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President's Message

July of this year found 174 members of the National Volunteer Outreach Network attending our annual conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Forty two of those were attending conference for the first time. A great big THANK YOU goes out to the planning committee and members of the Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education for a great conference. Congratulations to Pat Breznay of South Carolina and Nympha White of Illinois. On January 1, 2012 Pat will take office as our Vice President and Nympha as our Treasurer.

A big note of importance -- 3 of our member states will celebrate 100 year anniversaries in the next 2 years. Arkansas in 2012, Indiana

and North Carolina in 2013 and there will be more in the next few years. One hundred years is a long time for an organization to be in existence and we really need to be proud.

A conference highlight for me is listening to our state presidents give their reports as to what is happening in their states. As I sat and listened to the reports everything I have known about our 58,115 members was reaffirmed again and again. Education, volunteer community support along with international program support continue to be priorities.

Education not only for our membership but education support for our children. The NVON Program Library continues where listed

programs are available from the NVON Vice President for a nominal charge. Reading to Head Start students and others where a book is read to a classroom and each child receives a copy of that book to take home. In Wisconsin 45 counties participate with over 5,000 children involved in the Wisconsin Bookworms. Indiana's First Books for Kids just celebrated 10 years in existence with 3,000 volunteers who read to children and over one million books being distributed.

NVON's Project in Common "Let's Take Off" has prompted state programs such as On the Move and In the Grove, A Matter of Balance, Power Up the Day and Health Motivators along with others to...cont'd page 14

West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service



*Carol Harmon &
Rita Young
WV Delegates*

Our Project in Common from NVON "Let's Take Off" was partnered with our "Health Motivator" program. The Health Motivator program is in each club across the state. This gave "Let's Take Off" an open door to our total membership. As a result we had 63 walking groups in 26 counties. This included 625 CEOS members and 37 non-members. They could have walked around the continental United States twice, with a bit left over.

Our other notable project was "Support our Veterans". We targeted the four Veter-

an's Hospitals in West Virginia along with the assisted living housing and nursing homes. A total of over 20,000 items were collected and hand delivered by CEOS members across the state on May 20, 2010 as part of CEOS week activities. We delivered books, tapes, stationary and stamps, personal hygiene items, clothing phone cards and bus passes. Time was spent visiting with the veterans and was well received by the staff. They were delighted with the support provided. We had excellent press coverage throughout the state in all media outlets

From this program, some counties have made this a part of their community service program. They con-

tinue to spend time with the vets across the state.

In conjunction with "Support our Veterans" we held a "Socks for Soldiers" event. Items that start with the letter S, (socks, shoe strings, shaving cream, soap, safety razors) were collected. This yielded 14,059 kits, cards and socks. The local National Guard picked up the items along with cards of support, to be shipped overseas.

We delight in our CEOS activities and are working to make it as meaningful to our communities as it is to our members.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Harman

Carol Harmon - President WVCEOS

My family life is active. We are a blended family of 5 children and 10 grandchildren and one retired husband. I make handmade gifts for my family in my down time and love to cook. I spend way too much time on the computer and can never seem to get everything done as soon as I would like. My life is all about Plan B.

I have an active social life with many of my club friends.

I work part time as a 911 dispatcher as I have done for the past 20 years.

I have listed activities that are most relevant to my work with Community Educational Outreach Services.

Joined CEOS 1989

County President 2001-2005

Area Representative 2005 - 2008

State Budget Committee 2006

State By-Laws Committee 2008

State Vice President 2009-2010

State President 2011-2012

Co-Chair Tri-State Community Response Team 2004 - 2008

Ameri-Corps Volunteer American Red Cross 2010-2011

Work Grant County Office of Emergency Services Dispatcher 1991-2011

Wisconsin Association Home & Community Education

“WAHCE Cares about Families and Communities,” that’s our tag line and we mean what we say. Our counties and clubs have been involved in community projects as well as state programs.

In our Wisconsin Bookworms™ program, we read to Head Start and other needy children in our communities eight times a year, and then give each of those children a book each time we read. We have 45 counties participating in the program with over 5,000 children involved. We also have another five or six counties doing similar programs, but purchase their books independently. Since literacy is a top priority in Wisconsin schools, pre-schools put an emphasis on reading readiness. Having books in the home has been found to be one of the indicators of early success in school.

Another statewide program carried out this spring was the “On the Move and in the Groove” program. Our members were to walk and record every day they walked or exercised 20 minutes or more. From

reading newsletters, I know there were many counties that participated, and probably hundreds of members. The program ran from March 1 to May 17. Reports are not all in yet, but the totals will be reported at our state conference in September. Since I do not have any of the numbers yet, I was not able to get that report in for the NVON “Take Off” program.

WAHCE is always has a very active International Committee and our counties are quite generous. This past year we financed an ACWW Water Project in Cameroon, sent money to our sister organization in the Dominican Republic to use to aid families in Haiti, and collected Pennies for Friendship. Our total International distributions last year were over 16,00 dollars. In addition we also support the Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners by providing sewing machines, fabric, and notions for the learning centers. Some of our members also made glass cases for the eyeglass project they do each year. When our Central District met last fall, they had a

speaker from the Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners and she talked about the Learning Centers and the sewing projects. The attendees were so enthused, they decided to take a collection to purchase a new treadle sewing machine, and they did so right there. We may not be able to change the dynamics of a whole country, but we can change life for a few families.

Each year we highlight three programs, done by our UW Extension Family Living teams, at our annual WAHCE State Conference. Our counties make use of those programs the following year in their programming. The three programs for 2011 were “The Secret is Out – You are a Leader,” “Why Relationships Matter to the Couple, Family, and Community,” and “Creating Aging Friendly Communities.” These programs are presented by members of the FLE team that created it, with complete supplementary materials and a cd with those programs for use in each county. I have a copy of the cd with this report for each state. I

hope that you will be able to share this with some of the counties in your state and find it a valuable tool. Let’s all share the “Enthusiasm”.

Lylene Scholz

President



*Lylene Scholz, &
Sylvia Kriegl
WI Delegates*

Arkansas 2010-2011



Loretta Johnston

AR Delegate

Greetings from Arkansas

This past year has been one of great opportunities for Arkansas. One of the most rewarding months was April of 2010, when we were the host state for NVON meeting and the ACWW Triennial. Everyone went to work to welcome the guests from all over the world. What a great time!!

We've had a fantastic year. Over 1.5 million volunteer hours were turned in this year, with an estimated value of over \$31 million dollars! And 84 project books have been turned in.

Our membership is at 5,643. County and club activities for the year included, Spit for the Cure, Bene-

fits for local, state and national charities, Quilt workshop, Gardening projects with youth, Youth Extension clubs, Collections of food for the needy, Making dolls, pillows, blankets and hats for hospitalized children, Teaching crafts at retirement homes, Teaching youth to cook and other life skills, Working with Literacy Council, sponsors and teaching at Body Walk and 4-H projects.

We sent letters or e-mails to our U.S. Senators and representatives about the cut to Cooperative Extension Funds. This cut would have been a 10% decrease in funding at the Federal level plus lower Funding at the State and County level, since those funds are paid

according to how much comes in from the Federal level. Well the cut was reduced from 10% to 1%. Our endeavors paid off!

Over 550 members participated in the 3-day convention. How-to classes, educational classes, subject matter classes and Creative classes were offered, throughout the 3 day conference. What a great way to kick off the beginning of a new year.

We are busy making plans for 2012, which will be our 100th year anniversary.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Pipkin,

AHEC President

*We are celebrating
100 years of
Extension
Homemakers in
2012*

NVON Pictures Online

Terry Little takes pictures at NVON as way of giving back to the members. He is involved with the Film Burners Photo Club, a part of the Calloway County Extension Service Homemakers in Kentucky. The monies he receives for the cds that he provides goes to the Kentucky Ovarian Cancer

project. You may view the photos by visiting www.myblueheron.com/nvon11



Judy & Terry Little

North Carolina 2010-2011

North Carolina Extension & Community Association fully supports the NVON "Let's Take Off" project in common in numerous ways. NCECA members assist NC Family & Consumer Sciences Agents with the "Cook Smart/Eat Smart" curriculum which teaches basic planning, shopping and cooking skills to older teens and adults. NCECA members also assist with such North Carolina State University devel-

oped programs as "Give Your Heart a Healthy Beat!", "Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less", "SNAP-ed (Supplemental Nutrition Education Program)", "More In My Basket" and more. Members also assist with 4-H Summer Fun nutrition programs such as "Culinary Academy" and "Food Rocks!" NCECA members feel it is important to reach out to a variety of audiences, from youth to senior

citizens, males and females and in English and Spanish.

Abby Sparks
President



Abby Sparks Judy Furr

Delegates

NVON Library Report 2011

As of June 29, 2011 the NVON Program-Lesson Plans Report stands at the following.

Illinois 39 Lesson Plans
North Carolina
 30 Lesson Plans
Indiana 2 Lesson Plans
TOTAL: 71 Lesson Plans
printed and mailed

Reported Members Reached 1,768

AMOUNT RECEIVED \$172.00

AMOUNT PAID OUT \$173.35 (Postage, \$106.90; ink, \$36.45; paper \$30.00)

These programs are not

being utilized by most of the states, and there are no new ones coming in. This is such a good program for NVON and the lessons are really great. It would be wonderful if every state would use these programs and send to the NVON Vice President copies of their successful lesson plans. We could really use some new ones.

NVON

Projects in Common

NVON-Let's Take Off

One report received from:
Alice Brown, KEHA

Statewide:

Annual Physicals ...4,204
Members participating
Diabetes Screening..1,941
Members participating
Regular exercising ..2,135
Members participating
Diet changes..... 2,212
Members participating
Total:
10,492 Members participating.

Barbara Cathey,
Vice President - NVON

If you have new lessons of interest to others be sure to forward to the Vice President for adding to the NVON library

Kentucky 2010-2011



Alice Brown &

Susan Hansford

KY Delegates

*Traveling through
Kentucky?*

*Be sure to look for
the 356 new Barn
quilts they have
busy painting.*

As I reflect on the “successes” of Kentucky Extension Homemakers, I am reminded of what can be accomplished when our members are called upon to make something happen. The members of KEHA will always be prepared to give more than 100% of what is asked of them.

The past year has again been filled with many projects from the club level to the state level that fulfill the mission of KEHA. A total of \$16,238.00 was provided by homemakers for 4-H camp scholarships and “Power UP the Day” provided a study of the importance of physical activity and exercise to both homemakers and 4-H youth.

A continuing program for KEHA is the contribution to the Ovarian Cancer research program at the University of Kentucky. Homemakers have now contributed over one million dollars to this research program. Members are also encouraged to take the opportunity to have free ovarian cancer screenings offered for women over the age of 50 as part of this program.

In January a group from

the University of Kentucky made the trip to Ghana to Kentucky Academy. Since 2008, Ky. Academy has been the focus of the International Program chairman and she was able to accompany this group to Ghana. KEHA has provided children with a dining room complete with table and chairs. While there the group was able to begin work on a school garden and start a school feeding program. Over \$4900.00 was collected from homemakers for international projects.

Another ongoing program supported by KEHA is the Center for Courageous Children, a camp for seriously ill children and their families. This camp is a medical camping facility that is provided at no cost to the families.

The Management & Safety Chairman will be collaborating with the Food, Health & Nutrition chairman and the Family & Individual Development chairman to offer a Matter of Balance program. This program will be focusing on exercise and physical activity. We also have been encouraging our members for some time to “go green and recycle”. Over 3300 members reported recycling regularly and adopted energy saving practices. Over

2900 used reusable or cloth shopping bags and over 2600 used “green” cleaning products.

Cultural Arts and heritage skills are an essential part of KEHA. Members are encouraged to participate in their county, area and state level competitions. Quilts made and given as gifts, sold or used at home totaled over 3000. There were also 356 barn quilts added this year in the state. Many crafts were made and sold with \$21,722.00 in sales for personal use. Proceeds from some of these sales went toward community projects such as food banks, health fairs, nursing homes, Special Olympics and ovarian cancer.

Our history states that KEHA was created to meet the needs of Kentucky women. Although changes have occurred in family structure and economics, the need to educate and build leadership in Kentucky women is still there thus the need for KEHA is still there. Working together in programs such as have been mentioned above can only serve to strengthen and empower women from Kentucky and other parts of the world.

Alice Brown, President

Indiana 2010-2011

The Indiana Extension Homemakers Association (IEHA) is making great strides in carrying out President Barb Keyes theme "IEHA Uniting as One Voice." Our organization has 935 clubs and 11,958 members in the state.

The year started with ten fall district meetings throughout the state. The Indiana Attorney General's office sent representatives to each of the district meetings to present a program on the services provided by their office. The services included: credit card fraud, unclaimed property, credit reports, identity theft, and no call information. The Educators presented a leadership lesson on "goal setting." Goals should be SMART – specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely.

Inspired by Kentucky and their fund raising efforts for cancer, IEHA signed a five year \$25,000 endowment for the Purdue University Center for Cancer Research. To date (July) we have raised in excess of \$18,000 to that commitment. Update: October We have over \$2,200. toward our second \$25,000.

The spring district meetings highlighted Tim Bobillo, Director of Devel-

opment for the Cancer Research Center. He traveled to all of our meetings to share news of the research being conducted by the University and the clinical trials conducted by Indiana University. Then the Educators provided a lesson on "de-stressing" where we learned ways to cope with stress.

The Indiana Leadership, Education, and Development training was again presented at Home and Family Conference with 34 members participating in three levels. Ten members completed the third level this year and were awarded diplomas. The leadership lesson developed by the Leadership Focus Committee is, "Your Image is Showing" and is available on our website: www.ieha-families.org

Twenty educational lessons researched and developed by the Extension Educators are available on our website, free for everyone to use. They include a wide variety of interests from family resource management, foods and nutrition, health, and human development. The State Education Focus Group developed a booklet titled "Affordable Fun with the Family" that was distributed

to each member.

IEHA co-sponsors the Family Impact Seminar each year for Indiana legislators. The Family Impact Seminars provide expert nonpartisan information on a family related topic of the legislators' choosing. We encourage Indiana Senators, Representatives and other influential and interested parties to attend. This seminar encourages legislators to consider the effect of new laws on Hoosier families, in the same routine manner that

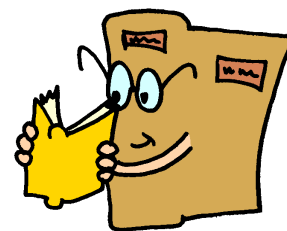
they consider the effect on business and industry and the environment. The Family Impact Seminar is held in November of each year. This year's topic was "The Legacy of Literacy." Two experts in the field spoke to the Indiana legislators. It was well attended by our legislators.

IEHA's outstanding project "First Books for Kids" celebrated their ten year anniversary with a gala celebration at the Home & Family Conference. Age appropriate books for 2 to 5 year olds are purchased and read to students in the "Head Start" program. The student is then given a copy of the book. To date almost 1,000,000 ... cont'd pg 8

Ten years of reading to children.

1,000,000,000 books have been donated & distributed.

3000 volunteers reading.



Indiana report cont'd



Jan Harlow & Cricket Brown
IN Delegates

Indiana members participating in Governor's program INShape Indiana. Supporting NVON Project in Common "Let's Take Off"

books have been donated and distributed to the students with approximately 3,000 volunteers reading to the children. A number of counties also make book bags for the children.

With 87 of 91 counties reporting, 179 scholarships were awarded for a total of \$61,000. Members also participated in many Volunteer Community Support projects with countless hours and articles. Recipients of time, gifts and money include Riley Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Meals on Wheels, State Hospitals, Cancer Centers, local schools, nurs-

ing homes, food pantries, museums, shelters, 4-H programs, local police units and charities.

The International Project supported by IEHA this year was "Hayes Pure Water Foundation." Funds of \$5,702.82 were raised to purchase units

that would purify water for countries experiencing devastation from hurricanes and earthquakes. Each unit cost \$500.

Certificates and prizes were awarded to members that excelled in their participation in "IEHA Goes Extreme", Indiana's project in common

with National Volunteer Outreach Network (NVON) "Let's Take Off."

In the coming year we will be partnering with INShape Indiana, a program initiated by the governor to encourage people to eat better move more and stop using tobacco. Our program is titled "INShape Indiana Starts at Home with IEHA." Our members will now be able to sign up on our website to participate in the program and have a tracking system available.

We look forward to the coming year and the opportunities that await us as an organization.

Jan Harlow
President

ACWW Women Walk the World April 2012

The time is drawing near for ACWW's Day, as the 29th April 2012 will soon be upon us.

Members throughout the world are being asked to join in 'Women Walk the World for ACWW'. The aim will be to raise ACWW's profile and to raise funds.

Everyone will start their walk at the same time in different time zones. This will result in members walking at all times during a 24 hour period. Where possible, members should seek local sponsorship.

This is a very important day, so please take part - for your own health & for the health of ACWW.

For more information visit acww.org.uk

Or contact:

Beverly Earnhart—USA Area President for Sponsorship forms. She can e-mail a copy to you.

The form will not be available on the website.



Illinois State Report 2010-2011

I would like to share with you some of the projects the Illinois HCE members have participated in this past year. At our annual conference in March this year, the conference chairman issued a challenge for us to make a Linus Blanket using the conference theme which was a circus extravaganza. There were 77 blankets entered and not one was a duplicate. There were pieced, appliqué and embroidery blankets. Each was to take them home after conference to give to their local Linus Blanket group. I would sure like to have seen some of the children receiving these blankets.

The annual conference had a record number of attendees, 403. The variety of share shops, entertainment, seeing friends and making new ones, seeing the state board dress as circus performers, viewing the cultural enrichment projects, shopping, and, of course, the circus themed food. We also were fortunate enough to have several special guests. Beverly Earnhart, USA Area President, Linda Gause, NVON President, Jo Almond, ACWW Secretary and Alison Burnett, ACWW Treasurer. Since Scotland is our current country of

study, we asked a true Scot, Alison, to visit us in Illinois to tell us all about her beautiful country.

The project of sewing the dresses for African girls and now shorts for the boys has really taken off this year by members throughout the state. Hundreds of dresses have been sent to Nancy's Notions for delivery to those in need.

One project close to my heart was the Ovarian Cancer Quilt. The winning ticket was drawn at the conference by a member of the local ovarian cancer support group. The ticket donations amounted to \$1,171 and were donated to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

I am very proud to be a part of HCE and see the generosity and talent of the members as they work to donate items to nursing homes; to soldiers overseas, VA hospitals, schools, and other items to those in need in their communities. Just to give you an idea of all the volunteer hours reported by 1,694 members out of a membership of 10,000+. They gave 474,252 hours. **Volunteers do not get paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.**

We started a new pro-

gram last August at our three district meetings held during August to help the counties have a lesson to present to their members. The Illinois Extension is under going reorganization due to financial cutbacks from the State of Illinois. We will be receiving fewer lessons from them. So we asked Susan Taylor, Extension Educator, to travel with us to present a very informative lesson entitled "5 Keys to Credit". She presented the lesson at each district meeting and each county was presented a copy of the lesson. This year in August, we will have Debra Henninger, writer of the book on "Hobo Quilts" to present a program also at each district meeting and a copy of the presentation will be given to each county. We are looking forward to hearing about her book.

Marilyn Daughhete
President



*Marilyn Daughhete &
Nancy Remmers
Il Delegates*

*Circus anyone?
Circus theme
blankets made for
Linus Project and
displayed at state
conference.*

Water Project Report



Endowment Fund and donations provide \$2400.00 To Water Project in Bo, Sierra Leone West Africa

The Endowment Interest from 2009 of \$358.59 I looked at as seed money and let me share with you why I thought of it as seed money. The four officers knew that would not be much of an amount to do any kind of a project. So an idea was presented to the NVON Board and the voting delegates requesting enough from our extra reserve funds to bring the amount to \$1000. for a clean water project with the place being decided at a later date by the four officers. After this was unanimously decided, the wheels inside my head began to turn. Since I was the national president, just maybe my county and state would be interested in making this amount grow so we could

do more good in the world someplace. You never know unless you ask, and the worst you can hear is “no”. By the time I presented it to my county a place had been decided upon – Sierra Leone, West Africa, which made it more near and dear to my heart since I had spent a year there 40 some years ago. My county said “yes” and donated \$250 and with a personal donation of \$100 it brought our NVON total to \$1350. To make it even more exciting, my state jumped on board by providing a fun jail at the WV State Conference raising \$1050. We were able to present the two checks totaling \$2400 to Nelson Wade Robinson who along with his wife personally bought the water filters, buckets and worked with the people in Bo, a little village in Sierra Leone to get the filters in place with an

understanding of how to work them.

The village people must carry their water from the streams where they wash clothes and bathe so it is filled with bacteria and virus germs. These filters can make that water 99% free of bacteria and virus. They carry the water usually from far away, pour it into huge buckets with the filters attached and when they want a drink, they simply hold the filter down over their cup and the water is clean before they drink it thus eliminating some diseases and diarrhea. Needless to say this has been a touching and heart warming experience for me and even more so when my husband reminded me that we had Easter dinner in the home of an African in the village of Bo 43 years ago.

Ruth Ann Anderson

NVON Advisor

Officers



Nympha White - Treas. Elect

Linda Gause- NVON Pres.

Kathryn McNeely - Secretary

Pat Breznay - Vice Pres. Elect

NVON Visits Green Bay Wisconsin

It was warm in Wisconsin as was most of the US in July, 2011, but it was cool in our hotel and convention center. 174 were present for the conference. The ladies from Wisconsin greeted us with friendly, smiling faces, and were willing to help when needed. While the NVON Board met on Monday evening, others were free to do as they pleased and could enjoy a special buffet dinner.

The board meeting continued on Tuesday morning while 7 various craft classes and a seminar were available to others. On Tuesday attendees could go on an all day tour to Door County or an afternoon tour to Home and Gardens Tour; or Packer Fan Tour or shopping and sightseeing on their own. The two afternoon tours ended up going on the same bus and stopping for a dutch treat lunch at 1951 West before taking us to our destinations. Tuesday evening we enjoyed Wisconsin Night with a tailgate buffet and the music of Les James on the keyboard and watched as Troy Landwehr was carving the NVON logo in a hunk of cheese.

Wednesday morning the

opening session was held at 8:30 a.m. with a flag presentation and the singing of America the Beautiful led by Beverly Earnhart and pledge to the USA flag led by Pauline Myrick. Introductions were made. Lylene Scholz, WAHCE President greeted us and we received a welcome from Jim Schmitt, Green Bay, WI mayor. Reflections were given by Ruth Ann Anderson, NVON Advisor. Betty Anne Tubbin introduced Rose Rajbansee, ACWW Area Caribbean, Central and South America Area President. She spoke for several minutes. The business meeting was called to order and roll call was taken. The total number of NVON members is 58,115. Eighteen voting delegates were present. Rules of the NVON 2011 meeting were given by Pauline Myrick, Parliamentarian. Corrections and the adoption of the official annual program were given. Minutes of the 2011 NVON meeting held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, were printed and in the registration packets. Treasurer, Grace Staggs, presented the financial report. A report was given from the financial review committee. The nine electronic motions made since April 2010 were read and the

sixteen motions made at the board meeting were read. A motion was adopted and accepted for the confirmation of action by the board and executive committee. Treasurer, Grace Staggs, gave the 2012 Budget report. Pat Breznay (SC) was nominated for the office of NVON Vice-president and Nympha White (IL) was nominated for the office of NVON Treasurer, both beginning on January 1, 2012 for a three year term. They both gave a short speech. They were both elected by acclamation.

Susan Hansford, Conference Chair for 2013 in Kentucky, stated we would be staying at the Capital Plaza in Frankfort, KY and they had literature, postcards, and bourbon balls on a table. Jo Almond, Conference Chair for 2014 in Indiana, stated it will be July 14-16, 2014, at Fishers Hospitality, Holiday Garden Inn, and Hotel Indigo.

Beverly Earnhart reported on the 2010 ACWW Triennial in Hot Springs, Arkansas. 634 attended with representation from 24 countries. 118 attendees were part time and 258 attendees were from USA. The final cost to put on the Triennial Conference cont'd pg 12



ACWW Area Presidents
visit NVON

Beverly Earnhart -USA

Rose Rajbansee -

Caribbean - Central-
South America

*Cheese is the name
of the game in
Wisconsin.*

*After Football of
course.*

NVON Visits Green Bay Wisconsin - cont'd

Thank you Green Bay and the ladies of WAHCE For a great tailgating party.

\$343,214.96. There were several firsts for an ACWW Triennial.

Jo Almond reported the 2013 ACWW Triennial will be held September 26 - October 2, 2013 in Chennai, India.

Vision Editor, Beverly Earnhart, reported there are 216 paid subscriptions. Starting January 1, 2012, the cost will increase from \$15 to \$18 per year. Reports were heard from the treasurer, secretary, vice president, advisor, and Project in Common.

The speaker for Wednesday's lunch was Marilyn Herman "Giving Comfort and Finding Joy in this Cranky World."

Seminars were held from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Dinner was held at 5:30 p.m. and unfortunately

the planned program "Magic Show" by Bruce Hetzler was not given due to his illness.

The general session continued on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. with President Linda Gause giving her report and each member state "Sharing Successes." A report was also given by ACWW USA Area President, Beverly Earnhart. President Gause presented outgoing Treasurer, Grace Staggs, with an engraved wooden clock and one will also be given to outgoing Vice President, Barbara Cathey, who couldn't attend the conference. Yvonne Belonga, Conference Chair, introduced the speaker Tim Brumm "Welcome to Green Bay: We're More Than Just the Packers." He gave a history of Green Bay and how it was settled and how the Packers football team was started. For the noon luncheon speaker, Lylene Scholz, Wisconsin President, introduced Faye Malek "Where Are My Keys?" Seminars were held from 2-3:00 p.m.

and 3:30-4:30 p.m.

The banquet was held and Loretta Johnston from Arkansas introduced the Wisconsin Friendship Chorus.

The 2011 NVON Conference Committee Chairs were introduced and the registration report was given AR-5, IL-13, IN-24, KY-20, NC-4, SC-9, WV-32 and WI-67 for a total of 174. The silent auction had 132 items and made \$1,601.00. \$262.84 was collected for Pennies for Friendship. An invitation was presented by the South Carolina delegation for July 17-19, 2012 NVON Conference in Columbia, SC. Jo Almond installed the new officers and full board for 2012. The conference committee did the retiring of the flags. Door prizes were the table decorations and items at the tables for the meal functions.

Thank you to all the members of WAHCE for the great time in Green Bay!



Joan Mc Eachern was the designer of the NVON Logo . Troy Landwehr took the logo to a whole new realm from a 40# chunk of cheese.

NVON in Cheese By Troy



Butterfly On My Shoulder

Oh to be this butterfly
 And flit from flower to flower.
 We might see the world not so black
 and white,
 But in beautiful Technicolor.

Too often we forget to look
 At the beauty all around.
 So take some time to appreciate
 The blessings that abound.

And then let this butterfly remind you
 Of the struggle it usually takes
 To plan a year long program,
 To make it really great.

It is always easy,
 Just to hide in our safe cocoon,
 But it takes quite an effort
 To come out of that little room.

Now, if you make that effort,
 And dare to break out of that cocoon,
 You may find you've sprouted
 leadership wings
 That will make your programs bloom.

So, wear your butterfly on your shoulder,
 And don't let good work
 be just a dream.
 Let the butterfly be an
 inspiration,
 That will strengthen your
 volunteer team.

By Lylene Scholz, for WAHCE Leadership
 Institute 2006

Adapted for the WAHCE 2011 NVON Presi-
 dent's Report



NVON Member State Conferences/Meetings

Arkansas EHC:

June 5-7, 2012
 Hot Springs Convention
 Center, Hot Springs, AR

Kentucky EHA:

May 14-17, 2012
 Hyatt Regency,
 Lexington, KY

West Virginia CEOS:

October 4-6, 2011 -
 Jackson's Mill,
 Weston, WV

Illinois AHCE:

March 27-29, 2012
 Effingham, IL

North Carolina ECA:

October 24-26, 2011
 New Bern Hilton, New
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Wisconsin AHCE:

September 12-14, 2011 -
 Stoney Creek Inn,
 Onalaska, WI

Indiana EHA:

June 13-15, 2012
 Purdue University,
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South Carolina FCL:

October 24-25, 2011
 Holiday Inn, Rock Hill, SC

NVON

July 17-19, 2012
 Radisson, Columbia, SC
 July 2013 Frankfort, KY
July 2014 Fishers, IN

CWC

September 23-25, 2012
 Manchester,
 New Hampshire

ACWW

Triennial Conference
 September 26 -
 October 2, 2013,
 Chennai, India

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help members get moving with regular physical exercise and more informed about diet changes, annual physicals and health screenings.

International projects include the sewing of dresses and shorts for African girls and boys. Providing children in Ghana with a dining room complete with table and chairs. Donations to a learning center of sewing machines, fabric and notions. Financing an ACWW Water Project in Cameroon, donations to Hayes Pure Water Foundation to purchase water purification units along with NVON endowment seed monies that snowballed from \$358.59 to \$2,400 to pur-

chase water filters and buckets for Bo, Sierra Leone. Several state programs of financial donations to help build new houses following disasters.

Volunteer community support projects from our member states such as Socks for Soldiers where items beginning with the letter "S" were collected and shipped to US Soldiers. Sewing of puppy pillows, blankets, pinafores and book bags that were donated to a state children's hospital. School supplies for needy children and food items to local food pantries. Those are just a few individual projects along with thousands of dollars in higher education scholarships were awarded

in addition to many, many 4-H scholarships.

As we all know our organizations have experienced some kind of financial cut-back or reorganization. Each and every time this happens our members step forward and do whatever is needed. As Alice Brown, President of Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association reflected in her report she had this to say "I am reminded of what can be accomplished when our members are called upon to make things happen. Our members will always be prepared to give more than 100% of what is asked of them."

Linda Gause

NVON members are always busy no matter where they go.

Volunteers are a part of the name and is taken seriously by the members



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