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The 28th Triennial Conference is now a beautiful memory not soon to be forgotten. There were 640 delegates from 74 countries, which included 42 delegates from USA, who came together to explore ways to improve the quality of life for women worldwide. The two resolutions proposed by CWC USA, Protecting The Supply of Water and Vaccination Against Potentially Eradicable Diseases, both passed unanimously along with the recommendation Illegal Immigrant Border Children. Thank you to Beverly Earnhart, outgoing ACWW Area President, for representing us so well and leading us to work hard and accomplish much in our endeavors to help women worldwide. Congratulations to Jo Ellen Almond for being elected to the ACWW board as the USA ACWW Area President! The theme for the 2016-2019 Triennium is "90 Years of Achievements, Building 90 Years of Opportunity".

Completing their terms on the CWC board are Patty Ann Moorhead and Lylene Scholz. Thank you to both of these ladies for their dedicated service. Welcome to the board Mary Henneck, NMFHG president, and Linda Kaletch, NVON president.

The 2017 CWC USA/ACWW Area Meeting will gather in Huntsville, Alabama, at the Four Points Sheraton on October 2nd - 4th. The members of Alabama Homemakers and Community Leaders are planning tours, speakers, punch bowl reception, Pennies for Friendship silent auction, and break-out sessions. Watch the CWC website in the coming weeks for registration, hotel, and travel information.

Our project in common #1007, Promotion of Indigenous Rice and Vegetables Cultivation Among Marginal Women Farmers and Prevent Their Migration to Towns, is well under way. The project requires \$5,235.00; to date we have collected \$2,262.09. The aim of this project is to promote indigenous rice and vegetable crops through sustainable farm methods among marginalized women of the six villages in Pudukkottai district, Tamil Nadu. Please encourage your members to support this project.

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Watch for upcoming details on ACWW-CWC USA Area Meeting October 2-4, 2017 Huntsville Alabama

Editor Note: for updated information on Project #1007 and pictures.

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ACWW USA AREA PRESIDENT - JO ALMOND



Greetings,

I am very excited about representing you on the ACWW board as the new USA Area President. Holding the office of USA Area President is an honor along with a huge responsibility which I will do to the best of my ability.

I am including some personal information just so you can all get to know me better. I am married to Bob, have 5 grandchildren from 2 married sons. The oldest son lives within 15 minutes from us in Indiana and our youngest son lives in Arizona some 25 hours away. Bob and I live in Indiana in the summer and Florida in the winter. I am always easy to get in contact with, my email is acwwusajo@gmail.com and cell phone number is **317.432.5706**.

Throughout the next 3 years I would like to visit and get to know as many societies and individuals as I can that are members of ACWW and CWC. Please let me know the dates of your state and national meetings so I can put them on my calendar. If it is at all possible to attend your conference or meeting I will be there. (I would love to speak on ACWW if at all possible). This last November, I had the pleasure of attending Maryland Association for Family and Community Education in Westminster, Maryland. It was a delight and their programs were wonderful.

During my 3 year term, I will be sending emails and/or letters with updates of what is going on with ACWW and our USA area. Please feel free to post, email or call at anytime with questions and/or information about your society.

As you know the 28th Triennial Conference was just held August 17-23, 2016 at the University of Warwick. UK. There were, in attendance, more than 600 delegates representing 74 countries around the world. It was an educational and fun filled Triennial. Don't miss our next conference in Melbourne, Australia, April 2019

The USA delegation, over 40 strong, was a great group of individuals. I have included a photo of our delegation. We all looked very patriotic in our Red, White and Blue.



During the conference new officers were elected, a Thanksgiving Service (bringing back the World Chorus), English Cultural Evening, The World Entertains, informational sessions (area reports) and business sessions were attended by all. During sessions, delegates voted on and passed 10 Resolutions and 3 Recommendations. Following I have included the number and topic for each Resolutions and Recommendations. I am suggesting that you explore each topic on your own time. They are quite interesting. You will find details either on cwcusa.org or acww.org.uk websites under triennial conference.



ACWW USA AREA PRESIDENT CON'TD.



- Resolution 1: Constitution:** To approve the ACWW Charity incorporation process
- Resolution 2: Food Sovereignty**
- Resolution 3: Fructose**
- Resolution 4: Sustainable Energy**
- Resolution 5: Shale Gas**
- Resolution 6: Protecting the Supply of Water**
- Resolution 7: Vaccination Against Potentially Eradicable Diseases**
- Resolution 8: Individual Membership for Board & Committee Candidates**
- Resolution 9: Subscriptions**
- Resolution 10: Civil Society and Gender**

Recommendation 1: Illegal Immigrant Border Children

Recommendation 2: Refugees

Recommendation 3: Regulation of the Gold Mining Industry

(Editor note: more details are on page 4 & 5)

I will be happy to answer or find the answer to any questions you may have concerning these topics. You will find my area presidents information at the bottom of this article for your convenience. Again, please do not hesitate to contact me for information or questions.

Have a great day.



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ACWW 2017 -2019 OFFICERS



Triennial Conference was held at Warrick University in Coventry, UK. A new ACWW Executive Board was elected for 2016-2019 at this conference. Following is the Executive board along with the new ACWW USA Area President.

President - Ruth Shanks – Australia

Deputy President - Margaret Yetman – Canada

Secretary - Henrietta Schoeman – South Africa

Treasurer - Heather Brennan – Australia

USA Area President – Jo Ellen Almond – USA



Resolutions and Recommendations



Following is a brief overview of the Resolutions and Recommendations adopted at ACWW's 28th Triennial Conference that was held at the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom, 17-23 August 2016. If you wish to research these further please go to websites CWCUSA.org or ACWW.org.uk or contact Jo Almond, USA Area President

Country Women's Council, USA proposed 2 Resolutions and 1 Recommendation, all of which were passed.

Resolution 1

CONSTITUTION: TO APPROVE THE ACWW CHARITY INCORPORATION PROCESS

The members, having been informed of the incorporation process and consulted on the new constitution, hereby resolve that:

1. Incorporation of the Charity ACWW into a Charitable Incorporated Organization is in the best interests of the Charity and its beneficiaries; and The trustees may use the power under Article IX d. of the ACWW Constitution to take all necessary steps to incorporate the Charity into a Charitable Incorporated Organization, including making minor amendments only to the constitution as the Charity Commission may require and that following the incorporation the trustees may dissolve the present Charity.

Proposer: Ad Hoc Committee on the Constitution (established as a consequence of 27th Triennial Conference Resolution)

Resolution 2

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Be it resolved that the ACWW accept Food Sovereignty as part of ACWW agricultural policy and that the ACWW begin a campaign to bring awareness and understanding of Food Sovereignty to the organization and its members during the next triennium (2016 - 2019).

Proposer: National Farmers Union of Canada (ACWW Membership Number 091021)

Resolution 3

FRUCTOSE

Be it resolved that the ACWW and its member organizations strongly urge their governments to ban food and drink manufacturers from claiming their sweetened products are healthier if they use fructose as sweetener.

Proposer: Koninklijk NVVH Vrouwenetwerk (ACWW Membership Number 091058)

Resolution 4

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

As 2014 opened the UN decade of Sustainable Energy for All, be it resolved that the member societies of ACWW promote and support community energy projects and access to sustainable energy for all.

Proposer: Wiltshire Federation of Women's Institutes (ACWW Membership Number 092505)



Resolutions and Recommendations



Resolution 5

SHALE GAS

Be it resolved that ACWW members request their governments to, before allowing shale gas exploration to commence, gather as much as possible information from more than just the oil and gas companies applying for the fracking licenses.

Proposer: WAU Overvaal (South Africa) (ACWW Membership Number 091206)

Resolution 6

PROTECTING THE SUPPLY OF WATER

Be it resolved that ACWW urges all countries to vigorously protect the supply of potable, farming and industrial water through the best technical information available that will provide sustainability of life.

Proposer: Country Women's Council USA (ACWW Membership Number 093495)

Resolution 7

VACCINATION AGAINST POTENTIALLY ERADICABLE DISEASES

Be it resolved that ACWW societies and members urge their governments and health organizations to continue local vaccination efforts of potentially eradicable diseases in order to work toward area elimination which would then result in global eradication.

Proposer: Country Women's Council USA (ACWW Membership Number 093495)

Resolution 8

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR BOARD & COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

Be it resolved that it is a prerequisite for any candidate seeking office as a member of the Board of ACWW, a committee Chairman or a member of a specified committee, to hold individual membership of ACWW.

Proposer: Rural Women New Zealand (ACWW Member Number 091062)

Resolution 9

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Be it resolved that the membership subscription for Categories I, II, III, IVa and IVb be increased to

Cat I = £105 + handling

Cat II = £64 + handling

Cat III = £53 + handling

Cat IVa = £35 + handling

Cat IVb for 1 year = £25 + handling

Cat IVb for 3 years = £65 + handling

Proposer: Hampshire Federation of Women's Institutes (ACWW Membership Number 091257)



Resolutions and Recommendations



Resolution 10

CIVIL SOCIETY AND GENDER

Be it resolved that member societies of ACWW strongly urge their governments to integrate a gender-perspective in their policies to create an enabling environment for economic and social development especially in rural areas.

Proposer: Vrouwen van Nu, The Netherlands (ACWW Membership Number 091057)

Recommendation 1

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT BORDER CHILDREN

Be it recommended that ACWW member societies urge their governments to develop comprehensive plans to identify and care for illegal immigrant border children as to their safety, health and education.

Proposer: Country Women’s Council, USA (ACWW Membership Number 093495)

Recommendation 2

REFUGEES

ACWW calls for all governments affected by the current refugee crisis impacting Africa, Europe and Asia to afford such compassion, humanity and assistance as is necessary to those refugees who find themselves in this situation.

Proposer: Scottish Women’s Institutes (ACWW Member Number 091084)

Recommendation 3

REGULATION OF THE GOLD MINING INDUSTRY

Be it resolved that ACWW and its member organizations strongly urge their governments to regulate the gold mining industry.

Proposer: Passage, Chirstelijk-Maatschappelijke Vrouwenbeweging, The Netherlands (ACWW Member Number 91186)



Meet Members from around the World as a Letter Friend

Become an ACWW letter friend. Start a correspondence link between your society and one in another Country or set up an exchange program with them. There is an application form to use so that we may match you with someone of similar interests, please add some personal details. These could be about your family, pastimes or ACWW activities. Form is available at www.acww.org.uk website or from Debbie.

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Pre & Post Triennial Tours of London & Scotland



There were 16 fun and adventurous travelers for the London and Scotland tours.

We all arrived safely and stayed in the heart of London at the Grosvenor Hotel. The first day we used the Hop On Hop Off bus system to see London sites and enjoyed a river dinner cruise that evening. Our time in London also included a brief visit to ACWW headquarters, checking out Buckingham Palace, a ride on the London Eye and visits to museums.

Our next stop via motor coach was Oxford where we visited the university and quaint village and spent the night. After a restful night in Oxford our motor coach took us to Warrick University in Coventry where we all attended the 28th ACWW Triennial conference.

The Scotland portion of our tour started with travel to Edinburgh by train. This was a new experience for many of us and very enjoyable. Upon our arrival in Edinburgh our host family coordinator, Margaret MacKay met us and we all traveled to her home for refreshments and to meet our host families. After a lovely two nights with our hostess and many new experiences to share with others we gathered again as a group. Our first stop after we boarded our motor coach was a brief visit to the Scottish WI office where we enjoyed a cup of tea and cookies and visited with staff. Before traveling north in Scotland we toured Edinburgh Castle, had a whiskey experience and spent some time shopping. As we headed north to the Isle of Skye we stopped and searched for the Loch Ness Monster with no luck. After a brief overnight in the village of Isle of Skye we visited the Dunvegan Castle and Gardens as we headed south to Glasgow for our last evening the two groups had. We are already thinking ahead for the 29th triennial conference in Melbourne, Australia. Join us for a fun filled adventure before, after or even both in 2019.

Jo Almond and Linda Gause
Tour Coordinators

Visiting ACWW Offices in London



Scotland
travelers
about to
depart for
train to
Edinburgh



SAYRE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2016

Kathryn Groonboom Oskaloosa, Iowa



Kathryn will be attending Iowa State University pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Animal Science. She plans to return to the farm and work with her Dad's Swine operation. She has always lived on a farm and comes from a large family, including 5 five children born to her parents and six adopted siblings who all have special needs to varying degrees.

Kathryn graduated from Pella Christian High School where she took college composition, chemistry, pre calculus, advanced chemistry, physics, biology 2 and senior English. She also was section leader for the trumpet in band and participated in both the boys and girls team.

Her community activities include Teen Council, 4-H, Angel Tree Camp, Church projects and volunteering at Nelson Pioneer Farm where she demonstrated making butter, bread and drying apples. Her sophomore year she went on a mission trip to Joplin, Missouri to help clean up after tornado damage.

Last year Kathryn was employed as a high school veterinary assistant in a mixed animal veterinary practice. Her employer state, "She has a strong sense of self both spiritually and in her character.

Maria Elisa Banuelos-Cortes Logansport, Indiana



As an English Learner Support Services Coordinator, Elisa plays a critical role in the Logansport Community School Corporation.

She has been in the United States only 16 years and has become extremely proficient in English. She is now 34 years old, married with two children, After working in her position, she has realized that a college degree would open more doors for her to help immigrant families with the many barriers they face. The El Director states that Elisa is a quick learner who is ready to pursue a college degree and is excited to see what she can do with more education behind her.

As busy as she is there is still time to volunteer in her community with the United Way as a board member, a sponsor for the Diversity Club at Logansport High School, (encouraging students to volunteer in the community). She visits at McKinney Place to play bingo with their residents. She also volunteers for the religious educations classes where her children attend.

Elisa will be studying Human Services at Logansport Ivy Tech Campus.

Ruth B. Sayre Scholarships

Annually up to 4 - \$500 scholarships are awarded.

1. Applicant must be a legal resident of USA
2. Live in a state of a CWC member society
3. Demonstrate leadership ability
4. Have financial need
5. Carry a minimum of nine.(9) credit hours.

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SAYRE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2016

Emma M. Wood Seymour Indiana



Emma's immediate goal is to attend Marian University and study Elementary Education with a focus on special education, English language learners (ELL) and participate on the women's tennis team.

She has been very active in school activities at Seymour High School, including Band, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, soccer tennis, 4-H and National Honor Society. "Emma is genuinely self-motivated to be the best she can be and desires to help others be successful" is the way one character reference person described her.

Organizations in her community benefits from her volunteer hours, such as the Library, Headstart, Jackson Co. fair, Salvation Army and many many more.

Emma is the owner/instructor for Tots for Teen Tennis where she plans, organizes, schedules and teaches tennis lessons to students ages 5 to 15. One reference person described her as a phenomenal role model for these young athletes on and off the court.

Her family has encountered 3 family emergencies this past year including the passing of her Grandfather in Scotland, the loss of an Uncle and her own broken collarbone from a sledding accident.

Jamie Mayo Sulphur Oklahoma



Jamie maintains a G.P.A of 3.63 at East Central University in Ada, OK, majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences. She will graduate in 2017.

She has worked during college as a self-employed house cleaner around the Ada Community, after school program, Camp WOW staffer and in the law office of Fob Jones, doing clerical work.

Jamie is a member of both OK'S and National Honor Society and has received numerous scholarships to help fund her education. During the summer of 2015 she participated in an internship at Pearl House in Ghana, Africa where she built a relationship with the people there who provide educations and housing for the young at risk girls in the area. She continues to correspond with them and has organized a drive for supplies for a new facility they are building. Items will be collected for ECU Staff and students as well as OKFCS members at their state conference.

As the FCS Student Association President, Jamie gives of her time and talents to improve the ECUFCS Department

Ruth B. Sayre Scholarships

Application forms, available on CWC website - must be sent through applicant's state society chair or president of an ACWW-CWW affiliated society listed on website www.cwcusa.org. **Due Date is March 1**

Member Societies can be found on the Website and include: **National Master Farm Homemakers Guild, National Volunteer Outreach Network and Affiliated Societies**

Donations to the Sayre Scholarship can be made by sending check to CWC Treasurer listed on website: www.cwcusa.org.

Ruth B. Sayre Winner 2010-2011 Revisited



In 2010-2011 your organization awarded a scholarship to Aubrey McElmeel-Balkman (née McElmeel). Thanks to the hand-up in helping her to pay tuition/books for her early undergraduate years she completed her B.A. cum laude; and just this October 2016 she completed a graduate degree with a 3.98 gpa. Through these last few years she has been a married student, raising a toddler son (just turned 4 years old), and has continuously worked full-time in the insurance brokerage field, and now works as a human resources specialist in the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Community Schools.

As her grandmother I am very proud of her - and pleased that she has made good use of the help. Thank you for being part of her emerging success.

Sharron McElmeel

CWC Member Society Success Stories

Ovarian Cancer Screening and Research Project

In 1976, Mrs. Virginia Mc Candless, Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association (KEHA) health chairman was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. While seeking treatment at the University of Kentucky (UK) Medical Center, she wanted to help other women as well. Working with the UK Medical Center and Dr. John Van Nagell, she assisted in establishing the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. In 1978, KEHA made their first donation. The organization voted to continue raising funds for the project.

**Kentucky EHA
Ovarian Cancer Screening
Project**

In over 90% of the Kentucky counties, KEHA members donate at least \$1 per member. Several counties donate \$1,000 or more each year. Due in part to KEHA's efforts, any woman who is a resident of Kentucky, fifty years or older and has at least one ovary may participate in a yearly free screening program.

In 2009, KEHA reached the milestone of donating over one million dollars to the project. The 2009 state meeting included a special tribute to Mrs. Mc Candless, who lost her battle with ovarian cancer in 1981. By the summer of 2016, a total of \$1,354,039.63 has been raised. The program has provided free screenings for over 50,000 Kentucky women, detected over 600 ovarian tumors and 103 ovarian cancers in women who had no symptoms.

KEHA members proudly support this educational project that is having a positive impact on the health of women across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



Submitted By,
Michelle Lawson, State Chairman
Food, Nutrition and Health



NVON Water Filter Project

As reported by Lylene Scholz Past President of NVON to members in November 2016

I just want to update all of you concerning the NVON Water Around the World project. If you recall when we were in England, the DMI Sisters, namely Sister Viji and Sister Seeli told us about the problems with the need for safe, clean water they were having in Africa. I told them we might be able to help. When we got home, I began working with Lou Haverman, Sister Viji, and Pat Breznay to see if we could maybe help them out. Lou and Sister Viji figured out a system that would work for them, and it was going to cost a total of \$1,161 for the filters and shipping. At the time NVON had a deficit in the project money, so we began working. Wisconsin raised \$1200 for that project at their conference in September which paid up the deficit and put them over \$400 to the good. Now South Carolina has just sent another \$2000 which gives us the money to fund this system. Pat has begun the work with Lou to get this done. Since DMI is an ACWW sister society, and some of you were aware of this being talked about, I wanted all of you to know that we have been working and our goal of getting it done by the end of the year has been reached.

Water Around the World - NVON Project in Common Details: 2013-2016

Donations through NVON: \$96,500.00

Donations through NVON States: \$23,500.

Water filters purchased 2017 @\$60 each

People reached: 16,100 (8 people per filter/family)

Countries receiving filters: Haiti, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Northern Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Thailand & Zimbabwe

North Carolina Extension and Community Association

Randolph County

Randolph ECA held a bear workshop in 2016 to make Beary Pals for Randolph Hospital. 25 bears were sent to the hospital to be distributed to both pediatric in patients and out patients. They are also made available to young children who become quite restless due to long waits in the emergency room area when accompanying a sick relative who is being treated. They have proven to be most comforting to the children, families, and nurses in this situation. We Finished an additional 24 more bears and 25 more which are near completion. These are products of the day long workshop and will be held for a later delivery.



Pictured with finished bears, is Rebecca Gray, Chair of Randolph County's Cultural Arts.

Linda Kaletch - NVON President

I was born and raised in West Kentucky and have lived here for years, graduated from Heath High School and attended Paducah Community College and Murray State University(for a short while). We have one son and one granddaughter. In June of this year we will celebrate 48 years married. We live in the farming community of Gage, in Ballard County, ten miles from where the Ohio River meets the Mississippi River.

I've been involved with Cooperative Extension for a little more than 40 years as an adult and 4 years in 4-H as a youth. I currently serve as President of the Grahamville Homemakers Club and Safety/Management Educational Chairman for our County Homemaker Council. I have been County President, Secretary and International Chairman. I served as an Area Vice President, State Environment/Housing Educational Chairman, State 1st Vice President for Program and State President. I also set on the CWC Board as President of National Volunteer Outreach Network.

Triennial Pictorial



World President Ruth Shanks leading plenary

Tour day:



Sarehole Grist mill built in 1768

Beverly passing badge to new USA Area President - Jo Almond



Visit to Aston Hall - England



Lunch with Members of Meridan Women's Institute



Meeting with old friends - Hilda Stewart Past ACWW World President from Ireland and Beverly Earnhart USA



ACWW World Chorus
Nearly 50 participants



Triennial Pre & Post Conference Notes

The ACWW Pre conference USA Area meeting was called to order by Area President Beverly Earnhart. The two candidates who were running for USA Area President, Pat Weitzman from Illinois and Jo Almond, from Indiana were introduced and given time to talk to the delegates. Voting procedures and Resolutions & Recommendations were discussed. The policy for wearing red, white & blue during the plenaries was given. Location of venues and questions answered.

Post Area Conference USA Area Meeting: 33 little dresses were given to USA Area by the Women's Institutes to distribute as they had need for. They were divided between the societies and taken home or donated to the attendees from India to take back for their orphanages.



New Area president, Jo Almond, was introduced and a list of her duties read to her and the attendees. Duties to include:

- *Travel to societies as invited to speak about ACWW.
- *Turn in Expenses to CWC Chair for reimbursement.
- *Allotment \$1000 available each year. Societies are asked to take care of president expenses during visit to them.
- *Keep in touch with ACWW staff - updating the membership listing and reminders about ACWW dues to USA members when received from Central Office.
- *Write newsletters for ACWW website. .
- *Write invitation to World President and ACWW board to attend USA area meetings.
- *Conduct the USA Area meeting portion of CWC meeting working with CWC Chair to prepare the meeting agenda and program.
- *Correspond with society presidents via email and mail on a regular basis or when ACWW has new information to be passed along.
- *Write message for CWC News sheet twice a year

World President Ruth Shanks stopped by and offered her thanks to all who attended the conference and to invite us to the 2019 Triennial in Melbourne Australia. Date is April 4-10, 2019

The newest CWC Project was discussed and details given to attendees; #1007 Promotion of Indigenous Rice and Vegetables Cultivation among Marginal Women Farmers and Prevent their Migration to Towns.

The next CWC meeting October 2-4 2017 will be in Huntsville, Alabama.

Hosted by: Alabama Homemakers & Community Leaders.

From Beverly:

Thank you for the opportunity to have served as your Area President the past 6 years. It has been an awesome experience for travel and meeting new people all over the world. You are the ones who made it happen with your votes. I will be forever grateful to all of you.

I also need to thank Gary for his support during the past 6 + years and more while volunteering with the Extension Homemaker program. *Beverly Earnhart ACWW USA Area President 2010 -2016*

Jo Almond took over and after deciding that the same USA "uniform" would be worn in Australia the meeting was adjourned.

USA Delegation visits Scotland Women's Institute

The USA delegation followed their triennial experience with a wonderful visit and tea with the SWI officers and staff on August 26, 2016. This visit was preceded with 2 night stays hosted by individuals associated with SWI.

Included in Photo, back row left to right: Cricket Brown, Stephanie Jerabek, Cathy Cook, Javonna Earson, Beverly Earnhart, Pat Breznay, Toni Murray, Pam Hanfland, (Seated left to right) Jo Almond, ACWW/USA Area President, Christine Hutton, SWI National Chairman, Ruth Shanks, ACWW World President



Washington State Home & Community Educators

Washington State is a small group consisting of 100 plus members throughout the state, but they are very busy.

They give four - \$1000.00 scholarships on the state level and help with the Islam Family Foundation and six scholarships for different amounts on the county level.

Internationally they participated in "ACWW Women Walk the World", "ACWW Tea Party" and "ACWW Water for All Project". Sent Monies to Mongolia Greenhouse Project and Pennies for Friendship".

Locally they support Food banks, clothing banks and homeless shelters. Their service projects include educational projects at county fairs and manning the rest areas serving coffee and cookies to travelers. They also contribute books to the "Little Library" project and the "Reading Tree" project.

They also make lap blankets for nursing homes, cozies for VA Hospitals, quilts for homeless and foster children, placemats for nursing homes, crochet hats for cancer patients and wheel chair bags.

Marie Henifin states in her report, "It is amazing how many people are helped by volunteers, but volunteers receive so much more in return".



ACWW News



Please Note: 2016-2019 Triennium Membership dues have increased.

Dues: Associated Country Women of the World have increased dues effective January 1, 2017.

The membership form is on the following page with the new figures. You may go online to www.acww.org.uk to renew with a credit card. The site is a locked secure site. All dues are payable by January 1, of each year.

Women Walk the World is again going to be held on April 29th. Make plans now to hold an event and send pictures of your event to the Country Woman. You may see yourself on the front cover.



Associated Country Women of the World

ACWW CONNECTS AND SUPPORTS WOMEN AND COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE

APPLICATION / RENEWAL OF INDIVIDUAL (Category IVb) MEMBERSHIP IN ACWW

- An individual interested in the work and activities of ACWW
- She may attend Triennial Conferences, Council and Area Conferences, space permitting.
- She does not have a vote, but may speak with the permission of the Chairman.

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS:

Mrs/Miss/Ms Surname: First Name:

Address:

Postal / Zip Code: Country:

Telephone: Email:

ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER OR RENEWAL Membership Application Date:

Individual Membership Fees:

(Renewable from 1st January of each calendar year, please refer to your Individual Membership Card)

1 year membership	£25.00	\$34.00 US	Includes a copy of The Countrywoman magazine each quarter, and an Annual Report
3 years' membership	£65.00	\$85.00 US	

If paying by cheque (which should be made payable to ACWW), please send your fee and application form to: ACWW, Mary Sumner House, 24 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3RB

To pay by Credit or Debit card, please complete the following:

Credit / Debit card number: Start Date:

Expiry Date: Verification Number:

Please note: There is a 3.8% charge levied by the bank for payment by Credit Cards, and 0.99 pence for payment by Visa Debit card. Your card details will be deleted immediately after payment has been taken.

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ACWW Project #1007 India



Country Women's Council USA had such success in funding the Mongolian Greenhouse ACWW Project 0973 that the board believes it would be wise to continue with another project at this time and not wait until the annual meeting 2017. There is \$1,032.00 in the project fund to get us started. We have chosen Project 1007, *Promotion of Indigenous Rice and Vegetables Cultivation among Marginal Women Farmers and Prevent their Migration to Towns*. Below is an update of the project; please share this information at your meetings and in your newsletters.

All donations should be earmarked Project #1007

Send to: CWC Treasurer Jo Almond, 11753 N Shelby 700 W, New Palestine, IN 46163.

COUNTRY: India

SOCIETY: Success Trust

PROJECT NO: #1007

MONITORING REPORT SUMMARY

India – Success Trust - Promotion of indigenous rice and vegetables cultivation among marginal women farmers and prevent their migration to towns – No. 1007

ACWW Resource Person Elizabeth Swamy visited this project and reports that this organisation uses rented offices and has rooms for activities such as training in computers, agricultural practices and others. The Trust has received help from other agencies such as Water for Humanity, USA, to dig bore wells, and Share the Global Resources – Quakers USA, in the past.

Elizabeth found that the 40 women beneficiaries had been given motivational training regarding the project; they had then been given training in the preparation of natural manure and pesticides. They had started to prepare these, using earthworms, storage drums and other materials.

Indigenous varieties of rice seed and vegetable seeds had been distributed and the beneficiaries were preparing the fields to sow the seeds. It had been raining for a week at the time of Elizabeth’s visit, so the conditions were appropriate for sowing, whereas for the past two years there had been no proper rains.

Elizabeth interviewed some of the women (self-help group leaders and members), and found that they appreciated the training they had been given and were looking forward to a successful harvest and an improved diet.

The trainers and monitors are experienced agriculturists who are interested in reviving traditional methods of farming, which are sustainable and use organic methods. Elizabeth discussed the project activities with them and was told that the indigenous varieties of rice are more nutritious than some new ones, and that the farming methods being taught should enable the Trust to establish a ‘seed-bank’ for different crops.

Elizabeth reports that other farmers in the area had expressed interest in taking up this type of organic farming, so the project appears to be having considerable impact in the area. She believes that a further monitoring visit to view the fields at harvest-time would be beneficial, and she recommends Success Trust for further funding.



Society: Success Trust - Location: India

Donations to date: \$ 2,262.09

Original Project Monies Needed: \$ 5,235.00

Difference: \$ 2,972.91



India - Indigenous rice and vegetables cultivation among marginal women farmers - #1007



Success Trust reports that it has carried out many of the training activities outlined in its application, for the benefit of 40 women farmers.

The beneficiaries were initially given a two-day 'internalization' training in order to raise their awareness of the importance of the project and to motivate them. They were then trained in soil and water conservation methods, and organic farming methods, including land preparation activities such as tree planting and mulching.

Seeds of different rice varieties, as well as the following vegetables have been distributed to the beneficiaries: aubergine (eggplant), chilli, lady's finger, cluster bean, gourd, tomato. Of the 40 women, 20 had sown their seeds as they had access to water from wells, while the remaining 20 were waiting for the seasonal rains to come, at which point they would sow their seeds.

They were also given containers to help them produce herbal pesticides and crop tonics; also earthworms to produce vermi-compost.

The women are now all producing compost, pesticides and crop tonics and using these to help grow their crops. They have also received 12 days of training at the farmer field school, one day per week, during which they have learned to deal with many of the day-to-day problems and challenges which are encountered during cultivation.

The Trust has held monthly reviews with its project staff and internal evaluation meetings with the beneficiaries, in order to track the progress of the project.

This project has been monitored by ACWW Resource Person, Elizabeth Swamy (seen below with two beneficiaries). She reports: 'Many farmers in the area have become interested in these indigenous, organic farming methods as a result of the project, and are ready to take up this type of food grain farming.'



Elizabeth Swamy
Project monitor, (center),
with two beneficiaries.



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Please check website for details of upcoming ACWW/CWC Area meeting October 2-4 in Huntsville, AL.

Country Womens Council Handbooks are printed every three years. There will be a new handbook at the conference in the fall this year. If your society noticed any changes to your name that needed to be made please let me know as soon as possible. I have been making changes as they were given to me over the past three years so hopefully they will be correct in this latest issue.

When printed the Handbook will be distributed (2) per society. Additional Handbooks will be available for purchase by members for a nominal fee when we find out what the printer costs will be. *CWC Editor*

DATES TO REMEMBER

CWC USA Area Meeting
October 2 - 4 2017
Huntsville, Alabama

National Volunteer Outreach Network, Inc.
July 17 - 21, 2017
Sheraton Raleigh Hotel, Downtown
Raleigh, North Carolina

National Master Farm Homemakers Guild
July 23-28, 2017
Embassy Suites by Hilton Lexington
Lexington, KY

Associated Country Women of World
29th Triennial World Conference
April 4 - 10 2019
Melbourne Convention Center
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Oklahoma HCE Transports Students to School

After completing an Extension trip to Puebla, Mexico, a number of educators took the initiative to explore the creation of a transportation assistance program for children in this migrant community. Oklahoma Home and Community Education (OHCE) was approached to be a part of the project.

The goal is to financially assist students living in the village La Preciosita, Mexico, with transportation costs so they can attend high school and avoid having to immigrate to the USA looking for employment. La Preciosita means "the precious one" in Spanish.

With the 2016-2017 school year about to begin there were seven high school ready children needing financial assistance with transportation. For each student the cost is \$1.80 US dollars per day or \$9.00 per week per child for a round trip 30 to 40 minute bus ride. Cost to provide for the seven children was \$2,646.00 for one year; \$7,938.00 for all three years of high school. Generous donations from the OHCE Board members were matched by an OHCE family and fees for one year have been donated for all seven children. (\$378.00 US dollars is the cost for one child to attend high school for 42 weeks each year.) The OHCE board has recommended that the project be adopted by the members.

**High School student
Transportation to Schools
in Mexico**

Arrangements have been made to have the funds transferred via OSU to UPAEP University in Puebla. With a representative to make the disbursement for transportations costs to La Preciosita, and ensuring the funds are used for buying bus tickets only. A criterion for selecting the eligible students has been established based on grades and attendance. Each semester or each year, La Preciosita will report back to UPAEP and OSU on the number of children that successfully attended school because of this assistance.

This Could be Your Success Story to Share.....

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Think about contributing your society's success story for the next News Sheet coming in May/June.

"Conference issue"

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