



Associated Country Women of the World

USA Area President – Jo Almond News sheet #1

The holidays are upon us. I don't know about you but this is a very special time of the year for me. Lots of cooking, eating, laughing, remembering happy and sad times and feeling blessed for all the wonderful blessings we have in our lives. I do hope you are enjoying this time too.

This is my first news letter of the triennium. I have included information and photos of the triennial conference at Warrick University in Coventry, UK. All the delegates, photo inserted, had a wonderful time. They attended workshops, business meetings and socialized with friends from around the world. (For more photos please go to cwcusa.org)



Delegation from USA



Warrick University



Headquarters of SWI, Scotland

Following conference some of the USA delegates had the privilege of visiting the Scottish Women's Institute headquarters. It was a great experience for me and the ladies to visit with the SWI staff, members and officers.

By now, societies and individual members should have received their "The Countrywomen" magazine. The front cover is a delight, if you attended conference; try to find yourself...I found Bob and me. The inside is full of wonderful information and photos. If you know of anyone who attended conference, but is not an individual member or someone who would be interested in knowing more about ACWW, please encourage them to join. They too could have the privilege of receiving our own magazine and knowing more about ACWW.

In the CW, take special note of the final report, page 19 – project 973, "Mongolia Greenhouse Development". This is the 1st Project in Common that the USA Area sponsored as a group. It is so rewarding to know that through our donations we have helped individuals enrich their lives. Don't forget we have selected a 2nd project in common, "Indigenous Rice and Vegetables Cultivation among Marginal Women Farmers". (Project # 1007) Please send donations along

with the form to the CWC Treasurer, you will find the address on the project in common form. If you are unfamiliar with our project, please contact me at acwwusajo@gmail.com or phone 317.432.5706. The total we need to raise to fund this project is \$5,325.00.

Just a reminder, the approved resolutions and recommendations from triennial conference can be found on the ACWW website, acww.org.uk or cwcusa.org. Please take the time to look at these often; we need to keep them in the forefront of our minds. For example, the holidays are here and there is one resolution on fructose, look at it and think about what this particular resolution might have in common with the holidays.

In November, I had the pleasure of attending my first ACWW member society state conference; Maryland Association for Family and Community Education, it was held in Westminster, Maryland. (Photo included) I had a wonderful time. This society had programs on Human Trafficking, Popping Pills/ RX Drug Abuse, Computer Security, Native Americans and much more. My hostess Jeanne Purich was wonderful and all the ladies I met were very warm and friendly. The Maryland FCE President, Libby Wade, welcomed me and invited me to speak on ACWW.



Myself with the Officers of MAFCE



Members of MAFCE

ACWW now has many ways to communicate with members and societies. Look up ACWW on facebook, twitter, and Instagram, use #WeAreACWW. If you prefer not to use these, no worries, you can always communicate through email or phone.

Throughout the next three years I would like visit as many societies as possible. Please send me your state or national conference dates. If it is possible to attend I will be there.

Do not hesitate to contact me at anytime if you have questions.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

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