



## Associated Country Women of the World USA Area Newsletter



The ACWW/USA Area Meeting held in Huntsville, Alabama was a huge success. Society leaders and ACWW individual members came away with new ideas, updates of ACWW international activities, New Campaigns and enthusiasm. The following paragraphs will explain and highlight what was accomplished at this meeting.

After much discussion on the projects presented, Country Women's Council, USA, selected three possible projects. ACWW Projects secretary, Juliet Childs, was contacted for conformation on the proposed projects and the first choice selection, **"Enhancement of Nutritional Health Security through Home Gardens for Dalit Women #1023"** was granted for CWC sponsorship. The amount CWC societies need to raise is \$4,475.00. General information on the project can be found on [cwcusa.org](http://cwcusa.org) website.

I also talked about the **Projects Anniversary Appeal**. The projects committee is wanting to raise £150,000 to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Projects Committee, if an individual, group or society would like to do a onetime donation please do. If you chose to donate, please make a note on your check so that it will be added to the Appeal fund. Let's help the projects committee reach their goal.

As you may all recall, the CWC societies put forth two resolutions and one recommendation at the last triennial in Wales with all being approved. It was discussed and decided to work on topics for the triennial in Melbourne, Australia. Linda Gause will be chairing this committee along with Annette Lanham (Florida) and Jane Chapman (Illinois) as committee members. Three topics were selected for research. These will be submitted to the resolutions and recommendations committee in London for review. If selected they will be presented at the triennial conference in 2019. If you have any suggestions for research please contact Linda Gause. Her email address is [lindag0607@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindag0607@sbcglobal.net)

**ZERO HUNGER** is my chosen Campaign for this triennium. At the Area Meeting, those in attendance received a small water bottle with a logo on it and a cloth pocket to fill with funds. Attached to the bottle was a poem that stated "Check your pockets every day for any dimes if you may. To help bring hunger to an end, Fill this little bottle to the Brim". These are to be used as examples to promote and support this campaign.

### **Zero Hunger Campaign**

Items needed:

Small Water Bottle

Logo strips (found on website)

Poem (found on website)

Collect dimes or small coins that can be inserting into bottle.

This fundraiser is very simple but can help so many.



## Zero Hunger

Z – Zoo’s feed their animals, why can’t we feed our people  
E – Everyone is needed to solve world hunger  
R – Raising money through DIMES and DOLLARS will greatly Assist feeding the hungry  
O – Optimism that world hunger can be conquered

H – Hunger pains are for no one  
U – Understand what the less fortunate need..... FOOD  
N – No child should go to bed hungry  
G – Great ACWW Members want no one to go hungry  
E – Everyone deserves to eat, not starve  
R – Remember how fortunate we all are not to experience HUNGER or Famine



Check your pockets every day for any dimes if you may

To help bring hunger to an end

Fill this little bottle to the Brim”

The proceeds from this campaign will be split between a United States hunger program and ACWW. Let’s see what kind of a dent we can put into eliminating hunger throughout the world. (The poem, logo’s and pocket directions for ZERO HUNGER can be found on the CWC website, [cwcusa.org](http://cwcusa.org).) If you have any questions about this campaign please contact me at [acwwusajo.com](http://acwwusajo.com). Funds should be sent to the CWC Treasurer.

The Peace Gardens were reintroduced to the members and societies. This is a joint venture between the USA and Canada, please visit the website and find out more information on how you and/or your society can support this venture. ([www.peacegardens.com](http://www.peacegardens.com))



At the area meeting we were very privileged to have a number of special dignitaries join us. These included Ruth Shanks, ACWW World President (Australia), Margaret Yetman, Deputy President (Canada), Kerry Maw-Smith, United Nations Committee Chair(New Zealand) Sheila Needham, (Canada) Canada Area President and

**Linda Hoy**, (Canada) President Federated Women's Institute of Canada. All spoke in their respected areas with great enthusiasm. Ruth brought highlights of ACWW, Margaret did an exercise concerning agriculture, Kerry talked about the United Nations committee and what is going on at the United Nations in New York and around the world, Sheila and Linda brought greetings from Canada and Ontario. I and all the members really appreciated their support and sharing of ACWW information.

**Important Information**

**ACWW's office has moved !!!!!**

All mailed correspondence should be sent to the **NEW** address:  
**The phone, website and email have stayed the same.**

**ACWW,  
A04 Parkhall  
40 Martell Road London,  
SE21 8EN,  
United Kingdom**

**Please make a note of the change**



**29<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Conference  
April 4-10, 2019  
Melbourne, Australia**

Start saving, this should be a great conference and you don't want to miss it.  
Keep checking the ACWW website for further information and updates. [www.acww.org.uk](http://www.acww.org.uk)  
There is a short power point presentation on Australia and Triennial on the CWC website [cwcusa.org](http://cwcusa.org)

Societies and locations I have had the pleasure of visiting and speaking about ACWW throughout the 2017 year:



- National Volunteer Outreach Network - Raleigh, North Carolina
- Indiana Extension Homemakers Association, State Conference – Indianapolis, IN
- National Association Family & Community Education - Omaha, Nebraska
- Illinois Association for Home & Community Education - Peoria, IL
- Missouri Assoc. for Family & Community Education, State Conference – Columbus, Mo
- County Women's Council, USA - Huntsville, AL.
- Mississippi Family & Community Education, State Conference - Louisville, MS
- Howard County Achievement Night – Kokomo, IN

ACWW Canada Area Meeting – Pembroke, Ontario

Thank you to all the societies that hosted me, it was a pleasure to visit and meet the grass roots members of this great organization. I did have a couple societies that had invited me but because of family matters I was unable to attend their meetings. **Please let me know if your society wishes for me to attend and/or present at a function you are having, I will do my best to attend.**

If you recall at the **2016 Triennial World Conference** in Wales, the ACWW revised **Constitution** was voted on and passed. The staff has been working very diligently to accommodate our constitution with the Charity Laws in England. We have been officially approved !!!!!

We are now a **Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO)**, our **Charity Registration Number is 1174798**

I wish to thank all the special guest that traveled a great distance to attend and speak at the October USA Area Meeting. I appreciate the support ACWW and the USA individual and society members give me as I continue this great adventure as your Area President.

Thank You,

Jo Almond  
Area President  
ACWW/USA



**Photos of 2017**





Louisville, Mississippi FCE

ACWW USA Area Meeting

Columbia, Missouri FCE



Peoria - Illinois



Omaha, Nabraska – National FCE



Indianapolis, Indiana



Raleigh, North Carolina – NVON



ACWW Canada Area Meeting