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“When Life gives you lemons, make lemonade.” I feel like the entire month of April was a Giant Lemon! We have been dutifully following the directives of our national, state and local leaders and medical professionals and have stayed home, distanced ourselves from others and become aware of new terminology and ways of doing things. “Quarantine,” “Social Distancing,” “Pandemic,” “Personal Protective Equipment” and “New Normal” are a few of the terms that we have come to know and sometimes, dislike. We hear our leaders say that we may never shake hands or hug each other ever again, as we have done for generations in the past.

HOWEVER, in the world that *I know*, we are a social people. It is in our nature to help others. No doubt, the way that some of you got through this time of shut down was by doing for others. After considering our own self-preservation, we donated food, checked on our neighbors and shut-ins or other isolated persons. We made grocery or pharmacy runs for relatives and others. We made masks or other protective related items or donated items from our own homes to persons “on the front lines.” We remembered the elderly, by standing in windows at nursing homes for visits and celebrated birthdays with drive-by parades and signs from the street. We called friends whom we knew were in the same dilemma and laughed or prayed with them. We tried to support the small businesses in our communities by ordering pick-up meals or calling in orders to be delivered. We helped our neighbors by creating walk-up food

pantries on our front porches. We learned how to participate in ZOOM meetings and how to play games, like “Peek-a-boo,” or read stories with our grandchildren over FaceTime on our computers and tablets. **And, we learned the most precious lesson of all—we are all in this together and we must take care of each other.**

As we begin to come out of the isolation, I urge you to begin to “share your lemonade.” Remember the fear of those most vulnerable to this, and any virus or disease, and do all that you can to protect them and yourself by wearing a mask. Remember what it felt like to be quarantined and alone. Make time to make a difference in the lives of the lonely and isolated, even if it is just a quick “checking on you” phone call or note in the mail. Remember what it felt like, worrying if you would have enough groceries to last in your cupboard and donate food, supplies or time at a food pantry or soup kitchen. Remember what it was said about never being able to shake hands or hug and give that person that you meet a big smile. They might not get the full effect of your smile, if you are wearing your mask, but they will see the gleam in your eyes and see how you react or offer up your actions to them. You will see what a Difference you can make in our world.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Currently, the Nominations for the two vacancies of Treasurer and Vice President are Nancy Jo Prue, our current treasurer, and Karen Bell Fox, Arkansas for Vice President. According to NVON By Laws the Treasurer is the only elected officer who can serve consecutive terms. Karen Bell Fox is serving as Arkansas President and will complete her term June 30, 2020.

The By-Laws state that nominations can be received up to 45 days prior to our conference date of July 20. Nominations will be accepted until June 3, 2020 for these two offices.



Nancy Jo Prue
Indiana



Karen Bell
Fox
Arkansas

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

This is the final year of our Project in Common, "Double Your Influence-Add 2". Reports are coming due to me by May 20, according to our NVON Policy Guidelines. Also stated in that same paragraph is that the Report Form on our website should be used. On the brochure describing the Project in Common, there is a very short report form. Please use that and add additional pages and pictures of past events from your state.

Considering the mandatory closing of meetings, you may have little to report. Remember, this covers August, 2019 to June, 2020. If you have tried the ZOOM conferencing, Microsoft connections, or Google G-mail for virtual meetings with your members, I am sure others would like to know how that went.



Pat Breznay - Water Around the World Project

Lou Haveman and his daughter were coming to the 2020 NVON Conference to give us updates to the Water Around The World Project and how Business Connect and Connect for Water coordinate our donations with needy people and villages around the world.



Since the conference is cancelled, I contacted Lou to tell him that we would not be having the conference and we had a very nice conversation. He told me that with the COVID-19 issue all around the world, interest in clean drinking water was on the back burner at this time. He and his company are thinking "out of the box" to see how they can help those in need in any way they can. It appears that masks are in much need around the world. Through their worldwide missionary contacts, they are looking at how they can help with this issue as well.

Even though NVON's WATW Project still has funding in our account, we will use it as needs are requested. I'm sure the need for clean drinking water is still a major concern in areas where we have sent water filters before and when there are requests, we will help. The Water Around The World Project will continue to collect donations in May and November. Make payable to: WATW Project. Mail to: NVON Treasurer, Nancy Jo Prue using the form from: nvon.org.

In the near future we hope the COVID-19 issue will be more under control and we can get back to things as "the new" normal. If you want to see where some of our donations have gone, please visit: connect@connectforwater.org By us supporting these projects, we can have a positive impact around the world. Take a look at some of our championed projects. Maybe you will read about a project that resonates with you so we can continue to be a clean water champion with Connect with Water.

Be safe and don't forget those who are less fortunate than you around the world.

NVON Business to Continue

With the cancellation of the annual NVON Conference in South Carolina this year, we need to find alternative ways to conduct the important business of this organization. We can take care of some items with electronic communications but it is not the same as meeting in person.

Over the course of the next few weeks, society presidents will receive information concerning some of the business that we would normally cover in our in-person meetings, both board and general business. It will be important that all society presidents check for notifications in their email to stay current with important directives.

We are highly encouraging the state society leaders to attend the Country Women's Council Meeting in

Indianapolis, September 14-16, 2020. During each CWC Meeting, the societies have break-out meeting times scheduled. We are trying to expand our meeting time period to be able to conduct some of our crucial business. We have been given permission to celebrate our 25 years of service with NVON during the CWC Meeting. The South Carolina Silver Jubilee Celebration will be featured in an evening presentation, Monday evening following the CWC Celtic Motion entertainment. We hope to be able to repeat "Working Together for 25 Years, 1995-2020" when we are able to meet again at our next NVON annual conference.

We hope that our state leaders will join us in Indianapolis at the CWC Meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!



Reflection and Resilience

Just a few months ago I began my term of office. It's been both interesting and enriching. The cooperative teamwork has impressed me even though we have not yet worked face to face. There have been a few twists and turns including the cancellation of our July 2020 NVON Conference in Spartanburg, South Carolina. I am enjoying the position and appreciate the opportunity to serve NVON and interact with its state organizations. The current terms of office for the NVON Vice President and Treasurer are ending December 31, 2020. Hopefully a few of you did or will seek nomination. I encourage you to check out the position requirements and see how they might fit your talents, experience, interests and your volunteer spirit. I sought nomination last year and am glad I did.

But the most impactful reflection I've had in the last few months is how Resilience did and does play a significant supporting role in our personal and organizational lives. Resilience has been described as accepting a new reality, being change-ready, willing to put together something that's good after a loss or disappointment, seeing the opportunity in every difficulty, being innovative in times of adversity. Many of our members are Resilient People who have characteristics like reframe challenges, learn from mistakes, independent and decisive, show initiative,

positive and optimistic, compassionate, creative, have a sense of humor, grateful, spiritual, have good support systems, good communicator, have vision and purpose, flexible and adaptive, involved. Our member state organizations have shown in the past and are showing now their Resilience. They have a history of stepping up to challenges to bring meaningful education, service projects, enrichment activities and so on to their local communities and communities worldwide. The COVID-19 pandemic certainly has made us rethink our personal priorities, community health, communication patterns and meeting venues/vehicles. I'm sure many of our members for personal and organizational needs are now using the meeting technology Zoom. This pandemic has also given opportunity to meet unexpected community needs like making protective masks and so on. When there's a culture of resilience built into an organization it is resistive to adversity, perseveres in the face of obstacles and failures, strives to control events rather than be a victim of circumstances. Let's continue to build a Culture of Resilience in our organization, recognize and encourage Personal Resilience, and keep our Resilience Toolboxes well stocked.

Pat Weitzmann
NVON Secretary

Making a Difference, “Working Together for 25 Years, 1995-2020”

Nope! You didn't miss the “Working Together for 25 Years, 1995-2020” Presentation. We will be having a 2020 Society Meeting at the CWC Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Crown Plaza Indianapolis-Airport, it is being arranged to have a small celebration which includes the presentation of the past 25 years by video. All the living past NVON presidents have participated by sending their view of NVON as they saw it as President. What a treat!

And yes, we'll have some Kodak moments. We're bringing the South Carolina Outline for you and your group to take souvenir photos. We know you wanted to join us at the Spartanburg Marriott but we're hoping you will bring your best look to Indianapolis instead.

The first NVON Annual Conference was held in Columbus, Indiana in 1999. Come and join us in starting NVON's history of the next 25 years. See you there.



Making a Difference Working Together for 25 Years 1995-2020

**Don't forget to purchase your Commemorative
25 Year Anniversary Pin**

**\$3.50 Early Bird Price (purchased by September 1)
\$4 at CWC Meeting
Limited Edition**

**Early bird purchased commemorative pins will be delivered at CWC
September 14 – 16, 2020**

Add \$2 Mailing Fee for 1-5 pins, \$4 for 6-10 pins, if mailing is preferred

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CWC MEETING SCHEDULE



Sunday, September 13

10:00 am	CWC Board Meeting - McCarran
4:00 - 6:30 pm	Silent Auction - O'Hare AB
5:30 - 7:30 pm	Registration - Hotel Lobby
7:00 - 9:00 pm	A Celebration of Friendship - Gallery
8:30 pm	Financial Review - McCarran

Monday, September 14

6:30 - 10:30 am	Breakfast Buffet
7:30 - 8:30 am	Registration - Hotel Lobby
8:00 - 9:00 am	Silent Auction Open - O'Hare AB
9:00 am	Opening Session 78 th CWC and ACWW USA Area Meeting CWC Business Meeting - Linda Gause, CWC Chairman - Ballroom AB
10:00 am	Guest Tour Leaves
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Vendors Room Open - Heathrow AB
12:30 pm	Lunch - Ballroom AB
1:30 pm	Weathering the Storm in Agriculture - Curt Emanuel and Tonya Short
3:00 pm	CWC Resolutions Roundtable - Jo Almond and Jane Chapman
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Silent Auction Open - O'Hare AB
4:30 pm	Society Meetings - Affiliates, NMFHG, NVON
6:00 pm	Dinner - Ballroom AB - Entertainment Celtic Motion Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship Fund Collection
Evening	NVON 25th Anniversary Celebration - Ballroom AB

Tuesday, September 15 Tour Day

6:30 - 10:30 am	Breakfast Buffet
7:30 - 9:00 am	Registration - Hotel Lobby
8:30 am	Tour
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Silent Auction - O'Hare AB
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Heritage Skills Ballroom AB Lunch on your own
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Heritage Skills - Ballroom AB
6:00 pm	Indiana Night - "Down Home Indiana" - Ballroom AB

Wednesday, September 16

6:30 - 10:30 am	Breakfast Buffet
8:00 - 9:00 am	Silent Auction - O'Hare AB
9:00 - 10:00 am	Managing Your Digital Estate - Pam Hanfland - Ballroom AB
9:15 am	Guest Tour Depart
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Vendor Room Open - Heathrow AB
10:15 am	ACWW USA Area Meeting - Bonnie Teeples ACWW USA Area President
12:30 pm	Lunch - Ballroom AB
1:00 pm	Silent Auction - Bidding Closes
1:30 pm	ACWW USA Area Afternoon Session
6:30 pm	Gala Banquet - Ballroom AB Pennies for Friendship Collection - Closing Song - Song of Peace

ACWW World President Magdie de Kock To Speak At CWC



ACWW World President Magdie de Kock was elected at the 29th Triennial World Conference in Melbourne, Australia. She is a member of the Women's Agricultural Union Mpumalanga, South Africa and an individual member of ACWW. She is a Trustee of various South African organizations. A member of the ACWW Publications & Promotions Committee from 2010-2013 she then served 2 terms as

Chairman of the Communications & Marketing Committee. Magdie has attended five Triennial Conferences and six Southern Africa Area Conferences. She has qualifications in public relations, project managing, leadership and international meeting procedures. Magdie was previously a school principal and is now a housewife and volunteer worker.

Silent Auction Featuring Betty Buff/Louise Nichols Collection



If you plan on attending the 2020 CWC Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana September 14-16, there will be a special area in the Silent Auction Room for the Betty Buff/Louise Nichols Collection. Both long time members have donated items they collected over the years to be auctioned with the proceeds to be sent to ACWW's Pennies for Friendship. They both donated numerous pins, scarves, souvenirs from ACWW, CWC and NVON meetings and lots more (about 100 items). Since they both were on the ACWW Board, Louise as ACWW Treasurer (2001-2007) and Betty as USA Area President (1986-1989), they know how important it is to

have support from members around the world. Through this support, ACWW is able to speak on behalf of women and their families through worldwide organizations like the United Nations and others. Bring YOUR silent auction item but most importantly make sure you bring those pennies to purchase Betty/Louise Collection souvenirs as keepsakes. See you in Indy.



Working Together for 25 Years Presentation

Buckle your seat belts for a whirlwind tour as we share highlights of the past 21 conferences, interviews of past NVON Presidents, snippets from the 9 NVON projects in common, and a brief history of NVON since it's inception, October 1, 1995, until this Silver Jubilee Celebration. Don't miss this special presentation and see What a Difference we have made, "Working Together for 25 Years, 1995-2020".

*Come and help us celebrate
our 25th Anniversary.
Our Silver Jubilee!*

Guest Tour - Indiana Law Enforcement Academy

Monday, September 14

Guests will tour the academy and see how through rigorous training they prepare law enforcement professionals for service.

The 3-hour tour with lunch in the cafeteria with those going through training will include the shooting ranges, driving course and driving simulators.



*See many examples
of outstanding
Art and
Architecture in
Columbus*

Columbus Architecture

Tuesday, September 15



Guests will start at the Visitor Center and view the Chihuly glass exhibit then take a one-hour bus tour of 20 modern architecture sites by world famous architects with one interior tour.

Lunch will be in quaint Nashville with time to shop in the many specialty stores and visit the old log jail and museum.

See the Museum Lane old log jail and other log buildings located behind the Nashville Museum.

Guest Tour - Beasley's Orchard & Mayberry Cafe

Wednesday, September 16

*Beasley's Orchard, Mayberry Café,
Hendricks County Fairgrounds*

Guests will take a wagon ride through the orchard and learn about operation of the orchard and new additions by the 27-year-old owner.

Lunch at the Mayberry Café where diners step back in time for a home-cooked meal like Aunt Bee put on the table for Andy Griffith. The day concludes with a tour of the fairgrounds with their modern facilities.

Which apple is your favorite?





The 78th Meeting of Country Women's Council, USA
 USA Area Meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World



September 14-16, 2020
 Crowne Plaza Indianapolis-Airport
 2501 South High School Road Indianapolis, IN 46241

Name (one form person) _____
 Member _____ Guest _____ First Time Attendee _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ E-mail address _____
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Tours:

MONDAY, Sept 14 (Guest Tour) \$22

_____ Indiana Law Enforcement Academy

Tuesday, Sept 15 (Day Tour) \$75

_____ Columbus tour

Wednesday Sept, 16 (Guest Tour) \$20

_____ Beasley's Orchard/Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds

Craft Class, September 16

_____ Pierced Copper Leaves, \$5.00

_____ Felt Jewelry, \$5.00

_____ Faux leather Journal Cover, \$5.00

_____ Dyed Silk Scarf, \$12.00

Registration Fee: Full Registration	\$225.00	\$ _____
Late Fee after August 10, 2020	\$235.00	\$ _____
One Day registration: ___ Mon. Sept. 14 ___ Tues. Sept. 15 ___ Wed. Sept. 16	\$80.00	\$ _____
After August 10: One Day Registration	\$ 90.00	\$ _____
Tour: Indiana Law Enforcement Academy	\$ 22.00	\$ _____
Tour: Columbus Architectural	\$ 75.00	\$ _____
Tour: Beasley's Orchard/Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds	\$ 20.00	\$ _____
Craft: Pierced Copper Leaves	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
Craft: Felt Jewelry	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
Craft: Faux Leather Journal Cover	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
Craft Dyed Silk Scarf	\$ 12.00	\$ _____
TOTAL FEES		\$ _____

Registrations after August 10, 2020 cannot be guaranteed meals or session choices.

***Special Dietary Needs (be specific)

Meals ARE included in registration but please indicate those you are attending for a count for reservations with hotel.

I will be attending the following:

<i>Monday, Sept. 14</i>	<i>Tuesday, Sept. 15</i>	<i>Wed. Sept. 16</i>
_____ Lunch	_____ Indiana Night	_____ Lunch
_____ Dinner		_____ Gala

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By calling (317) 244-6861, mention CWC Block

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Michigan Community Education Outreach Joins NVON

Greetings from Michigan Community Education Outreach! It is with pleasure that I introduce you to this new organization with a lengthy past.

Our organization began in the 1930's as Michigan Association of Extension Homemakers (MAEH). The purpose of these associations was to spread research-based information about family life and consumerism to the rural women of each state. We had a National affiliate in the National Association of Extension Homemakers (NAEH).

At one time we had thousands of members in MAEH in Michigan, but with the changes in the family and society over the years, those numbers have decreased dramatically. In our organization today we have approximately 175 members. Each county has their own service projects. We have an annual raffle to raise money for the State, which is our main revenue source.

In our state Michigan State University (MSU) and County Commissions jointly hired and paid for Extension Home Economists (we have 83 counties). Sometimes one home economist covered more than one county. Those home economists supplied MAEH with lessons for our groups, planned and held workshops and various other activities that would augment family education throughout the state. Gradually, due to financial issues those positions were dissolved and MSU withdrew their support completely.

Michigan has also been a member of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) and Country

Women's Council (CWC) for years. We have had several people attend ACWW Triennial meetings...in India and England most recently. In the past we have supported ACWW projects like the Mongolian greenhouse program and the embroidery floss project for Indian women. We support Pennies for Friendship and have supported Water for All for many years. This year we will support NVON's Water Around the World. Other areas of interest are supplying books for children, clothes and supplies for babies, and organizations that help veterans.

When NAEH changed its name to National Association for Family and Community Education (NAFCE), we joined them. At the time we lost members and have not recovered from that. Over the years we have seen national dues increases to the point that we faced severe budget constraints at the State level, and members started asking for changes. It became clear that the State Board had to become proactive in dealing with our issues.

At our October 2019 annual convention our voting delegates opted for a name change in our organization and a directive to seek membership in National Volunteer Outreach Network. We are happy that you have accepted Michigan Community Education Outreach as your newest society, and we hope to be associated with you for many years to come. Thank you for your warm welcome.

Sheri Drake
MCEO President



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Making a Difference

All of us have been living under different circumstances since late winter. Threats of contamination and news reports on the Covid-19 virus have dominated our lives. Mandatory stay-at-home orders have curtailed many activities and gatherings that would normally have served others and made a difference in many lives. Fear has overcome many and, for others, hope has been destroyed.

But we were never intended to live in fear. "Hope springs eternal," a shortened version of Alexander Pope's line in *An Essay on Man* (1733). "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." Hope for better days, better outcomes, better lives in the days ahead. Fear and inaction stunt our growth and does not allow Hope to flourish for any of us.

We are encouraged by the reports of hundreds donating personal protection products like masks, gloves and gowns to hospitals, nursing homes and other healthcare institutions. I don't doubt that many of you have contributed to this effort. Masks that I made, went to a nurse and a hospital registration worker and were a welcome gift. Many have left food on their front porch, as a give-and-take pantry for those with food shortages. Messages of thanks and encouragement to medical workers, teachers, fire, police and EMT's have sprung up in many communities. Pictures, signs, teddy bears and

stained-glass designs in windows and sidewalk chalk drawings and messages on driveways and sidewalks send signals of love and hope to those who have felt frightened, frustrated and lonely during this time of isolation. All of these are simple gestures and yet they have brought joy, boosted spirits and support and shared love to others, without ever knowing many of those folks in their communities.

I challenge you to DO SOMETHING to MAKE A DIFFERENCE. It doesn't need to be large, cost a lot of money or even be recognize by the multitudes. Call an acquaintance just to check in, send a note, deliver groceries for someone, make a mask...you get it...**do something** simple that will bring a smile to someone who now knows that they are not forgotten or someone who just needs a helping hand.

My favorite quote of all time is from the theologian John Wesley. I have it posted in multiple places in my house and it is a goal that I try to hold true in my life.

*Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can.*

Monday, September 14

NVON Society Meeting, 4 pm - Location TBD

25th Anniversary Celebration, evening - Ballroom AB

NVON MISSION STATEMENT

"Member organizations working together to promote communication, education, and volunteerism for all people."

Be sure to check out our website at: www.nvon.org



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Member Organizations working together to promote Communication, Education, & Volunteerism

NVON Member State Conferences/Meetings

Arkansas EHC
 August 12-13, 2020
Hot Springs
Convention Center
 Hot Springs, AR

Illinois IAHC
 March 9-11, 2021
Thelma Keller
Conference Center
 Effingham, IL

Indiana EHA
To be announced
 Indianapolis, IN

Kentucky EHA
 April 27-29, 2021
 Bowling Green, KY

Michigan CEO
 Sept 22-24, 2021
Bay City DoubleTree Hotel
 Bay City, MI

North Carolina ECA
Decision on hold!
 October 26-28, 2020

South Carolina FCL
 October 13, 2020
Our Saviour
Lutheran Church
 West Columbia, SC

West Virginia CEOS
 October 6-8, 2020
Jackson's Mill
 Weston, WV

Wisconsin AHCE
 September 21-23, 2020
Hudson House
 Hudson, WI

DATES OF INTEREST

NVON - 2020 Society Meeting

September 14, 2020
At CWC Meeting
 Indianapolis, IN

NVON - 2021
 July 20-22, 2021
Owensboro Convention Center
Hampton Inn and
Holiday Inn
 Owensboro, KY

30th ACWW Triennial World Conference

May 17-24, 2022
World Conference
 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

CWC / ACWW Area Meeting

Country Women's Council USA
 ACWW Area Meeting
 September 14 - 16, 2020
Crown Plaza Hotel
 Indianapolis, IN 46241

ACWW USA Area Meeting

August 1-3, 2021
 Cincinnati, OH



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