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Thoughts from President Stephanie Jerabek

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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Special Points of Interest:

- President's Message
- 2022 Conference Photos
- Project in Common Bee-Cause
- State Reports

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As I begin to write my final message to the membership of the National Volunteer Outreach Network, I am reminded that "Time Flies." Thinking I would investigate who this quote was attributed to, I found that it was Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. Goethe was a German poet, playwright, novelist, scientist, statesman, theatre director, and critic who lived from 1749 to 1832. His tragic play, *Faust*, is considered, by many, to be a great work in German literature. His poems were set to music by many composers including Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Liszt and Wagner. Although I could not find what specific work the quote was from, I was forced to think about how fleeting time really is in our lives.



His exact quote was "Time flies, and what is past is done." "What is past is done" leads me to think about the things that we all have experienced over the last three years. Some moments we truly want to forget. Corona virus, Covid-19, lockdowns, face masks, and social distancing. We cling to other moments, like being reunited with family and friends, returning to the familiar, our awakened sense of how fleeting life itself really is and the appreciation of our own health. This quote also reminds us that we should not live life looking in the rear-view mirror. We need to be awake and aware of the issues and opportunities that are in front of us and the good that we can do in the world around us.

The other "time" quote that popped up in my search was "Time flies when you're having fun." This one was attributed to Albert Einstein, whose appearance, in my opinion, never really screams "carefree, fun guy." But I can relate to his serious-look demeanor. The past three years has truly been fun for me in working with all of you and I will miss continuing in the role as your president. I am inspired by your energy, your ideas, your talents, your spirit and your drive. NVON members have done well to serve others in their communities and around the world. I listed many of those deeds in my final message at our recent conference and I am certain that you will continue to strive for making that difference in your commitments.

We may never know the lives that we have touched in the care-filled gestures that we have shown. Mother Teresa said it best when she said, "The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway." Thank you for your support and for the respect you have shown to me as your NVON President 2020-2022.

Stephanie Jerabek, NVON President



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Making a Difference

As you all know, NVON was organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in 1995. "Member organizations working together to promote communication, education and volunteerism for all people" was adopted as NVON's Mission Statement July 18, 2001. Each NVON President is charged with selecting a theme for her time in office and I selected "Making a Difference" as mine.

When I am asked how our member states work together, it is through our common goals and projects that we MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Most of the time, that is accomplished by doing good things for others in our own communities. Various projects are carried out and celebrated as successes or as learning experiences.

I would say that all of the actions that have been carried out over the last three years have MADE A DIFFERENCE! To quote Helen Keller: "Alone we can do so little: together we can do so much."

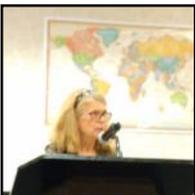
Again, I would like to thank all of you who have served your state societies and, in turn, the National Volunteer Outreach Network over the last three years. You have been wonderful to work with and I wish you much success as you continue to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

CWC 2022

The 79th meeting of the Country Women's Council USA and the USA Area Meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World was held in North Little Rock, Arkansas September 19-21, 2022. Four NVON Executive officers, two appointed officers and four state societies' representatives were in attendance. Over the two days of meetings, important information was shared about ACWW and topics of national and international interest were discussed. Also in attendance and speaking was ACWW World President, Magdie de Kock from South Africa. More information on the meetings will be shared with the society presidents in the weeks to come. The next CWC Meeting will be held in Florida in 2024.



Pictured left to right:
Stephanie Jerabek, NVON President
Magdie de Kock, ACWW World President
Jane Chapman, NVON President Elect



Karen Bell Fox
Conference
co-chairman



Tours



Jewelry Class



Silent Auction

AEHC President, Debbie Thompson presents "Arkansas Traveler" to Magdie de Kock, ACWW World President



CWC/USA ACWW REPORT

The 79th meeting of the Country Women's Council USA and the USA Area meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World took place on September 19 through the 21, 2022 at the Riverfront Wyndham in North Little Rock, Arkansas. 32 members from four of the NVON member states and one individual NVON member were in attendance. Special guest, Magdie de Kock, ACWW World President, was an invited guest and spoke several times, concerning the work that ACWW does worldwide and the changes that have occurred in the organization during its reorganization. Workshops and speakers included the topics of century farms, women in agriculture, public speaking, chair yoga exercise. human trafficking, ACWW projects and funding, the CWC project Smile Train, the Ruth B. Sayre scholarship funding and winners, ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations and the 2023 ACWW Triennial World Conference Malaysia. Attendees had the opportunity to participate in a mini "Women Walk the World" event before the meeting and member and spouse tours were offered. The meeting concluded with a gala dinner featuring speaker Magdie de Kock, with Charles Graham vocalist and the singing of the "Song of Peace." A silent auction was held with proceeds going to ACWW. CWC Chair Loy Walker and USA Area President Bonnie Teeple presided with member societies reporting from their organizations.



CWC Chairman
Loy Walker



Arkansas Night Fun!



STATE DUES

January 1 - 15, 2023

No earlier or no later!

State Treasurers are asked to send a check for \$100 payable to NVON January 1 thru January 15, 2023.

Please use the NVON STATE MEMBERSHIP REPORT FORM that is available at nvon.org.

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Anyone who pays membership dues to these nine states: Arkansas, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wisconsin are not required to pay individual dues to NVON.

Any person who is from another state is welcome to be an individual member. They can submit \$15 dues using the Individual Membership Form (for non-NVON states) and subscribe to get the VISION for \$18 to Nancy Jo Prue, NVON Treasurer.

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NVON 2022



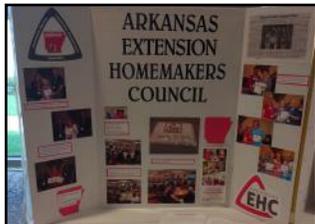
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North Carolina



South Carolina



West Virginia



Wisconsin



Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council



Last July several of our members attended the NVON Conference in Kentucky. We all enjoyed the travel through the beautiful countryside, as well as the friendly faces we get to see year after year. We got to meet several of them again a few months later at the CWC Conference in Illinois, where Arkansas invited everyone to attend the CWC Conference in North Little Rock, Arkansas in September 2022.

One of the most relaxing evenings we had was the 4-H Appreciation Banquet, celebrating the 40th anniversary of our 4-H Center. We had our meal on the lawn by the lake at sunset! The C.A. Vines Center was built for 4-H and other groups to use as a retreat and training center. The Master Gardeners have a section there to grow vegetables and flowers. The Extension Homemakers have met there for education and officer training as well.

We held three District Rallies, Statewide Multi Rallies, Food Drives and an Ozark Retreat. They were all well attended. In the Spring we had Spring Educational Workshop. The theme was “AEHC, Leadership, Community Service and Education”. Many members attended. We learned about the NVON Project: Bee-Cause Pollinators Feed the World.

Our State Meeting was in June. The theme for 2022 was “We’re Back Even Stronger”! We celebrated Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council’s 110-year anniversary! We have one member, Marie Price, who has been a member for 81 years, she is 99 years old and still dances up to the stage when she receives an award. We awarded 63 Project Book winners with a certificate and a check for their efforts. We also awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to students majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences and Human Environment Sciences, and a \$1,500 4-H Scholarship.

The total volunteer hours reported for 2021 were 572,193 which gives back to the state of Arkansas a value of \$16,330,388. All achieved by the 3,257 members of AEHC.

Report compiled by Cheryl Stewart, Past President and Debbie Thompson, President.



Debbie Thompson
AEHC President

Illinois Association for Home and Community Education



Our membership has held steady with minimal loss and much gain! IAHCE ended 2021 with 66 of 67 Counties; 4,344 members; 299 actual gains; and a net loss of 184. IAHCE won!

Last year the counties slowly began to meet and made creative choices for locations such as in the park, restaurants, banquet rooms, meeting rooms in various building such as museums.

Despite the slow return to meeting in person, county HCE members volunteered in a multitude of ways to help their communities. The Pandemic did not stop the needs of the community and it did not stop the members of HCE from giving their time, talents, or dollars to deserving individuals and organizations. Year-end reports showed 1,598 members in 51 counties reported 333,380 volunteer hours and we know there are many more who didn’t report their hours. The counties reported approximately 232 projects with 208 community organizations, this does not account for the number of individuals served through these organizations.

In 2021 many counties were able to offer lessons to their members and the public. Lessons were shared through various avenues. In person lessons were given inside and outside. Lessons were given in newsletters, on video, and live presentations through the internet. The University of Illinois Extension stepped up its game to offer more lessons through the internet.

The IAHCE Board met at the normal Board meeting times as well as by Zoom. Many of us attended the NVON Conference in Kentucky last July and Illinois hosted the CWC/ACWW Area Meeting in September last year.

IAHCE’s challenge to the Members throughout Illinois is to continue to think positive, think creatively, and move forward with our heads held high as IAHCE already won!



Angela Hicks
AHCE President

Indiana Extension Homemakers Association



Indiana Extension Homemakers continue to work towards strengthening families and find new ways to reach out to the communities we serve. IEHA has over 100 years of heritage and we are working to create a positive future.

Indiana’s 92 counties are divided into 10 districts. The districts meet twice a year – spring and fall. These meetings include updates from the state, introduction of new projects, a workshop or lesson with a focus on state or national projects. This year’s spring meetings featured speakers on the importance of pollinators to all of us. The topics varied from beneficial plantings to beekeeping and how to set up a beehive.

Members continue to collect funds for cancer research. These funds are deposited to the Indiana Extension Homemakers Purdue Cancer Research Endowment Fund. The fund balance is over \$220,000. Donations fund the account and research requests for funds are approved and disbursed. The special collection this year was in honor of past IEHA state president Barb Keyes, whom cancer claimed this past year. “Steps for Barb” was implemented to honor her year as president 2010-2011. Participants received a special pin with the year 2011 on it for making donations to this special collection. This collection is continuing.

Indiana Extension Homemakers support several programs statewide. Our leadership training program, i-LEaD, is comprised of three levels and is given annually at Home and Family Conference. Level III was given this year at our June conference and several members were finally able to complete the entire program. Levels I and II are scheduled to be offered next year at our June conference.

Comfort shawls for the “Threads of Compassion” program through the Indiana Donor Network are also requested. These knitted or crocheted shawls are given to families who have lost a loved one and whose loved ones donated organs or tissue.

Report compiled by Jan Gogel, Past President.



Michelle Roberts
IEHA President

Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association



We have planned to have meetings and other events and luckily, we were able to proceed with some of them but also had to cancel some out of caution and safety for our members.

I am so proud that we were able to successfully host the 2021 NVON Conference in Owensboro. The conference got rave reviews from everyone who attended. We planned Area Meetings, and some went off as planned but others had to be cancelled due to safety precautions. Once again, some area and county officers were asked to stay in office for extra terms since elections couldn’t be held but our members rose to the occasion and did what was necessary to keep KEHA running.

We were able to hold in-person Fall and Spring Board meetings with just a few modifications and conducted business as usual. We made it work to get the job done. For the first time ever, KEHA had a one-day track of sessions at the Extension Volunteer Form. We presented 6 sessions that were developed and led by KEHA members and were very well received. I was so proud to be a small part of that day.

Membership did show a slight increase in 2021 with a current membership of 10,879.

Even with some restrictions still in place I am happy to share these numbers to showcase how active our members continue to be in our communities with 4-H Youth Development, Cultural Arts, Environment, Housing and Energy, Family and Individual Development, Food, Nutrition and Health, Leadership Development, Management and Safety.

Members annually report more than 400,000 volunteer hours with a value of more than \$9.4 million dollars .

KEHA organizations from the state level to local clubs annually present a total of more than \$40,000 in scholarships for higher education.

Report compiled by Karen Hill, Past President



Brenda Hammons
KEHA President

Michigan

Community Educational Outreach Service



We have 5 Districts and 14 counties as of now. There are 149 members in the Michigan Community Education Outreach Association.

A new club was formed in Bay County with 17 members! The new club's name is "The Busy Bees of Bay County". The club's mission statement is: BEE Active, BEE a Teacher, BEE a Learner, BEE a Volunteer, BEE a Friend. The founders wanted their club to have appeal to draw young people in to join their group. Young women no longer need other women to teach them how to sew or how to can or to share recipes; they have the internet at their fingertips. BUT what they do still need is strong friendships, moral support, and in-person social interaction. Amazingly, they used social media to generate interest. They created a Facebook event, invited some friends, and then those friends invited their friends. The average age of a Busy Bee is only 42 years old. The oldest member is 51 and the youngest is 33.

In September 2021, we had a successful state convention at Bay City. We had great workshops that all attended. Our Convention Committee invited the NVON president, Stephanie Jerabek, to be the Keynote Speaker at our convention. The information she shared about the roots of NVON helped us to understand how, when and where that organization was formed. What a positive experience to get to know Stephanie better!

Our education theme for the year was "What Floats Your Boat – Women's Hobbies," which highlighted women's hobbies, how important they are and how they lead to our healthy physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well-being.

Sheri Drake prepared a program on the NVON Project in Common "BEE-cause Pollinators Feed the World." She will present it around the state. At the Lapeer meeting, she presented the lesson and offered a game of chance. We raised enough money for 4 beehives for Heifer International.



Kristine Mueller
MCEO President

North Carolina

Extension and Community Association



NCECA is divided into five districts across our state and has 123 clubs, 1531 members, 12 Lifetime members and 12 Emeritus members. Many of our clubs are special interest clubs.

NCECA members continued to make masks for friends, family, health care workers, childcare facilities, nursing homes and schools. They continued making adult bibs and lap robes for nursing homes. A big need continued to be blankets for farm workers, nursing homes and homeless citizens.

Our partnership with Alzheimer's Association continued as twelve of our members were trained as Community Educators. Those twelve presented twelve workshops to groups across the state. We are in our second year and we are preparing to train our second cohort as Community Educators.

The Extension Master Food Volunteer (EMFV) program has continued to grow. The program is designed to engage residents in food and nutrition programming in their community and train volunteers to further expand the reach of N.C. State Extension. FCS agents train volunteers to support their food and nutrition programming and promote local food, thereby building their capacity to deliver high quality, evidence-based interventions. These volunteers are enrolled as NCECA members.

October rolled around and the Covid numbers were up. NC State Extension was not sanctioning in person meetings, so we pivoted to offer 2 half-day virtual meetings as our Conference. *Reunited & it Feels so Good* was the theme. The conference was quite successful and positioned us for reuniting in the new year!

We're busy planning our 2022 State Conference, *Bee Cause ECA Matters!* to be held in Raleigh in October!

Last year, members volunteered over 115,000 hours, thereby contributing \$3.3 million to North Carolina.



Cathy Holmes
NCECA President

South Carolina Family Community Leaders



The State Education Committee selects topics relating to the needs and interests of its members, organizes and arranges them into uniform formats with coordination from extension agents and advisors, and supplies new education lessons to each county organization to be used for monthly lessons. The lessons are available on SCFCL's website as well as previous lessons from years past.

The 2022 State Project is "Bee-Cause Pollinators Feed the World, Project in Common with NVON. Report forms, videos and lessons are on the SCFCL website. Members reported 200 volunteers have given a presentation, constructed a pollinator garden, organized a classroom or participated in a ZOOM program.

Members continue to volunteer in their communities taking sick to doctor appointments, making meals and sharing with those in need, making bags of toiletries for the local VA and victims of domestic violence, donating can goods for veterans as they leave for home after hospital stays, collect aluminum tabs for the local children's hospital and many more community services.

We gave two \$1,000 scholarships to South Carolina 4-H'ers. These scholarships give them an opportunity to fulfill their dreams, whatever it may be.

The Annual Meeting in October was our "100th Anniversary Celebration" 1921-2021. Five previous state advisors shared their experiences and accomplishments. Many counties brought historical books and souvenirs for review and display. Since Winthrop University houses our historical records, they set-up a 100-year history display. It was a fun occasion to review 100 years of service to our state and local communities. We look forward to the next 100 years with dedication, education and service to the residents of South Carolina.



Pat Breznay
SCFCL President

West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service



It is my pleasure to report Celebrate Volunteer Hours (CVH) reported a total 255,500 volunteer hours, which represent \$7,291,970.00 of volunteer service to our communities.

The WVCEOS Leadership and Enrichment Conference was held October 4-7, 12-14 and 19-21 virtually due to COVID numbers, with more than 200 members attending. The theme was Helpful Hands of Community Educational Outreach Service. Members were able to attend classes ranging from officer and lesson leader training to educational committee classes and numerous craft classes. The second annual Spring Virtual Conference was held in April 4th through the 8th. The Theme Growing Scenic Opportunities with Community Educational Outreach Service.

Some community service projects communicated in are donating boo bears (1000) to hospitals, fire and police departments; making "Barrel Bags" (500) for displaced children and filling them with age-appropriate items, Lap Quilt for Hospice, Breast Cancer Survivors and The Veterans. Knitting and Crocheting scarves and booties for our Veterans, collecting food items for Brown Bags for Vets.

Members also raised over \$50,000 in support of Breast Cancer by having elimination dinners, pink luncheons, purse raffles and silent auctions. \$2500 was also raised for the Back Pack program

Maria Zakir is the WVCEOS International Student for 2023-2024. "Maria is from Pakistan and her field of study is Industrial Engineering. Maria will write a lesson about her country, which will be shared with members as she travels to several CEOS counties.

This year, WVCEOS awarded four scholarships to college students majoring in nursing and family and consumer sciences.



Connie Wolfinger, WVCEO President



*Wisconsin Association for
Home and Community Education*



The theme for my 3 years as President, of WAHCE, is 'A NEW WAY OF LIVING WITH HCE'. With COVID, we had to learn new ways to meet, and do our projects. We learned how to do Zoom meetings, and to social distance when we did get together.

West District is busy getting ready for the State Conference, in Onalaska. The theme for this year conference is 'Rollin' on the River with HCE'. The conference will be held September 19th-22. We have tours. The trolley ride and river boat ride seems to be the most popular tours. Some fun crafts and many sessions are planned. Educational classes planned are "Getting started with advanced care planning and Prairie wildflowers for attracting butterflies, birds, and pollinators.

We have a total of 2,175 members. We have an Impact on HCE report. The members keep track of the hours, in-kind, and monetary hours that the volunteer. This year it was a total of 50, 982 hours. Which adds up to a total monetary of \$1,711,188.80.

The information about the "Be Pollinator" program. Was taken back to the state. Lylene Scholz passed it out to the six district international chairs. They passed on the information at the fall and spring district meetings. Many counties have already been planting plants to attract pollinators.

We donated \$500 to Nicaragua. One of the learning centers is starting a bee project, and they will use it to get the equipment to started.

Our 51 counties gave out 83 scholarships, this past year. For a total of \$25,292.95. These scholarships were for high school seniors, to go to college. And members to go to state conference.

Our bookworms project read books to young children. This year there was a total of 3805 sets of books for 32 counties have been ordered, from Scholastics.

Activity sheets are being developed by the UW system in both English and Spanish.

At state conference this year, we will be honoring bookworm readers for 10, 15, and 20 years of reading.



Eileen Gottbeheat
WAHCE President

The State Reports are abbreviated.
Find the full reports at nvon.org



2022-2024

PROJECT IN COMMON

*\$1.00 per member for
BEE Cause Pollinators Feed the World Project in Common*



All nine states in NVON are "buzzing" with fund raising, fair educational displays, classroom programs and many other fun and educational activities to promote the awareness of BEE CAUSE Pollinators Feed the World.

During our annual conference in June at Evansville, Indiana, the Project in Common committee, Cheryl Stewart, Michelle Roberts and myself, Karen Bell Fox, presented an initiative to raise or donate funds equal to \$1 per member of your state organization.

The funds are now being received and will be sent to Heifer International or Bees for Development. Both organizations fund Bee Hives and educational material to third world countries. Rural women and their families benefit from our donations because it is used for bee keeping, production of honey and honeycombs for sale to their communities.



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CWC/USA ACWW 2022



Great Food!



Some Arkansas Hosts:
Rhoda Yost, Marcella Grimmet,
Darlene Holliday,
Kaye Green & Dot Dunn Hart
Conference co-chairmen,
Joy Graham



Charles Graham, Gala Entertainment

NVON 2022

Conference and Business Meeting Summary

Prepared by Pat Weitzmann

NVON Secretary

The 23rd Annual National Volunteer Outreach Conference was held July 25-27, 2022 at the Doubletree by Hilton Evansville in the busy and welcoming city of Evansville, Indiana along the banks of the Ohio River. Conference Planning co-chairs Jo Almond and Linda Gause of the host society Indiana Extension Homemakers Association with a committee of 7 and extra helpers worked diligently to create a pleasurable conference experience. IEHA President Michelle Roberts was on hand to support the conference committee and led an interesting and laugh filled game of Three Truths and a Lie. The first day of the conference had a trip to the New Harmony, Indiana with its utopian history, and a shopping experience in Evansville. Some attendees not on the trip enjoyed various craft workshops from a choice of twelve. The second and third days of the conference included NVON’s Business Meeting (summarized below), twelve Educational Seminars like Positive Vibes, Native Bees, Managing Your Digital Estate, A New Twist on Snacks and Appetizers (Can you say charcuterie board?), and interesting guest speakers. The table favors were appreciated and sometimes swapped for color choice. Door prizes were abundant.

Through a silent auction and table collection attendees gave generously to ACWW’s new Rural Women in Action fund. There was also a collection for the Bee-Cause Pollinators Feed the World project in common. President-Elect Jane Chapman did the Waggle Dance of the honey bee to draw attention to the importance of awareness and education of youth and adults about pollinators and need for their protection.

President Stephanie Jerabek’s closing speech at the NVON Conference was one of gratitude and inspiration. She also spoke of the resiliency and commitment of NVON members during her term in office (2020-2022), barely started when the Covid-19 pandemic began. Her selected term of office theme “Making a Difference” was played out by the dedicated membership of NVON in their activities, many of which she mentioned. Stephanie spoke of the monetized value of volunteer hours; NVON members have many. (\$29.95 per hour value according to independentsector.org.) Membership gain and retention is always a concern, so have your ‘elevator speech’ ready Stephanie advised. She ended her speech with a quote from Mother Teresa. “The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”

Secretary Pat Weitzmann is also ending her term of office. She gave a message of gratitude for allowing her to serve the NVON organization.

The nine NVON state societies reported a membership of 31,165, adding 2 individual members placed NVON membership at 31,167. While total membership dropped 5% new members were gained in every state. President Stephanie Jerabek talked of the new Associated Country Women of the World changes in logo, project focus and funding, and ACWW’s request for designation of an ACWW Coordinator from each member society including NVON. (NVON state presidents have detailed information on the ACWW changes.) Treasurer Nancy Jo Prue gave a positive Financial Report. The Year 2023 Proposed Budget was accepted without changes.

Vice President, Karen Bell Fox, reported on the current project in common, Bee-Cause Pollinators Feed the World (2022-2024). Most NVON states have begun the project. The others are scheduled to begin. She announced a project in common challenge of \$1 donation per NVON member. NVON member State Reports included an impressive amount of volunteer hours by their members, a continued pattern of scholarships given to youth, support of 4H activities, donations to and collections for community projects, organization of community projects and programs on health, literacy and so on, various member education events including heritage skills education retreats, community partnerships in various service areas, fund raising in support of community projects, and also some continuing challenges to having in-person meetings. (State reports in full are on NVON’s website.) Vision newsletter editor Kaye Green gave an upbeat report. Webmaster Pam Hanfland reported the website has timely historical and current information. Pam asked the state societies to routinely send information to put on the Facebook Page and the website.

President-Elect Jane Chapman completes that term of office December 31, 2022. She was installed as NVON President starting her term of office January 1, 2023. Kaye Green of the Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council was elected and installed NVON Secretary to start her term of office January 1, 2023.

Connie Wolfinger, President of West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service, enthusiastically issued an invitation to attend the 24th Annual NVON Conference July 18-20, 2023 in Parkersburg, West Virginia with the theme Making a Difference-Let Your Light Shine. The historic Blennerhassett Hotel is the site of the 2023 conference.

Pat Weitzmann our NVON Secretary. Term ending December 31, 2022. She is so appreciated by all on the NVON Board!





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NVON Member State Conferences/Meetings

Arkansas EHC

June 6-8, 2023
Wyndham Hotel
North Little Rock, AR

Michigan CEO

October 5-7, 2022
Baraga Lakeside Inn
Baraga, MI

NVON CONFERENCE

July 18-20, 2023
Blennerhassett Hotel
Parkersburg, West Virginia

**30th ACWW Triennial
World Conference**

May 17-25, 2023
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Illinois IAHCE

March 14-16, 2023
Thelma Keller
Conference Center
Effingham, IL

North Carolina ECA

October 24-26, 2022
Raleigh, NC

NVON CONFERENCE

2024
North Carolina

CWC/ACWW Area Meeting

Country Women's Council, USA
ACWW USA Area Meeting
2024
Florida

Indiana EHA

June 5-7, 2023
Embassy Suites
Noblesville, IN

South Carolina FCL

October 26, 2023
Concord Presbyterian
Church
Sumter, SC

West Virginia CEOS

October 3-5, 2023
Jackson's Mill
Weston, WV

Kentucky EHA

May 9-11, 2023
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Louisville, KY

Wisconsin AHCE

September 18-20, 2023
Wintergreen
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Wisconsin Dells, WI

