



December 15, 2011

Dear Women of the USWCA,

It is with pleasure that I invite you all to the 2012 winter meeting.

We will meet at the Crowne Plaza in St Paul on the banks of the Mississippi River. The hotel is less than 10 miles from MSP airport. Shuttle service is available through Super Shuttle for roughly \$20 per person. Cab service is about \$30 and is a better option for two or more travelling together. For those driving, the hotel is at the corner of Kellogg Blvd and Wabasha Street in downtown St Paul. Parking is free at the hotel garage off Wabasha but it cannot accommodate any vehicle over 4'9" tall. The rate at the Crowne Plaza is \$99 per night for two double beds and rooms must be reserved by January 16, 2012 to guarantee this rate. There is a link of the USWCA website (www.uswca.org) to make your reservations or you can call the hotel directory 1-877-2CROWNE.

Committee meetings will begin at 4 pm on Monday afternoon and continue until 9 pm. We will have Chili and fixings available in the hospitality suite but there are many restaurants in the area for those who do not have meetings that evening.

The first year representatives will have a breakfast meeting Tuesday morning and then committee meetings will continue from 9 am until noon followed by the Executive Board Meeting. The Representatives meeting will be held from 4 pm to 6pm. Since we know you are all thrilled to be spending Valentine's Day with your USWCA friends we have planned a special "Heart of Curling Dinner" Tuesday evening in "Windows on the River" on the top floor of the Crowne Plaza. The Board of Directors, which includes officers, committee chairs and representatives, will meet 9 am on Wednesday, reconvening after lunch to finish by midafternoon. Committee assignments and updates will be posted on the web and committee chairs are strongly urged to contact their committee members before the meeting.

The 64th Annual USWCA National Bonspiel "Rockin on the River" begins with the Kit Party and opening ceremonies at the St Paul Curling Club Wednesday evening. If you not curling in the bonspiel and are interested in being a timer for the games, please contact Myke Rachu, mlrachu@aol.com.

The USWCA Annual meeting will be held at the Bonspiel Banquet Thursday night in the Great River Ballroom at the Crowne Plaza. The participants for the upcoming USWCA Senior Friendship Tour will be announced at this time.

If you are unable to attend the meeting I strongly encourage you to select another woman from your club as a designated alternate. If an alternate isn't available then you must send your proxy to another representative or committee chair or the USWCA secretary – the proxy form is included in this mailing. Don't forget to return the reservation sheet (and your check) as soon as possible to the Meeting Coordinator Paula Rozinka. Contact Paula via email at raisin97@aol.com or 763-557-8023 if you have any dietary restrictions or questions regarding your travel plans.

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