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ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

between the societies of

The Associated Country Women of the World

forming the Country Women's Council U.S.A.

I. NAME

The name of this council shall be the Country Women's Council of the United States of America (CWC).

II. OBJECTIVES

To unite into a cooperative, working organization, the USA societies affiliated with the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), whose rural and urban members represent varied races, nationalities and creeds; who believe that communication based on friendship and understanding will advance peace and progress; and who believe that the quality of life is improved for all people through the following:

- * The relief of poverty,
- * The advancement of education and,
- * The relief of sickness, and the protection and preservation of health.

In cooperation with the USA Area President, CWC and its Board shall:

1. Provide a means whereby the member societies of CWC may meet for discussion and consultation on matters pertaining to ACWW.
2. Discuss and correlate recommendations of member societies to ACWW as to its policies and activities, always considering the international character of ACWW.
3. Further these objectives by following the activities as outlined in the ACWW Constitution.

Each Society is autonomous and may take individual action as it desires.

III. MEMBERSHIP

1. A society may apply for ACWW membership directly to the office of the Associated Country Women of the World. A copy of the society's constitution and information concerning the extent and character of the membership should be included with the application.
2. All member societies of ACWW in the USA are eligible for membership in CWC. Such societies shall become members of CWC upon payment of the annual dues.
3. No USA society may join CWC without first being a member of ACWW.
4. A member society wishing to disaffiliate or withdraw its membership from CWC shall notify in writing the CWC Chairman and Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the *general membership* meeting.

IV. DUES

Each member society shall pay dues in an amount to be determined by vote of the voting delegates. Increase in dues shall be proposed with sixty (60) days notice to member societies prior to the next business meeting.

Dues are payable to the CWC Treasurer. CWC annual dues for the following calendar year must be postmarked no later than December 31st. Dues not postmarked by December 31st will be considered delinquent and result in loss of membership privileges and rights. Societies whose dues were paid and postmarked by the due date shall be listed in the subsequent HANDBOOK and/or Annual Revision Insert that will be printed.

Societies accepted into ACWW as a new member prior to July 1 of any year may immediately pay CWC dues and have voting rights at the next CWC General Meeting.

V. GENERAL MEETINGS

A General Meeting of the membership shall be held two (2) times each triennium.

The voting delegates at General Meetings shall be the officers of CWC, the ACWW-USA Area President, and the Presidents/Chairmen of the

member societies in good standing, or their accredited alternates. The accredited delegate from each society shall be entitled to one vote. Others may attend as observers.

Majority (50 percent plus 1) of registered voting delegates present shall constitute a quorum. Motions made by registered voting delegates present must pass with two thirds majority.

VI. OFFICERS

1. ELECTION:

- a. Officers of CWC consisting of a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer shall be elected by their respective societies and/or groups according to the Order of Rotation (see Article XII) and shall be presented to the CWC Board for confirmation no later than ninety days preceding their term of office.
- b. An officer may not resign in order to accept another position on the CWC Board.
- c. The Executive Committee shall fill vacancies that occur between general meetings.

2. TERM OF OFFICE:

Officers and/or society representatives shall serve a three (3) year term and shall not be eligible to succeed themselves.

3. CWC BOARD:

- a. The CWC Board shall consist of the CWC Officers, USA Area President, Editor (without vote), Webmaster (without vote), and one representative from each of the USA National member societies. The Editor and Webmaster are appointed positions of three-year duration and must be members in good standing of a dues paying CWC society.
- b. The ACWW USA Area President shall be a member of the CWC Board with vote.
- c. The CWC Board shall conduct any business of CWC between general meetings by mail or electronic means.

- d. ACWW officers and ACWW Specified Committee Chairmen living in the USA, other than the USA Area President, shall be ex-officio members of the CWC Board without vote. They may attend board and general meetings at their own expense.
 - e. Majority (50 percent plus 1) voting members of the CWC Board shall constitute a quorum. Motions made must pass with a two-thirds majority.
4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and USA Area President.
5. REPRESENTATION:
- a. The officers shall represent the national and affiliated societies of CWC.
 - b. The positions of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be filled by rotation. Rotations shall be according to the Order of Rotation (Section XII.) In order to equalize representation and because the affiliate group is large, there shall be two officer positions on the rotation schedule allocated to affiliate societies; each position representing different affiliate societies.
 - c. A nominee for office shall be qualified for the position for which she is elected. She should be active in her society with leadership experience. She shall be knowledgeable of the aims and activities of CWC and ACWW.
- 1. A nominee for Chairman shall have served as president/chairman of her state and/or national society or shall have been an elected member of the board/committee of her national society.
 - 2. The Treasurer shall have had experience in accounting, in short-term and long-term investments, and in preparation of financial statements and budgets.

6. DUTIES OF BOARD:

CHAIRMAN

The Chairman shall:

1. Call the general meeting, with approval of the Executive Committee.
2. Arrange for and preside at General and CWC Board meetings and appoint a parliamentarian for each General Meeting. Be familiar with CWC Articles of Agreement, CWC Policy Guidelines, and CWC General Meeting Guidelines.
3. Invite incoming CWC Board members to attend the board meeting immediately preceding the one at which they become official CWC Board members. They shall attend without voice or vote and at their own expense.
4. Sign vouchers for all expenditures, with the exception of the CWC Chairman's voucher, which shall be signed by the CWC Secretary.
5. In cooperation with the ACWW USA Area President, inform USA societies of proposed ACWW matters to be considered at the Triennial Conference.
6. Appoint Editor, Webmaster, and Committee Chairmen with the approval of the CWC Board.
7. Be an ex-officio member of all committees.

VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Vice-Chairman shall:

1. Attend with vote all General and CWC Board meetings. Be familiar with CWC Articles of Agreement, CWC Policy Guidelines, and CWC General Meeting Guidelines.
2. Preside in the absence of the Chairman.

3. Aid the USA Area President in the sale/distribution of ACWW materials in the USA and in promoting interest in ACWW Projects.
4. Be in charge of promoting the sale and distribution of CWC materials.
5. Promote ACWW Individual memberships in CWC societies.
6. Serve as Chairman of the Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship Selection Committee.

SECRETARY

The Secretary shall:

1. Attend with vote all CWC General and Board meetings. Be familiar with CWC Articles of Agreement, CWC Policy Guidelines, and CWC General Meeting Guidelines.
2. Mail or e-mail draft of all Business and Board meeting minutes to CWC Board within thirty (30) days of close of meetings.
3. Be responsible for such correspondence as delegated by the chairman.
4. Mail or email approved copies of the General Meeting minutes to CWC member Society Presidents/Chairmen, CWC Board members including USA Area President, and ACWW office within ninety (90) days of close of meetings.

TREASURER

The Treasurer shall:

1. Attend with vote all CWC General and Board meetings. Be familiar with CWC Articles of Agreement, CWC Policy Guidelines, and CWC General Meeting Guidelines.
2. Be responsible for all CWC funds and be bonded.
3. Serve as Chairman of the Budget Committee.

4. Present books, statements, records, etc. to the Chairman of the CWC Financial Review Committee at the end of each year.
5. Insure the proper documents have been filed with the USA Internal Revenue Service each year.
6. Present a complete financial report during each CWC Business Meeting and at all meetings of the CWC Board. A quarterly financial report shall be sent to the President within 30 days of the completion of the quarter. A semi-annual and annual financial report shall be sent to the entire Board.
7. Receive monies designated for ACWW (Contributions, Pennies for Friendship, Projects, etc.) and forward to ACWW office in a timely manner.

NATIONAL PRESIDENTS/REPRESENTATIVES

The National Presidents/Representatives shall:

1. Attend with vote all CWC General and Board meetings. Be familiar with CWC Articles of Agreement, CWC Policy Guidelines, and CWC General Meeting Guidelines.
2. Submit annual reports of organization activities for Board and News Sheet.
3. Serve on budget committee.
4. Be responsible for reporting CWC and ACWW activities to their organization.
5. Inform Board and CWC Editor of contact changes in their society.

USA AREA President

Some suggested responsibilities - ACWW USA Area President shall:

1. Inform the CWC Chairman and Presidents/Chairmen of societies affiliated with CWC of current ACWW activities. Be familiar with CWC Articles of Agreement, CWC Policy Guidelines, and CWC General Meeting Guidelines.

2. In cooperation with the CWC Chairman, inform USA societies of proposed ACWW matters to be considered at the Triennial Conference.
3. Arrange hospitality in the USA for official ACWW visitors.
4. Be responsible for official greeting for USA group at Triennial Conference.
5. Work with CWC Vice-Chair for the distribution of ACWW materials to USA Member societies. (See Vice Chair duties, #3)

VII. FINANCES

1. Registration and lodging (one-half double room) of the CWC Board to attend CWC General Meetings and board meetings shall be paid by CWC.
2. The CWC Chairman shall be the CWC delegate at the ACWW Triennial Conference. If unable to attend, the delegate shall be another officer as designated by the CWC Board.
 - a. Registration and lodging (one-half double room) shall be paid for the delegate to attend the ACWW Triennial Conference and Council meetings held in conjunction with this conference.
 - b. The delegate shall present a voucher with attached receipts of allowable expenses and shall report activities to the Board.
3. The CWC budget shall allow a necessary fund to help with the office and travel expenses incurred by the ACWW USA Area President in carrying out her responsibilities for ACWW in the USA. Societies inviting the Area President to their area are expected to incur registration and hotel expenses.
4. The Budget Committee shall be composed of the CWC Treasurer as Chairman, the Presidents of National member Societies, and a representative from Affiliated Societies, or as appointed by the Chairman.

VIII. NOMINEES FOR ACWW OFFICE

1. Nominees for World President, Deputy World President, Secretary, Treasurer, or ACWW USA Area President may be presented by any ACWW Society of the USA.
2. In order to receive the endorsement of CWC, the following procedures must be met:
 - a. ACWW Category I, II and III Societies in the USA shall submit names, with their credentials, to the Chairman at least forty-five days before the deadline stated by ACWW.
 - b. Nominees are required to be individual members of ACWW as part of the credentials per vote taken at 26th Triennial in Hot Springs in 2010 and meet the requirements of the ACWW Constitution.
3. According to the ACWW Constitution, the ACWW USA Area President shall be nominated for one (1) three (3) year term; this term to run concurrently with the ACWW officers who are elected on this basis. She may be nominated for a second three (3) year term following the procedures outlined above.

IX. DISSOLUTION

The CWC Board will, in case of dissolution of the Council, assign all assets of the Council to The Associated Country Women of the World for furthering educational projects.

X. AUTHORITY IN PARLIAMENTARY LAW

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Simplified and Applied shall govern the Country Women's Council USA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Articles of Agreement.

XII. ORDER OF ROTATION

YEAR	CHAIR	VICE-CHAIR	SECRETARY	TREASURER
2011	<u>MFHG</u>	<u>Appt</u>	<u>NVON</u>	<u>Appt</u>
2012	AFF	<u>Appt</u>	<u>Appt</u>	AFF
2013	AFF	NVON	MFHG	AFF
2014	<u>AFF</u>	NVON	MFHG	<u>AFF</u>
2015	AFF	<u>NVON</u>	<u>MFHG</u>	NVON
2016	AFF	MFHG	AFF	NVON
2017	<u>AFF</u>	MFHG	AFF	<u>NVON</u>
2018	NVON	<u>MFHG</u>	<u>AFF</u>	MFHG
2019	NVON	AFF	AFF	MFHG
2020	<u>NVON</u>	AFF	AFF	<u>MFHG</u>
2021	MFHG	<u>AFF</u>	<u>AFF</u>	AFF
2022	MFHG	AFF	NVON	AFF
2023	<u>MFHG</u>	AFF	NVON	<u>AFF</u>

CWC MEMBERSHIP
NATIONAL SOCIETIES & AFFILIATED STATES
As of January 1, 2011

(Member societies listed below have met the requirements of Page 5, Articles III and IV).

National Master Farm Homemakers Guild

Colorado Iowa Kansas
Kentucky South Carolina

National Volunteer Outreach Network, Inc.

Arkansas Extension Homemakers
Illinois Home and Community Education
Indiana Extension Homemakers Association
Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association
North Carolina Extension and Community Association, Inc.
South Carolina Family and Community Leaders
West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service, Inc.
Wisconsin Home and Community Education

Affiliated Societies

Alabama Homemakers and Community Leaders
Arkansas Farm Bureau Women's Committee
FCE Wisconsin
Florida Home and Community Association
Idaho Farm Bureau Women's Committee
Kansas Family and Community Education
Louisiana Volunteers for Family and Community
Maryland Family and Community Education
Michigan Division Woman's National Farm & Garden
Mississippi Family and Community Education
New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family
North Dakota Family & Community Education
Ohio Division Woman's National Farm & Garden
Ohio Homemakers and Community Education
Oklahoma Home and Community Education
Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Committee
Washington State Home and Community Educators

THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S COUNCIL USA

At the September 2002 Annual Meeting of Country Women's Council USA it was voted to apply for membership as an affiliated society of The Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). CWC was accepted into membership a few weeks later at the October Council Meeting of ACWW.

The Country Women's Council USA is a coordinating council, composed of Associated Country Women of the World member societies in the USA and meets twice each triennium to promote the work of ACWW.

The Country Women's Council USA became the official name in 1946. Initially, the adopted title in 1939 was the United States Liaison Committee.

The Council works actively to promote international understanding through such specific projects as Pennies for Friendship and through its participation in activities of certain specialized agencies in the United States.

In 1952 an observer was named to the United Nations. In 1958, ACWW was granted Category B status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) with Mrs. George Roberts as ACWW-UN representative.

By meeting together, the many societies of ACWW in the United States of America have made the Country Women's Council USA, an efficient, cooperative, and understanding body. Thus, CWC has served to strengthen ACWW and, in so doing, has become strong and effective in the promotion of the activities of the mother organization.

Activities

The Country Women's Council USA, does not formulate policy. It may, and often does, offer recommendations and suggestions from member societies to the international office of ACWW. Its programs and activities are devoted to carrying out the policies of ACWW, and to do this, it has the officers previously listed, and their respective duties.

Pennies for Friendship

This activity provides a way for each individual member of societies to take an active part in the work of ACWW. By contributing to Pennies for Friendship, each member promotes world friendship, understanding and goodwill. Pennies for Friendship are a major source of the income to carry out the work of ACWW. CWC urges members to participate in this activity.

CWC CHAIRMEN

Term of Office	Name	State	Organization
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(Representing USA on Liaison Committee of Rural Women's Organizations)

1929	Mrs. A.E. Brigden* (USA Liaison Committee)	NY	Home Bureau
1930	Mrs. Edward Young*	NY	Home Bureau

CWC Chairmen:

1939-44	Mrs. Ora Roop*	VA	NEHC
1945-50	Mrs. Spencer Ewing*	IL	NEHC
1951-56	Mrs. George Apperson**	NC	NEHC
1957-62	Mrs. Everett Spangler**	NE	NEHC
1963-65	Mrs. Lois Gross**	IN	FBW
1966-68	Mrs. Lucile Green*	MS	NEHC
1969-71	Mrs. Jerry Stoutner*	IA	NMFHG
1972-74	Mrs. Nancy Holt*	ME	WNF&G
1975-77	Mrs. Berta White*	MS	FBW
1978-80	Mrs. Fayola Muchow	SD	NEHC
1981-83	Mrs. Caroline Ingels*	IA	NMFHG
1984-86	Mrs. Kay Rockwell*	MI	WNF&G
1987-90	Mrs. Martha Clark	MD	FBW
1991-93	Mrs. Betty Buff	SC	NEHC
1994-96	Mrs. Bettie Wallace	KY	NMFHG
1997-99	Mrs. Nancy Cessna	OH	FBW
2000-02	Mrs. Sue Jarvis	OK	FBW
2003-04	Mrs. Kay Engelhart	MI	WNF&G
2004-05	Mrs. Jean Ehlinger	MI	WNF&G
2006-08	Mrs. Judy Bender	WI	NVON
2009-11	Mrs. Marilyn Poppen	IA	NMFHG

NOTE: NEHC was changed to NAFCE in 1992.

* deceased

** not known if deceased or living

CWC ANNUAL MEETINGS

1939.....Penn State College	1979.....New Orleans, LA
1940.....Lafayette, IN	1980.....Wheeling, WV
1941.....Nashville, TN	1981.....Raleigh , NC
1942.....Kansas City, MO	1982.....Stevens Point, WI
1943.....Chicago, IL	1983.....Fargo, ND
1944.....Chicago, IL	1984.....Peoria, IL
1945.....Columbus, OH	1985.....Baltimore, MD
1946.....Omaha, NE	1986.....Dearborn, MI
1947.....Jackson Mill, WV	1987.....Lincoln, NE
1948.....Tulsa, OK	1988.....Vancouver, WA
1949.....Colorado Springs, CO	1989.....Kansas City, MO
1950.....Biloxi, MS	1990.....Richmond, VA
1951.....East Lansing, MI	1991.....Indianapolis, IN
1952.....Raleigh, NC	1992.....Des Moines IA
1953.....Toronto, Canada	1993.....Colorado Springs, CO
1954.....Washington, DC	1994.....Louisville, KY
1955.....Chicago, IL	1995.....Austin, TX
1956.....Chicago, IL	1996.....Tampa, FL
1957.....Columbus, OH	1997.....Jackson, MS
1958.....Stillwater, OK	1998.....Lisle, IL
1959.....Kansas City, MO	1999.....Mackinac Island, MI
1960.....Des Moines, IA	2000.....Myrtle Beach, SC
1961.....Indianapolis, IN	2001.....Huntsville, AL
1962.....Washington, DC	2002.....Oklahoma City, OK
1963.....Madison, WI	2003.....Lynchburg, VA
1964.....Louisville, KY	2004.....Greensboro, NC
1965.....Lake Junaluska, NC	2005.....Scottsdale, AZ
1966.....Wichita, KS	2006.....Ft. Wayne, IN
1967.....Lansing, MI	2007.....Springfield, IL
1968.....Lansing, MI	2008.....Hot Springs, AR
1969.....Jackson, MS	2009.....Des Moines, IA
1970.....Niagara Falls, NY	2010..... (no meeting)
1971.....Kansas City, MO	2011.....Columbus, OH
1972.....Williamsburg, VA	
1973.....Panama City, FL	
1974.....Cody, WY	
1975.....Des Moines, IA	
1976.....Kah-nee-ta, OR	
1977.....Snowmass, CO	
1978.....Columbus, OH	

RUTH BUXTON SAYRE SCHOLARSHIP



Ruth Buxton Sayre was known as the “First Lady of the Farm” and inspired millions of rural women around the world to improve themselves and their communities with her practicality, humor, decency, and common sense. As a young farm mother, she began her life work in striving for better conditions for farm women and their families by organizing her neighbors for college extension classes. She earned high posts in state, national and international organizations and served as ACWW President from 1947-1953.

Country Women’s Council USA offers a Ruth B. Sayre Memorial Scholarship each year to a woman who is a resident of the United States of America, who shows a financial need, and who has the ability to complete her education.

Applications shall be made through an ACWW affiliated organization, but applicants need not necessarily be members.

The Scholarship recipient or recipients shall be paid up to the amount of \$500 for a year’s period of study, the money to be sent to the educational institution she is attending for tuition and/or books. The recipients may apply the succeeding year.

The Sayre Scholarship Fund shall maintain minimum \$10,000 balance, and interest will be used toward the scholarship(s).

Donations are accepted and added to the balance to keep this viable for the furtherance of educational development of American women.

Sayre Scholarship Recipients

- 1986.....Geraldine Brave, Rosebud, SD
- 1989.....Angela Sieren, Keota, IA
- 1990.....Debra K. Ahrent, Fayetteville, AR
Debra T. Hodges, St. Cloud, FL
- 1991.....Susan E. Murray, Fredericksburg, IA
Melissa L. Keeney, Carlisle, IA
- 1992.....Paula Ann Galbraith, Mio, MI
Rebecca F. Stinson, Vancouver, WA
Rebecca Jean Kalish, Hillsboro, OR
- 1993.....Rebecca Bradley Ferguson, Colville, WA
Sheree Lee, Durham, NC
Connie Sue Olson, Freeport, IL
Jennifer Carole Tiaht, Sioux Falls, SD
- 1994.....Rebecca B. Ferguson, Colville, WA
Kimberly M. Hall, Scranton, IA
Alyssa C. Mason, Allerton, IA
Jennifer C. Tiaht, Sioux Falls, SD
- 1995.....Michelle Marie Farrington, Mechanicsville, IA
Sarah Ann Neifer, Genoa, OH
Tonya Renay Phillips, Buckhannon, WV
Katie Noelle Hall, Scranton, IA
Ann Beth Bartholomew, Columbus, OH
- 1996.....Lisa Ahrens, Osage, IA
Emily Elizabeth Leffelman, Amboy IL
Deborah Jean Waddle, Springfield, OH
- 1997.....Andrea Lynnette Horst, Ames, IA
Amy Marie Mathias, Old Field, WV
Merrilee Shoemaker, Huntsville, AR
Faith Arlene Turnpaugh, Kentland, IN

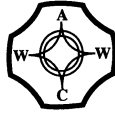
(Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship recipients, continued)

- 1998.....Sara Young, Erie, KS
Cynthia Flax, South Charleston, OH
Stephanie Lynn Homan, Celina, OH
Julia K. Shaefer, Laconna, IA
- 1999.....Laura Kriete, Hooper, NE
Kathy Tvrdy, Ceresco, NE
Amanda Greenwood, Boswell, IN
Kimberly Talley, Yarmouth, IA
- 2000.....Anna Marie Cardinal, Terra Haute, IN
Jeni Rae Matthiesen, Bryant, IA
Linda Marie Perkins, Troy, IL
Elizabeth E. Steenson, Walback NE
- 2001.....Laura Lee Trowbridge, Fort Wayne, IN
Linda Marie Perkins, Troy, IL
Lisa Cannegieter, Sioux City, IA
Mary Handrich, Weyauwega, WI
Melissa DeGreer, Erie, KS
- 2002.....Sara Magalli, Hanover, IL
Rachael Hannebaum, West College Corner, IN
Heather Cummings, Osceola, IA
Alicia Stone, Leon, IA
- 2003.....Becky S. Copas-Chitty, Chalmers, IN
Amber Kingery, Indianola, IA
Kari Schiffers, Arriba, CO
Maria Vallen, Estherville, IA
- 2004.....Tara Gilbert, Ionia, IA
Cassie Norman, Decatur, IA
Stephanie Penick, Carlisle, IA
Audrey Young, Erie KS
- 2005 Jenna Louise Burkhart, Woodward IA
Staci Lynn DeGeer, Erie KS
Erin Kay Jones, Grand River IA
- 2006 Julia Townsley, Letts IA
Molly Mayer, Marcus IA
Katie Qualmann, Iron Ridge WI

(Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship recipients, continued)

- 2007 Erin Kathleen Morris, Wabash IN
Michelle Lee Methner, Logan IA
Leah Anne Ruff, Farmersville IA
- 2007 Rhiannon Marie Hurt, Wapello IA
Alissa Brady, Marcus IA
Elisabeth Moe, Nevada IA
Stephanie Lynn Soppe, West Union IA
- 2007 Jennifer Harders, Corydon IA
Elisabeth Moe, Nevada IA
Aubrey Michelle McElmeel, Cedar Rapids, IA
Kasey Miller, Churubusco IN
- 2010 Nicole Keenan, Gas City IN
Debbie Nesvik, Ossian IA
Aubrey McElmeel, Cedar Rapids IA
- 2011 Lillian Otto, St. Charles IA
Katherine Neil, New London IA
Kelsey Ann Sears, Cleghorn IA
Patricia J. Hogg, Geneva IN

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD



The earliest organizations of farm women began towards the end of the nineteenth century in widely separated countries of the world - Germany, America and Scandinavia. The first recorded date of an organization of farm women was 1797, the year Finland recognized the Women's Agricultural Organization.

But, it was not until 1929, thanks to Lady Aberdeen, President of the International Council of Women, that country women were beginning to think in worldwide terms.

At Lady Aberdeen's invitation, representatives from rural women's organizations all over the world came together for this first international meeting. Mrs. A. E. Brigden, of the New York Home Bureau attended and was chosen to represent the United States of America on the international committee, which was formed at that time, the Liaison Committee of Rural Women's Organizations.

Mrs. Alfred Watt, Canadian, who had brought the idea of the Women's Institutes from Canada to England, was chosen as the first chairman of this committee. Mrs. Watt had long been interested in forming an international association of country women.

In 1930, the first conference called by the committee was held in Vienna. They met as a Standing Committee of the International Council of Women. At this time, the name became the Liaison Committee of Rural Women's and Homemaker's Organizations. Twenty-eight (28) different countries were represented by thirty-four (34) organizations. Several delegates from the United States of America were present, as well as representatives from the U.S. Extension Service. Mrs. Edward Young, New York Home Bureau; Mrs. W.F. Conant, New England Farm and Garden; and Miss Grace Frysinger, U.S. Extension Service, were members of the committee representing the United States of America.

After three years of intensive activity by the committee in making many new contacts in Holland, Switzerland, and America, the second Triennial

was called in Stockholm in 1933. Here an important step was taken. The committee became an independent organization with a constitution, a name, **The Associated Country Women of the World**, and a president, Mrs. Alfred Watt of Canada.

The third Triennial Conference was held in Washington, DC in 1936, with 7000 U.S. women greeting representatives from other countries. Miss Grace Frysinger was elected as one of the vice-presidents.

With the world tour of Mrs. Watt during the next triennium, the activities of the association were spent largely in spreading information about the organization. When the fourth Triennial Conference met in London in 1939, membership had reached a peak with twenty-nine (29) countries being represented by eighty-four (84) national, provincial and state organizations. Mrs. Guy Roop, USA, was elected as one of the vice-presidents at this meeting, and Mrs. Carleton-Smith, USA was named one of the vice-chairmen of the executive committee.

But, war, involving the members of all societies, intervened and only through the valiant determination of a few members in London was the ACWW office kept open and the organization held together without a break.

It was not until 1947, at the invitation of the Countrywomen's Association of the Netherlands, that representatives could come together again for the fifth Triennial Conference in Amsterdam. At this time, Mrs. Watt retired as president and Mrs. Raymond Sayre, USA, was elected as president. Mrs. Carleton-Smith, USA, was elected one of the vice-presidents of the 1947-50 period, and Mrs. Ian MacDonald, USA, was named as one of the chairmen of the Executive Committee.

During the following triennium period, the association was concerned with renewing its ties with member societies, with resuming its activities with member societies and with recouping its finances.

ACWW also assumed a new responsibility through its acceptance of consultative status with The Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ESOCOC), as well as FAO and UNESCO.

By 1950, when the Conference met in Copenhagen, the association was on its feet again and ready to face up to its responsibilities in a new and vastly different world than that in which it had begun.

The interest of rural women in improving their standards of living and in rural women's organizations was beginning to stir in many countries

around the world. The activities of ACWW to extend its membership to new groups was given an important place by making the Extension Committee one of the standing committees of the association.

In 1953, when the Triennial conference was held in Toronto, Canada, India, Egypt, and Japan were represented by observers, and Pakistan and Lebanon had become members.

It was long felt that the organization had outgrown its constitution and bylaws, so during the 1953 conference, a committee was established to make a detailed study of the problems and present suggested plans to the delegates prior to the Ceylon Conference. This was known as the Survey Committee with Mrs. Raymond Sayre as chairman. Other committee members were officers of ACWW.

The task proved too much to complete in one triennial period so it was carried into the 1959 conference held in Edinburg, Scotland. Here the new constitution and bylaws were adopted, but were not to be activated until three years later when the elections could be held under the new pattern. Mrs. G. van Beekhoff van Selms, of the Netherlands, was elected president and Mrs. J. Homer Remsburg was named area vice-president for the USA in 1959.

At the tenth Triennial Conference, held in Melbourne, Australia, October 1962, the new administrative pattern was instituted. At this time, Mrs. Haven Smith, USA, was chosen as one of the two deputy presidents, and Mrs. R. P. Matchett was elected as area vice-president for the USA.

In 1965, the eleventh Triennial Conference was held in Dublin, Ireland. Mrs. Aroti Dutt of India, was elected president and Mrs. Haven Smith and Mrs. R. P. Matchett were re-elected for second terms.

The twelfth Triennial Conference was held in Lansing, Michigan. The membership now stood at six and one-half million members with 270 member societies from all continents. Mrs. Aroti Dutt, India, was re-elected president, and Mrs. Eugene L. Survant, Colorado, was elected USA Area Vice-President in 1968.

The thirteenth Triennial Conference was held in Oslo, Norway, in 1971. Mrs. O.L. Farquharson, England, was elected as president, and Mrs. F.G. Garrison was elected USA Area Vice-President.

The fourteenth Triennial Conference was held in Perth, Australia, in 1974. Mrs. O.S. Farquharson, England, was re-elected as president, and Mrs. Louis Fear was elected USA Area Vice-President.

The fifteenth Triennial Conference was held in Nairobi, Kenya, in 1977. Mrs. Ralph Row, Western Australia, was elected president and Mrs. Gordon White, Mississippi, was elected as USA Area Vice-President.

The sixteenth Triennial Conference was held in Hamburg, Germany, in May of 1980. Mrs. A. Westerbring-Muller, The Netherlands, was elected president. Mrs. Floyd Howard was elected deputy president, and Mrs. Martin Muchow was elected USA Area Vice-President. The title of Member of Honour was conferred on Mrs. George (Eleanor) Roberts, ACWW United Nations Representative in New York.

The seventeenth Triennial Conference was held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Dr. Ellen McLean was elected president and Mrs. Jean Ehlinger was elected USA Area Vice-President in June, 1983.

Following constitutional Objects and Policy rewording, ACWW was granted charitable status, beginning October 12, 1984.

Offices were moved from Warwick Square to Vincent House, Vincent Square, in London, in March 1985. Societies in the USA provided carpet for the new office.

Miss Heather McGrigor, ACWW General Secretary for 14 years, retired in April, 1986, and worked through the eighteenth Triennial Conference held in Killarney, Ireland, in May. A panel interviewed six candidates selected from sixty applicants and the job was offered to Miss Jennifer Pearce, who accepted and commenced work on March 17, 1986. At this eighteenth Triennial Conference in Ireland, Dr. Ellen McLean was re-elected president and Mrs. Betty Buff was elected USA Area President. The General Purposes Committee was replaced by a board consisting of president, two deputy presidents, area presidents, executive vice-president, honorary secretary, honorary treasurer, standing committee chairmen, to meet annually; and an executive committee consisting of president, two deputy presidents, executive vice-president, honorary secretary, and honorary treasurer to meet twice a year in addition. The board held its inaugural meeting at Vincent House in September, 1986.

The nineteenth Triennial Conference was held in Kansas City, Missouri, in September, 1989. The office of executive vice-president was deleted. The 20 percent total voting power of conference was changed to 30 percent. A recommendation passed that an ACWW Day be held worldwide on April 29th or during the last week in April each year to promote and publicize ACWW. Mrs. Valerie Fisher of Australia was elected president; Mrs. Jean Ehlinger of the USA was elected deputy president; and Mrs. Shirley Woody was elected as USA Area President.

The twentieth Triennial Conference was held in The Hague, The Netherlands, in June 1992. A revised constitution and bylaws was accepted which eliminated conference percentage of voting power; initiated membership categories I, II, III, and IV; and deleted further sale of Life Memberships. Mrs. Valerie Fisher, Australia, was re-elected president, and Mrs. Shirley Woody, Indiana, was re-elected USA Area President.

The twenty-first Triennial Conference was held at Canterbury University, Christchurch, New Zealand, February 1 - 8, 1995. Mrs. Lyndsay Hackett-Pain was elected ACWW President, and Mrs. Melba McIntosh, Louisiana, was elected USA Area President.

The twenty-second Triennial Conference was held at the University of Pretoria, South Africa, in April, 1998. Hilda Stewart of Northern Ireland was elected ACWW President, and Dorothy Camp, Iowa, was elected USA Area-President. Susan Herbert, Connecticut, was elected to serve as chair of the Promotion & Publications Committee. Louise Nichols, Indiana, was appointed to serve on the Finance Committee. Sandra Broadrick-Allen, Illinois, and Shirley Woody, Indiana, were appointed to serve on the United Nations Committee. Judy Weinkauff, Oklahoma, was appointed to serve on the 2001 Triennial Conference Committee.

The twenty third Triennial Conference was hosted by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and held at the Convention Center in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, June 11-18, 2001. "Volunteers Make Visions a Reality" was the conference theme chosen to mark the UN International Year of Volunteers. Hilda Stewart was re-elected as ACWW President. U.S.A. is represented in ACWW positions with Louise Nichols, Indiana, elected as ACWW Treasurer, Susan (Herbert) Celentano, Connecticut, elected as Area President, Sandra Broadrick-Allen, Illinois, elected as chairman of the United Nations Committee; appointed to committees were: Joan McEachern, Illinois, to Promotion and Publications, Dorothy Russell, Iowa, to United Nations, and Betty Houbion, Illinois, to Projects. Following the Conference, and almost 65 years to the day later, a group of 100 women gathered at the Mather Arch near the Peace Bridge between Fort Erie, Ontario and Buffalo, New York to re-enact a ceremony which had taken place on the bridge after the third ACWW Triennial Conference held in Washington DC.

Six new resolutions, two urgency resolutions and three recommendations were passed. A set of resolutions relating to ACWW's 1998 Constitution also passed.

The twenty fourth Triennial Conference, was hosted by the Country Women's Association in Tasmania and held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, March 23-29, 2004. "Working with Women Worldwide" was the chosen theme for this, the 75th Anniversary of ACWW. Ursula Goh, of Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia was elected ACWW President. The USA is represented with the re-election of Louise Nichols, Tennessee, as ACW Treasurer, and the election of Kay Engelhart, Michigan, as Area President. Committee appointments were: Loy Walker, Iowa, to Agriculture, Jean Ehlinger, Michigan, to Finance, Jo Ellen Almond, Indiana, to Projects, and Linda Pracht, Wisconsin, to Promotions and Publications. The launch of the ACWW history: "Working with Women Worldwide: Highlights of 75 Years of ACWW", combined with the varied speakers highlighting women's roles and the passage of Resolutions and Recommendations which have a vital impact on the lives of women worldwide, made the 24th Triennial Conference one of great importance to all.

The twenty-fifth Triennial Conference, hosted by three Finnish societies: The Swedish Martha Association of Finland, The Rural Women's Advisory Organization and The Martha Association was held at the Holiday Club Caribia Hotel and the Turku Conference Center in Turku, Finland, June 2-10, 2007. The conference theme, "Winning the Way For Women", was highlighted by such renowned speakers as Dr. Pirjo Siiskonen ("The Change in the Role of Farmers and Farm Wives in Modern Agriculture") and Elisabeth Rehn, former MP of the Swedish People's Party and the first woman Minister of Defense in the world. Dato Ursula Goh, Malaysia was reelected World President. Elected as USA Area President is Louise Nichols, Indiana. Appointed to the Projects Committee is Jo Ellen Almond, Indiana. All proposed Resolutions and Recommendations were accepted by the delegations of nearly 700 representing 40 countries, which exemplifies the importance of the issues brought to the floor.

The Twenty-Seventh Triennial Conference was hosted by Country Women's Council USA at the Hot Springs Convention Center in Hot Springs, Arkansas April 21-27, 2010.

The Conference theme "Women World Wide – the Voice of Today" was demonstrated by our speakers, Ms. Josie Fernandez, Superintendent of Hot Springs National Park, speaking on her life as a Cuban immigrant, her work as a National Park Superintendent at the Women's Rights Park in New York state, at Seneca Falls and the difficulties women had in setting up a Convention in 1848 to press for Women's right to vote and own property. It took 72 years to accomplish this. Edna Junkins brought a lighter side to the conference with her humor presenting "The Light

Solution to Stress". Laughter releases anger, anxiety, and boredom and heals emotionally and physically. She also left us with a poem she had written just for this occasion, entitled "Women of the World."

A Quilt Square Competition resulted in Mrs. Rita Ann Venner, Iowa, USA, being the winner with her "Bethlehem Rose" quilt design. The square was purchased by former World President Mrs. Lyndsey Hackett-Pain Mundy. There were 163 entries, 133 bidders and total of \$2023 was pledged.

We had several firsts this Triennial, flights cancelled by a volcano, a craft night, election votes taken electronically, all candidates elected on the first vote taken, and a world conference held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, Veterans of Foreign Wars presented colors and local fireman were our escorts.

Mrs. May Kidd, Scotland was elected World President and Jo Almond, Indiana was elected as ACWW Secretary. Elected as USA Area President was Beverly Earnhart, Indiana. 6 Resolutions and 2 Recommendations were accepted as presented and/or amended by over 500 voting delegates. There were 634 attendees from 24 countries at Triennial.

2007 – 2013 Resolutions

Access to Credit: In view of the United Nations first Millennium Development Goal calling for eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, and to improve employment for women, be it resolved that the ACWW member societies call on their governments to make available access to credit for women.

Plastic Bags Use: All ACWW member societies urge their communities to restrict the use of plastic bags and to reduce excess packaging. Consumers need to be informed and governments need to take action in order to promote a sustainable future.

Financial Management: ACWW member societies encourage their members to: ensure that women have sufficient knowledge about financial management in their households; educate women to draw up a spending plan or budget to ensure financial security within the household.

Land Retention: ACWW member societies urge their governments to ensure that, with reports of a coming world food shortage and the search

for alternatives to fossil fuels, sufficient quantities of arable land are retained for food production and not diverted to growing crops for bio fuel production.

2008 – 2013 Recommendations

Tree Planting: The Associated Country Women of the World urge all ACWW member societies worldwide (where possible) to plant trees as a contribution towards combating climate change. This could be an individual or group project.

Individual Membership: That it is a prerequisite for any candidate seeking office as a member of the Board of ACWW or a Specified Committee to hold individual membership of ACWW.



ACWW has active member societies in:

East, West & Central Africa

Cameroon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Sierra Leone, Uganda.

Southern Africa

Botswana, Lesotho, Mauritius, Namibia, Republic of South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Central and South Asia

Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.

South East Asia and Far East

Brunei, China, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines.

Canada

Europe & the Mediterranean

Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom.

South Pacific

Australia, Christmas Island, East Timor, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue Island, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Tuvalu.

United States of America

Caribbean, Central & South America

Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago.

ACWW DUES

- Category I..... Society with a minimum of 500 members--
\$165 per year
- Category II..... Society with a minimum of 100 members--
\$105 per year
- Category III..... Umbrella or National Society--\$90 per year
- Category IV..... a) Groups interested in ACWW--\$55 per year
b) Individual memberships--\$42 per year
3 years paid at one time--\$105

Dues should be sent directly to ACWW, (address/contact information on page 3), in US dollars. No conversion necessary.

Rates effective from January 1, 2011. ACWW dues payable before January 1.

ACWW TRUST FUNDS

ACWW has established the following Trust Funds:

Lady Aberdeen Scholarship Fund

Established in 1959 as a memorial to Lady Aberdeen, a founder of ACWW.

The Fund enables voluntary and qualified leaders in the field of social welfare to study in their own or other countries with the help of member societies and members. A capital fund has been established. The income, and if thought fit, the capital is available for scholarships for “The promotion and encouragement of education in the economic social and cultural spheres.”

Types of scholarship and criteria approved by ACWW Conference:

1. To provide scholarships in nutrition or some allied subject.
2. To provide instruction in conservation through short courses, seminars and projects.

3. To provide experienced women leaders (without, if necessary, a preliminary induction course) to give short courses for a stated period to train local leaders in a country which has asked for help.
4. To assist local leaders from villages to attend short courses at a training center in their own country, not only in nutrition but in the whole field of community welfare.
5. To send a voluntary leader to another country and/or to arrange exchange visits between two rural women from different countries to study rural community welfare, to gain experience in the administration and work done by women's voluntary societies made possible by attachment to administrative offices, and by attendance at short course training colleges and field trips.
6. To operate a scholarship for the study of cooperatives.
7. Awards only to be given to scholars from countries where there are ACWW societies for study in similar countries. The scholar must agree to return to her own country to put into practice what she has learned as soon as possible after the end of her course.
8. Preference to be given to financing short courses, seminars and projects for training local leaders, preferably in the participants' own countries. The Trustees may decide each triennium if there should be a major scholarship in nutrition, conservation or some allied subject.

Elsie Zimmern Memorial Scholarship

Established in 1971 as a memorial to Miss Zimmern, another founder of ACWW. A capital fund has been established.

Criteria: Please read the following criteria and conditions carefully so your submitted application form contains all the relevant information necessary for the Projects Committee and the Board to make a well informed decision on your eligibility for a scholarship.

1. Applicants must be members of an ACWW Member Society.
2. The successful scholar must, if the course is taken abroad, agree to return to her own country to put into practice what she has learned as soon as possible after the end of her course. ACWW prefers applicants to take their course in their country of residence.

3. Scholarships to be awarded in the field of Social Welfare and Training in Organization and Leadership.

ACWW Nutrition Education Fund

Established in 1974 as an extension of The Save Sight Fund. The income and capital, if necessary, from this fund is available for:

- (a) The promotion and encouragement of education in nutrition among all women in areas where malnutrition and its attendant deficiencies put families at risk. These would include members of societies affiliated to the Associated Country Women of the World and any other country women in need of instruction.
- (b) Selection of potential teachers/demonstrators to receive basic training in order to organize and maintain instruction at village level including the formation of women's groups to this end.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the above three (3) funds shall be not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9). At present they are the President, Deputy President and Treasurer. Council may appoint additional Trustees for a stated term of office. Funds are invested at the discretion of the Trustees.

Income from each Fund may be accumulated by the Trustees until required.

The trustees may delegate all or any of their powers to committees of such persons (whether members of their body or not) as they think fit, in which case the committee concerned must conform to instructions given by the Trustees and report to the Trustees.

USA - ACWW OFFICERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Miss Grace Frysinger*	Vice-President	1936-39
Mrs. Guy Roop*	Vice-President	1939-47
Mrs. Raymond Sayre*	President	1947-50
		1950-53
Mrs. Carlton Smith*	Vice-President	1947-50
		1950-53
Mrs. Ian MacDonald*	Vice-President/Large	1953-57
Mrs. George Apperson	Area Vice-President	1953-57
		1957-59
Mrs. Haven Smith*	Area Vice-President	1959-62
	Deputy Vice-President	1962-65
		1965-68
Mrs. Homer Remsburg*	Area Vice-President	1959-62
Mrs. R. P. Matchett	Area Vice-President	1962-65
		1965-68
Mrs. Eugene L. Survant*	Area Vice-President	1968-71
Mrs. F. G. Garrison*	Area Vice-President	1971-74
Mrs. Louis Fear*	Area Vice-President	1974-77
Mrs. Berta White*	Area Vice-President	1977-80
Mrs. Floyd Howard*	Deputy Vice-President	1980-83
Mrs. Fayola Muchow	Area Vice-President	1980-83
Mrs. Jean Ehlinger	Area Vice-President	1983-86
Mrs. Betty Buff	Area President	1986-89
Mrs. Shirley Woody	Area President	1989-95
Mrs. Jean Ehlinger	Deputy President	1989-92
Mrs. Melba McIntosh	Area President	1995-98
Mrs. Dorothy Camp	Area President	1998-01
Mrs. Susan Celentano	Area President	2001-04
Mrs. Louise Nichols	ACWW Treasurer	2001-04
Mrs. Karen Engelhart	Area President	2004-07
Mrs. Louise Nichols	Area President	2007-2010
Mrs. Beverly Earnhart	Area President	2010-2013
Mrs. Jo Ellen Almond	ACWW Secretary	2010-2013

•Deceased



. . . the United Nations

ACWW has had Category II (Consultative) status at the United Nations since 1947. This status is granted to organizations internationally known for specific experience in particular areas of UN activities. They can submit short statements and also be granted hearings.

ACWW has local representatives in New York, Geneva, Vienna, Rome, Bangkok, and Nairobi, who observe and report meetings and maintain promotion of ACWW's concern for the status of women, particularly in rural areas. Through ACWW, UN organizations learn about the views of ACWW member societies and their activities worldwide. The main goal is to give rural women a voice at an International level through links with UN agencies. For current up-to-date information about UN projects/activities go directly to their web site: www.un.org.

Over the years, ACWW has obtained UN finance or expertise for many projects through UNICEF, FAO, etc. Our major cooperation has been the UNESCO co-action programs, one being UCA71 - the water program through which projects providing clean water or sanitation have been undertaken in at least nineteen countries (Water for All). The new ACWW Agriculture committee will also have its own liaison activities with UN agencies.

ACWW Mission: Empowering Women Worldwide

VISION

ACWW is a facilitating organization enabling member societies and non member societies to:

- fully participate in world development
- be part of an information network
- enhance leadership skills and income generation
- utilize their advocacy role at the UN

GOALS

To raise the standard of living of rural women and families through education, training and community development projects.

- To provide practical support to members.
- To support educational opportunities for women and girls and the elimination of gender-based discrimination
- To give rural women a voice at international level through links with UN agencies.

ACWW'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2011 – 2013 CREATING THE VISION

Strategic Directions # 1

Raise the image of ACWW

- a. Issue additional copies of The Countrywoman magazine
- b. Ensure consistency in use of brand
- c. Increase effectiveness of website as a marketing tool
- d. Introduction of specific campaigns eg: reduction in use of plastic bags
- e. Increase coverage in the media
- f. Improve understanding of our work

Targets for 2011 – 2013 Triennium

- a. To the membership and selected high profile people
- b. White logo on green background and Arial Font to be used in publications
- d. Concerned with the planting of trees: sewing of shopping bags.
- d. Organization of "Million Member Event": "Women Walk the World Event"
- e. Through the ACWW "Facebook" page
- f. Through the organization of our 2013 Triennial conference
- f. Through the promotion of exciting competitions at the Triennial conference
- f. Through increased communication with other relevant organizations

Strategic Directions # 2

Review the membership and support

- a. Analysis of current benefits compared to other organizations to be carried out

Strategic Directions # 3

Strengthen the financial base of the organization

- a. Insertion of advertisements in The Countrywoman magazine and on the website
- b. Board members to pro-actively promote ACWW and seek funds

Targets for 2011 – 2013 Triennium

- a. Rates for advertisements to be set
- a. Insertion of at least 5 advertisements
- b. Board members to secure 5 new members in their state/country/provinces per year
- b. Pennies for Friendship Fund to be promoted at area conferences
 - Societies to be reminded of their obligations to make annual donations to the Pennies for Friendship Fund
 - Increase the donations through the “Justgiving” website
 - To ensure Triennial conference makes a surplus

Strategic Directions # 4

Expand United Nations participation

- a. Increase profile of the UN in The Countrywoman magazine and on the website
- b. Recruit additional Representatives
- c. Increase co-operation with organizations which have similar interests
- d. Organize representation at agriculture related UN meetings

Targets for 2011 – 2013 Triennium

- a. Promote information on and participation by the UN at the 2013 Triennial Conference
- c. Improve communication with member societies
- d. Increase attendance at relevant meetings

Strategic Direction # 5 *Improve and strengthen communications and use of technology*

- a. Encourage more active participation within ACWW
- b. Revise guidelines for Triennial and Area Conferences

Targets for 2011 – 2013 Triennium

- a. Strengthen links between the Triennial Conference: the Area Conferences, specified committees and members
- a. Make full use of technology to achieve this.

DATES TO REMEMBER

ACWW DAY — APRIL 29 (worldwide, see pg. 25)

April 29th, 2012 Women Walk the World

WORLD RURAL WOMEN'S DAY --- October 15

CWC GENERAL MEETINGS

2012 September 23-25 Manchester, New Hampshire

2014 September 25-27 Manitowoc, Wisconsin

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE FAMILY

Second Sunday in May

ACWW TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

2013 September 26 - October 2 Chennai, India

NATIONAL CWC SOCIETIES' FUTURE MEETINGS ...

National Master Farm Homemakers Guild

2012 August 25 - 27 in Cedar Rapids, IA

2013 July 24 - 26 in Lexington, KY

www.nationalmasterfarmhomemakersguild.org

National Volunteer Outreach Network

2012 July 17 - 19 Columbia, South Carolina

2013 July 16 - 18 Frankfort, Kentucky

www.nvon.org

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