



# South Carolina Council of Catholic Women

## Diocese of Charleston

# INFORMER

...sharing news from all rings of Council: *Spirituality, Leadership, Service*

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## Message from the President



*“Father in Heaven, Called to that Light of Jesus, I ask for Your guidance. Form my life in Your Truth, my heart in Your Love. Through the Holy Eucharist, give me the power of Your Grace that I may walk in the Light of Jesus and serve Him faithfully. Amen.”*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During this time of year when we are focused on giving thanks and sharing with others, be sure to open your hearts to those who are in need. Whether it is an ailment, loss of job or home; be generous with mercy and love for all God’s children!

Since our last issue of the **SCCCW “Informer”** women from all over South Carolina have been very busy in their affiliates, Deaneries, and also on the state level. We have attended the National Council of Catholic Women convention in Florida and the Province of Atlanta convention to enhance our organizations through education, spirituality, and friendship. We are truly blessed! We have continued to bring the following publications in English/Spanish from NCCW to our churches and communities. These publications can be downloaded or purchased through [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org). As leaders of our communities, help us share these projects with your priests, family, friends and other organizations. Together we can make a difference!

**“We Are Called To Witness”** - sharing the joy and peace of our Catholic faith with friends, family and neighbors – the New Evangelization.

**“Women Healing the Wounds”** – response to Domestic Violence to determine if you are a victim, if you know of a victim, and action items that can be used to stop Domestic Violence.

**“Media – What Is The Message?”** - how to live in a media environment in a way consistent with the dignity of the human person and service to the common good.

There is a wealth of information in this newsletter from our Commission Chairpersons, Province Representatives, Deanery Presidents, etc. The latest information is included on the **SCCCW Convention March 11-13, 2016**, the convention project, dedication, Thursday event, all of which you will not want to miss. (Reservations for Thursday, March 10 at “Pirates Voyage” have been extended! Get your reservations in today.) We are in the process of collecting ADS for the SCCCW Convention Booklet. If you do not have the appropriate forms, please contact Marcia Boyer, SCCCW Convention Chairperson and she will send them to you. Our SCCCW logo items are available and would make a great gift or you can fill them with special items/gift rather than wrapping them. Use your imagination! Yes, this publication is truly a wealth of information.

In closing, may you have a very blessed Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! You are always in my thoughts and prayers, your servant in Christ ...

*Marlene Grover*

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# The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women 86th Annual Convention

Friday, March 11 to Sunday, March 13, 2016

*Join your Sisters in Christ  
from across the state  
as we come together to pray, learn, and  
support each other  
in a weekend of Catholic fellowship!*



*Theme:  
"Called to serve God's children with  
mercy and united in love!"*



**Mary Beth Hicks** - Author, columnist and speaker Mary Beth Hicks has spent more than a dozen years writing from the intersection of parenting and culture. Her column "Teachable Moments" is featured in *Catholic Digest* magazine, and she appears each week on EWTN Radio's Son Rise Morning Show. For nine years, she was a weekly culture columnist for *The Washington Times*. Mary Beth began her career as a writer in the Reagan White House, and later was a communications specialist in the educational, healthcare and corporate sectors. A graduate of Michigan State University, she serves on the advisory board of Parents Television Council, an organization seeking to promote decency on the airwaves.

**Donna Tyson** - nationally acclaimed motivational speaker known for her ability to touch hearts and inspire people to reach their highest potential. Her unique style has been described as "a cross between a preacher, a politician and a comedian." Donna leaves her audiences spell bound as she weaves her stories of empowerment. She draws on her experiences as a former television and radio talk show host, successful business owner, community leader and mother of three grown children for her lessons. In 2012, Donna sold everything she owned and moved to Haiti for 10 months as a missionary.



**Michael Acquilano** was hired in 2013 to serve as the Director of the SC Catholic Conference and Finance Associate for the Diocese of Charleston. He also serves as a coordinator for the Law of Life Summit, serves as a board of director for many pro-life and Catholic organizations around the country, including Sidewalk Advocates for Life and SC Citizens for Life, and was recently elected Chair of the Ave Maria School of Law Alumni Board of Directors. Michael has been published in several law journals and his most recent work, *A Society Broken* and *a Youth Ready to Rebuild* was published in the *Christian Lawyer* in the summer 2013 edition. He has appeared on Fox News and EWTN on several occasions.

**Marina Inn at the Grande Dunes**  
8121 Amalfi Place  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

(843) 913-1333

[www.MarinaInnatGrandeDunes.com](http://www.MarinaInnatGrandeDunes.com)

AAA Four Diamond Hotel

*Reference SCCCW when making reservations*

*Reservation deadline is Wednesday, February 10, 2016*

#### Rates

\$119.00 per night plus taxes and service charges

# SCCCW 2016 Convention Project



**Camp Rise Above is a unique organization providing life-changing camp experiences to children with serious illnesses, disabilities and challenges.**

We create customized programs that teach our campers to overcome obstacles and grow in their confidence and capabilities. We want these children to experience the “magic” of childhood regardless of their medical status.

***The phrase we live by says it best: “Giving children strength for the journey.”***

We focus our work with as many as 20 different camp partner organizations to create customized programs to teach our campers to recognize their innate strengths and talents, overcome obstacles, and build their strength of character and confidence. It will be a time for the kids to escape the medicine, doctors and other hard-to-face daily realities of fighting their diseases.



In addition to a wonderful camp experience, each activity is therapeutic. The time between activities is the most important time...relaxed and positive conversations to encourage and help the campers recognize their strengths and talents.

***There are more than 58,000 children in South Carolina with special medical needs*** including but not limited to; cancer, Type 1 diabetes, asthma, childhood obesity, burns, hemophilia

and kidney disorders.

There are no camps in South Carolina built specifically for the purpose of serving these children. Existing camps provide camp experience for different populations, including underprivileged children and people of all ages with mental disorders. As a result, organizations focused on these children have had to use commercially available camps, mostly outside of the peak summer camping season, and have had to find ways to compensate for the lack of required medical facilities and access for physically challenged children.



***With these children as its primary focus, Camp Rise Above continues on the path forward with its stated purpose: “Giving kids strength for the journey.”***



# SCCCW 2016 Convention Chair Report

**March 11-13, 2016**

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## **Theme:**

***“CALLED TO SERVE GOD’S CHILDREN WITH MERCY AND UNITED IN LOVE!”***

### **Thursday Evening Activity:**

For recent conventions, many women have been arriving on Thursday. Because of the entertainment choices in Myrtle Beach, the thought is that planning a group adventure would be a good way to kick off the weekend.

Arrangements have been made with Pirates Voyage for the ladies of the SCCCW to attend a pre-show, a main show, and enjoy dinner for \$45.56. Please feel free to make copies of the flyer in this newsletter to pass on to your membership.

Note the deadline for reservations has been extended. Information is on the flyer. Please send your check, made payable to SCCCW with ‘Pirates Voyage’ on the memo line, to the SCCCW Treasurer:

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

### **Planning:**

Committee Chairs are already busy getting their committees in motion.

The Fall Packet will be mailed out in early November to all Deanery and Affiliate Presidents. Please make sure pertinent information is passed on to the membership.

Market Place Committee, Church/Spirituality, and any others needing tables or other items, please let me know what you will need.

Work on finalizing speakers, entertainment, etc. continues to move forward.

Respectfully,  
Marcia Boyer  
2016 SCCCW Convention Chair  
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**IT'S NOT JUST FOR KIDS!!!! PIRATES VOYAGE** is directly across the street from the Marina Inn at Grande Dunes

Many SCCCW members arrive at convention on Thursday evening (March 10, 2016 in this case). To our out of town guests and all the local ladies, the Convention committee has arranged a get together at a convenient location, offering a plentiful and tasty meal, with a great show full of fun, colorful, exciting entertainment! There is a **pre-show at 5:00 pm** (optional) and the meal and **main show starts at 6:00 pm**. The cost for the pre-show, a meal that goes on forever, (basic beverages included) and the show is only **\$45.56** (tax and gratuity is included). Certainly optional, but the servers work so hard, I've always left a little something extra. Adult beverages are available for purchase before and during the pre-show, and during the show.

### **DATE EXTENDED – HURRY!**

Large group bookings fill up pretty fast, so the folks at Pirates Voyage would like to know by **November 16, 2015**, how many will be attending. Your check can be made out to SCCCW (memo Pirates Voyage), and sent to **Diane Pauls, 4016 Manor Wood Dr., Myrtle Beach, SC 29588**. Please drop an email to [mombny@yahoo.com](mailto:mombny@yahoo.com), as soon as possible if you'll take part in the fun evening, and your check is on the way.



# Commission Corner

## *SPIRITUALITY: Church and Legislation*

DELORES GILLIARD, CHAIR



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

### *Adopt-A-Seminarian Project*

I have implemented a program whereby each Deanery will support two Seminarians as they commit to a vocation of faith, discipleship and services. The following suggestions are meant to offer support and encouragement during their formation for the priesthood:

1. Deaneries and their Affiliates will keep in contact with their adoptees throughout the year by doing the following:
  - A. Write letters of encouragement
  - B. Send birthday cards
  - C. Send a small monetary gift during the Christmas holiday
  - D. Send prayers of encouragement throughout the year
2. Each Deanery president will work with their Affiliate presidents to assign tasks/activities to be carried out during the year. This will avoid one affiliate being overwhelmed.
  - A. Every six months, one or two affiliates (depending on how many are in your deanery) will make contact with the two Seminarians. Then, it rotates among the other affiliates. Someone will have to be in charge of keeping up with the rotation.
3. The assignments are:
  - A. Beaufort Deanery: Paul Robert Lacombe
  - B. Charleston Deanery: Andrew Frymi and Michael Cellars
  - C. Columbia Deanery: Will Frei and Patrick Judd
  - D. Greenville Deanery: Rhett Williams and Rafael Ghattas
  - E. Myrtle Beach Deanery: James (Jimmy) Tonzeau and Francisco Javier Onate-Vargas

If you know of another seminarian not listed, please let me know in order to be included. Last year, Christmas cards were sent to each Seminarian from the SCCCW.

### *Remembering our Friend and Sister in Christ*

As we continue our work to serve others, let us take time to remember our dear departed friend and sister in Christ, Ruthann Howard. Ruthann passed on September 9th after losing her battle with cancer. She was a member of the Myrtle Beach Deanery and St. Mary, Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church and Women's Guild in Georgetown. Ruthann served on the board of the SCCCW for many years, usually serving as the Legislation Chair and keeping us all current on Catholic issues. In her honor, below is a revised poem by Barbara Bailey:



#### **Meet You At The Gate**

A beautiful garden now stands alone,  
missing the one who nurtured it,  
but now she is gone.

Her flowers still bloom and the sun it still shines,  
but the rain is like tear drops for the ones left behind.  
The weeds lay waiting to take the gardens beauty away,  
but the beautiful memories of its keeper are in our hearts to stay.  
She loved every flower, even some that were weeds,  
so much love she would plant with each little seed.  
But just like her flowers she was part of God's plan,  
so when it was her time he reached down his hand.  
He looked through the Garden searching for the best,  
that's when he found Ruthann, it was her time to rest.  
It was hard for those who loved her to just let her go,  
But God had a spot in his garden that needed a gentle soul.  
So when you start missing Ruthann, remember, if you just wait,  
When God has a spot in his garden, she'll meet you at the gate...



**LEGISLATION: Yvonne W. Pygatt (Columbia) (yvonne.pygatt@aol.com)**

I begin my report with a heavy heart, as we recently lost a Dear member of Council, Ruthann Howard. Ruthann was so welcoming and kind. She taught me, in the short time we worked together, the “How Too” of the Legislation Commission. I will be forever grateful for her friendship and knowledge, as well as her service to this Council.

Since the last Board meeting, the Legislative Commission has received information from Michael Acquilano of the Diocese Office regarding the following:

- Bishop Gugleilmone’s decision regarding the Death Penalty against Dylan Roof (against this action)
- Stand for God Pro- Family Rally which was held August 29th (in support of this action)
- Legislative Oversight Committee Investigation into Abortion Business (in favor)
- Fortnight for Freedom – which was held June 26, 2015

The above information and legislative action was completed or acted upon in the last Session. As I receive information, it is then forwarded to the SCCCW President to be disseminated to Affiliates via email.

- I encourage all members and affiliates to subscribe to the Catholic Charities USA Digest

Email: [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org)

Most recent actions include: #End45: Raise a Hand to End Poverty in America. There are more than 45 Million people living in poverty. Actions suggested include; Taking a picture of your raised hand with #End 45” written on your palm , tagging your picture with the hashtag #End45, posting the image to your preferred media site (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, etc.), encouraging family and friends to share your image or post an #End45 photos of your own.

I have again requested a detailed listing of the past Legislative Session from Mr. Acquilano, who is awaiting approval from the Bishop to release. Once received, I will disseminate to all affiliates via email.

Lastly, please remember to email Legislative actions/happenings within your Deaneries so that I may share with all Affiliates. Email to : yvonne.pygatt@aol.com

Peace and Blessings!

**SERVICE: Community, Family, International**

**MARY E. LENDA, CHAIR**

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**International: Lisa Summerlin (Charleston) (summerll@muscedu)**



I am Mary E. Lenda and I am your new SCCCW Service Coordinator so please have patience with me as I jump in and get my feet wet as I report.

A little about the NCCW convention in Orlando. Mary Beth Hicks was one of many wonderful key note speakers. She spoke on the topic of “Making the Connection: Five Strategies to Build a Stronger Community of Catholic Women.

To Build a Stronger Community of Catholic Women we need to make a connection to other women...we need to be the voice of Catholic women. We need to stand up and be counted. We can sow seeds of hope. If we don’t evangelize she will never join our ranks...Mary Beth said it isn’t a marketing problem, we have a mission problem.

Another speaker at the NCCW convention was Brandon Vogt. His topic was “A Reason for Our Hope: 5 Keys to Sharing the Faith Today.” Statistics say that 50% of our young people leave the church and of that...79% are under the age of 24. This is especially sad since it is our young people who will carry on and live the faith.

1. We need to equip ourselves. We can’t share what we don’t have and we can’t talk about the bible if we don’t read it. If we don’t know it, we don’t understand the word of God in those pages. We can’t talk about our faith unless we know the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

2. We need to clear up misconceptions people might have. Brandon suggested reading Bishop Sheen's book "Life is Worth Living". I researched this book and was lead to some You Tube videos about Bishop Sheen. I whole heartily suggest you check it out. He was quite an amazing man, priest and bishop and he knew about faith.
3. Share our Catholic resources such as videos, books, music and be able to talk about them. Have a holy card you can share or a book mark, a pen, something that has a holy picture of a saint or scripture or a holy quote, something that puts into mind our Catholic teachings to those who we are trying to reach out to. A good book to read is "Intentional Disciple by Sherry A. Weddell.
4. Be positive. Let your demeanor reflect your faith and love for God...that people can see that we have said YES to God and our Catholic beliefs.
5. Lastly...Smile. They say that joy is the insoluble sign of the present of God...so be joyful and share that joy...let it show in your face, your eyes, and your smile.

Some web sites on this topic to visit are: <http://brandonvogt.com> and [www.helpthemreturn.com](http://www.helpthemreturn.com). This last web site offers Brandon Vogt's FREE 4-part video series that will give you practical tips and strategies to get young people back to the church.

He closed his speech with this phrase, "Never assume that someone or a group of people you are speaking to know what you're talking about...inform them...evangelize.

The SCCCW Service Commission will report on Family, Community and International efforts. I will report on your projects so please let me know what you are doing to be of Service to Our Lord and others.

### **LEADERSHIP: Organization, Membership, Website, Newsletter and Publicity**

**JOAN MACK AND BARBARA BIRDS, CO CHAIRS**  
(Both are from the Charleston Deanery)



#### **ORGANIZATION, MEMBERSHIP AND WEBSITE:**

**Joan Mack**  
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**Barbara Birds**  
(birdb@musc.edu)



News from Organization and Membership will be in the next newsletter.



#### **NEWSLETTER & PUBLICITY: Patricia Webb (Greenville) (patwebb1010@charter.net)**

1. A **Convention flyer** was designed, see page 2. All Affiliate Presidents need to ***make sure a copy of the flyer is available to her membership through either electronic mail or a paper copy.***
  - A. You are our main source of advertising and we depend on your help in getting the word out to encourage your members to attend!
  - B. Talk about the 2015 SCCCW Convention: the speakers, the spirituality, the fellowship, making new friends, seeing old ones, Mass with Bishop Guglielmone, show the award your affiliate received, the Catholic Woman of the Year Award, etc.... **(If you would like a copy of the 2015 Convention Newsletter, contact me at patwebb1010@charter.net.)**
  - C. Publish the Convention flyer in your church bulletin. Invite all women of the parish to attend. You may even pick up a few new members!

2. Tons of posts and photos continue to be shared on our Facebook page. **Remember to send photos to me from your meetings or events. Include your deanery, affiliate, and specifics about the photos.** When we share, we grow! If you have not joined our page, search us under, South Carolina Council of Catholic Women. Make sure to hit the 'Like' button at the top section of our page. This will allow our posts and photos to be included in your home news feed. Invite women from non-affiliates to 'Like' our page and follow our news.

### 3. Ideas to help advertise your Council of Catholic Women:

- A. Make sure you are **advertising your meetings and events in your parish bulletin**. Invite all women of the parish and include date, time, location, topic to be discussed, if there will be a speaker, if there will be refreshments, and a contact name with a phone number and e-mail address for any questions.
- B. **Affiliate Presidents:** ask each member to personally invite a woman *not* currently a member to the next meeting. This is a great way to acquire new members! Have your members talk it up: tell what the topic will be, what you will be doing at the meeting, and how she would enjoy it and the ladies would love to meet her! Make sure your members build a rapport with the women they are inviting, get to know them.
- C. Place a **'Welcome' sign** outside the location of your meeting which includes your affiliate's name. Also, use signs to announce service projects. Include photos and journaling to tell about the project to inform others.
- D. **Pass out prayer cards** which include your Affiliate's name to visitors. This is a good way to keep your name in front of them as a reminder without being pushy. You may want to check out [www.catholiccompany.com](http://www.catholiccompany.com) as they have a large variety of Catholic images to choose from. You can also select the prayer you would like printed on the back side and customize with your affiliate's name and website. Get on their e-mail list and watch for sales in your e-mail.
- E. **Sponsor a Bake Sale and:**
  - 1.) Arrange for a choir to sing as parishioners shop. This could be members of the church choir.
  - 2.) Display boards for each of your commissions with photos of your work along with journaling. Have each commission chair nearby to answer questions about projects.
  - 3.) Display a board illustrating how the money raised from the Bake Sale will be used.
  - 4.) Arrange for an author to be in attendance to sign and sell their books. This will increase traffic.
  - 5.) **Remember to advertise!** You now have a Bake Sale, a choir singing, information boards, and an author signing and selling books. Hand out those prayer cards. Have Membership Forms available. Be available to answer questions. Invite them to the next meeting. Build a rapport!
- F. **Design a calendar of events for the year.** Use pictures and/or a colorful background. Have enough printed (use heavier paper) for your members and extras for prospective members. Add a strip of magnets to the back so that it can be put on the refrigerator for quick reference throughout the year. This is an inexpensive and effective tool to keep CCWs (Councils of Catholic Women) in the forefront!
- G. **If you know women from a non-affiliated parish**, invite them to any of your meetings or events. This will expose the idea of a CCW to them through participation, fellowship and prayer. And guess what? You are building a rapport!
- H. Visit [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org) (National Council of Catholic Women's website) and click on the **"Women Healing the Wounds"** box at the bottom of the home page. Download the 52-page resource (also available in Spanish). Take time to read this important information. Did you know that nearly 1 out of every 4 U.S. women are the victims of severe intimate partner violence, and that 85% of domestic abuse victims are women? Print copies of the booklet or copy onto CDs and sell them at your events throughout the year. (Make sure to include a page following the cover page advertising your ccw, your mission, and contact information for questions or to join.) This is a two-way benefit: educating the public and making a little money for your ccw. Also, prepare a display board highlighting information and charts from the booklet. Display at all events and meetings.

## Convention Scrapbook

President Marlene Grover has reinstated the presentation of affiliate scrapbooks and a judging contest beginning with the 2016 Convention. Take photos of your events and document them. 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). Complete guidelines will be included in the 'Call to Convention' packets distributed in January.



# 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 January 9th SCCCW BOD Meeting for distribution.**

Please print clearly.

## SCCCW LOGO MERCHANDISE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City \_\_\_\_\_

Ph. No. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliate \_\_\_\_\_ Deanery \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity

Total

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 #** \_\_\_\_\_

# Atlanta Province News

## SCCCW Atlanta Province Representatives:

<—Marcia Boyer (Myrtle Beach) (mombny@yahoo.com)  
Mary Sue Barnum (Columbia) (marysuebarnum@att.net)—>



The September 24, 2015 meeting of the Province of Atlanta was held at the Wyndham Hotel in Peachtree City, GA. Province Director Shirley Towle called the business part of the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

Rosie Schumaker, from FL, spoke on “How to Bring Them In and How to Keep Them!”, a humorous, yet informative talk on membership. Rosie offered many ideas on how to keep the new members affiliates bring in.

### **PROVINCE REPORT (Atlanta Province)**

Shirley Towle spoke about a new program that is coming out called “NCCW-What Is It?”. It can be downloaded from the NCCW website at [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org) and photocopied as needed. It’s a program of building and rebuilding affiliate councils. The bishops and NCCW took a stand on pornography and developed a program. Shirley spoke about the need to continue to build membership. There are programs from National that benefit all Catholic Women.

### **SDCCW PRESIDENT (Savannah Diocesan Council of Catholic Women)**

President Josine Harrell noted that 13 members from their diocese attended the NCCW Convention in Orlando, FL. She also noted that Sheila Hopkins, the recently installed new President of the NCCW, will speak at the SDCCW Convention in April in Hinesville, GA. Josie stated that her diocese is discussing the possibility of holding a national convention in Savannah in 2018 or 2019. Also being considered is a retreat or trip to EWTN next spring.

### **AACCCW PRESIDENT (Atlanta Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women)**

Deanna Holmer, outgoing President of the AACCCW spoke about the Pastor-Presidents Brunch that went very well. She noted that the Archbishop would be attending the convention for Sunday mass instead of going to see the Pope, as he feels very strongly about the Council of Catholic Women. The AACCCW membership took part in the Eucharistic Conference, a Leadership Conference, and the NCCW 95th Birthday. They held a leadership workshop with members of the National Leadership Team.

### **SCCCW PRESIDENT (South Carolina Council of Catholic Women)**

President Marlene Grover told attendees that the SCCCW is continuing to develop two new deaneries, one in Rock Hill, SC and the other in Aiken, SC. The Board of Directors is using telephone conferences to keep in touch once a month. In June, 2015, SCCCW gave a \$1,500 scholarship, the Fr. William Pentis Memorial Scholarship, to Rachel D’Hoore from Simpsonville, SC. She is attending Clemson University focusing on a nursing degree. Fourteen women from SC attended the NCCW Convention in Orlando, FL with everyone in agreement that it was a fantastic convention with wonderful speakers. SCCCW is working on revising its By-laws, getting the work out on “Women Healing the Wounds”, as well as “We are Called”, which are both programs sponsored by the NCCW. The SCCCW will be holding their Convention in Myrtle Beach, March 11, 12, 13, 2016.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Shirley explained the outline of what the levels of membership in Council are, starting with the individual up to the National level. She explained that she is at NCCW to represent all of the Catholic women in the Province, and so there will be an exchange of information.

**NCCW**—National Council of Catholic Women  
**AACCCW**—Atlanta Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women  
**SDCCW**—Savannah Diocesan Council of Catholic Women  
**SCCCW**—South Carolina Council of Catholic Women

# Deanery Corner

If you are interested in any of the events listed by the Affiliates, please contact the appropriate Deanery President for more information.



## **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, Hilton Head Island:** Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) was distributed throughout the community from the fashion show. Italian Festival tickets were sold; deanery will realize \$4.00 for every ticket sold. Support of pregnancy center fundraiser. Involved with Family Promise of Beaufort County, an agency whose mission is to provide temporary shelter, family stability, and permanent housing solutions for homeless families with children by mobilizing community resources. We continue with our prayer shawl ministry. Michael Acquilano, the bishop's advocate, was speaker at our September meeting and discussed the fight we have to face in the non-religious attitudes of today.

**Women of St. Francis, Hilton Head Island:** began their year with a mass and reception on the feast of St. Clare, our patroness. After mass, they met to discuss their upcoming year. They hosted Fellowship Sunday on Labor Day weekend. Supporting the retreat at the Graham Correctional prison for women with a monetary donation, cookies and treats. November will be the Ministry Fair where the women will man their booth in an effort to gain more members for their group and also for the SCCCW and NCCW.

**Women of St. Gregory the Great, Bluffton:** Sold 25 Italian Festival tickets and assisted at the church picnic. One hundred women attended our first meeting and Barry Malphrus spoke about Operation Christmas Child, where boxes are packed and sent to poor children all over the world. A collection was taken and \$1000 was collected.

**St. Peter's Women's Club, Beaufort:** They are active with the Welcome Wagon as many new parishioners are moving into the area. The Book Club was busy over the summer reviewing 'Man's Search for Meaning' by Victor Frankl. A Day of Reflection is planned for Saturday, November 7th, and open to all deanery women's groups. The speaker will be Dr. Ian Murphy, a nationally recognized Catholic Christian speaker. They are involved in a new ministry called Helping Hands, and continue to assist the elderly and infirmed with errands. The annual bazaar is this weekend, it is their 56<sup>th</sup> year.

No news from ***St. Anthony's Altar Society, Ridgeland, St. Anthony's Women's Club, Walterboro, or St. Mary's Women's Guild, Hampton***, I'm sure they are very busy with many projects.



## **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)**

All of our ladies are staying busy. I have printed the "Women Healing Wounds" from the NCCW website and plan to distribute to each affiliate president at our August 28th board meeting. I will challenge each of them to envision a project for the Deanery to fulfill. We, as a Deanery, are collecting school items to be delivered to the "Ministry without Walls" project. One of our newest members will speak at our September 20th luncheon. We will also have Maria Asiage speak about Camp Rise Above. This is to initiate a fundraiser to send handicapped children to camp.

We are also working on updating our By-laws in order to follow the realignment of the Diocese.

**Blessed Sacrament Women's Guild, Charleston:** The ladies have elected new officers: Donna Poyer, President, Katie Park, Vice President, Libbie Diamond, Secretary, and Agnes Seay, Treasurer. They served breakfast for the Home Works project for about 125 teenagers and counselors. They helped with the Confirmation and First Communion receptions and members participated in the 50th Anniversary of our Spiritual Moderators, Sister Colie and Sister Sandra. They continue to participate in the Teeny Tears Bereavement\* project and are planning their annual Craft Show as a fundraiser for their organization.

(\**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](http://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](http://www.utahshare.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Teeny_Tears_Tutorial.pdf).)

**St. John Ladies Guild, Charleston:** The ladies were on hiatus for the summer. They were busy with the HALOS\* project for foster children by raising money to send five children to summer camp. They are purchasing backpacks to distribute to the children as well.

(\*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](http://www.charlestonhalos.org) for more information.. "Like" them on Facebook under *HALOS*.)

**St. John the Beloved Women's Club, Summerville:** The ladies have been busy collecting box tops for education, cancelled postage stamps, pop-top tabs, and greeting card fronts for the St. Jude's Ranch for Children, and aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. They participated in the Relay for Life Clothing Drive for Cochran Elementary School. They also assisted in the Marriage Enrichment Program-Couple Prayer for 6 weeks.

**St. Patrick Women's Guild, Charleston:** These ladies stay busy no matter what time of year it is. Every fourth Friday they have ladies who volunteer at Echo House\* by feeding the seniors and providing games for their leisure. They also provided breakfast for the First Holy Communion class, supported domestic violence projects by providing clothes to My Sister's House, a shelter for battered women. They also provided dinner for the Home Works group and collected school supplies for Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach.

(\*A senior citizens center sponsored by the Diocese of Charleston that provides a variety of activities and meals for its members.)

All of the ladies of the Charleston Deanery do a tremendous job with outreach programs and are definitely women of faith! I am honored to have such dedicated ladies within our Charleston Deanery and only see us growing to better serve God and our communities.



**■ COLUMBIA DEANERY:**

*Corpus Christi Catholic Women's Group, St. Joseph Women's Society, St. Martin de Porres Rosary Altar Society, and St. Mary Rosary & Confraternity Society*

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



**■ GREENVILLE DEANERY:**

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

**President: Ruby King (bondrubybond@yahoo.com)**

After several attempts to have a deanery meeting, our second meeting of the year will be held on October 18th, at St. Mary's Church. Both affiliates have been very busy within their individual communities. Finding and implementing joint community projects is still in the making.

Both affiliates will, again this year, support the Multi-Cultural Christmas Card sales. This project continues to promote and encourage the participation of all children in Catholic schools within our surrounding area. This project gives them an opportunity to demonstrate what Christmas means within their cultures.

**St. Anthony of Padua Women's Council in Greenville:**

SERVICE: Family, International and Community

- The Council has hosted several funerals for bereaved families and an annual Back-to-School Party for the needy children in the church and surrounding community. Approximately 200 backpacks filled with supplies were given out. The children and their parents/guardians were also treated to a nice lunch.
- A Hat-Parade was held back in April as a fundraiser for a school in Zambia. Sr. Margie Hoesch has been given over \$500 to support housing for the staff while in Africa. This is an ongoing project.

SPIRITUALITY: Church and Legislation

- Our longtime moderator, Deacon Winston Wright, retired this year and the Council gave him an appreciation banquet at the Phoenix Inn for his many years of service to the Council.
- Two members were sponsored and sent to Philadelphia to represent Council during Pape Francis' visit to the USA.
- A yard sale is scheduled for October 10th in the parking lot of the church.
- Our Community Chairperson has been attending the 4 week seminar sponsored by the Center for Women and Gender Studies at the USC-Upstate Campus on "Black Lives Matter". Understanding the magnitude of this problem and becoming active in this movement is the duty of all Christians. With Black History month coming up in February, the information and contacts are a blessing. Although it is not on the government's agenda yet, the FBI and other agencies are watching the growth of this movement very closely.
- Council will co-host the annual Parish Picnic on October 11th at Conestee Park.

LEADERSHIP: Organization

- Project forms were given to the members of St. Anthony. These forms, if used properly, will help with the organization of events, budgeting issues, and outreach. These forms will also be included in the packages to be sent out to new affiliates.

**St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club in Greenville:**

SERVICE: Family, International and Community

- The members provided a meal for the Home Works volunteers on July 5th and toured Calvary Home (a Christian home for children who have nowhere else to turn) in Anderson, SC on August 14th.
- The Family Commission Chair researched and purchased audiovisuals for St. Mary's Catholic School to supplement the 3-year virtues curriculum. They are in the third year of purchasing material for the program.
- The Club provided a 'Star' party on July 30th for the boys at the Generations Group Home, Simpsonville, SC. Generations GH offers programs to troubled boys 10-18 years of age as an effort to prevent the cycle of child sexual abuse and experiences a 98% success rate. Also, on November 13th a blanket making 'Star' party will be given to the boys. They will be taught how to make a tie-blanket. Food is also provided by the members for the parties. For more information, visit [www.generationsgrouphome.com](http://www.generationsgrouphome.com).
- The Church and Family Commissions sponsored a Spiritual Retreat, September 12th. Topics were 'How to Grow in Theological and Cardinal Virtues', 'A Journey of Faith and Trust', and 'Overshadowed by the Most High'.
- A parish blood drive is scheduled for Nov. 1st.
- A proposal to offer a course on Zentangle to women at the Leath Correctional Institution in Greenwood, SC will be presented to the Warden as soon as an appointment is granted.
- A Technology Seminar will be offered to the parish on November 7th. The program is co-sponsored by the SMCWC, St. Mary's Church, and Diocesan Office of Family Life. All are invited and there is no cost.
- A 'Domestic Violence' program will be offered at the Monthly Membership Meeting on November 10th.

### SPIRITUALITY: Church and Legislation

- President Yockey met with the Spiritual Advisor, Father Newman, to discuss tentative plans for the Club on July 30th and held the first Executive Board meeting of the new Club year on August 4th.
- Holy cards were purchased and the Club's name printed on the bottom of the cards. They will be distributed at Club events.
- Mrs. Kitty Norman's family was contacted by the Bereavement Committee upon her death.
- The Legislation Commission will offer a presentation on current legislative issues and actions at the Monthly Membership Meeting on October 13th. In addition, Mrs. Frieda Strobel, a Native American of the Lumbee Tribe, will speak about how she overcame painful racial rejection and discrimination by using the strength of her Christian Faith to advocate for others who are mistreated, unloved and rejected.
- A pilgrimage to revere the relics of St. Maria Goretti in Duluth, Georgia on October 27th will be offered.
- The annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 8th. Mr. Michael Acquilano, Director of the South Carolina Catholic Conference and Finance Association for the Diocese of Charleston will be the guest speaker.

### LEADERSHIP: Organization

- Held a Transition Meeting with new officers, commission chairs and committee chairs.
- Selected a window from St. Mary's Church to be used for the 2015 Christmas Ornament, #15 in the series. The 'Our Lady of Mercy' window was chosen since Pope Francis has proclaimed 2015-16 as The Year of Mercy, beginning December 8th. Ornaments are sold as a Club fundraiser and will be sold at the annual Christmas Bake Sale on December 5th and 6th.
- The Membership Chair sent to all new women of the parish, since January 2015 to present, a packet of information about the Club and an invitation to join. Five members have joined, to date, from this attempt and more are anticipated as the mailings continue.
- The Greenville Deanery Meeting will be hosted at St. Mary's on October 18th



### **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)**

In September I had hip replacement surgery and am recovering in New York with family. Please keep me in your prayers. Since I have been away, the Affiliates of the Deanery have all been busy starting their year.

**Our Lady Star of the Sea Ladies Guild in North Myrtle Beach** is preparing for their three day yard sale in October.

**Precious Blood of Christ in Pawleys Island** is preparing for their Arts and Crafts Festival in October.

**St. Andrew Women's Club in Myrtle Beach** held a breakfast for parishioners after the 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, September 27. Proceeds were given to the building of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton High School.

**St. James Ladies Guild in Conway** is also working on their annual Yard Sale to be held in October.

**St. Mary, Our Lady of Ransom in Georgetown** is regrouping after the loss of Cherrin Moore, Pat Langston, and Ruthann Howard. Keep them in your prayers.

**St. Michaels Ladies Guild in Garden City** is focusing on the annual Parish Picnic to be held on October 11.

All affiliates have been busy with the plans to be host of the SCCCW 2016 Convention. Marcia Boyer is the Chairperson for the convention.

# The Structure of the National Council of Catholic Women

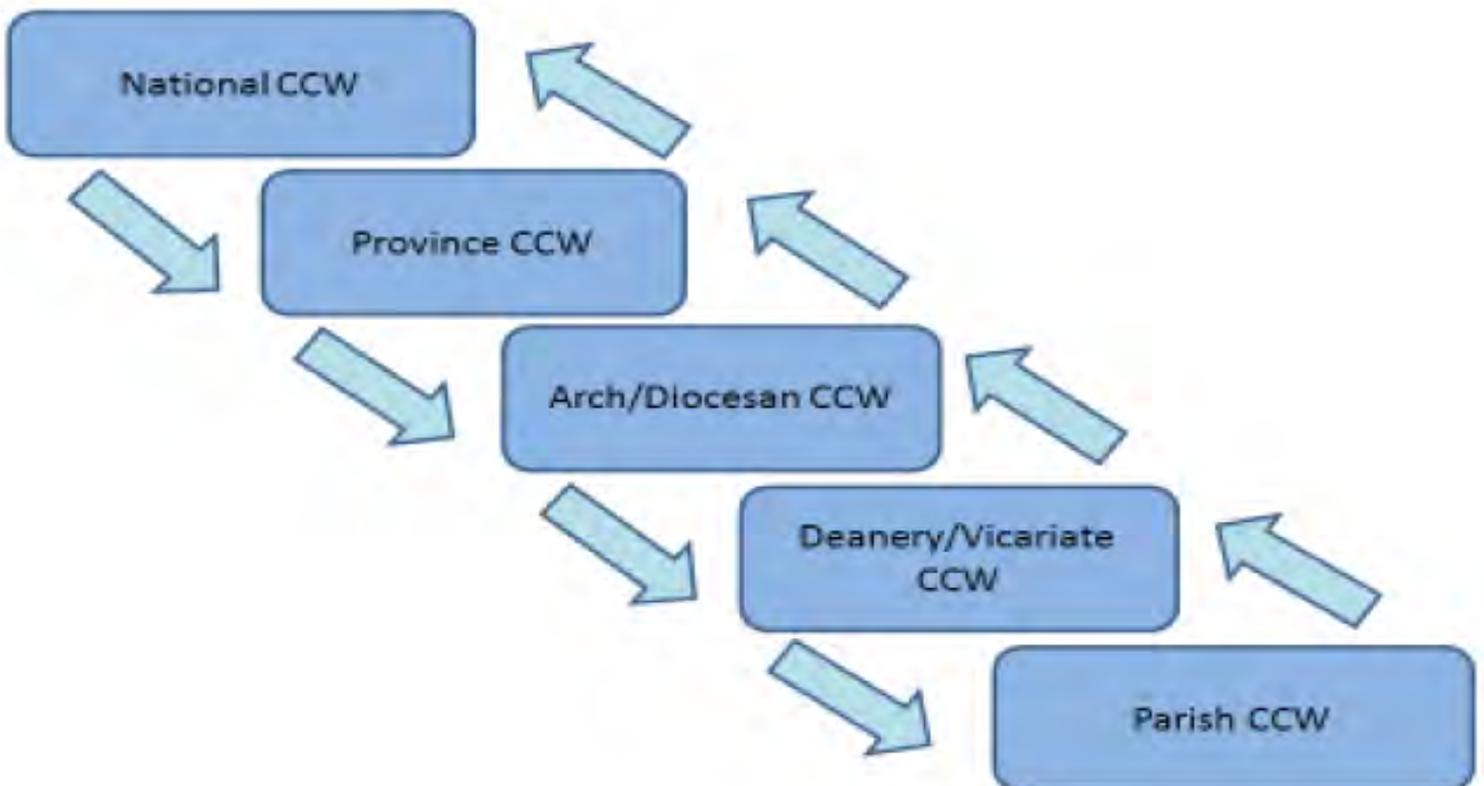
**PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:** Parishes are started by the local Bishop as needed. The Parish CCW is often referred to as the “Affiliate”. The Parish Affiliate is the foundation of the structure.

**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...

# SCCCW 2015-16 Board of Directors

**Diocesan Spiritual Advisor:** Fr. Fabio Refosco, CO

## Elected Officers

**President:** Marlene Grover (MB)

**Treasurer:** Diane Pauls (MB)

**Recording Secretary:** Nancy Kuykendall (B)

## **Vice Presidents:**

*(are the Presidents of each Deanery and voted by each)*

**Beaufort Deanery** Mary Schwarz (B)

**Charleston Deanery** Maria Stephens (CH)

**Columbia Deanery** Steffhanie Laurel (CO)

**Greenville Deanery** Ruby King (G)

**Myrtle Beach Deanery** Patricia Dutton (MB)

**Aiken Deanery** To be determined

**Rock Hill Deanery** To be determined

## Appointed Officers

**Parliamentarian:** Susanne Wolfe (G)

**Corresponding Secretary:** Carol Buchholz (MB)

## **COMMISSION CHAIRS:**

### Spirituality:

**Chair:** Delores Gilliard (CO)

**Church:** Delores Gilliard (CO)

**Legislative:** Yvonne Pygatt (CO)

### Leadership:

**Co-Chairs:** Joan Mack & Barb Birds (CH)

### **Organization and**

**Membership Committees:** Joan Mack & Barb Birds (CH)

**Newsletter & Publicity:** Patricia Webb (G)

**Website Coordinator:** Joan Mack (CH)

## Service:

**Chair:** Mary E. Lenda (MB)

**Community:** Chris Segars (CO)

**Family:** Judy Zachar (B)

**International:** Lisa Summerlin (CH)

**Atlanta Province Reps:** Marcia Boyer (MB) and  
Mary Sue Barnum (CO)

**Archives & History:** Mary Lou Taylor (CH)

**Facility Coordinator:** Martha Becht (CO)

**2016 Convention Chair:** Marcia Boyer (MB)

## Associates (Past Presidents living):

Phyllis Atkins (2012-2014) -B

Barbara Birds (2010-2012) -CH

Lindamarie Richardson (2008-2010) -G

Mary Sue Barnum (2006-2008) -CO

Joan Mack (2002-2004) -CH

Jessie Bowens (2000-2002) -G

Carolyn Heider (1994-1996) -CH

Peggy Waters (1988-1990) -MB

Harriet Condon (1986-1988) -CH

Helen Merritt (1984-1986) -G

Randi Olafson (1982-1984) -CO

Penny Clements (1976-1978) -G

*Note: Letters after each name indicate deanery represented.*

*Beaufort (B), Charleston (CH), Columbia (CO), Greenville (G), and Myrtle Beach (MB)*

## SCCCW Mission Statement

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 and 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 of Charleston.

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**Watch for more news in the winter issue!**

*By Pat Webb*