



ACWW USA Area Newsletter Winter 2022

Hello ACWW USA Area members!

Hope you are all well and keeping safe from the elements. Our area had a good snowstorm the end of December and we hoped things may be looking up in the 'water' situation in our corner of the world. Only a few drops of rain since then, but it has been cold and the snow in the mountains is hanging in there!

Loy Walker, CWC Chairman, and I have received the wonderful news that ACWW World President, Magdie De Kock will be attending the 2022 CWC/ACWW USA conference in Arkansas! We are so excited to have Magdie join us and look forward to hearing her and learning from her.

Loy has sent an invitation to the two National Organizations that are not members of Country Women's Council inviting them to attend the conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, September 19 through September 22, 2022. The invitation is extended to all ACWW Societies and members. Preparations are being finalized and more information will be sent out soon. The CWC Board and the conference committee are working hard to get the final details of conference worked out.

At the last CWC conference I distributed index cards for the members to ask questions and give comments. I was able to answer several of the questions, but as I have talked with members and with some of the leadership of ACWW Societies here in the USA, it is apparent that members want more information on certain aspects of ACWW. With that in mind there will be sessions on ACWW Day at the CWC conference that will help answer some questions, and hopefully give our members a better understanding of the ACWW organization and how it operates and what we do as members to help people around the world.

As a member of ACWW, whether you are an individual member, or a member through your organization, you can and do help ACWW perform vital work. Did you know that you are doing the work of ACWW when you have a lesson/program on Pollinator Protection, Iron Deficiency, Domestic Violence, Rabies, or the Use of Plastics? Those are a few of the Resolutions passed at the 2019 ACWW Triennial. I like the Resolution below from 1953- They were very forward thinking, and this resolution still has merit for us today.

Citizenship - Women's Responsibilities 1953

Whereas orderly world government depends upon good and informed citizenry in the community, the state (or its equivalent), and the nation, as well as internationally, and an understanding of how governments affects the family unit, it is recommended that ACWW work towards interesting women to assume their responsibilities as informed and active

citizens of their own countries and of the world and that they: a. be informed on major legislation, which affects the home and the family; b. be prepared to accept local, state (or its equivalent) and national offices, and to serve the UN and its Specialised Agencies in any way possible; c. vote in all elections wherever that opportunity is given to women and work for that privilege wherever it has been denied; d. study the qualifications and programmes of candidates who seek to represent the people; e. encourage the training of leaders in citizenship and foster citizenship training for all.

If you would like to read more of the resolutions and recommendations and discover what the difference is between the two, go to the ACWW website home page, and under the Advocacy and Policy tab you will find a listing of all the resolutions passed by ACWW members from 1947 to present. They are broken out into eight categories for ease in finding a particular one.

I would like to encourage you to order some of the ACWW Rural Women in Action packs available on the ACWW website. You can also download any individual item, or all the material included in the Action Pack. There are also three power point presentations with speaker notes on the Action Pack page. Those three are ***Girls are the Future; Our Network is Crucial;*** and ***Rural Health is Vital.*** All three have information that you can share in your groups when you are talking about the work of ACWW. They can be easily downloaded for use.

There have been some changes at ACWW home office and there are new email addresses for most of the office staff. If you need to reach the office, please contact the office administrator at office@acww.org.uk

On my desk I have a little piece of green sea glass that has the word 'imagine' printed on it. I got it at a conference a many years ago and keep it where I can see it. The speakers presentation was about using our imagination, or our dreams, to make good things happen in our organizations and the world around us. She said that imagining what we would like to change is the first step to make things happen. I like that word **imagine**, and what I see in my mind as I think about it. Imagine a world without sorrow, a world without hunger and pain, a world filled with love and peace. A world where we think more about the needs of others than our own selfish desires. Perfect world? **Yes, but in our ACWW members I see our world being made better.** Our members are not perfect, but they do imagine a world that is so much better, they take those first steps to start the process and keep walking together to make it so. Thank you for all you do to make the world a better place for all. **Keep imagining all that is GOOD and taking steps toward improvement!!**

I wish you all the best for this coming year as we work together. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. I love hearing from you!

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