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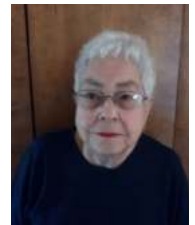
### **CWC CHAIR - LOY WALKER**

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Dear CWC Members.

I wish all of you could have met Magdie de Kock, ACWW World President. She is a delightful and gracious woman. She spoke to us several times: talking about new challenges and how ACWW plans to address them. Our Country Women’s Council is one of the largest organizations in the Associated Country Women of the World, therefore, it is necessary that we understand how the new reorganization is going to operate. She wanted to hear from us as individuals. Let’s talk one to one. Likewise, we wanted to hear Magdie talk in her native language, which is not English. During the Gala dinner she read a poem in English and translated it to her native dialect. How personable can you get? I hope to see her in Malaysia.



The 2022,79th CWC meeting was a success thanks to the many participants and Conference Chair Karen Bell Fox. Karen knew everything and had the answers, unless she had to rely on a van company. All went well, end of story. Karen and CWC members planned an after-conference sight-seeing trip for Magdie. Thank you Karen.

As many of you know, we voted last October, to change the number of conference meetings during one Triennium. The cost of travel is the leading problem. We will now have one CWC meeting and one ACWW area meeting, and Triennial World Conference in a three year rotation. This is a Triennium year and neither organization will be meeting. The 2024 CWC meeting will meet in Florida. The date and details have not been revealed. Officers will meet on Zoom 4 times during 2023.

Decisions made during the pre-conference board meeting get discussed or passed on to the general conference meeting. Leslye Owens volunteered to be the ACWW Coordinator. Each CWC Society is to have a Coordinator to gather information and report to the Area ACWW President, Bonnie Teeple. The packet sent last July has the form and information. This is one of your chances to directly communicate with ACWW.

New board members are Jane Chapman (NVON), Ardyce Synder (FCE) and the coordinator. Debbie Wagstaff from the CWC Affiliate Society volunteered to serve a three year term as CWC Chairman starting in 2024.

Three Ruth B. Sayers Scholarship candidates were selected by Annette Lanham and team and are featured in this News Sheet Magazine. Annette and others have developed a Judges guide sheet to help correlate judges' decisions.

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Again, we took up a collection for the Smile Train charity. This was a project I wanted to support and I very much appreciate your support. What more can you do than to fix someone's Smile; bolstering self assurance. Smile Train was not an ACWW project and new guidelines do not allow for selecting a project of our own. We will not continue the project.

Rusty Rumley, Arkansas Law Center. spoke about the pitfalls of renewable energy licenses, the future of Energy and "right to farm" Les Ward, Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture, spoke about "Century Farms" and the method to apply for recognition. Angela McAlister and Theresa Heitman discussed the visible inequality problems women face in modern society. Other program participants were Robin Ledford on Human trafficking, and Megan Brown.

Each Host society tries to top the previous hosts' entertainment selections. The entertainment was excellent. The Ozark Granny Chicks show featured several different instruments and some great three-part harmonies. Charles Graham Ministries featured contemporary tunes along with favorite standards. His life story and ministry have taken him all over the world.

I am waiting for the big weather shock, snow. The Fall has been unbelievably warm and beautiful. I am looking forward to celebrating our 65th wedding anniversary, Christmas and attending the Malaysian Triennial World Conference.

Loy Walker Country Women's Council Chairman



### *Meet one of the 3 Ruth B. Sayre*

### *2022 Scholarship Winners*

#### ***Callie Storms Muscoda, Wisconsin***

Calli Storms, 18, is from Muscoda, Wisconsin and is a 2022 graduate of Riverdale High School. She has been admitted to the University of Wisconsin – Platteville College of Agriculture and will be pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Business with a minor in Dairy Science. Calli has grown up in and around the Dairy industry and desires to "work beside farmers with a long term goal of working in agriculture finance as an agricultural loan officer." She has been very involved in her community and school: Athletics, 4-H, Future Farmers of America (FFA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Student Council, and various livestock councils. "Calli is intelligent, dependable, and responsible, learns quickly and is a natural leader. She is confident and used advanced critical thinking skills to help solve problems on the farm. She works hard and completes any task to the best of her ability" commented Jessica McConnell, an employer. She has received many awards and has often been entrusted with significant areas of responsibility. Calli uses her experience to mentor those coming behind her in areas from showing and judging livestock to the administrative requirements of various organizations. These qualities are what led Calli to being awarded a 2022 Ruth B Sayre Scholarship.



## **ACWW USA AREA PRESIDENT BONNIE TEEPLES**

This year has been a good one to attend member society annual meetings!

In July 2022 I was able to attend the annual conference for the National Association for Family and Community Education. They had asked that I speak on the new strategic plan and give information on some of the projects that have been successful.

In September I attended two society conferences. The National Master Farm Homemakers Guild held in Bowling Green KY, and the Country Women's Council meeting held in Little Rock Arkansas. World President Magdie de Kock and I were able to present information about the 2022-2026 Strategic plan and the changes that have been made by the ACWW Board. I was grateful to be able to answer many questions from attendees about the relationship between ACWW and CWC and the member societies. Members have told me that the presentation cleared up many of their misconceptions and some preconceived ideas. For some it answered WHY their group belongs to ACWW.

A few days after returning home from the CWC conference, I was able to share a presentation at the conference for the Oregon Assoc. for Family and Community Education. Again, the question-and-answer period after the presentation was invaluable to many of the members, and for me to be able to see where more education on ACWW is needed and what topics are beneficial.

Yesterday, I returned home from the South West Family and Community Education conference in Yuma AZ. The ACWW presentation at their conference was well received and gave me the opportunity to answer questions about the relationships between ACWW, CWC and the member societies. I was also able to talk about the ACWW coordinator program and how it will benefit all ACWW member societies. The SW FCE society hosts a bazaar after their conference, and this year in conjunction with the bazaar, hosted a rabies vaccination clinic. They worked with an animal shelter and various veterinarians in the area. The society gave a \$2,500 donation to the shelter to pay for the first 136 dogs to get the rabies vaccination, then the vaccination was given to the rest of the dogs at a reduced price. The veterinarians also micro chipped any dog for free. Members of the SW FCE society have also given educational programs in their communities on rabies, drawing attention to the 2019 ACWW resolution on rabies eradication.

Attending these conferences gave me the opportunity to meet with the members and talk with them about ACWW, what ACWW means to them and how they feel they can use the information from ACWW to help their communities be better equipped to handle the challenges they face. I would love to attend your societies conferences; all I need is the invitation! I enjoy meeting the society members and learning what their groups do for the communities they serve.

I have been asked what the dress will be for the ACWW Triennial. We will stay with the white jacket/overshirt. Dark blue or red pants or skirts, red, blue, or white tops with a red/white/blue scarf. I see no need to change from what we have always done!

Thank you for all you do for your families, your groups, your communities, and for ACWW.

Bonnie Teeples—ACWW USA Area President





## 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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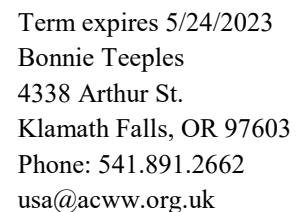
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## Letter from the Editor

Leslye Owen



I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season and the new year will bring lots of adventure. First off I want to apologize for the news sheet not making it out sooner. Sometimes, well all the time in my case life gets in the way. I decided to shove it to the side and take care of some of the responsibilities I said I would take on. The news sheet being the first thing.

In September the board met and one of the things discussed was the news sheet. We have had subscriptions that one could purchase to receive 3 years of issues by mail. This had been done to help off set the cost of printing. In the new day and age of technology with emails and websites at our finger tips, the board decided to do away with the subscriptions and send the issues by email to all society officers. From there these officers could forward to their membership or the issue can be found on the CWC website. Those that have a current subscription will still receive a mailed hard copy that the editor will print and mail without the assistance of a commercial printing house.

I was so glad this decision was made even though for the next few years it means more work for me. No the issues won't be as fancy as the printers make but they will be in color!

I am sure you heard that I volunteered to be the CWC Treasurer. Well this won't happen since Debbie Wagstaff is from my society we both can't be on the board as elected officers. This is okay, I already have too many hats and I don't look good in hats unless I am fishing.

I know some of you have made a donation of the subscription amount to the news sheet fund, please make that donation to another worthy cause.

Have a wonderful new year. If you are going to triennial have fun and be safe.



## 2022 Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship Winners

### Emily Bowen Depauw, Indiana

Emily Bowen, 19, is from Depauw, Indiana and is a 2021 graduate of North Harrison High School. She is currently attending Purdue University pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Biology, with a minor in Psychology and Chemistry. She plans to obtain advanced degrees in Genetics so that she can research genetic mutations. This career path is personal for Emily as her younger brother was born with a genetic mutation. She strives to learn so she can help others facing similar situations. Her high school counselor, Renee Eckart, describes her as a strong and kind student. Emily completed over 300 hours of volunteer community service during her high school career and said these hours working in the community helped her understand the importance and value of giving back to the community. "She is a hard worker, a good problem solver, and works well with others" according to Emily's NHHS yearbook advisor Amy Woodward. As a high school student, she was dual-enrolled and earned 51 college credits prior to graduation with academic honors. Emily has continued to excel academically while involved in many organizations and extracurricular work at Purdue University. We are pleased to assist Emily as she continues forward in her academic success by selecting her as a 2022 Ruth B Sayre Scholarship recipient.



### Kaitlyn Lea Cox Pittsfield, Illinois

Kaitlyn Lea Cox, 18, is from Pittsfield, Illinois and is a 2022 graduate of Pittsfield High School. She will be attending John Wood Community College to complete her core requirements before transferring to a four-year university to seek Bachelor's Degree in Business. One of her biggest educational goals is to get a good education but have no college debt and declared this goal to be attainable through hard work and dedication. She has a long list of extracurricular activities and academic successes. Beyond that, she held the position as sole webmaster for her school her Junior and Senior years. She was also selected for the CEO program which involved starting and running her own small business. All of this happened while she was helping care for her father, who is on the kidney transplant list. Of her busy life, Kaitlin said "My schedule is busy. I chose it to be that way." Kaitlin enjoys working with youth and is described as a committed student who shows great team work by her Agriculture instructor and Future Farmers of America (FFA) advisor Jody Heavener. Kaitlin's teacher, yearbook advisor and webmaster supervisor, Laura Shade describes her as "talented, caring, intuitive, dedicated, and focused in her pursuits." We are honored to award Kaitlin a Ruth B Sayre Scholarship for 2022.

## Pictures from the CWC/ACWW Annual Meeting



Florida AHCE

Charles Graham



Magdie receiving an Arkansas Traveler award  
from the state of Arkansas





Wishing you and yours a happy healthy 2023. May the new year be filled with adventure, friendship and family.

Each year we can spend together is always better than the year before.

Bring on 2023 with gusto.



Alabama HCL



Jane Chapman and Annette Lanham playing Corn Hole.



A lot of fun was had at the 79th CWC/ACWW meeting. Tours of near by towns and museums.

It is always nice to see friends from other states.



Magdie de Kock and Annette Lanham



Oklahoma HCE



Illinois AHCE



Maryland and National FCE

*Life is like a camera,...*

*Focus on what's important,*

*capture the good times,*

*develop from the negatives and*

*if things don't work out take*

*another shot.*



Leslye Owen and Magdie de Kock



South Carolina FCL



Magdie De Kock ACWW World President speaking at meeting.



Arkansas EHC

## The results are in.....

At the conference I handed out some cards that asked different questions. Several members from around the US answered these questions and here are the answers. I hope it inspires you in some way.

### **“What do you say to potential members about your organization?”**

Janel Kassins says: “I always tell them about our emphasis on education and volunteerism. As a former educator, the continued education is very important to me. I’m never too old to learn or to be reminded of news of interest. The volunteerism across our state is important to a variety of schools and organizations. Being active and giving back to our communities is super important to us as we age. All important is to tell them how the personal relationships (friends) formed within the organization. As a 39 year member of IAHCE the friends I have made are like family.”

### **“Has being an extension member made an impact on your life?”**

Arkansas Ext. Homemakers has allowed me to do things and go places that I would have never done on my own. I volunteer more than I ever have. I was a teacher for 19 years and now I am teaching adults in areas I never thought about. I have gained more confidence in myself and with my club. I have made life long friends not only in Arkansas but across the country.” says Deb Teague

Jane Chapman from Illinois said she was a brat. What? Oh no it say she has been an “extension brat” since a very early age. She continues to say her mother a charter member in our county took me to her home bureau meetings. That is what they were called at the time. I was involved with 4-H for 10 years as a member and still serve as a leader. 4-H taught many life skills, bookkeeping, leadership and many more skills. Perhaps the most important skill was public speaking which has helped me immensely as Illinois state president, in my work as assistant manager of an agri business. Extension has given me opportunities to travel, to meet new people from all over the world and make many new friends. It definitely has made me live outside the box and spread my wings!

### **“What have you benefitted from the most being an extension member?”**

Jean Purich of Maryland AFCE: I have learned so much on so many things, thing I didn't even know I needed to know, wanted to know or should have known. It has expanded my horizons. Took a shy girl that couldn't even ask a clerk for an ice cream cone to a person who was a state president.

Learning and teaching! Fellowship and meeting new people. Helping and serving others. Getting the younger generation excited about getting involved. Diane Kuzirian FAHCE

### **“Why did you join your local extension group?”**

I simply overheard a lady talking to other ladies at a meeting, so I asked her what is EHC? So she told me. I got so excited . She had one of her members call and pick me up for their meeting in a ladies home. It was a hit with me right off the bat. I knew I would love it so I joined. Been a member for 30 years and have held many offices and positions on all levels. I love all the rolls I have held. Marilyn Spence AEHC.

My mother was in EHC and she took me to a meeting in 1972 soooo... I have been a member ever since. I took the play pen and my baby to the meeting and haven't looked back. Cheryl Stewart AEHC

I hope you enjoyed reading these responses. I sure did. Reminds me of myself. Leslye Owen