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## CWC CHAIR - LINDA GAUSE

As we are rapidly approaching the holidays I hope everyone is staying safe.

Recently the CWC board held a meeting via zoom and I have news to share.

My term as chair will end December 31, 2020. Per CWC rotation the CWC Chair beginning January 1, 2021 will be Loy Walker. Loy is a member of the National Master Farm Homemakers and lives in Iowa. Loy will serve CWC well.

As you know Beverly Earnhart our News Sheet Editor is retiring after 9 years. I would like to thank Beverly for her many years of service. The position of Editor is not easy and certainly takes lots of patience. Oklahoma Home and Community Education member Leslye Owen has stepped forward to

fill the position. We welcome Leslye to the board.

Current CWC treasurer Javonna Earsom will continue as treasurer through 2021. I know the board shares my thank you to Javonna for agreeing to continue for another year. The search for a treasurer will continue. Per CWC rotation the treasurer needs to be a member of an Affiliate society. If you have an interest or know of someone who maybe needs that extra nudge please be in touch with Javonna or myself.

Jo Ellen Almond and Jane Chapman have been appointed to the CWC Resolutions and Recommendations Committee. Both ladies have experience with the ACWW process. If you have a suggestion for a resolution or are interested in joining the committee please be in

touch with either Jo Ellen or Jane.

I want to thank the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association for their hard work planning the CWC USA Area ACWW conference that was scheduled to be held in September. Everything was in place when the hard but very necessary decision was made to cancel. It was not easy for all of those involved. I know many of our member societies experienced the same hard decisions.

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[www.cwcusa.org](http://www.cwcusa.org)**CWC CHAIR - LINDA GAUSE** **Cont'd**

Four Ruth B. Sayre scholarship winners were announced in June. You will find brief biographies of the four young women in this issue of the News Sheet. Donations to the fund are always welcomed. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the fund.

You may not know but one the issues worldwide that concerns me the most is child hunger.

Our Zero Hunger Project has helped put a small dent in hunger and all donations are shared equally with Feeding America and ACWW.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who has donated "dimes" to the fund. The project will end December 31<sup>st</sup>. and donations can be forwarded to Javonna.

As my term ends I will see everyone in Illinois

in September 2021. Plans are firmly in place as the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education waits to welcome CWC members to Effingham.

I wish everyone Happy Holidays. Please take care of yourself and be safe!

*Linda*

**ACWW USA AREA PRESIDENT - BONNIE TEEPLES**RURAL  
WOMEN  
IN ACTION

We are certainly living in an upside-down world and no amount of positive thinking could turn things right-side up enough to let us hold the state, National and CWC conferences that were scheduled in 2020. I was really looking forward to meeting with you and getting to know you better. Now I have something to look forward to for 2021! I know it was a difficult decision for those who had to make the call to cancel, however the health and safety of our members is always a priority. A friend recently posted this on her Facebook page: "If 2020 is telling us anything... it's telling us to enjoy the moments we have, and don't take any day, anything or anyone

for granted." I'm certainly not taking any of our members for granted. I am grateful for each one of you and your contribution to the work of ACWW.

Because of another assignment I had, I have been reading the Annual Report and the ACWW Strategic Plan that was adopted by the ACWW board October of 2019. There is a small summary of the ACWW Strategic Plan in the CWC Handbook. Another good place to gain information about the work of ACWW is the website. That website address is [ACWW.org.uk](http://ACWW.org.uk). Please take some time to search the information that is there for our benefit and help.

As I have been studying I have again been reminded of how important the organization is to rural women and their families and communities. The biggest focus of the work we do as members of ACWW is to advocate for and support rural women. Part of the work we do through our organizations is to support and take action on the resolutions passed at the Triennial Meetings. Those resolutions are acted on in different ways. Members have chosen one of the resolutions and took some form of action as a group or as individuals. Some members are good at writing letters to legislators, others put together an

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## ACWW USA AREA PRESIDENT - cont'd

informational campaign and share it in their communities. Any positive action on the resolutions benefits us all.

One way you as an individual can support the work of ACWW is to take part in surveys put out by ACWW or participate with some of the campaign literature developed by ACWW. In 2019 ACWW adopted the UN Food and Agriculture Organization's "Decade of Family Farming."

In the Countrywoman magazine Issue 4 2020, there is an article and a list of three questions the ACWW Agriculture Committee have developed to seek information about you or families you know who

may be involved in family farming. Please, take a few minutes and answer the questions and send the information to ACWW. Share the article with others who may be ACWW members or belong to an ACWW society. ALL information from farm families is needed to help ACWW get a wide range of information about families and the issues they face.

I do hope that you have a great Holiday Season, and that you can find joy in counting your blessings. I count each one of you as a blessing in my life and I certainly hope for the best for all of us. I hope you can enjoy life and that each of us will try to live for the betterment of all

mankind.

Corrie ten Boom said "Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength-carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength."

There is so much wisdom in those few simple words. We need to learn to take care of today, each and every today that we have been blessed with. Please, try to worry less about tomorrow and act more in the strength of today.

ACWW USA

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**"Decade of Family Farming."**

**Survey in ACWW  
Country Woman  
Magazine  
Issue 4 2020**

**Please take time to  
review and answer  
3 questions**

## THANKFUL FOR CWC & ACWW FRIENDS



Thank you to all who have helped in any way to put the newsletter together over the past 9 years.

It would not have happened without you. Special thanks to Pam for her computer expertise and to the CWC chairs I've worked with. Thank you for all your help in proofing.

Be sure to renew your subscriptions to get the latest details for conference 2021.

Best wishes to Leslye as she takes over as editor.

Beverly Earnhart

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### DUES NOTICE

TO: Presidents and Treasurers

CWC and ACWW dues for the calendar year of 2021 are now due and should be postmarked no later than November 15th of 2020. The following information is recorded for your society.

Name of Society:

National Organization: Country Women's Council, USA

Category:\_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due: CWC \$\_\_\_\_\_ ACWW \$\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_\_

ACWW Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

List number of members in your society/ organization \_\_\_\_\_

Please send CWC dues, payable to CWC along with a copy of this notice to me at the above address. Should you have any questions, please call me. Thank you for your membership and your promptness.

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CWC & ACWW dues are the same as last year, and listed below.

#### CWC Dues

Cat. I \$75.00  
 Cat. II 50.00  
 Cat. III 25.00  
 Cat. IVA 25.00

#### ACWW Dues

Cat. I \$140.00  
 Cat. II 89.00  
 Cat. III 72.00  
 Cat. IVa 50.00

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**PLEASE NOTE:** ACWW has requested that your ACWW dues be paid through CWC in order to minimize bank fees to ACWW. Please include your ACWW dues (amount listed above) when paying your CWC dues. You may write one check payable to CWC.



### TREASURER'S FORM

MAIL WITH ALL MONEY TO THE CURRENT COUNTRY WOMEN'S COUNCIL, USA, TREASURER.

SOCIETY \_\_\_\_\_

ACWW MEMBERSHIP NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

TREASURER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list all money:

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Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship Fund	_____
Education & Capacity Building	_____
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Income Generation & Livelihood	_____
Sustainable Water, Sanitation & Energy	_____
Maternal & Reproductive Health	_____
Pennies For Friendship	_____
Women Walk The World	_____
Zero Hunger Challenge	_____
Other (Specify)	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

PLEASE SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO CWC TO:

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CWC USA Treasurer  
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**The County Women's Council USA &  
Associated County Women of the World  
invites you to our 78<sup>th</sup> General Meeting  
September 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



**Join us at "The Crossroads of America" in Effingham, Illinois  
at the Thelma Keller Convention Center for business meetings,  
vendors, silent auction, crafts, and tours.**

**Come enjoy a wine-tasting at Tuscan Hills Winery, for a  
variety of sangrias, craft beers and their famous Italian  
baguette pizza. You also do not want to miss out on the  
unique Experience at the multi award - winning Firefly  
Grill. Another must visit while you are in Effingham is the  
John Boos Butcher Block! Known for their wood cutting  
boards that are crafted with solid American hardwoods, they  
are favored products of the master chefs of the kitchen Bobby  
Flay, Gordon Ramsay, Ina Garten and many more...**

**We welcome you to come to this fine community! Kick back  
relax and enjoy this wonderful conference! You will not be  
disappointed with the food and the venue at the multi award  
winning Holiday Inn in Effingham that is ranked in the top 10  
in the United States for customer service and cleanliness.**



## MEET LOY WALKER - CWC CHAIR 2021-2023

A lifelong resident of Iowa. I graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in, then, College of Home Economics, now called, Family and Consumer Science College. I was employed by Iowa State Extension service and later taught in the local Iowa Valley school system. I volunteered as a 4H leader and served in many roles as a local Extension leader. I served on the ISU State Extension board and as president of the ISU Alumni Home Economics board. I operated a bed and breakfast for 25 years. I am an active member of the United Methodist church.

As a member of the Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild, I served as President and later as National President of the National

Master Farm Homemakers. I served on the ACWW agricultural committee, and wrote several resolutions on obesity and water that were passed at Triennial conferences. I have attended 5 ACWW Triennials.

I am a partner in our business. My husband and I are retired from active labor, but still manage the corn and bean operation.

Bob and I have 4 married children, 16 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

My hobbies have changed over the years from clothing construction to quilting, from a vegetable garden to flower garden and to playing a digital organ.

My goals are in the fields of membership nutrition and climate.

First, I would like members to give ACWW memberships to their daughters, daughter-in-laws, and good friends as Christmas gifts. Memberships cost only \$27 a year. I would purchase a 3 year membership so that the gift receiver could go to the Triennial in Malaysia with you. The 3 year subscription is \$68. Think about how much fun you could enjoy. Each person needs to fill out their own request form and payment. Then the giver can reimburse the recipient. I found out this works best.

Loy Walker



## DATES TO REMEMBER

78th General Meeting  
Country Women's  
Council, USA and  
ACWW USA  
Area Meeting  
September 13-15, 2021  
Holiday Inn &  
Thelma Keller  
Convention Center  
Effingham, Illinois

ACWW USA  
Area Meeting  
August 1-3, 2021  
Holiday Inn  
Erlanger, KY  
  
79th CWC General  
Meeting - 2023  
Little Rock/North Little  
Rock area. Hosted by  
Arkansas Extension  
Homemakers Council.

30th ACWW  
Triennial World  
Conference  
May 18-24, 2022  
Putrajaya Marriott Hotel  
Kuala Lumpur  
Malaysia

MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS

LOOKING  
FORWARD TO  
SEEING  
EVERYONE AT  
CONFERENCES IN  
2021 AND 2022

**2020 RUTH B. SAYRE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS****CHELSEA BANKS****FYFFE, ALABAMA**

Chelsea lives with her parents in Fyffe, Alabama. Her father is a bus driver and her mom is a Special Education Teacher. Chelsea's goal is to become a Dental Hygienist and work in a Pediatric Dentist Office. Chelsea serves as a youth leader for the middle youth group at their church.

She is actively involved in CIA (Christians in Action) and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America). Chelsea also works as a hostess at Applebee's. Chelsea is an outstanding student who realizes the importance of diligence in her daily life.

**Congratulations to these ladies and best wishes for a great future.**

**CALLIE BERRY****GASTON, INDIANA**

Callie lives in Gaston, Indiana with her mother and siblings. Callie has faced tremendous struggles in her life with the loss of her father to a 14-year battle with cancer. Callie plans to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. Her mother is also a teacher. Callie participates year round in sports playing volleyball, softball and also on the track team. She is a member of the student council, a class officer, member of FCCLA, FBLA, Spanish club, Math-Science Club, National Honor Society, S.A.D.D., FCA, Warrior Ambassador and Campus Life. It is said that Callie leads by example and not compromising her beliefs and values.





**ASHLEY IRVIN****WARSAW, INDIANA**

Ashley lives in Warsaw, Indiana with her parents. Her father is a grain farmer and her mother works for the county. Ashley's plans are to attend Indiana University and major in nursing. Ashley has been very involved with the Atwood Lions Club, a member of the Atwood Home Study Purdue Extension Club, teaches a Sunday School Class while maintaining a 3.91 GPA. Ashley states, "my community has taught me how to give back to society, love all people, and most importantly encourages me and inspires me every day to be a part of something bigger than myself, to be the light in other people's darkness. I have grown into the person I am today because of my community's love and support".

**MALLORY VICK****GILLESPIE, ILLINOIS**

Mallory lives with her mom and step-father in Gillespie, Illinois. Mallory plans to attend Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville, obtaining a degree in Biology and to further her education with a Doctor of Optometry Degree. Mallory's words state – "I want to help more people see this beautiful world. I believe a successful optometrist has leadership skills, time management skills, a dedication to service, and a positive attitude all of which I possess". She holds the office of National Honor Society President, a past Big Brother/Big Sister mentor, Cheerleading Captain, Choir Council Secretary, serves on the student council, Eta Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member all while being a dance instructor at Yunique where she strives to be a role model for all different age groups,



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## MEET LESLYE OWEN - NEW CWC EDITOR 2021-2023

Welcome Leslye Owen  
as the new editor of  
Country Womens  
Council USA  
News Sheet  
2021-2023

Leslye Owen has been  
a member of Oklahoma  
Home and Community  
Education since 2001.

She has served on the  
state board of OHCE  
as committee member,  
committee chair and  
served as the state presi-  
dent in 2018 to 2020.

Her hobbies are fish-  
ing, sewing, quilting,  
teaching sewing and  
quilting and also cro-  
cheting.

She has been married  
for 33 years, has 3 girls  
and 6 grandchildren.

Before she retired in  
2010 she worked with  
people with disabilities  
for over 25 years. Now  
she volunteers in her  
community.

Thank you Leslye for  
stepping up to take this  
position.

I wish you all the best  
and know you will do a  
great job.





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## **WHAT HAPPENS TO AN IDEA!**

Recently I saw a Facebook post about a project that is simple and is called "Reverse Advent Calendar". There are 24 specific food items listed. One food item for each day Dec. 1 through Dec. 24. One food item is placed in a box/bag each day and on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> the food box is donated to a local food bank, food pantry, Backpack Buddy's, church, etc.

When I was thinking about this it struck me that my extension homemaker club could easily make some simple adjustments and use it as a club holiday project. Here are the adjustments we made to the project. We also challenged the other clubs in our county to join us.

The 9 Patches Extension Homemakers Club, which has 12 members, choose to do the following.  
24 different food items (see list below) 1 food item for each day Dec 1 - Dec 24  
Food item names written on small pieces of paper and put in bag  
Each member will draw 2 slips from the bag at a November meeting  
Members will bring their 2 food items to our December Christmas luncheon  
Box/Bags of food will then be donated to food bank or food pantry.



### FOOD LIST

Dec 1 - Box of cereal	Dec 2 - Peanut Butter	Dec 3 - Stuffing Mix
Dec 4 - Box of potatoes	Dec 5 - Macaroni and Cheese	Dec 6 - Can of fruit
Dec 7 - Can of tomatoes	Dec 8 - Can of tuna	Dec 9 - Dessert mix
Dec 10 - Jar of applesauce	Dec 11 - Can of sweet potatoes	Dec 12 - Cranberry sauce
Dec 13 - Can of beans	Dec 14 - Box of crackers	Dec 15 - Package of rice
Dec 16 - Package of oatmeal	Dec 17 - Package of pasta	Dec 18 - Spaghetti sauce
Dec 19 - Can of corn	Dec 20 - Can of mixed vegetables	Dec 21 - Can of carrots
Dec 22 - Can of green beans	Dec 23 - Can of chicken noodle soup	Dec 24 - Can of tomato soup