



## “Women Walk the Talk for a Better Tomorrow”

# Country Women’s Council USA

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### CWC CHAIR - LOY WALKER

NOVEMBER - nature sheds her cloak of new life for a winter blanket of rest and rejuvenation. CWC members walk on. The month of November is kind of a 2021 pre-climax month; Covid is supposedly being conquered and the 2021 CWC conference is over. We left the conference with important information on Iron health, protecting the life of bees, and home preparedness for natural disasters. Dr. Naams talk about his life as a citizen and doctor was an awakening to U.S. equality, past and present. He has made a Difference.



The Evaluations from the 2021 conference have been tabulated. Attendees expressed a desire for more educational sessions and less crafts. Interest in food skills and preparations were mentioned several times, as was more time with vendors.

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ Big thank you! To Jane Chapman, 2021 Conference Chairman and Angela Hicks, Illinois Chairman and the Illinois societies for a well organized conference. I am grateful for the special help I received carrying out my duties. Did you know Angela made all the jewelry favors? Ask her for the directions.

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A change to reorganize CWC conference dates was brought before the members. The cost of conferences and travel are getting very high; prohibiting members from attending. An ad hoc committee has been appointed to create a plan allowing members to attend one annual CWC conference or ACWW meeting alternating every other year. This proposal would go into effect 2024. The proposal was sent to your society and returned with a favorable vote to develop a trial plan.

A new project, Smile Train, was introduced and explained by Leslye Owens. The money collected will go to help several cleft palate surgery candidates.. It is my hope societies will participate in this life changing program.

Women Walk the World has been a ACWW project of interest to me. It is such a true statement that it is hard to dispute. Women of the Bible walked as do women today for special causes. Great leaders took the time to walk and think. It is our privilege to participate in areas of service to help women walk in other parts of the World. I hope you will plan some kind of walk; be it for better health fun or service.

SOME IDEAS; With the help of some of my friends, we organized a walk for the public in a county park. I organized a walk for our area of the state called “Walk Somewhere” The Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild had 4 themed walks at their annual meetings and contributed monetarily to the ACWW Fund. Please share your ideas for walks.

I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving. Have a wonderful Christmas and Great New Year!!!

## CWC Smile Train Project

A gift for a lifetime. Smile Train is an organization specializing in surgically repairing deformed lip and cleft palates. The patients are newborn, babies to adults. Smile Train provides 100% free treatment for Children around the World. It offers services 365 days a year on 5 continents. Other services offered are nutrition information, eating abilities, dental care, speech therapy, breathing, hearing and more.

CWC Chairman Loy Walker has adopted Smile Train as her project for her term as our chairman. Donations collected by your organization need to be sent to the CWC Treasurer Javonna Earsom. After December 31, 2021 they will need to be sent to the incoming treasurer Debbie Mote-Wagstaff.

Please visit [www.smiletrain.org](http://www.smiletrain.org) for more information about Smile Train and fund raising materials. You can also reach out to Loy Walker, Debbie Mote-Wagstaff or Leslye Owen if you have further questions.



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## ACWW USA AREA PRESIDENT—BONNIE TEEPLES



I love the fall!! I think it is my favorite time of the year. I was recently in a board meeting and to introduce ourselves we were to share something about fall that we loved. Of course, many people mentioned the colors, the cool crisp nights and early mornings, some mentioned the crunch of the fallen leaves, and someone mentioned the smell of burning leaves. One answer was that they loved the fall because it is a time of clearing out the dead debris from the flower beds, and their life, that they feel fall is a time of preparation for the newness that spring will bring. I also see fall as a time to begin my preparations for the cold winter months. Time to prepare my home, yard, and self for the seasons ahead.

Fall is certainly a busy time of year for many of us as we prepare for the festivities that come in late fall and winter. Please make some time for yourself during all this preparation time. Take some time to think about what is important in your life and how you can make those things happen with less stress and more happiness. I love this quote by Corrie Ten Boom; **‘Happiness isn’t something that depends on our surroundings...It’s something we make inside ourselves.’** Make happiness wherever you are, especially inside yourself.

Many of you who are individual members may have received an email from ACWW Home Office letting you know that the discount for paying three years dues upfront has been discontinued. You can still pay ahead but will no longer receive the discount on the third year. Members appreciated the fact that they didn’t have to remember to pay dues every year.

It was thrilling to hold the first ever ZOOM USA Area Conference early August. I hope some of you were able to attend and hear reports from the various National Societies. A report of that meeting will be sent to all the National Societies and the ACWW Executive Committee.

In September I was able to attend the National Master Farm Homemakers Guild as well as the Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild conferences in one week. It was amazing to meet with those women who have been selected and recommended by their peers to belong to the Guild. There were two younger homemakers inducted into the guild during the Iowa conference. I was so impressed with their qualifications and all those women do for their families, their communities, their country, and the world around them.

Less than two weeks after those conferences I attended the Country Women’s Council Conference. It was good to meet with like-minded people to hear their reports and learn of the many things the various ACWW societies in the USA are doing. I met so many new friends and appreciated hearing about their projects and the impact they are having on the world around us.

**I am working on plans for the ACWW USA Area portion of the CWC Meeting to be held in Arkansas in 2022. If you have an ACWW topic that you would like to learn more about, please let me know so it can be part of the meetings/workshops.**

Bonnie Teeple  
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## Ruth Buxton Sayre Scholarship

Ruth Buxton Sayre was known as the "First Lady of the Farm" and inspired millions of rural women around the world to improve themselves and their communities with her practicality, humor, decency, and common sense. As a young farm mother, she began her life work in striving for better conditions for farm women and their families by organizing her neighbors for college extension classes. She earned high posts in state, national and international organizations and served as ACWW President from 1947-1953.

Country Women's Council USA, offers a Ruth B. Sayre Memorial Scholarship each year to a woman who is a legal resident of the USA, who shows a financial need, and who has the ability to complete her education.

### Country Women's Council USA Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship Donation Form

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***2021 Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship Winners*****Isabelle J Blackwell****Franklin, Indiana**

Isabelle Blackwell lives in Franklin, Indiana. Her father is in the construction business and her mom is a teacher. Isabelle plans to attend the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, and obtain a degree in Psychology with a minor in Business. Isabelle has been active in 4-H for ten years. She has sewn quilts for veterans and seniors in nursing homes, as well as tiny blankets for neo-natal hospital units, winning many top awards. Isabelle has earned many service hours focusing on homelessness, poverty, youth and elderly. She works part-time and still manages to maintain a 4.1 GPA.

**Jayci Mekelburg****Eckley, Colorado**

Jayci lives in Eckley, Colorado with her parents. Her parents are livestock producers. Jayci plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in Agribusiness and Economics. Jayci has served the Yuma FFA Chapter as Vice-President, Secretary, and Parliamentarian. As an officer she has helped organize and plan multiple events. As a member of FBLA Jayci qualified for the state competition in American Enterprise, Agribusiness, and Accounting. She has been an active participant in numerous clubs in her school and community. Jayci currently works for Mekelburg Livestock and the Yuma County Federal Credit Union. With all her activities and work she has maintained a 4.136 GPA.

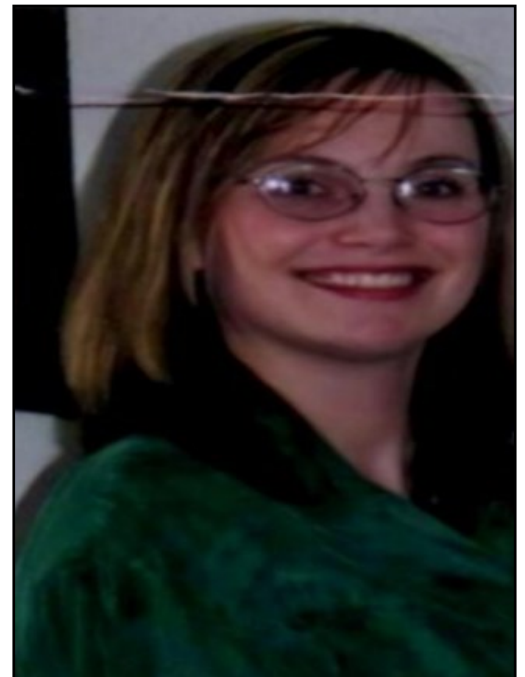


***2021 Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship Winners*****Ally-Anna Outlaw****Brundidge, Alabama**

Ally-Anna lives in Brundidge, Alabama. Her father is a builder and her mom is a teacher. Ally-Anna plans to attend the University of Alabama and major in Communication and Public Relations with a minor in Fashion. Ally-Anna has taken dance classes in tap, ballet, and jazz for many years. This is her way of relaxing and unwinding. Ally-Anna enjoys working with the younger students in the studio helping to develop their love for dance. Community service and involvement are very important to her. Ally-Anna believes giving back and contributing to the communities that have steered her success is extremely rewarding

**Jennifer White****Noblesville, Indiana**

Jennifer lives in Noblesville, Indiana. She is married and is the mother of three children. Jennifer didn't take the typical college approach. She took time away from the career field to raise her children. Jennifer has faced many challenges along the way, but has been accepted at Purdue University Global and will achieve her BA in accounting. Jennifer has worked the last three and a half years in accounting departments as their accounting support staff. The focus Jennifer used to raise her children is the same focus she will be using to finish a degree that she has started.





## *MEET OUR NEW OFFICERS*

### **CWC Vice-Chair Annette Lanham**

**Jan. 1, 2022 - Dec. 31, 2024**

As a US Navy veteran with 20 years of service, she has lived in 5 countries, sailed across 3 oceans and visited 14 other countries across 4 continents.

Never one to sit idle, she has been a Fire Fighter and an Emergency Medical Technician; she has received certificates in electrical wiring, basic construction, and cabinetmaking; she has an Associates of Applied Science degree in Fire and Environmental Emergency Response; and is the author of "Messages From The Sea - A Sailor's Perspective" - a book that chronicles her experiences in the Navy.



Always a volunteer at heart, she averages over 840 community service hours per year. In 2017, she was awarded the Florida Friend of Extension award for her work in developing and teaching a "Back to Basics" series of 21 programs aimed at reviving the lost skills of our parents and grandparents - cast iron basics, meat curing and sausage making, cheese making, pressure canning to name a few.

She is a fourth generation HCE member and for a time was in the same club as her mother and her grandmother. She is Past-President of the Florida Association for Home & Community Education.

Married to Tim Lanham for 28 years, they reside on 20 acres in a tiny, rural community in Northwest Florida with a spoiled cat and a yard full of chickens.



### **CWC Secretary Karen Bell Fox**

**Jan. 1, 2022 - Dec. 31, 2024**

Karen is currently serving as Immediate Past President of Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council, Vice President of National Volunteer Outreach Network. Beginning January 1, 2022 Karen will be the Country Women's Council USA Secretary.

Karen and her husband, George, live and work on her family farm at Staves, a small community outside of Rison, AR.

Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council recently presented Karen with a certificate and pin for 25 years of membership. With the support of county and state EH members Karen has held many offices and looks forward to working with all CWC members.



**CWC Treasurer Debbie Mote-Wagstaff****Jan. 1, 2022- Dec. 31, 2024**

Debbie Wagstaff has been a member of Extension for 41 years. She has served every position on the local level and has been the Secretary and the President numerous times on the County Level. At the State level she has served as the Arrangement Committee Member, the Vice-President, President, and the Nominating Chair.

Currently she is the Awards & Reports Chair at the State level and is on many committees on the local and county level. Debbie will end her term as Vice-Chair for CWC the end of this year. She will assume the role of CWC Treasurer for the remaining 2 years beginning in January.

Debbie lives on a ranch in Oklahoma with her husband Randy. Together they have 4 sons, 1 daughter, and 11 grandchildren with one on the way. Randy and Debbie have a cow/calf operation raising Angus and Registered Charolais Cattle. Debbie retired from teaching but is currently teaching 4 classes a day. Debbie feels Extension has helped mold her into who she is today. She encourages everyone to get involved.

**CONGRATULATIONS****NEW OFFICERS!!!*****Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council***

cordially invites you to attend the

*79<sup>th</sup> Annual*

*Country Women's Council USA Conference*

September 19-22, 2022

Wyndham Riverfront North Little Rock, Arkansas



## MEMORIES FROM THE 2021 CWC AND ACWW AREA MEETING EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS



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## LEARNING







## CWC Ad Hoc Committee Report

### CWC Voting Results

The following recommendation has passed:

For a three (3) year period, starting in 2024 and ending in 2026, (Triennial – Triennial) the CWC organization along with ACWW USA Area Meeting will adjust their timetables to accommodate a new structure on a trial basis.

The vote ended with 24 delegates out of 28 voting in favor of adopting the motion. There were 4 societies that did not vote.

Now that the motion has passed, CWC and ACWW Area meetings will have new timetables for the next triennium. We will continue with the CWC Meeting in Arkansas in 2022 and the Triennial Conference in Malaysia in 2023. The trial basis schedule will be: CWC Meeting in 2024, ACWW USA Area Meeting in 2025 and the Triennial Conference in 2026. This new meeting structure would be re-evaluated after the trial.

The Ad Hoc Committee will begin working on a proposal of the logistics for this time frame.

### CWC Ad Hoc Committee

Jo Almond

Bonnie Teeple

Stephanie Jerabek

Pam Hanfland



### Letter from the Editor.

Wow time has a way of flying by. It is almost Christmas and I got a little behind on getting this newsletter in the mail.

I am not sure all of you know but my youngest daughter was terribly hurt in a rollover car accident in late September of this year. She is alive because she had her seat belt on. Our truck on the other hand didn't survive. After being in the hospital and a rehab center she and her family are staying in my home. It gets a little overwhelming sometimes and things are forgotten about, like this newsletter. I apologize for the delay.

I enjoyed seeing all of you at the conference in Illinois and look forward to seeing you in Arkansas in 2022.

Leslye Owen CWC Editor

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Country Women's Council USA

September 19-22, 2022

Wyndham Riverfront North Little Rock Ar.

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### 30th ACWW Triennial World Conference

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

has been changed from  
May 2022 to May 17-23, 2023

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Arkansas Extension Homemakers members are excited to host the CWC Annual Conference in 2022.  
The dates set are September 19-22 at the North Little Rock Riverfront Wyndham.  
Looking forward to seeing you in Arkansas in September.