



ACWW USA AREA PRESIDENT - JO ALMOND

I have just returned from the board meeting in London and the United Nations CSW62 in New York.

At the CWC meeting last year, I mentioned the Global Survey ACWW was launching in 2018 at CSW62. While I was in attendance of the United Nations CSW62 in New York, ACWW's World President, Ruth Shanks, and Media Specialist, Nick Newland, presented the facts on why we developed the survey and introduced the website. In the World Presidents speech, she spoke on how the Global Survey addresses the living conditions of rural women and how ACWW is working to

raise the voices of these women everywhere. ACWW wants to ensure that all communities have a voice on the global stage. There were many NGO's from all parts of the world in attendance. Each NGO leader was excited and willing to be part of this worldwide survey.

Now we must do our part and participate in this survey. Information and instructions can be found on ACWW's website (acww.org.uk) and www.ifrw.org.uk. The survey will take around 15-20 minutes. ACWW is calling this a base line survey. It is felt that this is a good starting point for a more in-

depth survey in the future. Encourage all your members, friends, and families to raise the voices of women worldwide and participate in this global research survey. Use [@ruralwomenforum](https://twitter.com/ruralwomenforum) to tweet it out.

How is your **"ZERO HUNGER"** campaign going? Don't forget to send your donations to the CWC Treasurer. I have already received notices from a couple societies that have raised wonderful amounts. As I mentioned at our 2017 October meeting, ½ of the funds raised will be donated to ACWW and the other ½ will remain in the states and sent to

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bottles or poem, please look at CWC's website or on *page 8 and 11* of this News Sheet.

As always, you can contact me, by email, post or phone and I will be happy to give you the information.

The 29th Triennial World Conference in Melbourne, Australia is fast approaching. (April 4-10, 2019). There will be more detailed information in the upcoming Country Women Magazine. Here's a bit of information ahead of time.....The special project "*tissue holder*". (The size you put in your purse). It is to be quilted any media. I have attached an example, to get you inspired.

Remember the theme is: "90 Years of Achieve-

ment. Building 90 years of Opportunity"

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Society Presidents should have received a copy of **Circular 3**, this Circular is requesting **Triennial Reports** from Member Societies. These reports need to be received at Central Office by August 1, 2018. Please follow instructions listed on the circular. If you have questions contact myself or Linda Gause, CWC Chair.

ACWW has suggested each area within ACWW have a **postal vote** to elect **only** the **Area President** this triennium. (There was a discussion and all 9 ACWW areas of the world agreed to have postal voting.) What this means is, each

paid in full ACWW society in the USA, will have a chance to elect the Area President. AS you know, not all societies are able to financially send a representative to the World Conference, so in doing a postal vote, each would have a voice and enable each society within the USA, the opportunity to vote for this particular position. All other positions within ACWW will be voted on and elected at the Triennial World Conference. (ex: World President, Deputy World President, etc.) Information and instructions on how the postal vote will be handled will follow in due time.

Remember if you would like for me to visit your society please let me know. If at all possible I will be there.



Above is a sample of quilt tissue holder. Be creative Show us what you can do.

ACWW USA Area Summit

ACWW USA Area Summit

June 24-26

Watch your mail for more information from the Area President,



Jo Almond

For all ACWW USA Society members will be held in Indianapolis, IN

The Crown Plaza at the Indianapolis Airport



Dalit women harvesting crops.

**ACWW Projects
Newsletter 2018 is
available at
www.acww.org.uk**

ACWW Project #1023 Update

Deepam Trust reports that 250 Dalit women and their families are benefiting from improved regular access to adequate food and better nutritional health through the small scale cultivation of a wide variety of organic crops. Five two-day training sessions were organized and the group reports that a total of 250 women attended them. Furthermore, all these women received seed kits and planted the seeds in their own garden.

As a result of 300 meetings at village level in 25 Villages in Thanjavur district, the targeted women gained knowledge of food safety awareness,

basic health, sustainable cooking methods, organic home garden preparation, and reducing malnutrition. All of them were also encouraged to obtain vitamin A drops and deworming tablets for their children from government departments.

The project team dealt with difficulties encountered such as a lack of water in hand pumps and they advised the beneficiaries to use waste water. Six women were discouraged from attending the training by their drug addict husbands. The Trust 'offered counselling and the women then did attend.

Deepam Trust evalu-

ates the project implementation process with weekly and monthly meetings, as well as through direct discussions with project beneficiaries.

In the last stage of the project all 250 women will continue their food security training and no complications are expected to arise. The team is planning to guide and advise the beneficiaries on organic pest management and the use of manure, water harvesting and conservation, and seed collection in order to cultivate vegetables the following season.

Hazel Armstrong is monitoring this project.

Zero Hunger Challenge

Zero Hunger is the USA Area President's chosen campaign this triennium.

These bottles were handed out at CWC/ACWW conference in Huntsville last October.

A supply list is available on the website along with logo strips and poem.

www.cwcusa.org

The proceeds from this campaign will be split between a United States hunger program and ACWW.

If you have questions please contact

Jo Almond at:

acwwusajo.com.

Funds are to be sent to:

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Searsboro, IA 50242

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ACWW WOMEN WALK THE WORLD



Every year in April, ladies from all over the globe come together for a very special event - Women Walk the World. This encourages everyone to get out and spread the word of ACWW's good work, walking in your local area with flyers and information and, of course it, provides a fantastic social activity too. Children, dogs and

even husbands can be included! Get your walk sponsored, and don't forget to take photos. Each year we pick the best photo from Women Walk the World and it features on the front cover of the July issue of our quarterly magazine, The Countrywoman.

This year we are issuing a special challenge - how

far can your group walk? Count the number of steps (why not use one of our Pedometers?), multiply it by the number of people in your group and let us know!

Download a full size copy of the form at left, for sending in your story for The Country Woman magazine.

It is available online

Want to get to know new friends around the world? Apply for a Friendship link today.



I was fortunate to speak to attendees at the CWC USA Business Meeting in Huntsville, Alabama in October, 2017 about the Associated Country Women of the World Friendship Links Program. Within six months of that meeting I received 15 applications for a 'Pen Friend'. I am always glad to get the applications and would like to receive more.

The other ACWW Links Coordinators in the world and myself take care to make the best match we can to interests, age preferences, country preferences, and so on. Once the Link is made we are still available if communication

gets interrupted or bogged down, an address forgotten, or whatever.

Thank you wholeheartedly to the CWC affiliated societies that have made the ACWW Friendship Links program known to their members within the last nine months.

Some members have busy lives with volunteer, family and personal time commitments. The beauty of pen friend correspondence is that it can be as frequent as the participants like. It also can be a pleasant diversion to a busy, sometimes frustrating life. Whether you have a busy life or not, are a letter writer or prefer

electronic communication all that can be accommodated. There's a place for you in the Friendship Links program.

To begin the process to find a 'pen friend' just complete an ACWW Friendship Links Application. Send the completed application to me at the address on the application. You can also contact me at

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Countries of the 9 Areas of ACWW

The Caribbean, Central and South America

Area covers a large area rich in many languages and vibrant cultures: Chile, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago

USA: Made up of 50 States and stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, the United States of America Area is one of two ACWW Areas to be made up of only one country

South Pacific: Consisting mainly of island nations scattered in the ocean, in the South Pacific: Australia, Christmas Island, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Fiji

Europe is a very diverse ACWW Area with many members, languages and cultures: Belarus, Channel Islands: Jersey and Guernsey, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Isle of Man, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland

Canada: Second of two ACWW areas made up of a single country. The vast nation furthest north in North America, spanning from Atlantic to Pacific Ocean with members in provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, Newfoundland, Ontario,

Quebec, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward and Saskatchewan

Asia – South East and the Far East an area that stretches from tropical Indonesia to vast China: Brunei, Malaysia, China, The Philippines, Indonesia, Mongolia, Thailand, Kiribati

Asia Central & South

Includes; Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal

Africa Southern

expands from the Southern-most tip of Africa to central regions to the north: Botswana, Lesotho, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Swaziland, Zimbabwe

Africa East, West &

Central Encompassing Saharan and Sub-Saharan Africa, in



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The Country possibilities are endless for choices to find friendship links.

Zero Hunger Campaign

Item needed:

- Small Water Bottle
- Logo Strips (found on Website)
- Poem (found on website)

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

This fundraiser is very simple but can help so many.

POEM:

Check your pockets everyday.

For any dimes if you may.

To help bring Hunger to an end.

Fill this little bottle to





Melbourne picture from
[pinterest.co.uk](https://www.pinterest.co.uk)

When it comes to location, it doesn't get much better than the world's most livable city. Set on the banks of the iconic Yarra River, MCEC is just a short walk away from the city center, providing the ideal starting place to uncover Melbourne's world-famous laneways, restaurants, galleries and boutiques.

Send Scraps to:

Canada Area
President
Sheila Needham
19 Cameron Rd.
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Canada

29th Triennial World Conference - Melbourne, Australia

The 29th Triennial Conference will be held in Melbourne, Australia from Wednesday 4th April 2019 to 10 April 2019. We will be guests of Country Women's Association of Victoria. The Venue is Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Find more information about venue by visiting their website: www.mcec.com.au

With 700 or more delegates expected at this event, The Triennial Conference Committee, the hostess society (CWA of Victoria), the Central Office staff and the Executive are in con-

stant correspondence and planning mode.

A warm invitation is extended to all members and member societies to attend ACWW Conference in 2019.

The ACWW World Conference is the place where all the work done worldwide by our members gets recognized, where policies are decided and where Resolutions and Recommendations are submitted and discussed. This is the stage from which we get our message out to the world.

More importantly, it is also the place where we learn from each other, where we share compassion and knowledge but also where life-long friendships are built.

Meeting up again after three years with ACWW friends is like a tonic for laughter and good times.

The theme for this triennium is: "90 Years of Achievements, Building 90 Years of Opportunities".

Let us look forward and optimally utilize every day to live up to this theme

Quilt Project for ACWW Triennial

Background: Please envision women from all the different Areas of the world contributing a scrap of material left over from making a dress, etc. Maybe this material was not come by easily or cheaply but not much can be done with it alone. However, joined together with other small scraps it can become a thing of beauty and a useful object.

Also envision a story being included with the scrap of material stating why and how it was used

along with the donor's name, name of town or village and country and ACWW area.

Donna Henderson, a superb quilt maker, has made 5 full size art quilts as fundraisers for FWI of Canada. She has agreed to take this project on as ACWW is near and dear to her heart as is the location of Melbourne.

The donors name and village, country, area will also be featured on a paper map of the quilt to

show who donated the fabric and the story of it's use.

Results: It is Donna's hope that many of the women in villages and town where ACWW projects are actually carried out, will be the main contributors of fabric donations if possible. Thereby creating a circle in which their scrap of material goes to help make a beautiful quilt that will be sold/ auctioned to raise money for Projects that will in turn help more women