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Message from the President



South Carolina Council of Catholic Women giving of themselves through Simple Gifts—*"Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love"*

Mother Theresa

HAPPY NEW YEAR! REJOICE AND RENEW! Was the theme for the National Council of Catholic Women. NCCW acts through its membership to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with the Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

Did you know that the SCCCW organization ascribes to these same values? Did you know that we support NCCW through our membership, annual giving, attending the national conventions, adopting the programs, and developing long term relationships?

This past November I attended the National

Council of Catholic Women Convention, held in Washington, D.C., November 10-13th, in celebration of 90 years.

This was my third national convention I have attended; and I enjoyed all that was offered. When I returned back to South Carolina, I was Renewed and Rejoiced!

On behalf of the SCCCW Board of Directors and myself, we cordially invite each one of you to attend your Annual South Carolina Council of Catholic Women Convention. Mrs. Patty Johnson, President of The National Council of Catholic



Women, will be in attendance and a Keynote Speaker.

I am also pleased to announce that the Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmo,



Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, will be our Celebrant at the Mass on Saturday and also a Keynote Speaker at the

banquet. Read more information about the convention on page 3.

The PeeDee Deanery is the host group. They are committed to making sure your stay is a pleasurable one and the convention a memorable one also.

I extend my sincere appreciation and love to every member of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women. If I may be of service to you or you want to share suggestions, feel free to contact me at birdb@musc.edu or barbarabirds@att.net or (843) 697-1326.

I remain your humble servant.

Barbara J. Birds

Calendar Reminders



January:

29th—SCCCW Pre-Convention Meeting,
10:30 AM, Columbia, SC

March, 2011:

11-13th—SCCCW 81st Annual Convention, Myrtle Beach, SC at the Embassy Suites Hotel @ Kingston Plantation, 9800 Queensway Blvd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

Take a virtual tour of the hotel and rooms by visiting www.kingstonplantation.com

Rates:

\$144.00 per night + taxes and service charges, dbl occupancy

Call: 1-800-876-0010

Mention: Group Code: SCA

Room Reservation Deadline:
[February 9, 2011](#)

(See Page 3 for more information!)

**Make your
reservations
now!**



Birthday Wishes (SCCCW Board Members)

January:

2nd—Phyllis Atkins, State Church Chair person
4th—Pat Langston, Director of Atlanta Province
13th—Monica Szymanski, State Parliamentarian
18th—Helen Merritt, SCCCW Past President 1984-1986
24th—Cecilia Velte, State

Archives Co-Chair

February:

16th—Patricia Mack, State Membership Committee Co-Chair

March:

19th—Delores Gilliard, SCCCW VP and President of Columbia-Midlands Deanery



*Happy
Birthday
from the
members!*

The NIAF

The National Italian-American Foundation (NIAF) honored Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone in Charleston at the Harbour Club on Monday, October 11, 2010.

He was honored for his many contributions: his outstanding work in providing guidance and support to the Catholic Community of Charleston, his leadership in establishing in-

terrelations with other religious, and his commitment with the Boy Scouts since 1978. He was Chaplain of the International Catholic Conference of Scouting and has had other leadership roles in the Boy Scout organization over the years.

The SCCCW attendees left to right are Organization Chair Joan Mack, President Barbara



Birds, Vincenzia Francese, Treasurer Maria Stephens, and Bishop Guglielmone. "It means so much for our organization to also be there for our Bishop as he is there for us," said President Bird.



SCCCW

81st Annual Convention

The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) will hold their 81st Annual Convention on Friday, March 11, through Sunday, March 13, 2011. This year's host is the PeeDee Deanery.

Several hundred Catholic women from all over the state will come together to pray, celebrate their accomplishments, vote on resolutions, elect officers, attend workshops and Mass, receive awards, see old friends and make new ones, win door prizes, party, dance, and eat!

This year's special guests are the Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmo, Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, and Mrs. Patty Johnson, President, National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW).

The Convention will be held at the **Embassy Suites Hotel @ Kingston Plantation**, 9800 Queensway Boulevard, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572, where a block of ocean view rooms have been secured for us. The rate of \$144 per night plus taxes and service charges for double occupancy includes breakfast daily, the evening manager's reception, and a discounted parking fee of \$5.00 per day. All business sessions and workshops will be held in one building for your convenience. Take a virtual tour of the hotel and

rooms by visiting www.kingstonplantation.com.

Please make your reservations early. When booking your room, ask for reservations in the **Embassy Suites** by calling **1-800-876-0010** and be sure to mention our **Group Code: SCA**. **NOTE: THE CUT-OFF DATE IS FEBRUARY 9, 2011.**

You may want to spend a few extra days to enjoy the beach, restaurants, shopping, and golf! Bring a spouse or friend and receive the same rate.

SCCCW's Convention Committee has planned a busy weekend for us along with some surprises! Everyone is encouraged to attend and find out more about your Catholic Council of Women!



Tentative Agenda

Friday, March 11, 2011

3:00pm-7:00pm	Registration Open at Embassy Suites
3:00pm-6:00pm	Hospitality Suite Open
6:00pm-7:30pm	Dinner on your own
7:30pm-10:00pm	Opening Session
10:00pm-11:00pm	Entertainment

Saturday, March 12, 2011

7:30am-8:45am	Registration Open at Embassy Suites
9:00am-1:00pm	General Business Meeting and Workshop
1:00pm-3:45pm	Lunch on your own and free time
3:45pm-4:15pm	Board Busses for Mass
5:00pm	Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea*
6:15pm	Board Busses & return to Embassy Suites
7:30pm-10:00pm	Banquet at Embassy Suites
10:00pm-11:30pm	Hospitality Room Open at Embassy Suites

Sunday, March 13, 2011

9:00am-12:00pm	Closing Session at Embassy Suites
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*and Installation Ceremony

Deanery Corner

Coastal—Elease Amos Goodwin *Columbia/Midlands*—Delores Gilliard *Lowcountry*—Joan Valescente
PeeDee—Marlene Grover *Piedmont*—Kathleen Merritt

Coastal: *Elease Amos-Goodwin, President*

The CD Winter Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at St. Patrick's Church. The ladies have



been working on several Deanery projects as well as projects in their individual clubs.

Lowcountry Food Bank Backpack Buddies Program:

CD ladies have adopted this program. Each affiliate has been assigned a month to take food donations to the Lowcountry Food Bank. Donations have been delivered to the Food Bank by The Cathedral Women's Club (October) and Divine Redeemer Women's Club (November). Our Lady of Mercy Ladies' Guild will be taking their donations in January. Our individual members have been assigned affiliates to work with. This program provides food for students in need to take home on the weekend to ensure they have meals until returning to school on Monday, where they participate in the free lunch program.

My Sister's House Donations:

We will also bring another project to fruition on January 15, 2011, by collecting donations of gently used ladies suits at St. John's, N. Charleston and St. Patrick Catholic Churches for

women taking refuge at My Sister's House, a sanctuary for abused women. All of the affiliates and individual members are participating in this project, which was brought to us by St. John the Beloved Women's Club.

Multicultural Mass and Repast:

Esperanza Riols, CD Multicultural Commission Chair person, along with input from our Moderator, Sister Maryjane Golden, is coordinating a Multicultural Mass and Repast to be held in April, 2011, which will involve ladies from all CD affiliates. The Mass will be held at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church at 3:00 pm. We are hoping to have Bishop Guglielmo as the celebrant.

Sees Candy Fundraiser: The CD had a successful fundraiser selling Sees candy bars. Most of the affiliates and individual members participated. Special thanks to St. John the Beloved Women's Club for selling a double allotment of candy and to the ladies from St. Patrick Women's Guild for taking on the task of making sure all candy bars not assigned to an affiliate were sold in addition to their own allotment.

I am very pleased to have received submissions from 5 of the 7 affiliates in the CD for the SCCCW Catholic Woman of the Year program. We have been striving for full participation. All of the ladies in the CD work

very hard in their church and community and affiliates should always honor a member for outstanding service each year.

One of the issues that SCCCW and affiliates, statewide, are keeping a close eye on is the legislation regarding the law in the State of South Carolina that prohibits raffles and other games of chance as fundraisers. Katy Sheehy, President of Cathedral Women's Club, spoke on behalf of CWC before the special Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, appointed by Senator Glenn McConnell (R-Charleston), in support of the amendment that would exempt charitable organizations from the prohibition on raffles. SCCCW President, Barbara Birds, also spoke in favor of the amendment as well as representatives from the Knights of Columbus, Lions Club and other charitable organizations. Katy provided a copy of her comprehensive presentation which was sent to all CD affiliates via e-mail. Katy made her presentation with Bishop Robert Guglielmo's support.

St. Patrick Women's Guild held its Annual Tea the first Sunday in November. The event was a huge success surpassing their fundraising goal. Their program focused on celebrating the Church's Liturgical Calendar. This was a teaching event where each commission

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presented information on a particular segment of the calendar, i.e. Advent, Lent, Ordinary Time, Easter, Christmas, etc.

I attended the NCCW (National Council of Catholic Women) Convention in Washington, D.C. in November, 2010. I was a first time attendee and came away with a better understanding of the national level of our organization. President Birds and I were roommates, and we attended all plenary sessions and divided up the workshop sessions as many of them ran concurrently. There was valuable information shared regarding issues on which the NCCW takes stands that affect all of our lives. There are several national catholic organizations that support the NCCW that our members need to consider joining.

The Annual Meeting for the CD will be held Sunday, January 16, 2011, at the Charleston Country Club. St. Patrick Women's Guild, St. John's Ladies Guild, North Charleston, and St. John the Beloved Women's Clubs will be presenting in the "What's Up Affiliates?" segment of the meeting.



Columbia-Midlands:

Delores Gilliard, President
Several affiliates in the C-MD were very busy preparing for the holidays and charitable work in the community.



Highlights of the activities from just two of our affiliates are as follows:

The ladies of St. Martin de Porres Rosary Altar Society

participated in Breast Cancer Awareness and Walk for Life, sponsored their monthly Soup Kitchen service, provided appreciation luncheon for Father Paul, prepared Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for the Needy, collected over 200 pair of glasses for the Lions Club, sponsored a Membership Drive, and provided breakfast for Home Works Volunteers.

The ladies of St. Joseph Sodality started a society-wide newsletter, hosted a reception for Father Richard Harris' evaluation to Monsignor, provided supper for members of Hannah House, provided meals for the Home Work crew, provided meals for bereavement families in the church family, and raised \$1,800 from their food sale.

The sub-committee of the C-MD has been very busy getting information out to our affiliates and other deaneries about the Marketplace for the 2011 SCCCW Convention in Myrtle Beach. Hopefully, our sister deaneries are getting their baskets ready for this great event. Information was sent in October to all Deaneries in our area regarding the Marketplace. This year, we have requested that each Deanery prepare two baskets. The

Marketplace baskets are always a *big hit!* Please bring your baskets to the Convention prepared and ready for raffling!



Lowcountry: *Joan Valescente, President*

The LC affiliates have spent much of their time and energy on charitable works for the poor and the aged. St. Anthony's



Women's Club held a Christmas Party for the residents of a nursing home and provided gifts for all of them. The Women of St. Gregory the Great had an Angel Tree and provided more than 80 gifts for the Pregnancy Center to distribute during the Christmas holiday. Holy Family Ladies Guild contributed to a Giving Tree that benefited children by fulfilling their Christmas wishes. Holy Family Ladies Guild collected food for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, which were generously filled and delivered to more than 50 families in need. Holy Family is also working with 2 other churches to provide hot lunches twice a week for the poor at a soup kitchen held every Monday and Wednesday in Schiller

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Hall. The weekly food distribution is held every Saturday morning in Schiller Hall. The Women of St. Francis purchased Spanish bibles for the Pregnancy Center to distribute during the Christmas holiday. They also purchased "Pillows for Patience" as birthday presents for the elderly at the Life Care Center.

The Women's Club of St. Peter's in Beaufort hosted their annual Advent Tea. They also assisted with the parish Advent Dinner which raised money to renovate the historical church in downtown Beaufort, which was established in the late 1800's. The Women of St. Francis hosted a reception honoring the veterans in their parish on Veteran's Day.

We are still working hard to bring St. Anthony's Altar Society in Ridgeland into the LDCCW and SCCCW. I invited their president, Nancy Sheets, to lunch early in December to give her the convention packet and discuss their progress toward membership. I thought that they were completely on board and offered to speak at their next meeting. She declined saying that there were still issues to be resolved. I expect that they will join within the year.

I have asked our Organization Chair to work with Pat Langston on improving our membership in NCCW. I plan to make this a focus of our attention in the ensuing months.

Three of our five affiliates have affiliate memberships, but individual membership can be greatly increased. We are also working on a fundraiser for LDCCW. We will be meeting with Father Cellini on January 5 to discuss our initial plans. We had hoped that we could get Father Leo, the cooking priest, but we are not able to meet his financial requirements. Our annual meeting of the deanery is January 15, at St. Anthony's in Walterboro, at which we will be honoring our Catholic Woman of the Year and also the wonderful work done by the affiliates. Lunch will be provided by St. Anthony's Women's Club with dishes featured in their own cookbook, which is being sold to reduce parish debt. The speaker will be our Moderator, Sister Kathleen Kane. With the help of our Savior and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to be the face of Christ in this tired world.



PeeDee: *Marlene Grover, President*

As we begin 2011 and praise the blessings of the past, I am encouraged that this year will bring numerous blessings to all of us through our work, our faith, our friends, and our fami-



lies. This is truly a blessed time of year for all of us! The ladies of the PDD are planning and looking forward to a Retreat facilitated by our Moderator, Fr. Ray Carlo, on Saturday, January 22, at Holy Trinity School. We are focusing on the next PDD meeting on Sunday, January 16, and, of course, our top priority, the SCCCW 2011 Convention in Myrtle Beach. This will be a wonderful time for all of us to come together as "*Sisters in Christ!*" If you have not made your hotel reservations, please do so immediately as the deadline of February 9 is right around the corner. We are asking all five Deaneries to have their banner or story board to me at the pre-convention meeting on Saturday, January 29, for use at the 2011 Convention. More information on the weekend will be included in the Call to Convention.

Along with the Convention, here is a synopsis of what our ladies have been doing: St. James; Conway sponsored a "Rummage Sale and Baked Sale," which raised \$3,500. Proceeds went to the church, the rosary committee, Angel Tree, the Zambria project, Wounded Warriors Project, and the Outreach Farm. Also, they held elections and revised their bylaws. St. Anthony; Florence - Their November meeting speaker was Marjorie Busscher, who spoke about the meaning of Advent. At the

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December meeting, they had coffee/donuts and a movie about the theme of Silent Night. They also held their annual election of officers. St. Mary, Our Lady of Ransom; Georgetown—The ladies are focusing on increasing membership and have changed their meeting time to the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 11:00 am, which included lunch and guest speakers from Hospice and Helping Hands. They continue to volunteer at Birthright. St. Michaels; Garden City—The ladies held their annual Communion Breakfast at Applewood's with a speaker from the Eastern Carolina Coalition Against Human Trafficking. They hosted the Confirmation Reception, and the ladies went to see "Nunn Crackers" at The Palace Theatre. They donated shawls, gloves, and 84 shoe boxes for children to St. Cyprian's in Conway. St. Andrew; Myrtle Beach—At the November meeting, they had a Gastroenterologist as the guest speaker and collected shoe boxes for Helping Hands. In December, they held their annual Christmas Party at Flamingo's and donated layette items to Catholic Charities. Our Lady Star of the Sea; North Myrtle Beach—The ladies held a card party which raised \$4,500. They are helping with the opening of a Food Pantry & Family Outreach at OLSS. They gave donations to an outreach center on Hwy. 9 and helped with the church Empty Stocking Fund.



Piedmont: *Kathleen Merritt, President*

The Women's Gathering was a success with approximately 50 people present. Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church had over 10 women present. This is our targeted recruitment parish for 2011. Plans are to host a coffee and donut gathering to discuss them joining the SCCCW.



St. Mary's Women's Club held their Annual Christmas Basket and Bake Sale on December 19. They raised over \$2,000, and money will be given to various Catholic charity organizations. An Annual Christmas Ornament, the 10th in the Series, depicting one of their church's stained-glass windows was designed and sold in December. Proceeds go to their church and school. Used cards are being collected for the Native Americans in Nevada for recycling and making into items to sell. Used stamps are also being collected for the Franciscans, who will sell them to stamp collectors. Money and supplies continue to be collected for an orphanage in Uganda. Members supported the *40 Days of Life Program* by praying in front of the Abortion Clinic on Grove Road every Tuesday for one

hour through October 31st. A Membership Committee was organized to contact new parishioners by giving them information about St. Mary's Women's Club and inviting them to visit. They revised by-laws, created Standing Rules, and revised and printed their Membership Directory. St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Women's Council hosted an October Fest for the parish. This event was started many years ago by Mr. Walter Ross, and the Women's Council restarted this tradition this year and had a full house in attendance. A wonderful evening of talent and church fellowship was enjoyed by all. During Christmas, the Women's Council hosted the Parish Christmas Party at the Knights of Columbus Lodge and provided Christmas items for the needy. They also served food to several bereaved parishioners' families and friends following the Christian burial at the parish.

During the PD's Fall Meeting, it was discovered that more education is needed on the Social teachings of the Church in regards to Immigration issues. This will be our activity at our next meeting. Multicultural Chair, Jessie Bowens, will coordinate this activity.

The PD's Winter Meeting is planned for January 23, 2011, and is being hosted by St. Mary's Women's Club.

Commission Corner—State Chairs

Church—Phyllis Atkins

Community—Marion Alexander

Family—Jeanette Tobin

International—Wilma Lucas

Legislation—Ruthann Howard

Multicultural—Wilma Lucas

Organization—Joan Mack

Church: *Phyllis Atkins*

My dear Sisters in Christ,
Happy and Blessed New Year!

I hope that you all have had a wonderful Christmas season and are ready to rejoice in prayer and spirit for the beginning of another successful year in the SCCCW organization.



Let us begin with the general intention of our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, which is Care for Creation. "That the riches of the created world may be preserved, valued, and made available as God's precious gift to all." Rejecting selfishness, we must learn to use resources wisely and to share them fairly. We need to reject the secular view of a world created not by God, but by chance. We seek a conversion of heart to embrace our duty to care for our home. We have a responsibility to all human beings to share the resources of the earth. We owe it to our children's children to protect our world. Once again the Pope leads us, as Apostles of Prayer, to put our prayers into action and to let them inspire our choices.

Recognitio marks the beginning of preparation for the implementation of the Roman

Missal. The website www.usccb.org/romanmissal has been prepared to help you prepare for the transition. Here you will find helpful resources for the faithful, for the Clergy, and for parish and diocesan leaders so that all of us will be ready to implement the new text in Advent 2011.

News closer to home: I have been involved with the planning of the spirituality portion of the SCCCW Convention. The Ladies of the PeeDee Deanery have planned a wonderful and spirit filled weekend. On Friday evening, you will participate in Mary's Way of the Cross, narrated by Sister Kathleen Kane, SSMN, and she will also offer a workshop called "Resting in Christ," which brings us into a form of Contemplative prayer called Centering Prayer. This workshop will be offered twice during convention. In preparation for this contemplative dimension of the Gospel, I suggest you read "Open Mind, Open Heart" by Thomas Keating, 20th Anniversary Edition.

I would like to remind you that I will be accepting donations for the SCCCW Honors and Memorial Program at Phyllis Atkins, P.O. Box 16, Bluffton, SC 29910. Remember those both living and deceased who have made a difference in your life with this recognition. I will be accepting offerings until February 15, 2011. These intentions

will be in a book that will be placed on the altar during Mass on Saturday evening.

I also want to remind my Church Commission Chairs that I would appreciate any news or events that are going on in your Deaneries so that we may share your efforts with our sister affiliates/deaneries. Please send them to me as soon as possible so that I may prepare my reports for our convention booklet.

Remember to "Give of your hands to serve and your hearts to Love." And, a strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape...but, a woman of strength kneels in prayer to keep her soul in shape.

Peace of St. Francis be with you all.



Community: *Marion Alexander*

Nationally, 44% of the homeless population is employed,

at least at minimum wage or part-time. Therefore, for numerous Americans, employment is not necessarily an escape from poverty



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www.nationalhomeless.org). In 2009, the poverty rate for SC was 15.7%. Thirty-six percent (36%) of the persons living in poverty are children, but they are only 24% of the population (www.census.gov).

The members of the SCCCW continue to strive to help others. The New Year is here and doing things for the betterment of the community continues to permeate our efforts. When organizing our efforts/projects to address community concerns, each affiliate can systematically plan a yearly calendar that addresses the following: *Poverty*—sponsoring or partnering with other agencies to sponsor job fairs or donate to a clothing closet; *Housing*—getting involved with home restoration projects; *Homelessness*—sponsoring soup kitchens and regular volunteers in food banks; *Healthcare*—sponsor health fairs, collect eyeglasses to recycle.

Below are names of some resources in SC that assist people in crisis:

Connie Maxwell Children's Home, Orangeburg—(803) 536-2456, Crisis Shelter, Children Only
Sister Care—(803) 791-0557, Crisis Shelter, Men Only
Christ Central Ministries, Hannah House—(803) 771-4357, Homeless Shelter, Women & Children
Family Shelter—(803) 771-7040, Homeless Shelter
Angel Food Ministries, Inc.,

Midlands—(803) 254-8786, Food Pantries
Orangeburg-Calhoun—(803) 536-1027, Food Pantries

For Home Repairs:
SC State Housing Finance and Development Authority (aka, State Housing Authority)
 (803) 896-9001

www.sha.state.sc.us
 The State House Authority administers various homeowner-ship and housing repair programs statewide. It oversees two major housing programs—the HOME program and the Housing Trust Fund Program. Most of these programs qualify an applicant based on where he/she lives, his/her income, and his/her family size.

USDA Rural Development Office (803) 765-5163

www.rurdev.usda.gov
 Formerly known as US Farmers Home Administration, this federal agency has limited funds available to assist eligible persons with housing repairs, as well as homeownership. Eligibility requirements include income and geographic location. For additional information on eligibility, contact the regional office serving the area you live in, or contact the state office located in Columbia, SC.

SC Habitats for Humanity
 (803) 252-3570
www.habitatcsc.org

Although Habitat primarily focuses on providing homeownership opportunities through

volunteers for deserving, qualified families, they occasionally have resources available to assist elderly occupied households when housing is deteriorating. For additional information, qualifying requirements, and assistance availability, call the nearest branch serving the area you live in.

SC Community Action Agencies (CAA) (803) 771-9404
www.scacap.org/SCAffiliates.asp

The local Community Action Agency (CAA) that serves your area receives low-income heating and cooling assistance funds in addition to home weatherization funds each year through a Community Services Block Grant award. The weatherization funds cannot be used for major rehabilitation work, but they can do limited energy kinds of improvements like insulation, windows, doors, weatherstripping, caulking, etc. For information about eligibility requirements and the availability of weatherization funds, call the respective CAA for the county you live in.

Home Works (803) 781-4536
www.homeworksofamerica.org

Home Works is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit that repairs homes using professionals in conjunction with teen and adult Community volunteers. To qualify for assistance, a

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person must be elderly or disadvantaged, be the owner of the home occupied, lie in a location served by Home Works, and have no residents of the household with earned income. (In other words, the only household income must be from Social Security, Disability, Pension, or other unearned income sources.) In addition, the total household income must be at or below HUD poverty figures. For additional information or to apply for assistance, contact the organization.



Family: *Jeannette Tobin*

With a New Year upon us, let us continue to enhance family values. The NCCW website has many links and re-



sources to consider for the coming year. Following are ten (10) things the Family Chair can do to assist

the families, from the NCCW website:

Administration on Aging, Dept. of HHS—

www.aoa.dhhs.gov

Feminists for Life—

www.feministsforlife.org,

Generations United—

www.gu.org

Morality in Media/White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) Campaign—
www.moralityinmedia.org
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children—
www.missingkids.com
National Committee for a Human Life Amendment—
www.nchia.org
National Family Caregivers Association—
www.thefamilycaregiver.org
National Right to Life—
www.nric.org/default.html
Project Rachel—
www.hopeafterabortion.com

USCCB Links:

Catholic Campaign to the Use of the Death Penalty—
www.usccb.org/sdwp/national/death_penalty
For your Marriage—
www.foryourmarriage.org
Orthodox Jewish-Catholic Statement on Marriage—
www.usccb.org/stories/jewish_cathstmt.shtml
Respect Life Program—
www.usccb.org/prolife/program_s/rip/index.shtml

Listed below are the 10 things the Family Chair can do:

1. Read and subscribe to Catholic family publications—e.g., Catholic Digest, Marriage. Ideas for program, articles, and workshops can come from these.
2. Contact A/DCCW Family Life Office, Pro-Life Office, and Diocesan Women's Commission. Ask to be placed on their mailing list, share information, and collaborate on projects.

3. Contact your state Catholic Conference as well as Pro-Life and Right-to-Life organizations on diocesan and local levels. Place your name on their mailing lists and receive legislative updates.

4. Communicate regularly with parish and deanery chairs, not just at meetings. Make certain that information flows through all rings.

5. Be knowledgeable about NCCW programs, particularly those that are family-oriented, and share them with your organization. Adapt them to local needs.

6. Promote the NCCW Book Program Helping Children Read for Fun and Future. This project can be done by any size council and accomplished all at the local level.

7. Monitor the Media. Participate in the WRAP (White Ribbon Against Pornography) Campaign sponsored by Morality in Media in the Fall.

8. File Annual Reports with NCCW in a timely manner and provide details of your programs and projects. Ask questions of your NCCW National Commission Chair—she is here to serve.

9. Share NCCW Bulletin Board and other publications with local chairs. Utilize NCCW and USCCB websites to keep current on family issues.

10. Pray for all families and the strengthening of family values.



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Legislative: *Ruthann Howard*

As Legislative Commission Chair for SCCCW, I spoke for our group at a Senate hearing on charitable raffles. The hearing was the last of 4 regional hearings and was in Florence. The panel from the Senate had already heard much of what I said from the other regional hearings. What is being proposed is an amendment to Section 7, Article XVII of the South Carolina Constitution. The purpose is to allow raffles to be conducted by religious, charitable, or nonprofit organizations for religious, charitable, or eleemosynary purposes.

By attending this hearing, I got on the email distribution list for all changes and activity regarding this pending legislation. Of concern to me is the proposed Bill which defined how to regulate and implement this amendment. It goes into extreme detail such as how many raffles can be conducted and a specific purpose must be identified for each raffle. It sounds like our 50/50 drawings that so many clubs do would still be illegal. We will have to keep a watch on this.

The staff attorney working

with the charitable raffle legislation gave me an update. Two bills have been pre filed. The are S.256 (joint resolution) and S.2555 (implementing legislation). Both the Senate and House have to pass each bill. The joint resolution, because it amends the constitution, must pass each body by a two-thirds vote, not just a majority. Both bills much receive 3 readings in each body. She suspects that the Senate Judiciary will be considering them soon.

There is an excellent documentary film called *Rediscovering God in America*. It points out many places in our nation's capital where God is in the public square. The Founding Fathers wanted it that way. The DVD lasts about 60 minutes and would make an excellent program for a club meeting or a special event. I can give you more information on obtaining a copy if anyone is interested.

You can contact Ruthann at obzhoward@aol.com for further information.

Organization: *Joan Mack*

When people want to know more about an organization these days, the internet is the first place they go to find out.

SCCCW will launch its new website during the Organization Commission Workshop at the convention.

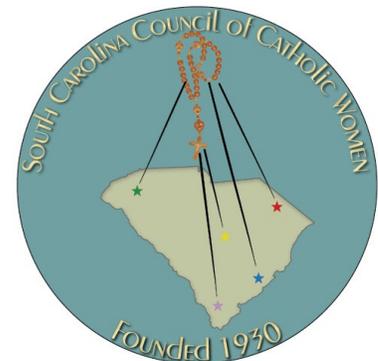
Soon you'll be able to visit us at:

www.scccw.org

Communication, Marketing, Recruitment, Image Building!

You'll be able to access information you can use anytime, anywhere, and as often as you wish.

Below is our new logo identifying all 5 deaneries by a star in each specific deanery color. All lines are connected to rosary beads.



SCCCW Winter Board Meeting

The State Board of Directors met on January 8, 2011, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Columbia for their Winter Meeting.

President Barbara Birds called the meeting to order and Phyllis Atkins, State Church Commission Chair, proceeded with the Opening Prayer.



President Birds

The Minutes from the Fall meeting were approved. A year-end Treasurer's Report was discussed and President Bird delivered her President's Report.

Pat Langston, newly elected Atlanta Province Director, delivered her report, which can be found on page 13.

Each Deanery President presented their reports, which can be found on pages 4-7.



Marion Alexander, Community Chair, listens as Elise Amos-Goodwin, Coastal Deanery President, presents her report.

Commission reports were presented by the state commission chair persons and are located on pages 8-11. Joan Mack, Organization Chair, was absent from the meeting and plans to present her report at the SCCCW Pre-Convention Meeting on January 29, 2011.



Ann Mitchum, Archives and Ruthann Howard, Legislative Chair listen as Marlene Grover, PeeDee Deanery President, discusses Convention plans.

Lisa Summerlin, Publicity, presented South Carolina's 2010 Catholic Woman of the Year, Harriet Condon with a beautiful portrait of "Our Lady of Good Counsel." Harriet is also a past President of the SCCCW, 1986-1988.



Harriet Condon

Daisey Ferrette, Membership Committee Co-Chair, presented a report detailing the number of members enrolled from each affiliate within the deaneries along with individual members.



Daisey Ferrette

To date, we have approximately 1500 members in the SCCCW. Please contact Daisey or Patricia Mack if you know of a women's club who may be interested in joining our organization or one you would like approached about joining at daisey.ferrette@comcaast.net or Mack0216@bellsouth.net.

A few more items of business were discussed and the meeting was adjourned and a Closing Prayer recited.



Past Presidents Lindamarie Richardson (2008-2010), Mary Sue Barnum (2006-2008), and Carolyn Heider (1994-1996) are enjoying President Bird's remarks.



Historian, Pearlle Harris and Treasurer, Maria Stephens listen intently.

REMEMBER TO MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION. RESERVE YOUR ROOM, TODAY!

Atlanta Province News

Pat Langston, Director



Since being installed as Atlanta Province Director, I have been busy. I have been appointed to serve on the NCCW Finance Committee. Over the next several days I will be previewing the budget and participating in a conference call with other members serving on the committee. Arrangements have been made to attend the January Board meeting in Washington, D.C. from January 21-23rd. I will not be staying over for the March for Life on the 24th due to scheduling constraints.



I will be submitting my report as Atlanta Province Director to NCCW by January 7th. In this report I will be addressing some activities throughout all the diocese, but more importantly, I am going to attempt to address some of the concerns that have been raised, or roadblocks, that affiliates have been facing as we work to recruit individual membership or encourage potential affiliates to join NCCW. I feel that this information will be helpful as NCCW makes plans to rejuvenate, retain, and increase membership enrollment. I have asked the diocesan presidents to share success stories as well as failed attempts.

I have also requested rosters from the diocesan presidents.

As clubs fail to continue affiliation with NCCW, I want to be able to encourage continued affiliation through individual membership.

In an attempt to increase NCCW membership, I have formed a committee to help me work on this. I have asked Lindamarie Richardson to chair this committee. There will be representation from each diocese working on this committee as well. Any suggestions on membership drives would be appreciated.

Over the last several weeks, I have had a phone conversation and many emails with Patty Johnson, NCCW President, voicing my ideas and concerns. She is in full support of my efforts and applauds my visions and goals. She wants to assist me in recruiting the Diocese of Charlotte and Raleigh. Right now, there are 5 individual members in Charlotte and none in Raleigh.

Patty is very interested in attending our convention in March. She and her husband have booked that week at a time share in Myrtle Beach. Barbara Bird will be extending a formal invitation.

The 2011 NCCW Convention will be held in Chicago at the Chicago Marriott Downtown, Chicago, IL, November 9-12, 2011. More information will be

published on the website over the next several months. There is so much information on the website. Make it a habit to visit it often (nccw.org). I suggest you add it to your "favorites" or "bookmark" menus.

I have been approached to consider an NCCW Leadership workshop within the province. Alison Mims, past Province Director, has agreed to chair a committee to research this. She will be letting us know the particulars and looking for a centrally located site for this. As the information comes from Alison, I will share it with everyone. There has been no commitment made to date, and none will be made without full agreement of the dioceses involved. This information is just an FYI.

NCCW Connect is up and running well. This was formally the FHY sent out to individual members. If you are an individual member and do not receive this via email, let me know. The Bulletin Board continues to be posted on the website.

I would like to thank the Diocesan Presidents and so many other ladies that have cooperated so far with meeting deadlines and requests. I look forward to the next two years and hope to make a difference.

In God We Trust,

Pat Langston

NCCW NEWS - National Convention Coverage

The following article was written by Marlene Grover, President, PeeDee Deanery.

“Excited and pumped!!! I just returned from the National Council of Catholic Women Convention in Washington, D.C. All I can say is WOW! From the minute we arrived on Wednesday, November 10 through the 14th, the atmosphere of excitement and coming together as “Sisters In Christ” was a constant theme for all of us!

There were approximately 575+ women from all over the United States who represented their individual areas and celebrated women of Service In Spirituality and Leadership.

On Thursday, Cherrin Moore and I traveled to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for a tour. Beautiful, majestic, and humbling were words that popped into my mind as we traveled from chapel to chapel in the under crypt and then on to the upper level where the convention Mass was held on Saturday. The Basilica is the largest Roman Catholic Church in the US and North America and one of 10 largest churches in the world! Its beauty is amazing. If you have never been there, I



encourage you to do so or visit the website at www.nationalshrine.com.

The convention opened Thursday evening with a reception, exhibits, and purse auction. That evening, we experienced an “After Dark Tour” of the



monuments which included the Lincoln Memorial, Jef-

ferson Memorial, White House, Capitol Building, Korean Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, etc.

The Opening Liturgy was on Friday morning in the hotel. Ladies from SC were Ushers at designated host and wine locations for the 34 priests in attendance! What an inspiring Mass to be part of! After Mass, a Continental breakfast was served followed by the Opening Session with a Panel Discussion of Catholic Leaders: Tony Spence, Director and Editor-in-Chief of Catholic News Service; Helen Alvarez, Associate Professor of Law at George Mason University; John Carr, Executive Director of the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development US Conference of Catholic Bishops; Sr.

Carol Keehan, DC President & Chief Executive Officer of the Catholic Health Association of the US; Kathleen McChesney, PhD, CEO Kinsale Management Consult-

ing; and Kerry Robinson, Ex. Director of the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management. They reflected on the Church of today with its challenges and opportunities Catholics have to make a difference in their families, communities, the Church, and the World.



After Lunch, Ambassador Thomas Melady, who has been recently appointed US Ambassador to the Holy See, was the keynote speaker. Workshops on “The Theology of the Body,” “Prayerfulness: Awakening to Life,” “The Challenge of Pornography and our Sexualized Culture,” “Called to Holiness: A New Perspective,” “Gen X and Gen Y: Reaching the Next Leaders,” “Trafficking: A Human Dignity and Human Rights Issue,” and “The Father McKenna Center— Empowering the Homeless” were held for us to attend.

After a long day, we enjoyed a Province Dinner at “Clyde’s” with almost 200 women. Needless to say, SC of course was the group who had the most fun.

Saturday began with coffee and the closing of the Silent Auction. Afterwards the NCCW Annual Business Meeting took place and President

NCCW NEWS (continued from page 14)

Patty Johnson presented the “State of the NCCW” report. President Elect Judy Powers was installed as well as our very own Pat Langston as Province Director of Atlanta. **We are so proud of Pat and proud to be a part of her installation!**

Saturday afternoon continued with workshops on “In God’s Image: Considering the Life, Dignity and Gifts of People with Disabilities,” “Climate Change and Poverty—What’s Our Role?”, “Immigration—Catholic Social Teaching and Action,” and “Mapping Your Response to Hunger and Poverty.” Busses departed for the Basilica Mass at 5:15 pm. The celebrant was Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick.

The evening ended with the 90th Birthday Celebration Gala, a sumptuous dinner, music, and entertainment by “The Capitol Steps,” an improvisational musical/comedy singing group.

The ladies of SC got little rest. However, all of us enjoyed the convention, had fun, learned a lot, and were very proud to be representing the state of South Carolina! Speaking of celebrations, wine and cake added a nice touch to the Happy Birthday party for Harriet Condon and Maria Stephens! Needless to say, this convention was an experience that will not be soon forgotten!” *By Marlene Grover*



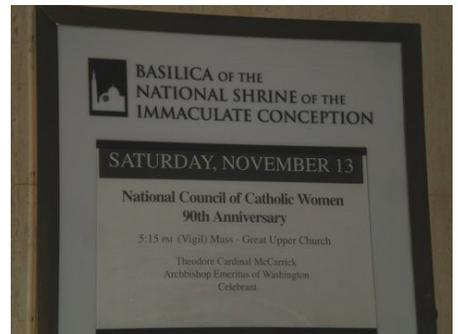
Newly elected Atlanta Province Director, Pat Langston enjoys a moment with NCCW President, Patty Johnson.



SC Ushers Marlene Grover, Leslie Barhyte-Moulton, Pat Langston, Martha Becht, Susan Propst Igel, and Janet Oherig



NCCW President Patty Johnson calls the Convention to order.



Saturday’s Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.



Convention in progress at the Renaissance Hotel in D.C.



Harriet Condon and Maria Stephens at their birthday party!

Prayer - A New Year Dawning by Louise Pinkerton Fritz

Submitted by Phyllis Atkins, Church Chair

Another year is dawning;
Dear Father, let it be a year of
minutes, hours, to live our
lives for Thee.

A calendar of weeks and
months to do our Father's
will; another year is dawning.
Oh, keep us faithful still.
The old year now is fading, a
new year's in the fore, and in
this dawning new year, there
stands an open door.

Lord, bless us as we enter, and
we ask Thee prayerfully, that
we might long more dearly, to
live our lives for Thee. Amen.



Need a Mood Lift? Head for
church instead of the mall!
Women tend to feel far happier
after attending religious ser-
vices than after going shop-
ping, reveals a new joint study

out of Chicago's DePaul Uni-
versity and Israel's Ben-Gurion
University of the Negev. Al-
though shopping makes you
feel good in the moment, the
positive feelings wear off far
faster than those generated by
participating in a spiritual ser-
vice, the researchers explain.

*"Woman's World" Magazine,
January 17, 2011 issue*

Additional State Officer Recognition

Membership Committee—
Patricia Mack and Daisey Ferrette
Archives—Ann Mitchum and
Cecilia Velte
Facility Coordinator—Martha
Becht
Historian—Pearlie Harris
Publicity Coordinator—Lisa
Summerlin
Web Site Coordinator—Joan
Mack

Past Presidents:
Lindamarie Richardson (2008-
2010)
Mary Sue Barnum (2006-2008)
Cherrin M Moore (2004-2006)
Joan Mack (2002-2004)
Jessie Bowens (2000-2002)
Monica Szymanski (1998-2000)
Pat Langston (1996-1998)
Carolyn Heider (1994-1996)
Ernestine Harris (1990-1992)

Peggy Waters (1988-1990)
Harriet Condon (1986-1988)
Helen Merritt (1984-1986)
Randi Olafson (1982-1984)
Penny Clements (1976-1978)



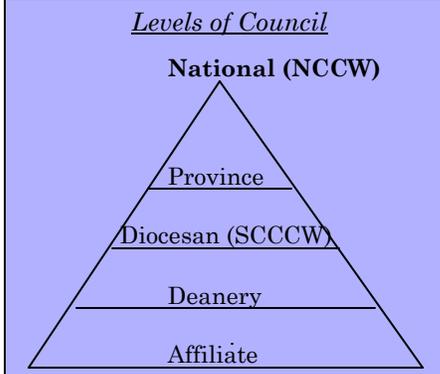
SCCCW Mission Statement

"...to serve as a medium
through which the Catholic
Women of the Diocese may
speak and act as one unit.

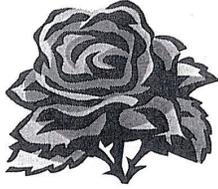
Its goals are to stimulate the
work of and render definite
assistance to the efforts of all
affiliate organizations to give
service to the Church. The

SCCCW will endeavor to create
interest in, and to assist in the
furtherance of the faith and
well being of the people of the
Diocese."

Church
Family
Community
Legislative
International/Multicultural



Watch for more news in Spring 2011!



**SCCCW Living Memorials
And
Honors Program**

The Board of Directors of South Carolina Council of Catholic Women has established a Living Memorial/Honors Program to give affiliated clubs the opportunity to remember or honor someone in a very special way. Names of the person(s) submitted will be entered in a special record book and read during the Saturday Mass at Convention.

A donation in the amount of \$10 (ten dollars) is being requested for each name submitted for the book of Memorials and Honors.

Please fill out and return the form below with your donation to the SCCCW Church Commissions Chairperson, Phyllis Atkins by February 15, 2011.

**Mrs. Phyllis Atkins
P.O. Box 16
Blufton, South Carolina 29910
(843) 757-4007**

Please make checks payable to the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women.

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A Living Memorial/Honor

I am submitting a \$10 donation to Honor:

Name _____

Reason for the Honor (Birthday, Anniversary, Service to Organization, etc.)

I am submitting a \$10 donation in Memory of:

Name _____

Please send acknowledgement card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

NOTE: Please copy and submit a form for each person being honored or memorialized.