



VISION

President's Message

Happy Fall and Harvesting! I hope that you are enjoying the sights, sounds, and smells of the fall season. In the area where I live, we savor these days because we never know when winter might arrive.

United for a Better World "Cultivate the Mind; Harvest the Future", the theme for the 11th National Volunteer Outreach Network Conference held in July at Belleville, Illinois, was carried out very well with the innovative keynote speaker, Joel Strack, from Disney World at Orlando, Florida. He also did a learning session, "Beyond Brainstorming," that truly helped to **cultivate** our minds. Hopefully we will do the **harvesting** from that session as we go back to our states and counties and share information. The session

on "Projects! Blessings or Disasters?" incorporated talking, planning, and writing instructions for making a peanut butter sandwich, and then actually making one from someone else's instructions. While one group of peanut butter sandwich makers would make one wonder how any project ever gets off the starting block, another would amaze you with their innovative ways of getting the project finished. Ken Bradbury was the finale entertainment with his marvelous piano playing and wit. Thank you Kathryn, Peggy, and all the members of the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education members!

NVON collected \$314.50 for Pennies for Friendship and \$1753 was realized from the Silent Auction. These two amounts go directly

to London. Lots of NVON pins were sold and a few 2007 handbooks for a total of \$126. You, as a member, might also be interested in knowing that the NVON Board voted to donate \$250 toward leadership sessions to be held at ACWW in April along with the amount of \$4000 which will completely pay for one enjoyable tea. The four executive officers were in agreement that the total Endowment Interest from 2007 in the amount of \$527.55 and for 2008 in the amount of \$401.05 be presented to the 2010 Triennial treasurer, Judy Bender, to be applied toward leadership speakers and sessions.

As your representative at the Country Women's Council Conference, I would like you to know that the networking and learning from each other at a function like this is

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immeasurable. We learn a lot about each other and our organizations at informal settings as well, such as evening chats and waiting on delayed planes in the airport.

The enthusiasm for The Associated Country Women of the World's 26th Triennial Conference to be held in the United States of America at Hot Springs, Arkansas, is very quickly building. Our NVON one-day conference will be

held April 20, 2010, prior to the ACWW Conference. We have an exciting day planned for you with the World President, Dato Ursula Goh, speaking at our banquet. I challenge the states and counties to help defray the cost of members going to the world conference, and by doing this you may be "lighting the spark within" someone that they too may someday serve on the international level. Most certainly your state/and or county could

benefit from an informative program your attendee could develop and present. Remember to look for your state's exhibit and the NVON exhibit that will be on display during the ACWW Conference. See you there!

Ruth Ann Anderson
NVON
President

South Carolina FCL State Report - 2009

The South Carolina FCL Clubs have been very busy this year. Our first goal set was to increase membership during 2009 by 5%. There is a concerted effort being made to increase the SCFCL membership by becoming more visible in the community, churches, and other gatherings. We are asking each member to continue to work to increase the membership of SCFCL

The NVON Project "MAD" Chairperson is working diligently on this project by getting persons

involved to spread the information to the community about Foster Care.

The District meetings were well attended during the spring. We have increased attendance at the district meetings.

One FCL club is in the process of starting several 4-H clubs in the community.

The state project FCL Yard and Neighborhoods is moving along

very well, as this was accepted by almost all of the FCL clubs in S. C.

We appreciate your continued support of this great organization.

Josie Gaston
President
South Carolina Family &
Community Leaders

Looking for Reporters For VISION

Do you like to write?

Then we are looking for you!!!

Are you planning to attend
ACWW Triennial in April 2010?

President Ruth Ann and I thought it would be great to see some of your first hand experiences reported in the June 2010 issue of VISION.

This is an opportunity to tell others what ACWW is all about and what attending the conference meant to you as you met others from around the world .

Beverly Earnhart - Editor

2010 NVON Conference Registration Information & Form

United for a Better World

"The Voices of Women Today"

National Volunteer Outreach Network Annual Conference

April 20, 2010

Austin Hotel & Convention Center – Hot Springs, Arkansas

Hosted by: Arkansas Extension Homemakers



Registration information: You will be registering for one day only and the price will be \$40. Late fee of \$5 will be added after March 19, 2010.

Room Reservations: The Austin Hotel is hosting the one day NVON Conference. If you are attending the NVON Conference, please make reservations directly with the Austin; phone 877-623-6697. Identify yourself as the NVON Organization. Single & double occupancy is \$90 plus tax. Triple & quad occupancy rooms are \$102 plus tax. Complimentary breakfast is included for those staying at the Austin Hotel.

Cut-Off Date: Thirty (30) days prior to the conference the hotel will release the block of non-booked rooms to the public. Rooms booked after March 19th may receive conference rate if rooms are available.

Check-In/Check-Out: Check-In time is 3:00 PM; Check-out time is 11:00 AM.

Airport Transportation: Shuttles available from Little Rock to Hot Springs for a fee.

Parking: No charge.

Dietary Restrictions: Include any necessary dietary request with your conference reservation.

Registration Confirmation: If you would like to receive a registration confirmation please include a self addressed stamped envelope or your email address with your registration.

Conference registration deadline is: March 19, 2010. *Your fee may be transferred but not refunded.*

There will be no Silent Auction or State Exhibits this year only.

Remember you may set up your State Exhibit for the ACWW Conference on April 21st. See CWC News Sheet for more details

Additional Information: Phyllis Pipkin, Conference Chair, sephpipkin@aol.com, Phone: 501-760-2872

or Kaye Green, Registration Chair, kayegreen@yahoo.com Phone: 870-325-7463

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2010 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print or Type (One Form per Person) Registration Deadline: March 19, 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Member _____ Guest _____ First Time Attendee _____ E-mail Registration Confirmation _____

Include a self addressed stamped envelope for a written registration confirmation.

I will be attending the following:

Lunch Wednesday
 Banquet Wednesday

I have a special Dietary need: _____

Please state: _____

Registration Fees:

Full Registration – one day only \$40.00 \$ _____

One Day Registration:

Late Fee (after March 19) \$5.00 \$ _____

TOTAL FEES: \$ _____

Workshop and Seminar Fees Collected at the Session

Make Checks Payable to: AEH – NVON 2010 Conference

Send Registration to: Conference Chair: Kaye Green, 770 Moores Church Road, Rison, Arkansas 71665

E-mail: kayegreen@yahoo.com

2010 NVON Conference Schedule & Speakers



United for a Better World

"The Voices of Women Today"

National Volunteer Outreach Network Annual Conference

April 20, 2010

Austin Hotel & Convention Center – Hot Springs, Arkansas

Hosted by: Arkansas Extension Homemakers

Tuesday, April 19th

6:00 - 8:00 pm Registration – Mezzanine, 2nd Floor

Wednesday, April 20th

7:00 – 8:00 am Registration – Mezzanine, 2nd Floor

6:00 – 8:00 am Breakfast – Complimentary breakfast for those staying at the Austin, served in the Dining Room on the 1st Floor

8:30 – 11:00 am Business Meeting – Desoto Room, 2nd Floor

12:00 Noon Lunch – Desoto Room, Speaker Mrs. Garvin from Garvin's Gardens

2:15 – 4:15 pm Business Meeting Continues – Desoto Room, 2nd Floor

6:30 pm Closing Banquet – Featuring the World President, Dato Ursula Goh, Speaker

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

DATO URSULA GOH, PSBS, PBK, ABS, BBS, PPD (Gangsa)

WORLD PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD (ACWW) 2004 – 2010

Ursula Goh became World President of ACWW in 2004, having served 2 terms as Deputy President. In the same year she was awarded the title Dato in her home country of Sarawak, Malaysia. The Dato ship – one of the country's highest decorations – was recognition of her contribution to the Government, the community as a whole and her work with Non Government Organisations (NGOs).



She served 3 terms as ACWW Area President for South East Asia and the Far East in the 1980s and 1990s and was Chairman of the Projects committee between 1989 – 1992. From 1998 – 2001 she also served as co-ordinator for the East, West and Central Africa area.

Her home group is the Sarawak Federation of Women's Institutes in which she has served as Chairman of divisional and district committees, chairman of building fund projects and advisor to the Miri / Bintulu division.

Ursula lists travel and meeting people as her favourite activities – interests that will find full rein during her term of office as World President.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER – "MRS. GARVIN" FROM GARVIN'S GARDENS

Listen as an impersonator tells us about Mrs. Garvin's dream, to transform a 210 – acre wooded peninsula on Hamilton Lake, into a world class botanical garden. With the help of professional designers and craftsman her dream became a reality. In 1985 she donated the property under a trust agreement to the University of Arkansas School of Architecture. She continued to play a major role in the happenings until her death in 1993. The daunting task to document the plants began in 1993. Using a strategic 10-year master plan as a road map for existing and future expansion at the Gardens a grand opening was held in April 2002 on what is visible to the public today.

Room Reservations for NVON/ACWW

It has come to our attention that members are trying to book rooms at the Embassy Suites starting April 19th . Because we did not know that NVON would be having a one day conference prior to the ACWW Triennial at the time we were securing rooms that date was not a part of our contract. We regret the inconvenience this is caus-

ing due to the Embassy having another conference in the hotel on that date. Extra rooms are not available to us until the 20th. We suggest you contact the "Austin" or The "Arlington" to secure a room for that night (April 19th) and then you can move to the Embassy for the ACWW Triennial.

To secure reservations for ACWW, you must submit your ACWW Housing Request form to the Hot Springs Convention Center. If your hotel preference is Embassy Suites, reservations cannot start before April 20th.

Jo Almond -Triennial Chair

Arkansas EHA State Report -2009

The State of Arkansas is aware that there are Extension Homemakers among us ...

Again this year we have had an increase in membership. In September every county in the state set a membership goal. In March we had our first report. We had 190 new members at that time. At our state meeting we again checked for new members. At this time we had 519 new members. We have lost some members to death and some from drop outs, but we still had about 200 more members than we had last year. Please go by our display and see how we did it.

At our state meeting this year we had a cultural art display. We choose pillows to decorate, one from each county. We asked to bring all their pillows to the state meeting and we would donate them to The University of Arkansas Medical Service for their cancer center. We thought maybe 500 or so, would you believe about 2000

pillows! One of the big features of the State Meeting this year was the "Spit for the Cure". This was a volunteer service for the Breast Cancer research at The University of Arkansas Medical Service. Spit was collected and a form was filled out about each of the members who had 5 minutes. These ladies will be kept up with for some time.

At our Spring Meeting we had every member to vote on what they thought their counties would like for a major and a minor focus for the next two years. Our members choose "Be Med Wise" as our major focus for the next two years. Our minor focus will be "Fit in 10" which will fit our project in Common "NVON Let's Take off." We hope we can have a measurable goal to report.

In our state we encourage counties and clubs to present project books. These are books on a project the county or club has

worked on during the year. This year we had a lot of interesting projects which included these:

- *Sending packages to troops
- *Back Packs filled with school supplies
- *For Children's Hospital... Blankets, booties, caps, and other baby needs
- *For the nursing homes ...Lap robes, Walker bags, Bibs and other decorations for their rooms.
- *Several counties helped with 4-H projects
- *A lot of money was raised for the needs of the counties, with yard sales, bake sales and lots of meals.

These are a few of the things we have been busy with in the great state of ARKANSAS

Joyce Hall

Arkansas State President

Indiana EHA State Report - July 2009

Servant Leadership with IEHA was the theme Gloria DelGreco, 2008-2009 Indiana Extension Homemakers Association State President chose for her year in office. A leadership program was presented at the ten fall district meetings explaining ten aspects of servant leadership and how they could benefit our organization. Since the fall of 2008 was Presidential election time, the importance of voting was also stressed. A local county clerk spoke at each of the fall meetings giving ways to register and methods available to vote in person and absentee. The election board and its functions were explained along with the need for and duties of workers in local precincts.

The Indiana Leadership, Education, and Development training program was offered for the third year at Home and Family Conference with Forty-two students in the

three sections. Twelve participants completed the program and were awarded diplomas.

Educational lessons chosen and presented in each county were as varied as our membership. Several counties had lessons on Living Green with emphasis on conserving our resources. Disaster preparedness, health and nutrition, identity theft, communication, and storage lessons were popular. Many leisure arts lessons were also presented throughout the state. Members participate in many Volunteer Community Support projects and give many dollars to their causes. Recipients of time, gifts and money include Riley Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald Houses as statewide projects, and local hospitals, nursing homes, county and city police units, Habitat for Humanity, food pantries, museums, shelters, schools, 4-H programs and activities and many other local charities.

Our international project, Habitat for Humanity in Haiti, was promoted with a video presentation at our spring district meetings and enough funds have been collected to build a small house in that country.

Many counties present college scholarships to high school graduates and make continuing education grants to their own members. The First Books for Kids project continues with many children being given a copy of the books read to Head Start classes

Melody Makers of Indiana, made up of choruses from throughout the state, celebrated their seventy-fifth anniversary with a mass concert at Home and Family Conference, followed by a cake and ice cream social.

Jean Hitchcock

2009-2010 IEHA President

Illinois Elects New State President - March 2009

My name is Marilyn Daughhete and I was elected as the IAHCE State president at the annual conference in March 2009. I felt very much honored to be representing IAHCE at this year's NVON conference.

My home is in Chrisman, Illinois in Edgar County. I have 5 children, 1 boy and 4 girls, 7 grand-

children, 1 great-grandson and 6 grand dogs.

I grew up in Cahokia which is not to far from Belleville. It was fun attending the NVON conference in my old stomping grounds.

It is hard to believe that I have been a member of my local HCE

unit in Chrisman for 40 years; I certainly don't feel that old. My membership in this organization has made my life better not only from the lessons we have shared but also in the friendships that were made. I look forward to sharing more lessons and making new friends in NVON.

No. Carolina ECA State Report -July 2009

The North Carolina Extension and Community Association accepted change with a positive and appreciative attitude this year. The Annual State Conference had "Accentuate the Positive" as it's theme.

As a part of the "Support Our Troops" project the opening ceremony was dedicated to the men and women of the armed forces. The ceremony featured members from Fort Bragg's 82nd Airborne Division doing the Presentation of Colors; the Airborne Chorus providing entertainment and Lt. Colonel Michael Foster as the keynote speaker. At the close of the ceremony an army truck was filled with supplies and goodies for the troops donated by the NECA members.

After two years of strategic planning, the members voted to adopt a new structure for the

nearly 90 year old organization. The new structure is an effort to maintain and increase membership. The new structure will relegate more decision making and responsibility to members on the district and county levels. The new Leadership Team is made up of a president, president-elect, past president and six vice state presidents. The six vice presidents are the six district presidents.

Although the structure has changed, the mission remains the same. The mission is to strengthen families and communities through : Leadership development, Volunteerism networks, Educational support and research based information from North Carolina State University and North Carolina A & T State University.

Services were provided to North Carolina citizens ranging in age from preschool to senior citizens.

Services were provided to cancer patients, nursing home patients, Salvation Army, school children, displaced and special needs children . Projects such as The Samaritans Purse, Support Our Troops and The Red Cross had international impact. NECA promoted the retention and teaching of heritage skills to our youth,

NCECA voted to establish an NCECA Foundation. It also elected for the first time an African American as State President.

NCECA continues to strive to be a viable force in improving the quality of life for the citizens of North Carolina and the world.

Dorothy McKay,

NCECA President

NVON Member State Conferences

Arkansas EHC: June 8-10, 2010 - Conference Center, Hot Springs, Arkansas

Illinois AHCE: March 23-25, 2010 – Double Tree Hotel & Convention Center, Bloomington, Illinois

Indiana EHA: June 9-11, 2010 – Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

Kentucky EHA: May 10-13, 2010 – Hyatt Regency, Lexington, Kentucky

North Carolina ECA: October 26-28, 2010 – Village Inn Conference Center, Clemmons, NC

South Carolina FCL: October 24-27, 2010 Holiday Inn, Beaufort, South Carolina

West Virginia CEOS: October 5-7, 2010 - Jackson's Mill, Weston, West Virginia

Wisconsin AHCE: September 15-17, 2010 – The Plaza in Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Illinois AHCE State Report -2009

Since becoming the IAHCCE State President, it has been my privilege to travel our great state from the very northwest corner to the southern part.

The IAHCCE Annual Conference was held March 3-5, 2009 in Springfield, IL with 394 attendees. The theme this year was in honor of President Lincoln's 200th birthday. The entertainment during the conference was a portrayal of Mrs. Lincoln's seamstress and friend, Elizabeth Keckley, by Kathryn Harris; the Springfield High School "Seven and Senators" singers, and the music and wit of Ken Bradbury. The share shops from topics such as Lasagna Garden, Heart Healthy Seafood, and many other interesting topics were enjoyed by all. Of course, the Cultural Arts exhibit, Silent Auction, and the many vendors added the chance to look and shop.

It was reported at the Conference that the members had volunteered

310,358 hours during 2008. The monetary value of \$19.51 per hour set by the Illinois Extension makes the value of the volunteered hours-\$6,055,084.58.

Service projects reported: 955 Linus Blankets, 100 handmade stocking caps/mittens, 4 large boxes of school supplies, 4 doll blankets, 114 book bags for preschool, and 20 blankets for children to be wrapped in when being removed from a home where Meth is made because their clothes must be left behind also. They have given 30 Foster bags for children to put their belongings in when being removed from the home, 66 shoe boxes, 150 Toys for Tots collection, and 212 Teddy Bears given to emergency rooms. One county provides 75 backpacks filled with food from the Food Bank. These bags are then given to children who would not have any food during the weekend, 35 boxes of supplies; 15 crocheted lap quilts for veterans hospital; 500

neck coolers for military in Iraq; 389 helmet liners, 125 lap quilts for veterans hospital; 114 items of clothing for veterans home; 121 toiletries for veterans home, 18 chemotherapy fleece shawls; 30 walker bags to a nursing home, 10 colostomy bag holders; 17 turning blankets to a nursing home; 175 turbans for cancer patients; 20,773 postage stamps to disabled workers; 64 lap robes for nursing home; 62 night shirts for nursing home; 143 towels to animal shelters; 100 pies for HCE fundraiser, monetary gifts to 4-H campers, food banks, senior citizens centers, American Cancer Society, Meals on Wheels, and many other local charities.

Marilyn Daughhete
Illinois State President



Special Thank you from Illinois

APPLAUSE!



Thank you to all NVON members and guests that attended the 2009

NVON Conference in Belleville, Illinois, on July 13-15!

The comments on the evaluations were mostly favorable and on behalf of IAHCCE and the 2009 NVON Conference committee, thank you for making it a success!

Thank You.

Kathryn McNeely

2009 NVON
Conference Chair

Kentucky EHA State Report -July 2009

During the last 2 years, I have been able to attend 12 Area Homemaker Annual Meetings. In doing so, have seen most of the commonwealth of Kentucky. It has been wonderful to see our beautiful places of interest and meet so many wonderful Homemakers.

Our connections to the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service are a major part of that strength. Partnering with our FCS agents we have "Weight the Reality Series" program in 51 counties, we were part of 6.7 million client contacts through Cooperative Extension. In the commonwealth of Kentucky for the year 2007-08, 47,696 made lifestyle changes for health, 23,668 reduced debt or increased savings.

In March of 2009, many FCS agents and KEHA members were present as the Governor of Kentucky declared the "Second Sunday" program to be observed in all counties. The issue of healthy Kentuckians has become a greater part of our Health Education program.

As of this coming year, we have a new emphasis for our International Program. We have a KEHA Exchange Homemaker traveling

with a group of KEHA members, FCS agents and others to Ghana in West Africa. The International Education program is asking for support for a kindergarten school named "Kentucky Academy". It is in the home area of Dr. Kwaku Addo, Associate Dean of the Graduate School at UK and Associate Professor in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science. Dr. Addo and his wife are natives of Ghana and founders of the Kentucky Academy.

We are working on various ways to "Go Green" environmentally with our reports and newsletters for the future. All State Educational chairmen are working on seriously shortening the questions asked regarding their program of work.

Membership levels for any organization are always a concern. We are gaining members, but we are losing a generation of charter members of KEHA in alarming numbers. If we remain strong in our goals and continue our programs and consumer based information sharing, we will again show growth in numbers.

We have supported Farmers Markets, Water Quality Changes

and Camp Courageous for Kids in Scott County with hand-made quilts and coverlets. We participate in the NVON "Project-in-Common" through "It's My Very Own-Bags of Love" with chapters across the state for foster care children. Most counties provided handmade Christmas ornaments for the Kentucky History Museum in Frankfort, KY. We have Quilt patterns on barns all across the Commonwealth, we continue to support the 4-H program "Backpacks for Hunger", we raised thousands of dollars for scholarships in all communities. There's not enough space to list everything we do.

Saving this for last is the frosting on this year's report, we have passed the \$1,000,000 mark in donation to Ovarian Cancer Research. With the amount raised beyond the one Million we have a great start toward raising the second million.

Linda Kaletch

Kentucky President

***Challenge Yourself to Give Leadership,
Blaze the Trail for Others***

West Virginia CEOS State Report July -2009

For calendar year 2009 West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS) organization filled and donated an additional 252 backpacks for the NVON Making a Difference Project. We have one County that also keeps a supply of individual items on hand that children may need while waiting for a foster parent to pick them up.

A local news station held an ugly tie contest, where community members sent their ugliest tie to the news station; the anchor wore a different tie each evening for a month while reporting the news. At the end of the contest, the station donated the ties to CEOS and the County is making a bow tie quilt to raffle off with all proceeds going to fill more backpacks for the MAD Project. The local news station is giving CEOS free publicity about the project. Some Counties are not discontinuing the project after 2009, they believe it is a very worthwhile project and intend

to keep donating the backpacks.

Another new program was created for 2009 with broad input from West Virginia University Extension faculty and CEOS leaders. This was the Health Motivator Program for people aged 50 plus to help them achieve a healthier lifestyle by incorporating more physical activity into their lives.

Approximately 300 Health Motivator members were selected by their CEOS Clubs. They were trained in using the new curriculum and leading club members. Health Motivators used the leader's guide to share talking points and lead a quick activity at each month's club meeting. The leaders guide gives a Health Motivator talking points and a quick activity that is done at each months meeting. The members fill out their health Motivator Calendars through out the month and report hours exercised at the following months meeting. The calendar also

has tips for each month. This program has been very successful.

For the year 2010, we are working on another NVON Project In common by focusing on walking. A six week walking challenge will be incorporated into the Health Motivator Program encouraging clubs to form walking groups and increase members physical activity time. Members will record daily minutes/steps. I believe if the members walk for six weeks they will continue to do so thus giving me the facts needed for the NVON Project in Common "Lets Take Off."

If other States are interested, I have a few 2009 Health Motivators packets I would be delighted to give you.

Carmen Robinson

President 2009-2010

Quilt Block Competition - ACWW Triennial Conference

The rules and requirements for the competition are:

- (1.) 9-inch finished quilted square with backing.
- (2.) Made of any material
- (3.) Any Design
- (4.) Name, Country and Address

attached to quilt square

- (5.) The square is to be turned in to the Competition Area on April 21. (Room 102)
- (6.) You must be a registered attendee at the 26th Triennial Conference to enter.

- (7.) A People's Choice vote will be taken.

After selection of people's choice, a silent auction is held of the remaining entries with monies going to Pennies for Friendship.

Barbara Cathey is the Competition Committee Chair

WISCONSIN STATE REPORT - JULY 2009

At our September 2008 State Conference, we were honored to have as our guests – Rose Rajabanssee, ACWW Area President of Central & South America, Louise Nichols, our USA Area President, and Ruth Anderson, NVON President. It certainly gave our Wisconsin HCE members a better picture of the connections around the USA and the world.

The Leadership portion of our conference is called P.O.O.L. which stands for Program, Outreach, Opportunity and Leadership. Our VPs of Program and Community Outreach work closely with UW Extension to provide timely – up to date materials that can be taken back and taught at the County and Club level.

Cultural Arts is also a popular part of our yearly conference, The show, arranged by our Cultural Arts Chair and Committee, shows off the many talents of our HCE members.

As you know, increasing membership is an on-going challenge. Wisconsin carried over the 2008 Membership Drive into 2009 –

“Join HCE Now – Save Your Money and How” is the theme. Counties hold a specific event – if new members are signed up at the event, their dues are paid from the State Budget for a year.

Our literacy program “Wisconsin Bookworms™” continues to thrive. 44,472 books have been ordered for the next school year. Each child in Head Start and Early Childhood receives a set of books. We are in our 11th year and have reached 52,525 children. HCE members are finding new and unique ways of raising money to fund the program in their county raising thousands of dollars each year. Our Wisconsin Bookworms™ program is designed to provide free books to children who many not otherwise own books; giving them the experience of being read to and helping pre-school children gain a lifelong love of reading. We have a close working partnership with UW-Wisconsin Extension, Wisconsin Public Television and us – WAHCE.

Our International Chair keeps us in close contact with our Sisters in Nicaragua. Contributions continue to pour in. In fact, one county

(Manitowoc Co.) has delivered 31 sewing machines and 13 boxes of sewing supplies plus several hundred yards of fabric to the collection center for shipment to Nicaragua sewing centers – and that is just one county. We did raise enough money to pay for a well in Tanzania and payment was sent in at the end of the year.

Our Family Life Chair and Committee are working hard to provide programs suitable for the traditional and non-traditional family, and to bridge the gap between generations.

We continue to focus on our Mission Statement:

- HCE offers opportunities for Learning in a Social Setting
- Sharing what we learn
- Caring to make a Difference in our Homes, Communities, and the World.

Thank you and come visit us in Wisconsin!

Marcelline Protheroe,

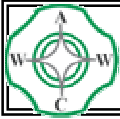
WAHCE President

CWC News Sheet Information

The CWC newsletter, News Sheet, has been posted on the Internet for a few years.

If you are a current subscriber receiving a “hard” copy and would prefer to read it on the internet instead of receiving a copy in the mail, please contact:

Marian Brown, CWC Editor
E-mail: littlebush@gmn4u.com



Come One.....Come allto Hot Springs, AR

Time is slipping away for getting registered.

Don't miss the chance to join visitors from around the world at the 26th ACWW Triennial Meeting, April 21-28, 2010.

The Hot Springs Convention Center is the place for all the activities; a spectacular opening ceremony, plenaries, reports from 9 area presidents, USA night, excursion day, morning and afternoon teas, and the grand finale closing ceremony followed by the Gala banquet.

Meet old friends and make new as you learn about other countries, their concerns and customs, and work together on resolutions and recommendations.

Don't delay getting your registration in. November 18 is the due date for early birds.

1-3 day registration is available for USA only and the form is available on cwcusa.org.

For Arkansas and general triennial information visit: acwusa2010.com

This site has the **full time registration**, venue, travel, and hotel information. You must be an individual member to attend full time. You will also find a link for acww.org.uk.

NOTE: When using credit card to pay for reservation please authorize your card company to pay this billing. London has had some issues with companies not wanting to pay the registration billing.

Individual ACWW membership cost is \$42.00 per year or \$105 for three years. (The year is considered from January 1 to December

31.)

Remember: you need a registration confirmation number to be able to make hotel reservations at the Embassy Suites, Austin or Arlington. The reservations need to be made through the Convention Center Housing Bureau to get the preferred pricing for the conference.

If interested in volunteering to help at the conference, please contact:

Triennial Conference Co-chairs

Jo Almond jea919@gmail.com

or

Beverly Earnhart
bevearn@bnin.net
for more details.

Hope to see you there.

CWC Invitation to ACWW Triennial

Country Women's Council USA (CWC) invites you to the 26th ACWW Triennial Conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas. April 21-28, 2010.

CWC is an organization made up of USA ACWW member societies. We have been in existence since 1938. We have worked together to support ACWW and enlighten our members and com-

munities of their workings and projects.

We are very excited and honored that the United States was chosen to host the 26th Triennial. The 18 appointed committee chairs have been working very hard to make this the most enjoyable and educational conference our sister delegates have attended. As representative and coordinator

of the 2010 conference I am honored to attend the ACWW Triennial Conference Committee meetings in London.

Hot Springs has always been a special place. President Andrew Jackson made Hot Springs the first Federal Reservation in 1832; the first piece of America protected for future generations.

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CWC Invitation

Hot Springs was, in essence, America's first national park. It is known for its thermal waters and natural beauty.

While you are in Hot Springs enjoy the world famous Bathhouse Row. These eight turn - of-the-century structures are within walking distance of each hotel.

Also, each of our host hotels has its own beautiful and unique Spa facility. We suggest that you try one of them sometime while you are visiting us, you will not regret it.

For those early risers at conference, we have planed an activity referred to as "Get Moving in the Arkansas Morning". Each morn-

ing you will explore different types of easy exercises.

We will also host an evening of fun filled Craft activities. The chair has chosen simple and travel friendly items for a hands on night. (Just to let you know there will be a small fee for each item made). We want this evening to be a time to meet new friends, learn about other sisters around the world and explore new hand art projects.

The tours will be exciting and educational, the speakers will tickle your funny bone along with educational information and the plenaries will keep us on track.

Hot Springs can be reached by air (through Little Rock International

Airport), motor coach, car or train. Please find information on our website at:

ACWWUSA2010.com

We welcome you to the 26th Triennial Conference and hope to see many of you there.

The theme "Women Worldwide - the Voice of Today" says it all. Working to make a better place to live and play.

Jo Almond - USA Triennial Chair.

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History Papers IN Dacus Library Archives

On May 18, 2006 the first nine years (1995-2004) of NVON history was deposited in the Dacus Library Archives on the campus of Winthrop University, Rock hill, South Carolina. These papers chronicled the formation and organizational success of NVON from the beginning. Three additional years (2005-2007) of papers were taken to the Library and presented to Gina White, Director of Special Collections on June 24, 2009. These are added to the initial deposit.

When submitting papers for the NVON Special Collection in the archives, the original documents are placed in folders which are labeled with a brief description of the contents. A listing of contents of each folder is placed in the folder with the contents. Archival submissions are measured in inches. NVON files now in the Dacus Library measures between fifteen and twenty inches.

In the NVON Policy/Guidelines one of the listed duties of the NVON Secretary is to prepare and

submit papers to Dacus Library Archives that are collected during her term in office. It is the duty of every member to give to the Secretary a copy of all papers that are of historical value to NVON. The importance of dates and the name of the person submitting "anything" should appear on all papers.

No papers, once submitted for deposit in an archive, may be removed. A copy is made available by going to the library and searching, or by cont'd on page 14

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contacting the library and requesting a copy.

The history of NVON will not repeat itself. Fifty, or one hundred years from now when someone is interested in the activities around the turn of this century, the papers that have been deposited, and those that will be deposited will give in-

sights into those things that we considered important.

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September 2009



NVON Conference - Belleville, IL - 2009

Illinois Association for Home and Community Education was happy to host the 2009 NVON Conference in Belleville, IL on July 13-15.

We had 70 hotel rooms at Our Lady of the Snows and 6 rooms used at the Ramada a few miles away.

The MetroLink Fairview Heights station was close by and those flying into St. Louis took the MetroLink from the airport to the Fairview and were picked up by a conference person and returned to catch flights home.

We had planned on 150 attendees but in the end had 200 registered attendees, 77 from Illinois, and for most it was their first NVON Conference. Arkansas had 5, Indiana 17, Kentucky 32, North Carolina 12, South Carolina 11, West Virginia 29 and Wisconsin 17.

The conference was held at Our Lady of the Snows which sets on 200 acres. Most of those attending enjoyed the site and they really loved the food and the service by the staff.

The staff was great as everything was held in the same rooms used for business meetings, meals, seminars, craft workshops and Monday afternoon entertainment. With all the changes to be made a couple times a day, everything was still ready on time.

A variety of seminars was offered and the entertainment/speakers varied. They were all well received with Joel Strack from Disney World being a favorite.

35 went on the all day tour on Monday to the Lewis & Clark Museum, Lock & Dam and Alton.

Offered on Monday for those not going on the tour was free entertainment of Dulcimer music and Laugh with Liz. We did give donations to the entertainment.

We offered fellowship at the breakfast area after the evening programs. Several enjoyed the snacks, drinks, fellowship and games.

The many donations of snacks, paper goods, drinks, door prizes, raffle prizes, table favors, items for registration bags, things for Illinois Night, and others donations throughout the conference, along with the 200 registrations, made it a profitable function with NVON and IAHCCE each receiving \$2,163.02 for their treasuries.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO A SPECIAL COUPLE

Many of you know the familiar faces of Robert and Ruth Peveryly from Illinois. They have been to so many of the ACWW, CWC and NVON Conferences over the past years.

Even when faced with the trials of recovery from a major auto accident they didn't let life get them down. With the help of their daughters they have been able to attend more events to visit with the many friends they have made all over the world.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Robert and Ruth a belated 65th Anniversary from their many friends of NVON, CWC and ACWW.

May you enjoy many more years together.

