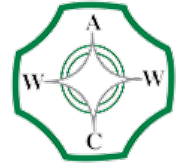




# 2017 CWC/USA AREA MEETING SPEAKERS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND TOURS October 2, 3, & 4 2017



## TOURS

### Monday, October 2, Day Tour \$75.00

9am to 4pm

Everything included

Please pick one when you send in your registration:

1. Huntsville Botanical Garden
2. Space and Rocket Center

### Our day starts with a Driving Tour

Join us as we travel 200 years into the past, into the Twickenham Historic District, a collection of antebellum homes that witnessed the Trail of Tears, numerous wars, as well as America's race to space. You will recognize, from your history books, many of the names who walked these streets long ago, including several presidents, a famous movie actress, and heroes and renegades of the Civil War. There will be special places to see along the way.



After a bathroom break, we will visit the popular **Harrison Brothers Hardware Store** – part museum, part gift shop. Elements of the original hardware store are still evident among the many practical items, gifts, and fun souvenirs.

After lunch, you will have the option of a visit to the **Huntsville Botanical Gardens**, ready for Halloween with whimsical scarecrows, beautiful fall foliage and a butterfly house.





You may wish, instead, to visit the **Space and Rocket Center**, a collection of items representing our role in America's space program. Walk under a suspended Saturn V Rocket, and learn about Wernher von Braun and the Paperclip Scientists.

If it rains everyone will be going to the Space and Rocket Center. We are hoping for a beautiful day.

## **Tuesday, October 3, Spouse/Guest Tour** **9 am – 2 pm \$40**



Our day will begin by visiting the US Veterans Memorial Museum. The Veterans Memorial Museum displays more than 30 historical military vehicles from World War I to the present, as well as tableaus, artifacts, and other memorabilia dating back to the Revolutionary War.

We will lunch at Big Spring Café, with an afternoon tour of Burritt on the Mountain. Burritt on the Mountain is an open-air museum in Huntsville, Alabama. The museum grounds on Round Top Mountain, a plateau connected to Monte Sano Mountain, were the estate of local physician William Burritt, who willed his house and land to the city for use as a museum upon his death in 1955. A number of 19th-century rural structures have been added to Burritt's mansion, both in the interest of historical preservation and life re-enactment.





## **SPEAKERS**

### **ACWW World President - Mrs. Ruth Shanks AM, Australia**

We are so excited to welcome Associated Country Women of the World President, Mrs. Ruth Shanks to Huntsville, Alabama and the USA ACWW Area meeting.

Mrs. Shanks was re-elected to the position of Associated Country Women of the World President in 2016 at the 28th Triennial Conference at the University of Warwick in Coventry, England. She was Area President for the South Pacific from 2007 to 2013 and from 1995-2001 was an assistant to the Area President in that region. She has been an ACWW individual member for 26 years. Mrs. Shanks has been a member of the Country Women's Association of New South Wales for 48 years, and has served at both state and local levels. She is a retired registered nurse and was the Office manager for a Specialist Medical Practice. Ruth and husband Greg live in Dubbo, New South Wales, Australia, a city of approx. 45,000 people. They have three adult children and nine grandchildren.

She personally sends her greetings to all members with an invitation to come to the ACWW/CWC USA Area meeting in Huntsville.

### **Dr. Rudy Pacumloaba**



Ph.D. in Plant Science with an emphasis on Horticulture from A&M University (2002)

M.S. in Plant Science from A&M University (1994)

B.S. in Microbiology from UAH (1990)

Rudy is an Extension specialist in Horticulture. In 1990 he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from the University of Alabama at Huntsville. In 1994 he earned a Master of Science in Plant Science from Alabama A&M. In 2002 he earned his Ph.D. in Plant Science with an emphasis on Horticulture from A&M. He has been a guest lecturer for more than 10 years with the Tri-County Master Gardener Program.

### **Alex Tigie**



Alex Tigie Regional Extension Agent ACES-AFNR-Field Program Areas: Animal Science and Forages graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelors Degree in Animal Science in 2011. Then continued at Auburn and earned a Master's Degree in Meat Science and Food Safety, specifically studying ground beef and factors that affect consumer acceptance and perception. After graduation work in the poultry processing industry for Pilgrim's Pride then Wayne Farms from 2013 until starting work for Extension in October of 2014. While working for Alabama Cooperative Extension Alex has been a Regional Extension Agent in Animal Science and Forages, helping livestock producers across Alabama implement science-based production practices to make their operations more profitable and sustainable. As a part of the Auburn University system, working for Extension Alex has continued his education and is now pursuing a PhD. In Meat Science at Auburn University with an expected completion date of Fall 2019. Alex grew up on a beef cattle farm in Northeast Alabama, and truly enjoys educating people about Agriculture and how hard our farmers work to provide for our nation.

## **Kelly East, Genetics Counselor**

Kelly East, a Genetic Counselor at HudsonAlpha

Under the leadership of Richard Myers, PhD, HudsonAlpha connects these four endeavors into a single enterprise, making it one of the most unique areas for genomic discovery in the country. HudsonAlpha has generated major discoveries that impact disease diagnosis and treatment, created intellectual property, fostered biotechnology companies and expanded the number of biosciences-literate people, many of whom will take their place among the future life sciences workforce. Additionally, HudsonAlpha has created one of the world's first end-to-end genomic medicine programs to diagnose rare disease. Genomic research, educational outreach, clinical genomics and economic development: each of these mission areas advances the quality of life. Together, they are powerfully synergistic and represent the science of progress at HudsonAlpha.

Hudson-alpha Institute for Biotechnology is a Science And Technology Research Institute in Huntsville, Alabama. In 2005, it received its exempt organization status from the IRS and now brings in \$42.6M in annual income, primarily through asset sales. With \$111M in assets, the organization is one of the largest of its kind in the United States.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

### **Zion Bluegrass District**



Zion Bluegrass District ZBD members are Amy Milar and Sandy Slocumb (Vocals), Doyle Bradley (guitar), Wendy Corron (fiddle), Jerry Rand (Bass) and Chuck Woodward (mandolin). The band formed in 2015 as a mix of gospel and secular music.

### **Bruce Walker - Story Teller**



Bruce Walker takes the family story narrative to a whole new level telling stories about a place called "Walker's Bend"; where life is simpler but not simple-minded. He performs in a wide variety of venues: festivals, churches, civic organizations, business groups and coffeehouses to name a few. Drawing from his experiences as a minister, pilot and business owner; he tells original stories that will make you laugh, think and cry.