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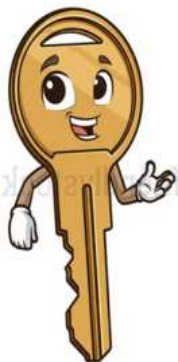
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What a wonderful Triennial in Ottawa, Canada. A time to reacquaint with old friends and make new friends. Our next Triennial will be held in beautiful Killarney, Ireland. If you have not attended a Triennial, make plans now. As of this writing, a date has not been announced. But we do know it will be in three years. Congratulations to our very own Jane Chapman, as our new USA Area President. I know she will do an excellent job.



Oklahoma is working on plans for the 2027 General Meeting. Mark your calendars for September 19-22, 2027. Much more information will be in the next newsletter. But for now begin thinking about attending. We don’t have a beautiful beach as we enjoyed at the last meeting in Florida, but we do promise to give you a warm welcome, and share our culture with all of you.

Summer is right around the corner. A beautiful season for families and gardens. Here on our ranch we are enjoying our new crop of calves and the bountiful produce from our garden. As we take our produce and prepare for winter, let us not forget to share fresh vegetables with family and friends. As you bless them, you will also be blessed.

This year we celebrate our country’s 250th Birthday. A festive time to spend with family and friends. We have so much to be thankful for and our country has been blessed. I am thankful for each of you and the blessing I receive when I remember our times together. A warm smile, loving hearts, and the joy of laughter. I hope you enjoy your summer, and remember today’s little moments become tomorrow’s precious memories. Take time for the little moments.

*Debbie Phillips
CWC Chair*



ACWW USA AREA PRESIDENT JANE CHAPMAN

“Locally Grounded, Leading Globally”. World President, Marie Kenny, has chosen this as her theme for the coming triennial. Stating, “this is the time for ACWW to be recognized for what we have always done, remind those around us of just what we do achieve because of our members, and how we amplify their voices on the world stage.”

I am excited about this theme and my new position as your area president. I am a person that likes to be challenged, likes meeting new people and working with the many people that I have met through my years of serving as president of the Illinois Association of Home and Community Education and just finishing up serving as the president of the National Volunteer Outreach Network. I especially like that World President Kenny is focusing on the membership because that is what makes any organization a successful organization. She also is focused on team work and how much more can be accomplished when a team works together and there is no “I” in the spelling of team!

I must confess that I have a different opinion about coordinators and their role in the ACWW organization than I did when the program was introduced. I now feel every member state and organization of CWC should have their own coordinator. The coordinators meet once a month, usually the third Saturday for only one hour. Every other month you meet with your area president not just Central Office. The months you meet with Central Office the time of the meeting is 11:00 AM London time (5:00 AM CST), the months you meet with the area president it usually begins at 3:00 PM London time (9:00 AM CST). As the new area president, I would love to have every state and group that are members of ACWW to sit in on the months you meet with me. I feel I can be of more service to you, the networking would be outstanding, you would be more in-tune with the happenings of ACWW as well as what is happening in other groups, and I can find out what you would like for me to share with the ACWW! If you want to be a coordinator go to the ACWW website and enroll as a coordinator. Also, consider becoming an individual member of ACWW if you are not one already. I am making my county organization, Perry, a member!

Greetings from beautiful Southern Illinois, where I live. As your new ACWW/USA Area President I feel I should share a few things about myself! My husband, Mike, and I live in the rural area of probably the smallest county in Illinois, population wise! I grew up in the area that we live in and my husband is from Arkansas. They call the area we live in “Lost Prairie”. The story goes that back in the day of Indians, the prairie grass was so thick and tall that the Indians would get lost conversing through the area, thus “Lost Prairie”! We have been married for 55 years and have raised two great daughters which in turn brought to us two great sons-in-law! We have been blessed with seven grandchildren whom we are very proud of. I spend my spare time overseeing a local community cemetery and chairing the fund raiser picnic for the cemetery where we feed 800 to 900 people each year. This is the 91st picnic this year. I am a U of I Extension Master Gardener. I just recently completed a “Sensory Garden” for our local community center. I am also treasurer of the local VFW Auxiliary. I like to spend spare time with family, reading, traveling, playing pickleball, golfing, gardening and I will try anything once!

“It’s okay if you fall down and lose your spark. Just make sure that when get back-up you rise as the whole damn fire!” Keep seeking those new members and don’t lose your spark because you ask one person and they said no! There are a lot of yeses out there!

Later,

Jane Chapman, USA Area President and Trustee for the ACWW Board



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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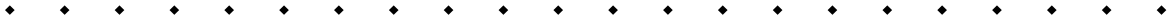
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News from the Editors Desk



Hello everyone,

Here we are on the verge of summer and busy times. Area conferences and business meetings will be taking place, then county and state fairs.

Some of you recently attended the 31st Triennial World Conference in Ottawa, Canada in April. And this time next year we will be looking forward to our 81st CWC General Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The host society, Oklahoma Home and Community Education is busy working on the plans and we should have more information in our next issue.

Just a few reminders.....

The news sheet is emailed to all CWC board members and to all elected officers in the state societies and to the national societies that are members of CWC. This News Sheet is also available on the CWC website cwcusa.org. You can also find the most current CWC handbook and CWC policy books there.

Sharing what is happening in our societies with others allows us to see and learn from each other. Any one can submit an article to the CWC news sheet. Since we are not printing the news sheet any longer we are not limited on page space.

Also, as your officers change or e-mail address(es), please make sure to let me/us know so your newsletter will be delivered properly.

Pat Chapman

CWC Editor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CWC General Meeting

81st CWC General Meeting

September 19-22, 2027

Embassy Suites Downtown

741 N Phillips, Oklahoma City, OK

2032 – 33rd Triennial World Conference –

Darwin, Australia

Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

2028 – ACWW USA Area Meeting

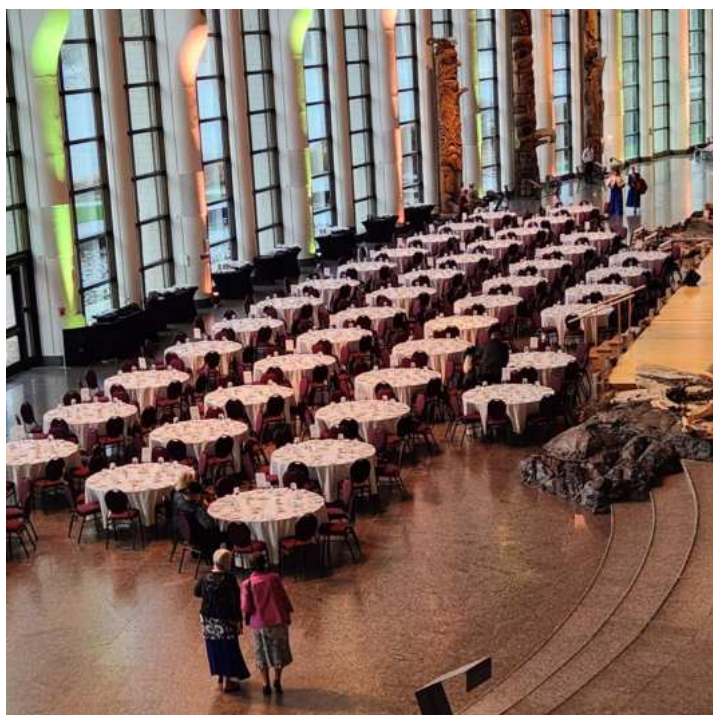
**2029 – 32nd Triennial World Conference –
ACWW's Centenary Celebration,
Killarney, Ireland**

2030 – 82nd CWC General Meeting

2031 – ACWW USA Area Meeting

**2025 ACWW USA Area Meeting
Sustainable Growth for the Future...Shaping the Future
July 21-24, 2025**







Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Don't forget to Save The Date:
September 19-22, 2027 for the CWC General Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

See you in the next issue.

