday and present on a topic of interest, details to come. Plan to be there for lunch and the presentation. Convention festivities will include the Friday banquet and program. Much of the T.T.T. renewal of relationships happens over a meal. Be sure to include convention meals in your registration.

INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS The Convention will conclude Saturday afternoon with the installation of the Executive and Project Boards.

Highlights of the 2023 National Convention include:

- Breakout sessions focused on practical advice and lessons learned. Breakouts include “on the ground” chapter experiences.
- Presentations by experts in their fields bring valuable information to the event, equipping us to serve abundantly.
- Bylaw revisions, election of officers and the 2023-2025 National Budget.
- A combination of in-person and virtual access.

Joyce Rudowski, National T.T.T. President, 2021-2023
Think Strategically ... Serve Abundantly

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Members take on convention leadership roles

It takes a village to host a convention. These members and their chapters will lead the 2023 National Convention:

- Convention Managers: Stephanie Horak, Lou Heiman, Judy Strotman, and members of Iowa D – Des Moines
- Convention Registration: Mary Zug, Rachel Bly, and members of Iowa AU – Grinnell
- Convention Credentials: Kate Lee, Gretchen Johnson, and members of Iowa APBN – Des Moines
- Convention Marketplace: Deb Nuss and members of Iowa ET – Marshalltown. Reservations for table in the Marketplace will begin in May. Watch for details in the May *Tidings*.



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MARKETING

Executive Board reconsiders marketing needs

Marketing T.T.T. – that is, creating name recognition and visibility – is fundamental to the Strategic Plan formulated by officers and members of T.T.T. in 2019 and 2020. In 2021, Laney Poye began as the marketing point person for T.T.T. At that time, it was most important that our social media presence grow to inform and attract our target audience. Laney Poye ended her time with us on Jan. 31, 2023.

The Executive Board is taking the occasion of Laney’s leaving to reconsider our needs around marketing. The last three years have brought many changes to our membership position. Losses have been accelerated by the pandemic. As we discuss the future with marketing professionals, we are looking for support to grow the membership. Several companies have been contacted and interviews have begun.

Membership will not increase without the involvement of all of us. Professional support will guide us to produce the results we want from the effort we expend. Watch for details as we clarify our needs, and design a plan to reach a goal of growing T.T.T.

PROJECT

Spring ushers in the camping preparation period

Things are moving right along with laying the groundwork for our summer camping season! Members of the Project Board have been contacting camps to set up dates, learn about costs, and talk with chapter leaders about camper numbers. Before we know it, we’ll be getting those special girls ready for the experience of a lifetime!

I am so very grateful for our dedicated and competent team. I want to give a special shout-out to Marcia Jester, who kindly stepped in to share her expertise with organizing the Western Area for this summer. We are so thankful for her willingness to answer the call. Marcia has given us some breathing room, but we are still looking for a nominee to serve the Western Area on the Project Board. We also need volunteers to serve the North Central Area. It is a rewarding job in which you get to make a difference for the girls and chapters in your area while serving with a group of women who are very willing to answer questions and give advice (we’re pretty charming too!).

If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Nominating Committee Chair Ann Thariani at aethariani@gmail.com.

As you get “into the thick of it” this spring, please take a moment to notice some of the tangible ways your work is making a difference! What we’re doing matters! Keep up the great work!

Kim Langley, Project Administrator



COMMUNICATIONS

Let’s Connect Officer Workshops held in MARCH

There was a great turnout and great discussions during the Let’s Connect Officer Workshops in MARCH. Members joined one of three breakout sessions: the President/VP session-facilitated by Beth Townsend, Ohio N; the Treasurer session facilitated by National Treasurer Daphne Emmack, Iowa AJ; or the Secretary session facilitated by National Recording Secretary Rachel Bly, Iowa AU, and National Corresponding Secretary Sarah Howdeshelt, Ohio F.

Session facilitators gave some of their own perspectives on their positions and also



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asked the attendees to share their own ideas and practices. Unfortunately, no recordings could be made of these sessions due to the limitations of Zoom. However, notes were taken during each session. If you would like a copy from any of the sessions, contact Jessica in the National Office at office@nationaltttsociety.org.

Coming soon! May 30 Let's Connect: A topic brought up in every officer workshop session was the use of a chapter Gmail address and the use of Google Drive to store all chapter documents. To aid everyone's understanding of these online tools, creating a chapter Gmail and using a Google Drive will be the topic of the May 30 Let's Connect. Watch your email for details.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

T.T.T. member shares her treasured heritage

A member of Iowa EG - Keokuk, Dona Herr will celebrate 50 years as a T.T.T. member next year. Dona's passion for T.T.T. shows in her work with their campers. She follows the girls through high school and beyond. She has often assisted a "newbie" T.T.T. sister, helping them get a girl ready to go to camp. Her experience, willingness to help and encouragement has helped the new sister take a camper on their own in the future. Dona is a beautiful example of a member using her time, talents and treasures to embrace the mission of T.T.T.

Dona recently shared her story to help people understand the need to show compassion for others.

Who Am I?

For 40-plus years, I thought I knew who I was, but then I found out, I really didn't know. You see, my family kept my heritage from me as many other families did in that time frame. It was not good to let white people know of your Native American heritage. At that time in our history, your children would be taken from their home and put in Native American schools. These schools were more of a prison rather than a school. Great numbers of our children died there.

When I found these facts out and that I am half Native American in my late 40s, I was in shock. I thought about this very deeply and for a long time. My conclusion was that I needed to accept what I had learned and go forth to try to right a lot of wrongs that have been and are still being done to my ancestors.

I have been doing educational programs, making a presence in parades in full regalia, being an active member of Standing Bear Council Inc., where I am a founding member, the treasurer, the agent of the corporation, a speaker and now I am the Head Woman Elder of the Over the Hills Nation of Tennessee. I will be officially assuming that position in June 2023 at a gathering of the tribes.

In November 2022, I received my Native name. I am Morning Dove. I also received my sacred name that I do not reveal. Your name is given to you by a Name Giver. The Name Giver will pray upon this for as long as it takes for the name to come to them. Some people may have more than one name. I choose not to do so.

I am proud of my heritage and I love talking about it. I am Morning Dove and I am Cherokee.

– Dona Herr



Financial update

As we head into the 2023 camping season, it is important to evaluate T.T.T.'s current financial status.

We have not had to take any disbursements from the Camp Investment Fund for two years. With the pandemic, our expenses went down significantly, but that was due to not sending campers. As we recover and send more campers, our expenses will increase – the cost of the camp experience continues to increase as the costs for our camps to operate are increasing.

As we are not yet halfway through our fiscal year, most of the numbers reported are still budgeted. The exception is dues, as the majority of our dues came in during fall 2022. To date, we are \$19,000 short of our budgeted membership dues (approximately 475 fewer than budgeted). As many of our states have spring conventions, we expect large gifts from our chapters... and our chapters never disappoint.

In the numbers above, we expect to take a disbursement from our Camp Investment Fund of 5 percent. The Endowment Fund has been in communications and are working on a \$20,000 gift which is greatly appreciated. Even with these two influxes of money, we project a shortfall of nearly \$47,000. Once full camp expenses for 2023 are known, we will most likely take a second disbursement from Camp Investment Fund.

The board diligently monitors our financial situation and will take action when it becomes clear what the Society needs.

– Daphne Emmack, National Treasurer

Available Funds as of 1/1/2023	
Camp Investment Fund draw (5% of value on 9/30/2022)	\$36,589
Projected Endowment Fund gift	20,000
Interest & dividends	25,000
Gifts from chapters	95,000
Founders Circle	3,500
2023 dues (actual YTD)	76,841
Camp income (shirts, bus, etc.)	14,800
Donations – personal	14,000
Fundraising	1,500
Store income	2,000
Total projected available funds	\$289,230
Budgeted Expenses for 2023	
Camp related	\$193,825
Board expenses	\$13,256
Business expenses (office, salaries, etc.)	\$128,995
Total budgeted expenses	\$336,076
Projected shortfall for 2023	\$(46,846)

Call to National Convention

The 62st Convention of the National T.T.T. Society will be held Oct. 19-21, 2023, at the Stoney Creek Hotel in Johnston, Iowa, for the purpose of transacting business and electing officers. Business sessions will be held Friday, Oct. 20, and Saturday, Oct. 21.

Note Article XI, Sections 1 and 2, which will govern 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.

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T.T.T. Love Gifts

Gifts received between Dec. 16, 2022, and Feb. 15, 2023



PROJECT FUND – GIFTS

Sarah Howdeshelt (Ohio F), Vicki Porter, Charities Aid Foundation, Give Lively, Salesforce

PROJECT FUND – MEMORIALS

Donor – In Memory of

Arizona Q, Michele Myrus-Brooks (Arizona J) – Cynthia Bush (Arizona Q)
Iowa EG – Mary Davis, mother of Tabitha Halterman (Iowa EG)
Iowa EX – Carol Hansen (Iowa EX)
Iowa GD – James Miller, father of Lynne Oyen (Iowa GD); Shirley Allen, mother of Diane Zismer (Iowa GD)
Ron and Andi Clot, Emma Mosley (Arizona Q) – Hilary Coltman (Arizona Q)

Jacque Cooper – John Robertson, husband of Lorraine Robertson (member-at-large)
Brenda Grewe, Jan Gollberg (Illinois AF) – Dianna May (Nebraska F)
Joyce Rudowski (Ohio N) – Cynthia Bush (Arizona Q); Dianna May (Nebraska F)
Janet Barry, Duane and Barbara Brodie, Vera Edwards (formerly Iowa GB), RJ Gear, Dolores Hoben (formerly Iowa GB), Arthur and Mary Hovick, Sarah Lande, Norma Lewis, Jane Mathison (formerly Iowa O), Donna Jean Reed, Doug and Tibe Vander Linden – Jane Gear (formerly Iowa GB)

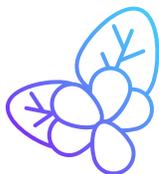
PROJECT FUND – HONOR GIFTS

Donor – In Honor of

Barbara Ostberg – Drue Lehmann
Carolyn Shelley – Debbie Baldwin (Minnesota Z)

KAY ENG FUND – GIFTS

Mary Ellen Hird, Ai Tajima, Joyce and David Brown



Violet Awards

\$600 or more donated since October 2021

Arizona J	Iowa M	Iowa BD	Iowa DM	Iowa FL	Iowa GX
Arizona P	Iowa R	Iowa BE	Iowa DU	Iowa FM	Iowa HC
Arizona Q	Iowa T	Iowa BI	Iowa DY	Iowa FR	Iowa KEN
California M	Iowa U	Iowa BP	Iowa EA	Iowa FX	Iowa State
Colorado J	Iowa ACCG	Iowa BR	Iowa EG	Iowa GD	Nebraska F
Illinois U	Iowa AE	Iowa BX	Iowa EL	Iowa GE	Nebraska I
Illinois AI	Iowa AF	Iowa CJ	Iowa ES	Iowa GF	Ohio N
Illinois AQ	Iowa AO	Iowa CK	Iowa ET	Iowa GH	Ohio U
Iowa A	Iowa APBN	Iowa CU	Iowa EU	Iowa GK	Ohio Z
Iowa D	Iowa AQ	Iowa DD	Iowa EW	Iowa GL	Wisconsin C
Iowa E	Iowa AT	Iowa DI	Iowa EX	Iowa GR	
Iowa J	Iowa AU	Iowa DK	Iowa EY	Iowa GV	
	Iowa BA	Iowa DL	Iowa FG	Iowa GW	

Still growing

\$300–599 donated since October 2021

Iowa W	Iowa AD	Iowa FA	Iowa GN
Iowa AB	Iowa AV	Iowa FT	Nebraska A

Between Oct. 1, 2021, and Feb. 15, 2023, 91 state, council and local chapters have donated \$148,098.88 to the Project Fund. Thank you!

In memory of our T.T.T. sisters

Marchia Trueblood, California M, Unknown
Sharon Held, Iowa EZ, 06/24/2022
Dorothy Moore, Iowa A, 01/01/2023
Peggy Hays, Iowa U, 01/23/2023
Carol Hansen, Iowa EX, 01/26/2023
Hilary Coltman, Arizona Q, 01/26/2023
Norma Jean Pforts, Iowa U, 02/07/2023





Welcome: New Members!

This section celebrates the chapters and the women who have joined T.T.T. These new members have been reported to the National Office between Dec. 16, 2022, and Feb. 15, 2023.



Deanne Brown
recently joined
Iowa EG – Keokuk.

Illinois AI, Mt. Sterling –
Deborah Willis

Iowa D, West Des Moines –
Brena Corona

Iowa E, Fairfield – Sara Setterstrom

Iowa E, Fairfield – Joan Laux

Iowa EG, Keokuk – Deanne Brown

Iowa EX, DeWitt – Denise Forney

Iowa EZ, Cherokee – Barb Messerole

Iowa EZ, Cherokee – Linda Struck

Iowa GX, Dubuque – Deborah Burton

Iowa GX, Dubuque – Theresa Thielen

Iowa U, Mt. Union – Kimberly Martinez

Ohio U, Cincinnati – Laurie Van Drake

INCREASE VISIBILITY
OF OUR PASSION AND PURPOSE

Chapter Support

Membership Growth

Marketing


National T.T.T. Society
Camping for Girls

OUR STRATEGIC VISION



Share chapter news on the T.T.T. Facebook page: facebook.com/groups/campingforgirls

Look for your next
online Tidings in May!



Please be sure to share this issue
with any of your T.T.T. sisters
who do not have online access.



National T.T.T. Society
CAMPING FOR GIRLS – AND MORE!

Mev Wilson, Editor

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office@nationaltttsociety.org or post on Facebook at
facebook.com/groups/campingforgirls.