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Message from the President

Marlene Grover



“Lord, we pray, lead us always in your love, through the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the remarkable women of the Church. Bring to fulfillment the good work you have begun in us until the day of Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. “ Amen

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It seems like ages since a South Carolina Council of Catholic Women newsletter was printed! A lot has been going on as demonstrated by the information included in this newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading it! The March SCCCW Convention was a wonderful time to come together and from the reviews, a good time was had by all. I want to thank the Greenville Deanery for their support in making the 2015 SCCCW Convention such a success! If you missed it, you missed a great weekend of wonderful speakers, entertainment, business accomplished for our future, and being with friends! Be sure to mark your calendars for March 11-13, 2016. The Myrtle Beach Deanery will be hosting the **SCCCW 86th Annual Convention at the Marina Inn at the Grande Dunes**. Work has begun and the ladies are excited to be your host!

As the summer begins and affiliates slow down, it is a time of renewal and planning for our organization. Getting a head start on August and September programs are being planned. I am truly excited about this year. The SCCCW Board of Directors are busy working on the Strategic Plan and Goals for 2015-2016 which was presented at the June 13 meeting. We are working through the process of Bylaw changes (as you are with changes in your Deanery names), membership opportunities, better communication, etc., but we need your help! Communication is a two way street! All of us need to do a better job in getting updated rosters in and following up with the Affiliates. As well, Affiliates should forward information to their Deanery Presidents, Commission Chairpersons, and the SCCCW Publicity Chairperson. We want to let the world know about the wonderful women in South Carolina!

Our hearts went out to the people of Charleston when 9 individuals were killed at a Bible Study class at the Emmanuel AME Church. We are so proud of the way Charleston handled this horrible act of violence with love and compassion. We can support those touched by this incident with prayers and a commitment to stop the violence in our communities. A letter was sent by me to Governor Nikki Haley expressing those concerns. A Mass is being said for the 9 victims and flowers were placed at the Emmanuel AME Church which included our Deanery colors and a note from SCCCW with the Blessed Mother's logo. Our lives will go on. We have shown the world what can be accomplished in the depths of tragedy!

In closing, I look forward to working together with you in 2015-2016. This is an exciting time for all of us. Together we can make a difference by using our God given gifts to embrace each other in ***Spirituality, Leadership, and Service*** in the name of our Lord!

In Love and Peace,

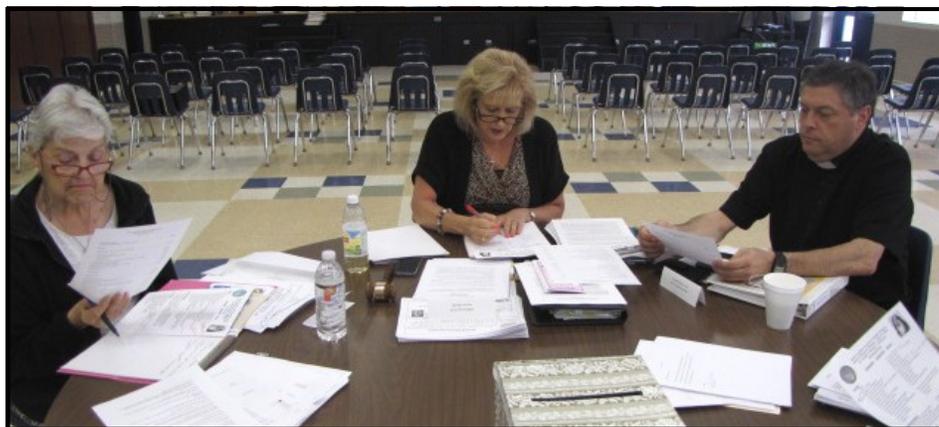
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SCCCW Summer Board Meeting

President Marlene Grover (Myrtle Beach Deanery) presided over the Summer Board Meeting held on June 13th at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church School in Columbia. Many issues were discussed, plans introduced, and open positions on the board identified. A few of the many issues are highlighted below.

- All deaneries are now identified by the new names designated by Bishop Guglielmone, Diocese of Charleston in April and we look forward to adding the Aiken and Rock Hill Deaneries to our council. Said President Grover, "Our organization is affiliated with the Diocese in many ways. One is that SCCCW's insurance is under the Diocese and we use their Tax ID in our business endeavors. This is an opportunity for growth for us all. Let's embrace it!"
- The Associates (past presidents) continue to meet for discussions on the new SCCCW Procedures Manual on planning conventions. This will be valuable to every deanery as it will make the planning of conventions easier through organization and requirements.
- President Grover attended the Pastors' Myrtle Beach Deanery Meeting on June 2nd in order to put the SCCCW and NCCW in front of more priests. She plans to attend other Pastors' Deanery Meetings throughout the state.
- The recent passage of the law to allow raffles in the state turned out to be a big disappointment due to its complicated rules. The Diocesan Committee Council worked alongside the Bishop in analyzing the stipulations which led to the Bishop's stand on not allowing raffles until the law is made clear and less controlling.
- President Grover would like to see the position of President-Elect added to the Board. This would allow the incoming president to work alongside the current president permitting a continuance of duties and an easy transition at the end of each president's term. Discussion will be held to amend the Bylaws.
- Conference Calls will now be conducted between President Grover and the Board, the first is scheduled for July 13th. This will allow President Grover to keep apprised on the progress of assignments with the board members in between actual board meetings. It is hoped that this will allow more tasks to be accomplished.
- All 2015-16 Officer Rosters are to be sent to Corresponding Secretary Meghan Kraus at megmoon227@gmail.com by June 30th.
- Scrapbook judging will be reinstated at the 2016 SCCCW Convention in Myrtle Beach. (See page 17 of this newsletter for details so you can begin work on your book now.)
- The money raised from the SCCCW 2015 Convention Project, \$11,680, was presented to Fr. Gary Linsky, a representative for Maria Aselage who is in charge of the St. Clare's Home of Joyful Hope and not able to be present, and founder Claire Capelle at the Summer Meeting. It will be applied toward the building fund. You can read more about the Home by visiting www.st.clareshomesc.org.



From left: Parliamentarian Susanne Wolfe (Greenville Deanery), President Grover and SCCCW Spiritual Advisor Father Fabio Refosco contemplate the reports from the board members.



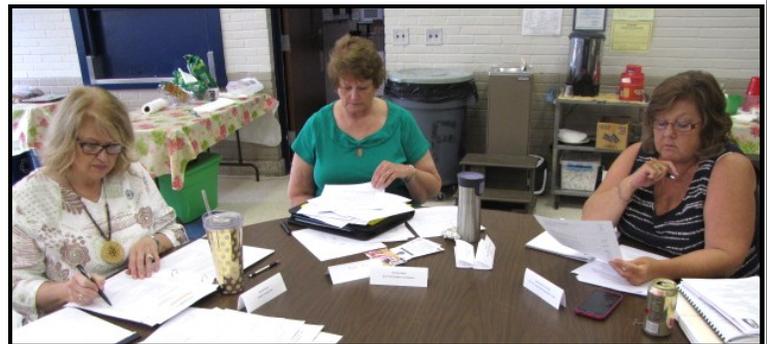
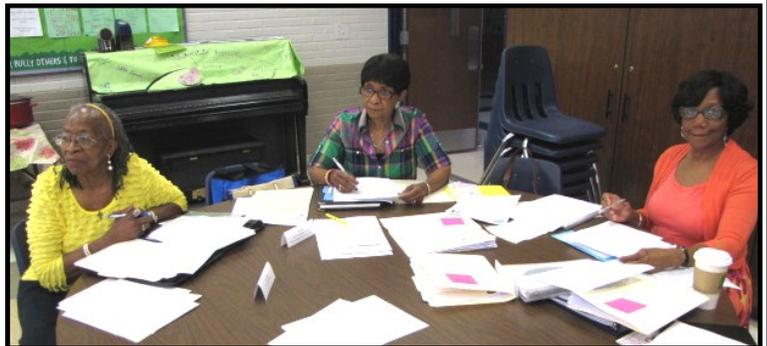
From left: SCCCW Spiritual Advisor Father Fabio Refosco and President Marlene Grover proudly present a check in the amount of \$11,680 to Father Gary Linsky and Miss Claire Capelle toward the St. Clare's Home of Joyful Hope building fund. The money was collected from affiliates at the recent SCCCW Convention in Greenville.



From left: Legislation Co-Chair Yvonne Pygatt (Columbia Deanery), Columbia Deanery VP Juanita Henry, Church Chair Delores Gilliard (Columbia Deanery), Community Chair Chris Segars (Columbia Deanery) and in the empty seat Publicity and Newsletter Chair Pat Webb (Greenville Deanery). Columbia Deanery President Steffhanie Laurel was also in attendance, however, had to leave due to a family emergency.

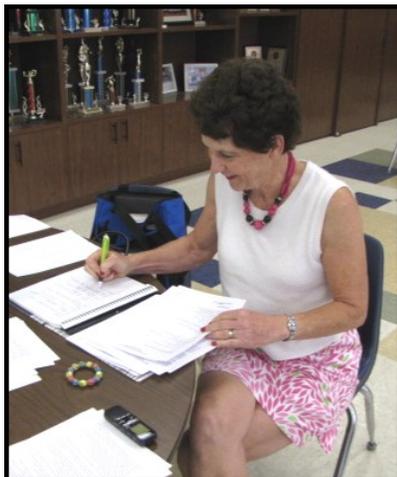


Above: Retiring Treasurer Mary Sue Barnum (Columbia Deanery) presents her financial report.



Above Top: SCCCW Past President 2000-2002 Jessie Bowns (Greenville Deanery), Membership Chair and Website Coordinator Joan Mack and Membership Co-Chair Barbara Birds (both from the Charleston Deanery). Joan and Barbara are also past presidents, 2002-04 and 2010-12 respectively.

Recording Secretary Nancy Kuykendall (Beaufort Deanery) is busy taking the Minutes of the Meeting.



Above Bottom: SCCCW's Atlanta Province Representative Marcia Boyer (Myrtle Beach Deanery), Facilities Coordinator Martha Becht (Columbia Deanery) and Leadership Chair Leslie Barhyte-Moulton (Greenville Deanery).

Deanery Corner

Beaufort—Mary Schwarz Charleston—Maria Stephens Columbia—Steffhanie Laurel
Greenville—Ruby King Myrtle Beach—Pat Dutton

If you are interested in any of the events listed by the Affiliates, please contact the appropriate Deanery President for more information. I have included a short description of four events in this section to further inform you of their purpose. The event name is printed in blue followed by the explanation and website information in parenthesis. When we share, we grow! Pat Webb, SCCCW Publicity Chair



BEAUFORT DEANERY:

Holy Family Ladies Guild, St. Anthony's Altar Society, St. Anthony's Catholic Women's Club, St. Mary's Women's Guild, St. Peter's Women's Club, Women of St. Francis and Women of St. Gregory the Great

President: Mary Schwarz (maryforclothes@yahoo.com)

Holy Family Ladies Guild, HHI presented a Spring Fashion Show which netted \$10,000 and was distributed to charities on Hilton Head Island. We had our closing luncheon at Seabrook retirement home attended by many ladies.

St. Anthony's Altar Society, Ridgeland -No report.

St Anthony's Women's Club, Walterboro ladies have been busy with usual activities including their annual Spring Bazaar. They are also helping to arrange a trip to [Catholic Hill](#) taking place on June 27TH. We will meet at St James the Greater and have a talk on the history of the church after which lunch will be served.

(Note: [Catholic Hill](#) is a small settlement about 40 miles southwest of Charleston. The buildings — a steepled church and an old school house – belong to Saint James the Greater Catholic Mission. What does it mean to be from [The Hill](#)? This is the question that Dr. Alison McLetchie, Ph.D., is here trying to find the answer to. The story of [Catholic Hill](#) serves as a metaphor for black Catholics in South Carolina. While [Catholic Hill](#) is unique in many respects, it is emblematic of the struggle for the faith in the way that the people of [Catholic Hill](#) maintained their identity despite decades of hardship and neglect. Through the research the team is doing, they hope to create a map of the cemetery using architectural design software and then overlaying that onto modern satellite imagery. They will also create a catalogue of information from the cemetery. They want to know more about who is buried there. They have been scanning old photos and hope to uncover the identities of the people in them. The team is searching for individuals who are willing to be interviewed about the history of the church and area. If you are willing to help in this ethnography of [Catholic Hill](#), you can reach Dr. McLetchie at 803-535-5528, or by sending her an email to amcletchie@claflin.edu. Visit www.thecolletonian.com/uncovering-catholic-hill/ or www.postandcourier.com/article/20130707/PC16/130709586 for more information.)

St. Mary's Women's Guild, Hampton - No report.

St. Peter's Women's Club, Beaufort presented Bibles to fifth grade students and also had a luncheon for graduating seniors.

Women of St. Francis, HHI participated in Mary's Way of the Cross during Lent and also had a very interesting program by a FBI agent explaining the development of the Criminal Mind.

Women of St. Gregory the Great, Bluffton had a Day of Reflection with Father Paul from Beaufort and Sister Maria Stella visiting from Russia who discussed the Catholic Church in Russia. Sister Stella's parents live in Bluffton.



■ **CHARLESTON DEANERY:**

Blessed Sacrament Women's Guild, St. John, N. Charleston, St. John the Beloved Women's Club and St. Patrick Women's Guild

President: Maria Stephens (maria16@comcast.net)

Our ladies of the Deanery have been busy since convention. I am so very proud of each of them. We held a retreat in May at Mepkin Abbey and Seminarian Andrew Fryml held a wonderful spiritual retreat. God has chosen a wonderful man to help serve His church.

Blessed Sacrament Women's Guild, Charleston has been active with the [Teeny Tear Bereavement Diaper Project](#), organizing the Priest Luncheon, First Communion, Confirmation Senior programs, and sending letters to their sponsored child in Colombia. They have sent hundreds of flannel sets to hospitals throughout the state.

(Note: [Teeny Tears](#) provides hospital and infant loss organizations with tiny flannel diapers to give to families suffering through losses. Two sizes of diapers cover angels from 18 to 32 weeks since preemie sized diapers simply do not fit these tiny little angels. To learn more, visit angeloutfitters.blogspot.com, "Like" them on Facebook under [Teeny Tears Bereavement Diapers](#), and free patterns are available at www.utahshare.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Teeny_Tears_Tutorial.pdf.)

St. John, North Charleston is still heavily involved with the [HALOS](#) program in Charleston. They will be the host affiliate for our Fall meeting.

(The mission of [HALOS](#) is to provide support and advocacy to abused and neglected children and kinship caregivers. In 1967, child psychiatrist and pediatrician Dr. Eve Spratt founded [HALOS](#). At the Medical University of South Carolina, Dr. Spratt saw firsthand the severe lack of resources for young victims of abuse or neglect in Charleston County and wanted to improve the conditions for these children and their caregivers. Visit www.charlestonhalos.org for more information.. "Like" them on Facebook under [HALOS](#).)

St. John the Beloved Women's Club, Summerville is also busy at work. They have several projects underway, one in particular is blankets given to the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center. They are all hand knitted just like the prayer shawls.

St. Patrick Women's Guild, Charleston also is very involved with community and it is hard to pick just one item. They are currently working on their yearly tea.

As a result of the retreat, we had some new ladies join as individual member, one from St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, Daniel Island and one from Church of the Nativity Parish, in Charleston.

We have several interesting speakers lined up and a new project in the making. We are also working on the bylaw changes to incorporate our new name as the "Charleston Deanery".

As a Catholic Women's Organization, the Charleston Deanery shows that by participation in community service, leadership and spiritual growth, we CAN make a difference. Thank You, ladies.



■ **COLUMBIA DEANERY:**

Affiliated Women of Our Lady of the Lake, All Saints Women's Organization, Corpus Christi Catholic Women's Group, Holy Trinity Catholic Women's Guild, Our Lady of the Hills Women's Guild, St. Joseph Women's Society, St. Martin de Porres Rosary Altar Society, St. Mary Rosary & Confraternity Society and St. Peter's Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

President: Steffhanie Laurel (slaurel@sc.rr.com)

We are off to a good start this spring! The Board is excited about obtaining the new Membership booklets along with the updated Organizational Best Practice manual. We are up and running with having resources to educate ourselves. We welcomed a new Treasurer this year, Thesa Briggs of Corpus Christi who brings new practices and ideas along with her. And, even though we have just completed our first full year of service to the Columbia Deanery and the SCCCW we are already making steps to nominate and elect our 2016 Term Directors. We are excited about the future of our organization and look forward to growing more in our roles and mentoring the next generation.

Our affiliates have been very busy this year and below are their reports.

Corpus Christi Catholic Women's Group, Lexington

During the year, we have on-going support for new babies born and for members undergoing illnesses or surgeries. We give monogrammed blankets/throws to each.

For fund raising, we hosted two very successful bake sales. For the first time, we hosted a dinner for the parish in November. The theme was an Italian night and we featured lasagna, soup, salad, and several fabulous Italian desserts. The turnout was more than we hoped for and we raised quite a bit of money that is targeted for supporting our members attending the State Convention in 2015.

We provide support for the Youth Group, Vacation Bible School, and the Second Grade class preparing for their First Holy Communion. We buy mass books for that class to help them understand the mass throughout the year.

We have one member who is involved in the Backpack Ministry throughout the year. At Christmas, we get gifts for them and in the fall, we equipped them with many school supplies. We've also given them Easter baskets.

We provided receptions or dinners for the First Holy Communion class, the Confirmation class, the RCIA class and hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for the young ones in the parish.

After our summer break, we hosted a wine and cheese reception for our members which was very well received. We welcomed 17 new members!

Nikki Martin reported on the women's retreat. She said it was very uplifting and moving. The purpose is to build our church community. Formation meetings will be for thirteen weeks for those who attended the meetings to get ready for the next retreat which will be held in October, 2015.

RCIA and youth group dinners were greatly appreciated by everyone who attended these events.

Guest Speaker-Hank Chardos from Birthright asked for volunteers to help out in his office three days a week. Pamphlets were handed out explaining what Birthright is. Our presence and prayers give these ladies hope. Mission is to help these women and babies.
(Submitted by Mary Sutton, Communications Director)

St. Joseph Women's Society, Columbia

We began 2015 with our general meeting January 18 which included a catered lunch, a fashion show, installation of officers and a brief business meeting. Ladies from our society modeled fashions from "Fashion Exchange in Chapin" and "Revente's Last Call" in Columbia.

In February we prepared a wide variety of meatless soups for the parish Friday Lenten devotions. We also worked with other parish ministries to provide a brunch for Clergy Appreciation Sunday.

The SnakPak program was initiated. In conjunction with Palmetto Project, we began packing and delivering weekend snack packs to children who receive reduced lunches at Brennen Elementary School in Columbia.

The first Saturday in March we gathered for the Rosary, Mass at St. Joseph's and then breakfast at a local restaurant. St. Joe's ladies came together to support the SCCCW Convention through donations to the convention project and the market place baskets. Fifteen of our members were able to attend the convention in Greenville.

Our plans for the summer include a hamburger cook out, sponsoring parish retreats "33 Days to Morning Glory" and "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" and again offering a Tea Room Lunch and Baby Shower to benefit Birthright of Columbia.

Last but certainly not least, see you at St. Joseph's on September 27th for the next Deanery meeting.

(Submitted by Gwen Skipper, President)

St. Martin de Porres Rosary Altar Society, Columbia

Hosted a Christmas Party in December 2014 which included all members and Father Michael Olere, Deacon Carl Johnson, and Sister Roberta Fulton (Principal of the Parish School). We gave them all a monetary gift to show our appreciation for the service to the church and school.

Members of the Rosary also participated in the Christmas Program as servers, provided refreshment at the Christmas reception, sang in the program and decorated the church and Altar for Christmas

In 2015, we celebrated The Feast of St. Martin de Porres by designing and handing out book marks which displayed information of our Patron Saint and provided refreshments and a cake for the Feast Day celebration.

Sponsored our Annual Mother-Daughter-Sister-Sister Luncheon in which we hosted over 300 attendees. This event was held at Fort Jackson, S.C.

8 Members of the Rosary Altar Society attended the SCCCW Convention in March held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Greenville, SC

Served as Hostesses for Repast of deceased members, and served in preparing the PALL, as requested by the Pastor

Members read at the Stations of the Cross and serve a meal during Holy Week

Prepared and set up the Adoration Room

Clean and maintain the Altar each month

Decorated the church for Easter

Serve and prepared meals for the Soup Kitchen each month

(Submitted by Yvonne Pygatt, President)

St. Mary's Rosary & Confraternity Society, Rock Hill

Church – 5th Sunday lay ministries, Saint Martin De Porres Day, Honored Father Guzman, Graduates, and shut-in members.

Family – Birthday party for Jesus and gift bags for family at facilities.

Community – Food pantry, prison ministry, ROC donation, and family promise.

Legislative – Congressman Mulvaney, Speaker, Women's issues, and Health Care.

International – Christmas cards to soldiers and gifts to St. Mary Soldiers.

Organizational—Ministry Fair and Workshop.

(Submitted by Ann Williamson, President)



GREENVILLE DEANERY:

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Women's Council and St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club

President: Ruby King (bondrubbybond@yahoo.com)

St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club, Greenville

- The speaker for the January meeting was Ms. Kathleen Reynolds, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of [Generations](#). She spoke about the inception, growth and success of the rehabilitation program offered for young men who had been sexually abused or who were abusers. A "Star Party" for the young boys at Generations who received stars for their good behavior throughout the week was provided by some members.
- (Note: [Generations](#) works with adolescent and pre-adolescent males who are in primary need of specialized services for abusive behaviors. Their goal is to provide the boys with a home-like setting, which is highly structured and staff-secured, with a therapeutic environment that promotes and rewards positive change. [Generations](#) is committed to the prevention of sexual abuse by providing the best practice in the assessment and services for neglected and/or at-risk youth and their families. For more information, visit www.generationsgroup.com.)
- Some members helped with the St. Mary's School Parent Luncheon in January.
- SMCWC hosted the Deanery Meeting in January.
- Peggy Moulton was selected as the 2015 Catholic Woman of the Year.
- Audio-visual aids were purchased and donated to the St. Mary's Catholic School to augment the virtues program.
- The Community Commission Chairman directed the collection of caps by the Club.
- A bake sale (fundraiser) was held in February.
- The election of 2015-16 officers was completed in February (and is effective June 1, 2015)
- A Mardi Gras Theme Gala (fundraiser) was held in February.
- A pilgrimage was made by some members to Washington, DC, to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Pope John Paul II Center, the Franciscan Church of the Holy Land and the National Museum of Women in the Arts to view the *Mary* exhibit.
- Some members assisted in filling registration bags for the SCCCW Convention in March.
- Some members contributed kitchen items to fill baskets that were auctioned at the Convention.
- Some members made and wrapped prayer shawls to be given as door prizes at the SCCCW Convention in March.
- Some members provided floral centerpieces for the Convention.
- Twenty-two members attended the Convention.
- Some members met and helped sort all caps collected by SCCCW at the Convention
- Mrs. Kathy Schmutge, Office of Family Life, Diocese of Charleston, was the speaker at our April meeting and provided an overview of services that the OFL provides.
- Miss Cecilia Stansbury was selected by a blind review process as the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship that shall be used to further her education.
- A Spring Luncheon was held in May. The Scholarship Recipient and the CWOY were presented, officers were installed, and benevolent distributions were announced. The total dollar amount distributed throughout the year was \$10,782.
- Plans for a Retreat in September have been made, sponsored by the Church and Family Commissions
- Plans for a workshop in November on technology and hazards of excessive screen time are well underway.
- Preliminary plans for a *Healthy Body and Soul Lecture Series* have been completed. One lecture on a health issue per month for eight months will be offered.
- The 2015-16 Board and Calendar of Events have been partially solidified.

Veronica Yockey, President 2014-16



MYRTLE BEACH DEANERY:

Our Lady Star of the Sea Women's Guild, Precious Blood of Christ, St. Andrew Women's Club, St. James Ladies Guild, St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Women's Guild, and St. Michael Women's Guild

President: Pat Dutton (rpdutton@sc.rr.com)

It is a pleasure to bring to you an update on the activities of the Myrtle Beach Deanery. The ladies are very excited to be hosting the 2016 South Carolina Council of Catholic Women 86th Annual Convention March 11-13, 2016 at the Marina Inn at the Grande Dunes. I can't believe it has been five years since we have hosted the SCCCW Convention in Myrtle Beach. At our Deanery Meeting on June 28, ideas and suggestions were "popping" up all over. The convention chairperson, Marcia Boyer, has been busy compiling information for a wonderful weekend! At the hotel rate of \$119 per night plus taxes ... you can add days to the beginning of the weekend or end to make this a truly enjoyable vacation. Marcia is working on a theatre and dinner excursion for individuals coming in on Thursday. Bring a spouse, friend or significant other! There are lots of things to do in Myrtle Beach! Additional details are provided on page 17 of this newsletter. Updates will be sent out as they happen.

Our ladies remain busy serving in Soup Kitchens, holding Pancake Breakfasts, volunteering at Birthright, Associated Charities, "Jason's House", coordinating Fashion Shows, etc. Items were donated to the Sisters in Kingstree, SC for their needs in serving and educating the poor in this rural area. The Sisters are so appreciative for this generosity! Women are very generous in donating their time and funds to many groups in the community as well as hosting receptions for their respective churches and taking care of the needs of their Pastors. Many have attended "Catholics for Freedom of Religion" monthly meetings and supported its efforts and events. Two of our members will be attending the National Council of Catholic Women Convention and the Atlanta Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention, both in September.

The Deanery Board will be working on Bylaw changes to update our name and address and any other items that will need changing.

On Saturday, January 30, 2016 a retreat is being planned on the topic of "Mercy" in conjunction with Pope Francis' "Year of Mercy". This annual retreat will be held at St. Andrews Church Community Life Center. More information on this will be posted as it becomes available.

I send to all of you blessings, love and peace as we continue our ministries all over the state of South Carolina!

SCCCW 86th Convention 2016

Save the Date!

Friday, March 11 to Sunday, March 13, 2016

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CHURCH: Delores Gilliard (Columbia) (deloresg5@bellsouth.net)

Special “**thank you and blessings**” to everyone for their support, work, donations, and prayers for the Mediation Room & reading of the Honors and Memorials at our 85th Annual Convention. It was very much appreciated. Great teamwork and sisterhood!

Announcements

National:

Patty Johnson, Past President of the NCCW received a Papal honor. The Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice is the highest honor a pope can bestow on Church laity. It is awarded to those who distinguish themselves in service. Patty is a member of St. Francis of Assisi in Fairfield Glade, TN and was presented this award by her Bishop (Bishop Stika).

NCCW decries *50 Shades of Grey* and offers New Domestic Violence Resources. For more information contact Laraine Bennett at 703-224-0990 or lbennett@nccw.org

Local:

The Rosary Altar Society of St. Martin de Porres, Columbia, held its Annual Prayer Service on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at the Hilton Gardens in Columbia. Brother Henry Fulmer spoke on the Power of Prayer.

St. Joseph Women’s Society is sponsoring a 10-week retreat that delves into the simplicity and grandeur of Consoling spirituality. The retreat is held on Tuesdays evenings at 6:15 p.m. from June 9-August 11. The retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, Consoling the Heart of Jesus.

Invitation from Michael F. Acquilano, Director of SC Catholic Conference to attend the Fortnight for Freedom, June 21-July 4, 2015 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Birthright volunteers will be collecting baby bottles on or before Father’s Day. Funds collected enable Birthright to offer assistance and aid to pregnant girls and women in our community.

Reminder: Please share what your ladies are doing in your Parishes that support the spirituality/ church activities in your communities. Share by sending to deloresg5@bellsouth.net.

God’s Spirit Alive in Us

If you keep silent,
 Keep silent in love;
 If you speak, speak by love;
 If you correct,
 Correct by love;
 If you pardon by love;
 Let love be rooted in you,
 And from the root
 Nothing but good—can grow.

St. Augustine



LEGISLATION:

←—Ruthann Howard (Myrtle Beach) (obzhoward@aol.com)
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The Legislation Commission has been involved in the following since our last meeting:

- Attended, along with two (2) SCCCW Board members, Mass celebrated by Bishop Gugliamone in commemoration of the first Catholic Days at the Capitol.
- Attended Catholic Days at the Capitol to express our commitment to issues surrounding our first amendment right of Religious Freedoms
- Attended a Breakfast and Discussion with SC Legislators during the first Catholics Day at the Capitol
- Three (3) Resolutions were adopted and approved at the 2015 SCCCW Conference which were drafted and developed by the Legislation Commission and committee members:

Citizens of the Digital World **Resolution #1**

Purpose: To allow good communication to help us grow closer as a human family.

Whereas, a recent study from the Kaiser Family Foundation shows the average teen spends nearly eleven hours per day consuming media, and

Whereas, Pew Research Center reports that 90% of American own cell phones, and

Whereas, over 70% of online adults now report using at least one social network, and

Whereas, Pope Francis challenged all Catholic to “boldly become citizens of the digital world”,

Now therefore, be it resolved that SCCCW Catholic Women use these communication tools with conscience and moderation for evangelization, in ministry, and to compassionately dialogue with friends and family members in need of our love and attention, educating them about the Catholic Church both with our word and our actions.

Suggested Action Items:

- Make a commitment to visit selective Catholic websites such as www.SCCCW.org, www.NCCW.org, www.catholic-doc.org, www.USCCB.org and your church and affiliate websites, if available.
- Bring to meeting for discussion and enrichment that information obtained from these websites.
- Invite a speaker to talk on social media.

Catholics for Freedom of Religion **Resolution #2**

Purpose: To ensure that we defend and protect our Constitutional First Amendment.

Whereas, America’s First Amendment guarantees its citizens freedom of religion and

Whereas, our rights survive or disappear based on how firmly we defend it, and

Whereas, Catholics for Freedom of Religion offers resources to parish members who support Religion Freedom and,

Whereas, Freedom of Religion empowers all religions to practice their faith to the betterment of their community.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that SCCCW educate and advocate for Freedom of Religion.

Suggested Action Items:

- Invite a speaker from Catholics for Freedom of Religion and SC Catholic Conference to speak at your parish.
- Invite and include other faith communities.
- Stay informed of all local and national legislation that may jeopardize our Religious Freedom.
- Re-institute the religious unity month.

Pope Francis
Resolution #3

Purpose: To show our support of *Pope Francis*

Whereas, Pope Francis is known for his humility and caring for the poor, and

Whereas, family life is important and should be protected and

Whereas, marriage is an important step for family stability

Now therefore, be it further resolved, that SCCCW members embrace the Jubilee Year of Mercy with *Pope Francis*, and help communities to become places where everyone can feel welcomed, loved and forgiven.

Suggested Action Items:

- Lead by the *Holy Father's* example
 - Spread the word about the *Holy Father's* trip to Philadelphia to attend the World Meeting of Families.
 - Pray for the *Holy Father's* safe travels to the United States
 - Engage in ministries that provide opportunities to serve as a family.
 - Encourage families in your parish to serve as a family in Liturgical Ministries, such as greeters, ushers, and servers.
 - Get involved in local Soup Kitchen or similar ministry, such as Food Bank and Thrift Store.
 - Encourage parishes to have a "Snack Collection" during the spring to supply food for students who receive free meals if they were in school during the summer.
- Information was emailed to churches advising of the Freedom of Right Rally/March and Parade held in Myrtle Beach. A banner from St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church was also included in the Parade
 - January 2015 was established as Freedom of Religion Day by the Governor. This information was disseminated to all Affiliates to include the letter from Governor Haley in their church bulletin
 - Forth right for Freedom information was forwarded to SCCCW President for dissemination to all Affiliates
 - Proclamation by Governor was shared with Affiliates regarding Religious Freedom Day
 - Have been working in support of Carol Jean Walters, the SC Coordinator for Catholics of Religious Freedom to disseminate information to Parishes and Affiliates when received.
 - Provided information to Affiliates regarding the Pain capable Unborn Child Protection Act including when the Bill was passed.

SERVICE: Open

Community: Chris Segars (cmsegars@sc.rr.com)

Family: Judy Zachar (Myrtle Beach) (jimz_29223@yahoo.com)

International: Lisa Summerlin (Charleston) (summerll@musc.edu)

No reports.



LEADERSHIP: LESLIE BARHYTE-MOULTON, CHAIR

ORGANIZATION: Leslie Barhyte-Moulton (Greenville) (labarhyte@aol.com)

As we begin another year under Marlene Grover's leadership, I wish to thank her for again giving me the opportunity to participate in such a dynamic group of Catholic women.

Diocesan Deanery Changes

Given Bishop Guglielmone's recent expansion and re-naming of the Diocese's deaneries, a short-term goal of the SCCCW should be to encourage the current five deaneries to re-name their organizations in line with the Diocese. While recognizing the autonomy of the SCCCW deaneries, we should stand ready to assist them with any by-law amendments necessary to comply with the Bishop's direction. Likewise, those SCCCW affiliated councils that fall under the newly created Diocesan deaneries need to be assured that we will assist however we can with re-structuring their organizations.

SCCCW Convention Manual

I had the honor of attending a meeting of the Associates last month to continue discussions on a manual relating specifically to SCCCW's annual convention. This would be separate from the Procedures Manual, which currently contains convention guidelines and other information. This manual will provide more detailed instruction to the host deanery and others involved with planning and implementing convention and all of its facets, from budgeting, hotel negotiations, registration, prayer services, installation of officers, etc. It will ensure continuity (and success!) from each convention to the next.

Follow Me!

The NCCW Leadership Commission continues its program "FOLLOW ME! Called to Serve, Chosen to Lead" in *Catholic Woman* magazine. The Winter 2015 edition features an article on "Building Community and Relationships," and contains suggestions to nurture and strengthen relationships amongst a diverse Catholic Church, and in particular, ways to build and improve relationships with council members. I will bring a handout from NCCW on "Building Community in Your Council" for SCCCW Deanery presidents to take back to their affiliates.

Part 5 of the program is in the Spring 2015 edition of *Catholic Woman* and is entitled "Vision and Foresight." How do we improve our councils? We look at our history and evaluate programs and projects. We bring dreams and prayer in order to move to a council of significance, centered on service and the common good.

If you missed earlier articles on Follow Me!, they can be found in the 2014 Spring, Summer and Fall editions of *Catholic Woman*.

NCCW

Voting is open through June 30 for the offices of President-Elect, Secretary and Nominating Committee. For information on how to vote and bios on the candidates, go to NCCW.org.

Candidates:

President-Elect – Karen Painter and Maribeth Stewart
 Secretary – Sandra Gist and Jean Kelly
 Nominating Committee – Cathy Berry, Judy Brose, Josephine Gilbert, Lucy Johnson, Nancy Kimmet, Alison Mimms, Yvonne Pygatt, Joan Weber and Anne Wharton

SCCCW Publicity

Please refer to Pat Webb's excellent report outlining the ways we have been reaching out to member affiliates and others in the Diocese of Charleston and beyond. Pat has done an outstanding job of keeping SCCCW in the forefront with our Facebook page, notices in the Catholic Miscellany, parish bulletins and a host of other sources to share our message. What a blessing she is to this organization.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Barhyte Moulton

"I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me." (Philippians 4:13)



NEWSLETTER & PUBLICITY:

Patricia Webb (Greenville) (patwebb1010@charter.net)

Newsletter:

A special 85th Convention issue of the 'Informer' e-newsletter was published and distributed via e-mail following the convention depicting photos and descriptions of each day's events. (If you did not receive a copy, contact me at my address above.) Below are several ideas on how to use this publication effectively:

Deanery Presidents:

- Always e-mail a copy to your board members, including each affiliate president. The Convention issue is a source of information to those who could not attend. They may consider attending the next convention after evaluating the contents of the newsletter and hearing about it from you. Be positive and energetic!
- Ask each board member to forward the newsletters to people they know, other members, and especially non-members. (This is a good way to acquire new members and even a new affiliate!)

Affiliate Presidents:

- E-mail a copy to your entire membership. The Special Convention issue will:
 - Make people *aware* of the SCCCW Conventions which will promote interest to attend future conventions
 - Give a *sneak-peak* into the happenings at a convention through photos
 - Show the *fellowship* among the women throughout the state, *make new friends!*
 - Show the *support* from the bishop and clergy, *participate* in wonderful liturgies
 - Show the *support* from attendance by the Province of Atlanta and the NCCW
 - Complete the *significance* of the Catholic Woman of the Year (from affiliate to deanery to diocesan level)
 - Show the importance of commission projects through *presentation of awards* (This can help motivate potential leaders in your group to take positions on your board!)
 - Reveal the type of *speakers* invited for workshop sessions in each of the commissions: Spirituality, Leadership and Service. *Opportunities* to learn and grow!
 - *Demonstrate* the importance of the 'Honors and Memorials' program which could increase submissions at the next convention—a chance to express ones gratitude!
 - Show the continuance of the conventions through the *invitation* by the members of the next host deanery at each convention
- Pass around a copy of the **Convention Program and Honors and Memorials Booklet** at a meeting to let the members see the type of material covered and included during a convention. Show any photos taken and discuss what you liked about it. Be positive and energetic!

All Members:

E-mail a copy of the 'Informer' e-newsletter to acquaintances of non-affiliates. *This is a great way to keep in touch by sending news periodically.* Also, send photos of your affiliate's events and newsletter. This gives you a reason to follow up with a telephone call or meet for lunch to discuss the news. Build a friendship, keep in contact, share news, invite them to your meetings, invite proposed leaders to attend one of your board meetings, and ask to hold one of your membership meetings at their location.

[Share, share, share! Build friendships! Build contacts! Stay in touch! = NEW AFFILIATES!!](#)

Publicity:

Promoting the SCCCW Conventions: A **Convention Flyer** will be created announcing the speakers and their topic along with other convention details for promotional purposes. No one is going to get excited to attend a convention by seeing a registration form; rather, they need to know what is in it for *them* by attending. It would be helpful to also attach a copy of the (2015) 85th Convention issue of the *Informer* with the flyer.

The proposed Convention Flyer will be:

- Published in *The Catholic Miscellany*
- Posted on the SCCCW Facebook page
- Included on the SCCCW website along with the Convention registration information
- Sent to all SC parishes for bulletin inclusion
- Sent, via e-mail, to all members in the SCCCW Directory
- Required that all Deanery Presidents send flyer, via e-mail, to their Affiliate Presidents
- Required that all Affiliate Presidents send flyer, via e-mail, to their membership

The only way to promote attendance is to put the information in the hands of every member throughout the state. We have a chain of command and it cannot be broken in order to ensure everyone receives the information and the opportunity to learn and grow!

The following articles were recently published in *The Catholic Miscellany* newspaper:

- A write-up announcing the SCCCW Convention (January 29, 2015 issue)
- A write-up announcing the SCCCW Scholarship (March 12th issue)
- A write-up on the SCCCW Convention by Christina Knauss (March 26th issue)
- A write-up and photo regarding the caps collected by the council women throughout the state for the NCCW program, 'Caps of Love.' (April 23rd issue)
- The rosary bead creations of Amy Lindler were discussed with Christina Knauss of *The Catholic Miscellany* for interest in publishing an article. Christina did call Amy for an interview but I do not know when the article will be published. (Amy is a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club, Greenville Deanery and had many rosary beads available for a donation at the recent SCCCW Convention. She donated 50% of the donations to the SCCCW.)
- A photo and write-up regarding the 2015 recipient of the SCCCW \$1,500 Scholarship Award was sent in for publication. Watch for it! (Update: See the July 2, 2015 issue of TCM, page 6.)

NCCW Catholic Woman Magazine:

- Amy's rosary bead creations were also brought to the attention of Laraine Bennett, editor of the NCCW *Catholic Woman* magazine, who readily agreed to publish photos and a short write-up. See page 21 of the Spring 2015 issue of the *Catholic Woman* magazine.

SCCCW's Facebook page:

- News articles and photos continue to be posted. Many thanks to the affiliates and deaneries who regularly submit photos of events for posting. I would like to encourage *all* deaneries and their affiliates to take photos and send them to me along with an explanation of the event for posting.

- We need more 'Likes' on our page. We have over 1,300 council members statewide and only 141 'Likes', and not all of the followers are council members! **Remind your membership to 'Like' our page on Facebook!**
- This is another great way to keep any potential affiliate contacts informed of our news! Send them a 'Friend Request' for your personal page and invite them to 'Like' the SCCCW page. (Remember to spell out SCCCW to locate our page – South Carolina Council of Catholic Woman.) This will keep any news from the SCCCW and you on their News Page. Stay in contact and keep our news in front of them. (This is why it is so important for affiliates to have event photos posted.)
- News from the Province of Atlanta, NCCW and WUCWO are also posted to our site.



**“Like” us on
Facebook at:
South Carolina
Council of
Catholic Women**



MEMBERSHIP:

←—**Joan Mack (Charleston) (joanmack09@knology.net)**
and **Barbara Birds (Charleston) (birdb@musc.edu)** →



Joan and Barbara have been moving forward with the Traveling Workshop. The Workshops have been held in various Deaneries across the state and are scheduled for the Beaufort Deanery on June 20th, and for the Columbia Deanery on September 27th.

An Information Session was held at the 2015 SCCCW Convention with Deanery Presidents and several other Council Members in attendance. Membership Recruitment Packets were distributed and suggestions were made on how to use it as an effective recruitment tool.

Deanery and Affiliate Presidents are encouraged to organize and sponsor membership drives to help grow the organization in their areas. The Charleston Deanery is working to recruit St. Clare of Assisi and the Greenville Deanery is recruiting Good Shepherd Women's Club. The status of these two efforts is pending.

Do you have questions on how to run a successful Council of Catholic Women? Joan and Barbara are available to travel to your location for a Workshop. Please contact them for complete details and schedule yours today!



**Ladies, we need some
help. Let's schedule a
Traveling Workshop!
Who do we call?**

SCCCW 86th Convention 2016

The ladies of the Myrtle Beach Deanery look forward to being your hosts for this spiritual, informative, and relaxing weekend with sisters who share the love of God.

Save the Date!

Friday, March 11 to Sunday, March 13, 2016



Marina Inn at the Grande Dunes
8121 Amalfi Place, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572
(843) 913-1333
www.MarinaInnatGrandeDunes.com
AAA Four Diamond Hotel!

Rates

\$119.00 per night plus taxes and service charges
 (Extend your stay to include a vacation and rates will remain the same!)

Convention Scrapbook

President Marlene Grover has reinstated the presentation of affiliate scrapbooks and a judging contest beginning with the 2016 Convention. Complete guidelines will be included with the Fall Convention Packets which are mailed out to all affiliate and deanery presidents.

Take photos of your events and start documenting them now. It's a good idea to get an early start so as not to be in a rush before the Convention! As before, organize your photos into the three Commission categories: Spirituality (includes Church and Legislation), Leadership (includes Organization), and Service (includes Community, Family, and International).



SCCCW Logo Merchandise

Show your support for the Councils of Catholic Women by purchasing SCCCW logo items:



Cargo Tote \$25.00



Folding Umbrella \$15.00



Lunch Tote \$15.00



SCCCW Scarf \$15.00

The scarf is light blue and contains the letters O, L, G and C around a white cross, which stands for Our Lady of Good Counsel. Purchase one and wear it proudly at conventions, Deanery Sunday Mass, and all affiliate and deanery meetings and events!

Make check payable to: SCCCW

Cut and mail coupon along with your check to:

Mrs. Diane Pauls, 4016 Manor Wood Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

(For questions, contact Diane at dpauls@hotmail.com or 843-236-3283)

Purchases will be given to your Deanery President at the August 8th SCCCW Board Meeting for distribution.

Please print clearly.

SCCCW LOGO MERCHANDISE

Name _____

Address/City _____

Ph. No. _____ E-mail: _____

Affiliate _____ Deanery _____

<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Total</u>
_____	Cargo Totes @ \$25.00 each =	\$ _____
_____	Folding Umbrellas @ \$15.00 each =	\$ _____
_____	Lunch Totes @ \$15.00 each =	\$ _____
_____	SCCCW Scarves @ \$15.00 each =	\$ _____

Total Items _____ **Total Amount of Check:** \$ _____ **Check #** _____

SCCCW Fr. William F. Pentis Scholarship Award

On behalf of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women's (SCCCW) Scholarship Committee; Fr. Fabio Refosco, Phyllis Atkins, Delores Gilliard, and Leslie Barhyte Moulton, we are proud to announce that **Miss Rachael D'Hoore** is the 2015 recipient. The \$1,500 award was given to her on Friday, June 26. It was a wonderful celebration along with Rachael's proud parents, her grandmother, aunt, and cousin. Rachel and her family are members of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Simpsonville, SC.



SCCCW President Marlene Grover presenting the \$1,500 Scholarship Award to Rachael.

Rachael is a recent graduate of Mauldin High School. Her current GPA is 4.644 and her academic, sports, and community activity are as follows; Beta Club, National Honor Society, Key Club, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, volunteers in the Medical Surgical Unit at the Greenville Health System, Project Host Soup Kitchen, Miracle League, Operation Christmas Child, Humane Society, God's Pantry, GEARS, Top Soccer. She has received the 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Achievement Award, selected to attend the 2014 Palmetto Girls State, AP Scholar, Student Body Treasurer, Key Club Historian, Student Body Historian, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Treasurer, Principal's Honor Roll and A/B Honor Roll from grade 9 to 12, American Legion Award 8th Grade. Her plan is to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing while attending Clemson University. After that she would like to pursue a career in pediatric oncology.

Rachael is quoted as saying, "I believe it truly is my faith that has played a major role in the career path I have chosen. As part of my volunteer experience, I have witnessed firsthand the dedication and compassion that it takes to be a nurse. I recognize that part of being a nurse is to identify the needs of different people and respond to each one of them appropriately. My spirituality will allow me to give not only medical care but spiritual care to my patients." She hopes to incorporate mission work as a part of her learning experience.

Congratulations!



Yvonne Pygatt, SCCCW's Legislative Co-Chair from the Columbia Deanery, has just been elected to serve as one of the seven (7) members of the Nominating Committee for the National Council of Catholic Women! She will be installed at the upcoming NCCW Convention in September in Orlando, Florida. Said Yvonne, "I am excited, honored and blessed as I embark on this new assignment, all in the name of the NCCW Mission of Spirituality, Leadership and Service." Congratulations Yvonne! We are proud and blessed to have you as a member of the SCCCW.



Atlanta Province News



SCCCW Atlanta Province Representatives:
 ←**Marcia Boyer (Myrtle Beach) (mombny@yahoo.com)**
Mary Sue Barnum (Columbia) (marysuebarnum@att.net)→



The March meeting of the Province of Atlanta was held at the 2015 SCCCW Convention held in Greenville, SC on March 17, 2015. Province Director Shirley Towle called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm welcoming all members and guest. There were 21 in attendance. Shirley led everyone in prayer to Our Lady of Evangelization, from NCCW Catholic online, "We Are Called to Witness".

AACCCW (Atlanta Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women) PRESIDENT:

Deanna Holmer stated their Caps of Love project has been very successful. On June 20th, AACCCW will present a Leadership day, with the National LTD (Jane Carter) presenting. Work continues to support Women Veterans Social Justice to help those women stay connected. Support continues for Catholic Charities. At the Atlanta Youth Group Congress, tables will be set up to hand out brochures to help make the young people aware of Council. Plans move forward for the Pastors and Presidents brunch. Leadership Seminar at the Chancery will be led by the LTD Team. The 59th Convention Plans for fall are in full swing.

SDCCW (Savannah Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) PRESIDENT:

Josine Harrell, reported their Caps of Love collection is going well and a member of the board offered to deliver the caps in Florida. An invite was extended to all for the SDCCW convention in Columbus, GA in April. Jane Carter will be a speaker for one of the workshops. They also held a Cruise Fundraiser over the winter.

SCCCW (South Carolina Council of Catholic Women) PRESIDENT:

President Marlene Grover welcomed everyone to the SCCCW convention with the theme "and She said Yes". She stressed how grateful and blessed she is to be a part of such an amazing group of women. On a sad note, she reported the loss of longtime members and past presidents, Cherrin Moore and Monica Szymanski. President Grover spoke about the completion of the updated SCCCW Procedure Manual used to help members of Council conduct meetings, membership, etc.

In January, Pres. Grover and Mary Sue Barnum attended the first Annual Catholic Conference in Columbia, SC. There were many in attendance at this first conference which was arranged by Michael Acquilano, Director of the South Carolina Catholic Conference for the Charleston diocese. She announced that SC had voted to allow raffles in SC; spoke about Council in Rock Hill, SC at the Family Life Committee's program on motherhood; and had the opportunity to speak about Council at a Rotary Club meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Towle gave a handout outline on NCCW's Accomplishments and Strategic Plan.

Atlanta Province Director report 3-17-15: Director Towle reported on her first NCCW meeting held in Washington, DC. Shirley expressed her thanks and admiration for the Atlanta Province. She told everyone that the Atlanta Province is extremely lucky to have the support and participation of so many members and clergy. Some Provinces struggle with finances and getting support from their Bishops. Director Towle stated she has been appointed to some very busy committees, such as Bylaws, Leadership, Service, Spirituality and Convention. New programs are now being introduced and that has helped to pay off the \$500,000 debt.

Director Towle Presented the NCCW new Strategic Plan:	6. Strengthen/increase membership
1. Evangelize as Catholic Women	7. Strengthen our communications/image within the organization
2. Replace aging database	8. Collaborate with other Catholic women's groups
3. Revise current website	9. Strengthen partnership with the USCCB and local Bishops
4. Achieve financial stability and sustainability	
5. Strengthen/increase our public image	

Director Towle shared information on the accomplishments over the past year; NCCW continues to adhere to the original mission of providing a foundation for women to serve the poor; elderly and the forgotten while advocating for change with state and national legislatures. Work was completed for a new 'We are called to witness' program, which can be downloaded from the NCCW website. A few of the other accomplishments were the LTD Team, Work of Human Hands sales; Domestic Violence/ Women Healing the Wounds, with a flyer now available from NCCW; Drug & Alcohol Sunday; Catholic Relief Services/Works of Peace & Reconciliation; Madonna Plan, Water for Life; Help a Child; Refugee Women Emergency Fund; Campaign for Human Dignity, including human trafficking; Children and a Safe Environment; Religious Alliance Against Pornography; Catholic Coalition on Climate Change; Justice for Immigrants Campaign. The list continues and can be found on NCCW website.

NCCW has replaced their aging computer system. A lot of information from the past was lost because the old system was so out of date. Now it is being rebuilt from the ground up.

NCCW will be doing a Purse Auction at their Convention in September. Mary Sue Barnum moved we participate and the motion carried.

Province Ad:

Claire Kempton, moved the Atlanta Province have a full page ad in the NCCW convention book. The cost will be shared equally by the A/D/SCCCWs. Motion carried.

IMPORTANT DATES:

SDCCW Convention, April 17, Columbus, GA

2015 NCCW Convention September 10th to 13th, Orlando, FL Early registration is \$320.00

AACCW Convention, September 25 to 27, Peachtree City, GA.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 with a prayer led by Joan Mack which she read from the Religious Freedom Prayer card, created by the NCCW Legislative Committee.

NCCW—National Council of Catholic Women

AACCW—Atlanta Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women

SDCCW—Savannah Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

SCCCW—South Carolina Council of Catholic Women

NCCW 2015 Convention Form

(Visit www.nccw.org to explore the schedule and make online room reservations)

NCCW 2015 Convention
Be The Voice of Catholic Women: Sowers of Hope
 September 9 -12, 2015
 Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista – Orlando, Fl

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION BELOW

THERE WILL BE NO ON SITE REGISTRATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Preferred Name for badge _____
 Parish or Subdivision Affiliation _____ Leadership Position held, if any _____ Arch/Diocese _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Daytime or Cell Phone _____ Email (please print email address) _____
 Voting Delegate: Individual Parish Deanery/District Diocese Non-Voting (Non-Member or Spiritual Advisor)
 Please, check those categories that apply to you for Convention ribbons: Current A/Diocesan President _____ Individual Member _____
 Supporting Member _____ Legacy Circle Member _____ 100th Birthday Club Member _____
 Emergency Contact, while on-site at the Convention _____ Emergency Contact Phone _____
 Do you have any physical, visual, hearing or special dietary needs (including vegetarian, gluten-free, no dairy, etc.)? Yes No
 If yes, please describe: _____
 Is this your first NCCW Annual Convention? Yes No Will you attend the First Timers Orientation ___ Yes ___ No

REGISTRATION FEES: Circle the appropriate fees. **NO ON SITE REGISTRATION** **Last date to register: August 25, 2015**

Registration Category	Full convention (Good thru June 15)	Full Convention (June 16 thru August 25)	Optional Events			
			Leadership Luncheon <i>By Invitation Only:</i> NCCW Board members Past Presidents Commissions/Committees LTD team members	Spiritual Advisor Breakfast <i>Note: Only Spiritual Advisors may attend</i>	Padres and Madres on Parade Fund Raiser	Saturday Night Banquet
Full time Registration	\$320	\$370	\$45	\$40	\$25	\$75
One Day Registration	\$130	\$150	\$45	\$40	\$25	\$75
Spouse of Registrant	\$150	\$150	NA	NA	\$25	\$75

Mail/Fax with payment:

Fax: 703-224-0991
 Mail: NCCW Annual Convention
 200 North Glebe Road, Suite 725
 Arlington, VA 22203

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE (from above): \$ _____
Forms received without payment will not be processed.

Check Enclosed (payable to NCCW) check number _____
 Credit Card: Discover MasterCard Visa

 Credit Card Number

 Expiration Date (month and year) Security Code

 Cardholder Signature

Cancellation Policy: *There are no refunds, but registration can be transferred.*

The Structure of the National Council of Catholic Women

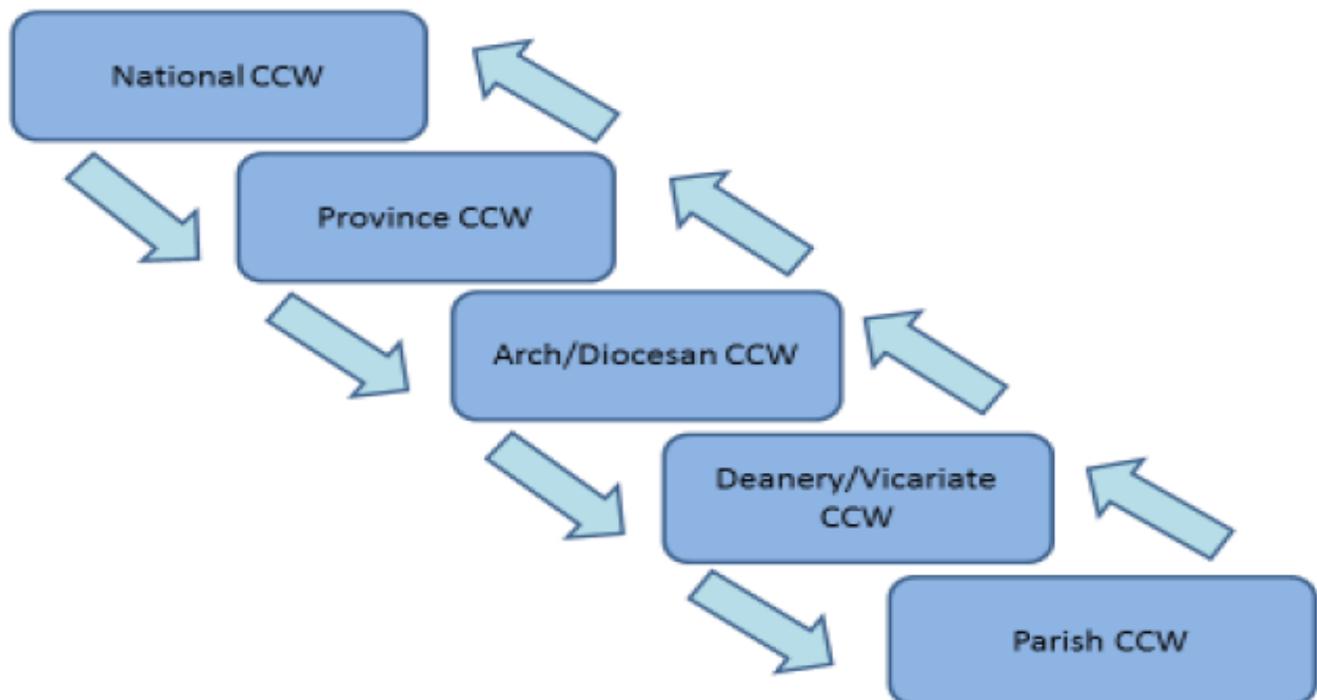
PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: Parishes are started by the local Bishop as needed. The Parish CCW is often referred to as the “Affiliate”. The Parish Affiliate is the foundation of the structure.

DEANERY (VICARIATE, DISTRICT) COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: This is the only structure that is called by different names. The Bishop decides how many deaneries are in his diocese. This is a geographic breakdown so priests and CCW can meet on a smaller level due to sizes of dioceses.

ARCH/DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: The Holy Father in Rome decides when and where new dioceses will be established.

PROVINCE: There are 33 Provinces in the United States. Provinces are geographical breakdowns decided by The Holy Father in Rome. This is a civil corporation and operational secretariat through which the Bishops, in cooperation with the other members of the Church, act on a wider-than-ecclesiastical scale for the good of the Church and society in the United States. We elect or appoint Province Directors to be the NCCW Board of Directors.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN is the umbrella organization for ALL Catholic Women’s Organizations. It was started in 1920 by the Bishops of the United States to bring all women’s organizations under one umbrella to be a powerful voice for Catholic Women in society and church.

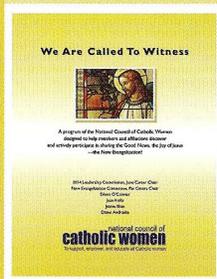


...Information flows in both directions...

Join the National Council of Catholic Women!

“We are Called to Witness!”

by Jane Carter



Created in support of the US Bishops' New Evangelization initiative, *We are Called to Witness* invites and encourages all NCCW members to share the joy, love and peace of our Catholic faith with friends, family and neighbors. “We are Called to Witness” is a collection of prayers, articles, activities and resources chosen to inspire and empower you and your councils to share the GOOD NEWS!

This wonderful program is free and available to every NCCW member! Visit the newly

updated NCCW website—www.nccw.org—and download it from Commissions page. Share this exciting NCCW program with your Spiritual Advisor as well as the leaders of other ministries in your parish.

“*Estamos llamadas a dar testimonio! La Nueva Evangelizacion!*” is also posted on the NCCW website for our Latina Council sisters and the Hispanic Ministry in your Arch/diocese and parish!

Spring 2015 *Catholic Woman*

Women Healing the Wounds



National Council of Catholic Women
Responds to Domestic
Violence Against Women

national council of
catholic women
To support, empower, and educate all Catholic women

You can save someone's life...even future generations!

You may not think you know someone affected by Domestic Violence but you probably do and just don't know it. It could be a family member, a person in your church, a friend, or your neighbor. **Not knowing doesn't save lives, information can.** Members of the NCCW are women of faith striving to live the Word of God. Through our united efforts and prayers, our goal is to provide education and resources to make ending Domestic Violence a reality. **This 52 page document is a comprehensive tool** including ideas for meaningful projects, education, a safety flyer and much more. It can be utilized in many different way, by sections or as individual pieces. Visit www.nccw.org to download this 52 page resource, also available in Spanish. Pick a project and get started today!

When you join the NCCW you are part of a national organization that speaks for your Catholic values and supports, empowers and educates all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

MEMBER BENEFITS INCLUDE:

NCCW Individual members also:

- * Are represented at the biannual meetings of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- * Have access to NCCW Spirituality, Leadership and Service Commissions' programs and resources
- * Are invited to serve on NCCW Commission teams and Committees
- * Share friendships with other Catholic women from all over the country
- * Are represented at the United Nations, The World Union of Catholic Women Organizations (WUCWO), Catholic Social Ministry Gathering, Religious Alliance Against Pornography
- * Share in Partnerships and Collaborations with Catholic Relief Services, Cross Catholic Outreach, Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Catholic Climate Covenant
- * Can participate in Monthly Advocacy and Leadership Calls
- * Have access to NCCW website members' only site (under development)
- * Receive the quarterly *Catholic Woman* magazine
- * Receive the monthly *Connect* e-newsletter

If you would like to become an Individual Member of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW), please visit www.nccw.org for the membership form.



NCCW & the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

Mary's Garden

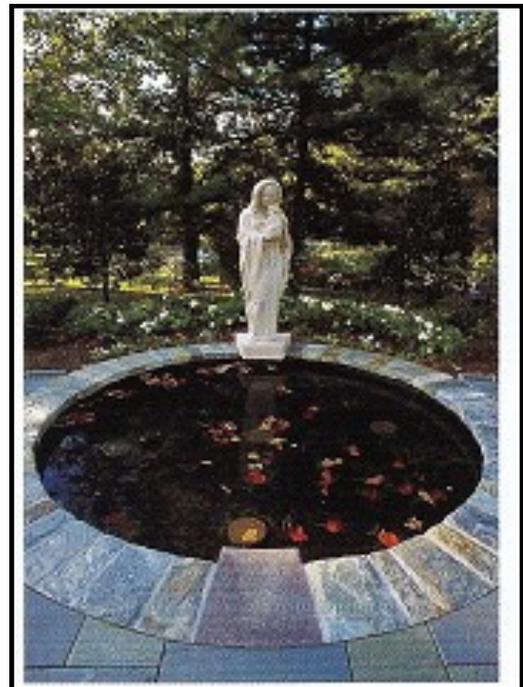
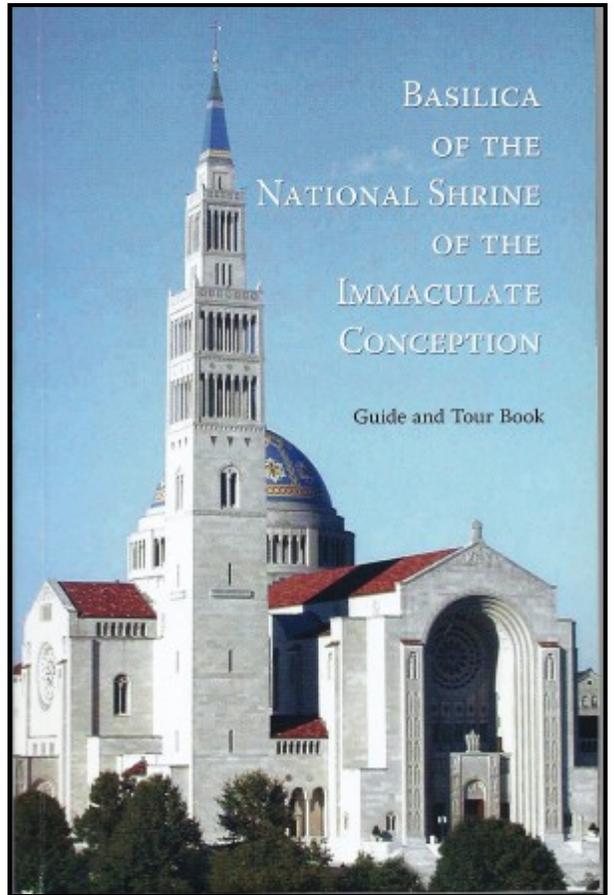
“Situated on a three-quarter acre site along the north-west grounds, Mary’s Garden provides an outdoor setting for hospitality, rest and prayer.

The circular form of the garden, the central terrace and the reflecting pool evoke a sense of continuity, symbolizing the eternal. The selected trees, flowering shrubs and perennial flowers all have an association with Mary.

The perimeter walkway leads to the *Magnificat* Fountain. Incised into the red granite border of the fountain are two lines from Mary’s song of praise, “My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord. My spirit finds joy in God, my Savior.” (Luke 1:46-47)

At the far end of the terrace is a reflecting pool with a life-size statue of Mary, *Protector of the Faith*, by Jon-Joseph Russo, Washington, D.C. The statue is in honor of Bishop Thomas J. Grady (1914-2002), fifth director of the Shrine, who oversaw the construction of the Upper Church. The outer walkway features prayer niches incised with biblical passages and stone benches for meditation.

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States (1998-2006), dedicated the Garden on June 10, 2000. **The garden is the gift of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW), founded in 1920. The statue is the gift of the Diocese of Orlando and the Associates of the NCCW.** The landscape architect for the garden was Brian Kane, ASLA, of the Kane Group, Alexandria, Virginia.”



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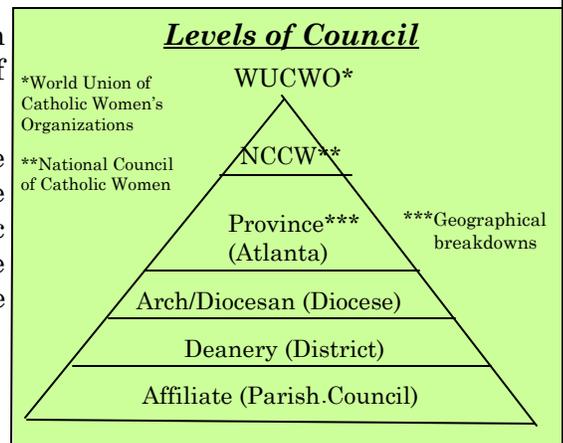
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The purpose of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women is to serve as a medium through which the Catholic Women of the Diocese may speak and act as one unit.

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 South Carolina Council of Catholic Women will endeavor to create interest in, and to assist in the furtherance of the faith and well-being of the people of the Diocese.

Spirituality, Leadership, Service!



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