

## Associated Country Women of the World

### Magdie de Kock

Magdie de Kock lives in South Africa where she was born and raised by her devoted parents on a rural farm and enjoyed a carefree childhood. She is happily married to Johan, and they have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Their three married children and their spouses, including four adorable grandchildren, bring joy and happiness to their Grandparents!

Magdie loves reading, writing, cooking, entertaining and enjoys the outdoors. She is a qualified Life Coach and received training in International Meeting Procedures and Meeting etiquette. She serves on the Boards of Trustees of various South African cultural organisations.

Magdie is a people's person, and she is passionate about her interest and involvement in voluntary work and serving her community and ACWW. Elected to the Board of ACWW first in 2013 as the Publication & Promotions then Communications & Marketing Committee Chairman, Magdie was elected World President of ACWW at the Melbourne Conference in 2019.

Magdie agrees with the words of Maya Angelou who said: *"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel"*, and she strives to apply this wisdom to her life.



## MEETING SPEAKERS

### Hope Found

Megan Brown, Miranda Ballard, Audra King, and Mary Sellers were brought together by a shared passion to end human trafficking in Northeast Arkansas. They founded Hope Found of Northeast Arkansas to educate their community and coordinate services for victims and survivors of human trafficking.

Since its founding, Hope Found has educated hundreds of students, parents, law enforcement, educators, social service professionals, and health care providers to recognize and prevent human trafficking in their sphere of influence. Hope Found board members and volunteers continue to provide education and resources for local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

Hope Found is a 501c3 tax exempt organization with an eleven-member board of directors and five-member advisory board. Members work together in developing Hope Found's ongoing strategy for offering educational services in the community and increasing the resources it can provide to victims and survivors. The end goal is to establish a fully funded and operational safe house to serve survivors of human trafficking.



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## CONFERENCE SPEAKERS CONT.

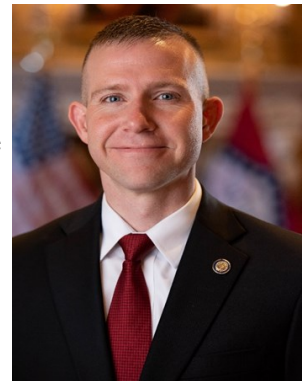


### Rusty Rumley

Rusty Rumley graduated Oklahoma State University with a B.S. in AgriBusiness and earned his juris doctor from the University of Oklahoma. After law school, Rusty earned his LL.M in Agricultural Law at the University of Arkansas. He is licensed to practice law in the states of Oklahoma and Michigan. Rusty has published law review articles discussing the future application of special use valuation for inherited farmland, “right to farm” statutes, and the enforcement of animal cruelty statutes by private organizations. He has also written on landowner liability, estate planning, leasing, wind leases, carbon leases, and other land use topics in his work at the Center. Further, Rusty presents around the country to producer, consumer, extension, industry and legal groups on an array of topics.

### Wes Ward

Wes Ward is from the small town of Lake City in Northeast Arkansas and is a graduate of Riverside High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business with an emphasis in Agricultural Finance from Arkansas State University. Wes has also earned a law degree (JD), a Master of Laws degree (LLM) in Agricultural and Food Law, and a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Arkansas.



Wes was appointed as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Secretary of Agriculture for the State of Arkansas in March 2015 by Governor Asa Hutchinson.

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture includes the Forestry Commission, Livestock and Poultry Commission, Natural Resources Commission, State Plant Board, Board of Registration for Foresters, Board of Registration for Professional Soil Classifiers, and the Veterinary Medical Examining Board.

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is dedicated to the development and implementation of policies and programs for Arkansas agriculture and forestry to keep its Farmers and Ranchers competitive in national and international markets while ensuring safe food, fiber, and forest products for the citizens of the state and nation.

Wes served as the President of the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture from 2020-2021 and currently serves as the Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. Wes also serves as a board member for the Arkansas Livestock Show Association (State Fair) and the Arkansas 4-H Foundation.

Wes has been serving in the United States Marine Corps for over 21 years and has completed deployments and training exercises in Afghanistan, Jordan, and Japan. He is currently serving in the Marine Corps Reserves.

Wes has also worked as a Field Coordinator for U.S. Congressman Rick Crawford and as an Adjunct Law Professor at the University of Arkansas School of Law.

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## CREATIVE SKILLS CLASSES

Monday Sept. 19th

### **Creative Class #1 10 a.m. to Noon Painting with Panache**

Presented by: Jim Tindall

A passion for painting and a love for the Arkansas landscape Jim is comfortable painting in most any media in a wide range of subject matter. Living by his faith in Jesus Christ, Jim finds peace and joy in the living of this life. He credits his Creator with all that is wonderful and beautiful in the universe and gives Him the glory in all things. Beauty is truly subjective to each person. Jim is struck by the abundance of the natural beauty one can find once they are willing to open their minds eye and look. He feels there is no greater part of the world to find it than right here in the “natural State. “I love this state, its people and its wealth of visual pleasures.



### **Creative Class #2 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Making wire wrapped necklace**

Presented by: Karla Wadley

Karla Wadley is a handcraft artist and jewelry designer from Walnut Ridge, AR. She has been married to her husband, Craig, for 33 years, and is proud to be a homemaker, mother, and grandmother. Karla’s creative talents led to her starting a small business, Cat’s Claw Crafts, where she sells handmade jewelry online and at crafts shows and vendor markets across northeast Arkansas.

Karla will be teaching a beginners’ jewelry-making class where participants will create a lovely wire-wrapped pendant using a natural stone and copper wire while learning basic wire-wrapping techniques.

## TUESDAY NIGHT.S ENTERTAINMENT

### OZARK GRANNY CHICKS

Pam Setser, Lillyanne McCool, Kay Thomas and Crystal McCool. These ladies showcase several different instruments including fiddle, mountain dulcimer, autoharp, banjo, guitar and spoons, and some great three-part harmonies. You will hear a variety of music including folk, bluegrass , gospel and maybe even a surprise or two!



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## Special Guest Speakers

**Angela McAlister & Theresa Heitman**

### “The Invisible Woman”

From trip chalking to crop production and refugee safety, data drives decisions impacting women every day. Yet often data fails to account for gender or-care-giving activity and biases decisions on a default group – men. This data bias impacts our health, how our time is valued, what we feed our children, and more. Many times women are simply not seen!

Join us for a lively investigation into the work of Caroline Criado Perez, author of [Invisible Women, Data Bias in a World Designed for Men.](#)

As a Director Digital Products for CVS Health, Angela relies on data insights to deliver engaging digital experiences to customers. Her background includes working with teams around the world to build and deliver products consumers want to use. Inquisitive by nature, Angela enjoys sharing ideas with others to help us engage with our world broadly and for impact. Angela holds a BS in Economics from Iowa State University and a High Tech MBA from Northeastern University.

Theresa is an operational excellence consultant with more than 35 years of experience designing and improving systems and processes across multiple industries and disciplines. She currently consults internationally for CGIAR/CIMMYT’s Excellence in Breeding initiative to improve crops in developing countries. Her belief that experiential learning promotes retention, sustains improvement, and is vital to successful change management, motivated her to found Experiential Excellence LLC in 2017 to teach, coach and mentor continuous improvement learners and teams to improve quality through creative and innovative problem solving. Theresa holds a BS in Agricultural Business and International Agriculture from Iowa State University.

Angela and Theresa are sisters who grew up on a large grain and hog farm in Iowa. Over time their careers have taken them across the world and back to their agriculture roots. Their ability to connect people, places and events in agriculture as well as business brings a unique perspective to this conversation on what the data doesn’t say.

## WEDNESDAY GALA ENTERTAINMENT

### CHARLES GRAHAM

Graham’s ministry in song has taken him all over the United States as well as overseas. He has ministered in several countries including England, Scotland, Wales, Norway, Germany, France, Canada, Israel, Africa and South America. Graham has ministered at the Governor’s Mansion in Atlanta, GA and for various Mayor’s Prayer Breakfasts in other parts of the country. Graham was born and raised in southeast Arkansas, number five of thirteen brothers and sisters. He attended Southwest Baptist University and Central Missouri State University before graduating in 1984 from the Rhema Bible Training Center in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Graham has recorded six gospel albums, including his most recent release, “You Amaze Me.” Graham’s music includes contemporary tunes along with favorite standards. Young and old alike will enjoy the variety of songs and style. His concerts are lively, fun and heartwarming.



Charles Graham Ministries