



RURAL WOMEN IN ACTION

Canada Area Newsletter Winter 2020

Area President Linda Hoy



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Dear ACWW Canada Area Members and Societies,

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

I don't know where the last three months have gone. I started to write the Fall edition of the newsletter after returning from the ACWW Board Meeting held in London from October 15-18, 2019. My work schedule at the University and caring for my mother took more of my time than expected.

Sending Marie & Cecil Kenny and their families our deepest sympathy on the recent passing of Marie's brother.

Canada Area Conference

The most urgent item is the registration for the Canada Area Conference being held in Sidney, BC from June 13-15, 2020. The early bird \$110.00 registration deadline is February 15th then \$120.00 until the final deadline of May 15th. Go to www.acww.org.uk and please use the links on the right to register and find additional information.



BCWI is hosting two conventions and each will have their own registration form. BCWI Triennial is from June 11th - 13th and you will be registering with the BCWI Office, c/o Betty Bartlett P.O. Box 36, Barriere, BC VoE 1E0. For further information please email the Canada Area President, Linda Hoy at canada@acww.org.uk

The ACWW Canada Area Conference is from June 13th - 15th and you will be registering with Ruth Fenner, c/o P.O. Box 638, Crofton, BC VoR 1Ro.

A Proposed Agenda will be forthcoming! The Committee have planned many interesting Tours. World President, Magdie de Kock and Committee Chairs, Marie Kenny, Sheila Needham and Christine Reaburn will be our guests and will be presenting during the Canada Area Conference.



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Membership

One of my Triennium Goals is to raise the awareness of ACWW at the National Level. In order to do that I am asking your Society members to join ACWW as an Individual (Category 5) member at £27 per year or £68 for 3 years, or if you are a group or association you can join as a Society Member (Category 1, 2, 3 or 4 depending on size and activities).

“When you join ACWW, you join a network that allows rural women to connect their voices. We work to ensure the issues they face, and the solutions they raise, are heard and acknowledged by national and international policy-makers and legislators. ACWW exists for women who want to actively engage with international policy and support and promote the empowerment of rural women.”

The easiest way to join or renew your membership is to do so online, using this link: www.acww.org.uk

Society Visits

The Newfoundland & Labrador Women's Institutes grew out of a Service League that was formed following the great tidal wave that swept the South Coast in 1929. The original objective was to help victims of that disaster. The Jubilee Guilds of Newfoundland was formally organized from that Service League. The objective of the Jubilee Guilds was to help improve the quality of life in rural areas through education, crafts and service. Jubilee Guilds joined the Associated Country Women of the World in 1945 and the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada in 1951.

The name changed to Women's Institutes in 1968 and the emphasis changed to include more educational programs targeting both rural and urban women.

Photos from the Newfoundland & Labrador Women's Institutes Convention in June 2019



ACWW Display



Counting Pennies for Friendship!



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Donations to the Women Empowered Fund, Pennies for Friendship, etc.

The cut-off date for anyone interested in sending funds to me to be forwarded on to ACWW in pound sterling is **February 28th, 2020**. Please ensure that the cheque is made out to **ACWW Canada Area** and **DO NOT include anything else on that line**. (WE Fund, Women Walk the World or Pennies for Friendship can be added in an attached note.) Please include an email address that I can send you a receipt quicker and save \$1.00 in postage.

Please use the following email when communicating with me. It is the only one that I will reply to:
canada@acww.org.uk - Thank you

Dates to Remember

January 24 – International Day of Education

February 6 – International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation

February 11 – International Day of Women and Girls in Science

March 8 – International Women's Day

Theme #EachforEqual – An equal world is an enabled world. Actively choose to challenge stereotypes, fight bias, broaden perceptions and improve situations while celebrating women's achievements.

March 9 – 22, 2020 – Commission on the Status of Women, United Nations New York

March 22 – World Water Day

March 31 – Memberships lapse if payment has not been received

April 7 – World Health Day

April 29 – ACWW DAY

Don't forget to photograph your event and submit your portrait, high quality, digital photograph to ACWW Central Office by **May 31st** (email it to media@acww.org.uk)

Rural Women in Action

A new Action Pack filled with resources to help you promote ACWW's resolutions and priorities is available from January 2020. Contact Central Office if you would like a Pack!

New ACWW Website

The new website went live in December at www.acww.org.uk and has a large number of new resources on it. This includes a digital archive of the Countrywoman going back to 2011. Thank you Nick Newland. Check it out!!



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ACWW and the UN Decade of Family Farming

The United Nations launched the Decade of Family Farming in 2019, intending to include all family-based food production methods and food systems at the centre of global attention. Family farming is the predominant form of food and agricultural production (in this case agriculture refers to crop, livestock, fisheries and forestry) in both developed and developing countries, producing more than 80% of the world's food in value terms (FAO 2014). ACWW is supporting this Decade, and would love to hear from those of you who are farmers or work in agriculture. Please contact Sydney Salter at Central Office if you would like to share your experience, story, or photographs - media@acww.org.uk



ACWW Projects

£167,439

invested in women's empowerment
projects between 2016 and 2019

34

new projects funded in the
2016-2019 Triennium

15

countries hosted ACWW projects

14,183

direct beneficiaries from
projects completed in 2016-2019



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ACWW Canada Area Conference 2020 Registration Form

The Area Conference will be held at: Shoal Centre, 10030 Resthaven Drive, Sidney, BC, 13-15 June 2020
You can fill this PDF form in here, or print it and fill it in by hand.

REGISTRATION:

\$110.00 - Canadian Dollars until Feb. 15th, 2020 then \$120.00 until the final deadline May 15th, 2020.
This will include Sunday June 14 lunch, dinner and entertainment and Monday June 15 lunch. Plus coffee and tea breaks.

Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Arrival Details:

(Flight, time and carrier)

Dietary Information

Gluten Free

Vegetarian

Lactose Intolerant

You will be emailed the agenda and reports in advance of the meeting. If you would like them printed, there will be a \$5.00 charge.

The Saturday 13 June Banquet cost is \$40.00.

There will be a fee of \$35.00 for Companions for Sunday night's banquet. Please give the details of your Companion below if you wish to have one:

Companion Name:

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Checklist: \$

Registration

Please send a Cheque payable to:

ACWW 2020 c/o Ruth Fenner, PO Box 638, Crofton, BC V0R 1R0

\$

Banquet

\$

Companion (Sunday dinner)

\$

Printing cost if you wish to have paper copies supplied

\$

TOTAL

Cheque Number:

Looking forward to seeing you in Sidney, British Columbia!

Linda Hoy, Canada Area President