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## Message from the President



**Greetings!**

**Wow!** This is our second issue of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women E-Newsletter. On behalf of the Executive Board, we are delighted to have this venue communicating timely and informative news to our members throughout the state. To date, all Deanery Presidents and State Commission Chairpersons have contributed a report on what their respective departments are doing and planning. It is also vitally important that you stay in touch with your Affiliates, Deanery, and Affiliate Commission Chairs. Always keep in mind that some of the chairpersons are new and really could use your support. Members will say “yes” to serving in a leadership role if we are willing to make it a rewarding experience for them. You may recall that one of our Board’s goals is to stay connected to the members.

Also, periodically, I send out little tidbits on SCCCW happenings at the moment. Feel free to use the E-Newsletter as a recruiting tool along with the SCCCW Membership Recruitment Brochure and tips.



*Board members planning upcoming Convention.*

**Great News!** At our Fall Board Meeting in September, the Executive Board voted to rename our scholarship. The new name is *The SCCCW Reverend William F. Pentis Scholarship*. The award amount is increased from \$500 to \$1,000. We are so honored to express our appreciation for our faithful and dedicated Moderator of council in a very meaningful way. We love you, Fr. Pentis!

**Gratitude!** Again, I express my gratitude to everyone for all the support given me since taking on this role as President. I am thankful to the past presidents who communicate with me regularly and share positive feedback; the officers and members who work side by side demonstrating a love of council and the membership who pray for the best of all. We have some brand new members on our board this year and they are doing a fantastic job.

**Reflecting!** My theme this year is “*Simple Gifts—serving with open hearts and through love.*” I invite you to consider using this theme as a guide in your everyday walk of life. God gives each one of us at least one gift to perfect. A **simple gift** that just resonates from our spirit. A **simple gift** that when joined with others creates an

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## Calendar Reminders



### November, 2010:

**10-13th**—NCCW Convention, Washington, DC

(If you would like additional information regarding the Convention, visit [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org).)

### January, 2011:

**8th**—SCCCW Winter Board Meeting, 10:30 AM, Columbia, SC

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

### March, 2011:

**11-13th**—SCCCW 81st Annual Convention, Myrtle Beach, SC at the Embassy Suites Hotel @ Kingston Plantation, 9800 Queensway Blvd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29572 [www.kingstonplantation.com](http://www.kingstonplantation.com)

#### Rates:

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

**Call:** 1-800-876-0010

**Mention:** Group Code: SCA

## Birthday Wishes (SCCCW Board Members)

### September:

**9th**—Lindamarie Richardson  
**17th**—Ruthann Howard

### October:

**10th**—Patricia Webb  
**26th**—Martha Becht

### November:

**12th**—Harriet Condon  
**12th**—Marian Stephens  
**18th**—Randi Olafson  
**23rd**—Joan Mack



### December:

**6th**—Barbara Birds  
**8th**—Cherrin Moore  
**20th**—Jessie Bowens  
**29th**—Lisa Summerlin

## Message from the President (continued from page 1)

awesome force in our churches and communities. God mandates us to serve each other with open hearts and through love. If we demonstrate this in our actions and words, He is pleased and we are Blessed! South Carolina Council of Catholic Women, as we approach the Thanksgiving and Advent Seasons, share your

*Simple Gifts*, through Service and Love!

With Best Regards,

*Barbara J. Birds*  
President



*President Birds chairing the SCCCW Fall Meeting.*

# Deanery Corner—Presidents' Updates

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

## Coastal (CD)

Their Fall Meeting was held on September 12, hosted by Divine Redeemer Women's Club.

A segment of the CD meetings is called, "What's Up, Affiliates," where affiliates are invited to present their programs and projects. Presenting were The Cathedral Women's Club and Our Lady of Mercy Ladies Guild (OLM).

The ladies of The Cathedral have been raising funds to assist with projects at The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, such as refurbishing the kneelers.

OLM has adopted a young girl in Ghana and sends monthly monetary contributions to Ghana for her care and follows her growth and achievements.

The ladies of St. John the Beloved Women's Club spent many months planning a 50th Anniversary Celebration to honor Sister Maryjane Golden for her many years of service to the church, community, and the youth of the church. A reception was held after Mass where parishioners and guests greeted and congratulated her. Affiliates in the CD donated more than 200 cupcakes and a monetary gift was presented to Sister Maryjane from the CD.

The CD is also striving to enhance its multicultural programs in the deanery. Leading the way with this effort is Blessed Sacrament Ladies Guild. They hosted an International Multicultural Covered Dish Dinner in September, which was open to all members of the deanery.

Other projects the CD and its Affiliates are working on are Backpack Buddies, My Sister's House, and Grandparent's Day. The CD Board works with its Affiliates as much as possible to maximize the effectiveness of projects that they undertake.



## Columbia-Midlands (CMD)

The CMD offered a leadership retreat for affiliate presidents, organizational chairs, and other women in leadership roles. Joan Mack, SCCCW Organizational Chair, was the facilitator and it was hosted by The Rosary Altar Society of St. Martin de Porres in Columbia.

Session One defined the qualities of a leader and the skills needed in order to be successful. This presentation covered the workings of the Commission System in developing leaders, a checklist for presidents, parliamentary procedures, motivation, communication, and membership

recruitment and retention. Joan shared the G-R-A-P-E concept: *Growth-Recognition-Achievement-Participation-Enjoyment* can be used in any organization to keep membership alive and growing.

Session Two included information on making connections on all rings of council: Affiliate, Deanery, Diocesan (SCCCW), Province, and National (NCCW).

The retreat provided a wealth of information that will assist any affiliate president or leader to move forward as strong Catholic women who are known for their devotion and tenacity for service.

St. Martin de Porres Altar Society also collected eye glasses for the needy and they are collecting school supplies for children in the church area.



## Lowcountry (LD)

Their Annual Tea for the Religious was held on August 29 at St. Andrews Hall.

President Joan Valescente and VP Nancy Kuykendall have been working on recruiting other women's clubs and invited them to their tea. The ladies accepted the invitation and plan to meet with their

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## Deanery Corner *(continued from page 3)*

### Lowcountry *(continued)*

pastor about joining. Joan also forwarded a copy of our Summer SCCCW E-Newsletter to them.

Holy Family is holding a Meet and Greet meeting and has chosen "Peace in Our Time" as their theme. Ann Kho, their immediate past president, has written a history of the Catholic Church and installments will appear in the Sunday Bulletin with discussion meetings open to all on Tuesday mornings.

St. Anthony's in Walterboro is hosting an exchange student, cleaning the church, donating food and distributing it every Tuesday and Thursday, and selling t-shirts with a photo of an ultrasound of a baby in the womb, to name a few of their activities.

The Women of St. Gregory the Great have planned two ministry fairs and a one day retreat.

St. Peter's Women's Club have a Grandparent's Day planned at St. Peter's School and they honor their Woman of the Year at May Crowning. They also actively participate in their parish Advent dinner and Christmas party. They are most proud that they were able to raise enough money to buy a new stove for their parish hall kitchen.



### Peedee (PDD)

The next PDD meeting is Sunday, October 10, at St. Michael's in Garden City.

Plans for the SCCCW Convention, which the PDD will be hosting, will be revealed to the ladies. All five Deaneries are asked to have their *banner* or *story board* to President Marlene Grover **at the pre-convention meeting** for use at the 2011 Convention.

The first SCCCW Scholarship was awarded to one of their own, Miss Olivia Claudia Elswick, who is a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Myrtle Beach. She is a freshman at Clemson University majoring in Communications.

PDD's Organizational Chairperson, Yvonne Phreaner, is compiling information into a booklet on increasing membership, making meetings more interesting, and leadership. President Marlene Grover and Yvonne will be meeting with each affiliate president to present this material.

St. James, Conway, held an "Italian Feast and Spaghetti Dinner" on September 25. On October 20, they will be hosting a "Game Night" to fund projects, and on November 6, plans are underway for a "Large Rummage Sale."

St. Anthony, Florence, had over 50 ladies attend a "Welcome Covered Dish Din-

ner" on September 14 and the ladies were delighted with the interest from the parish. They also donated baked goods for their "Fall Festival" on September 25-26, along with their time in helping out at that booth, the ticket booth, and with games. \$500 was donated to the school for tuition for a needy family.

The ladies of St. Michael, Garden City, hosted a luncheon for the regional Priest's meeting on September 7. A "Book Sale" and "Good as New Sale" are also planned along with their annual Communion Breakfast on October 24 and their annual Baked Food Sale on November 20-21.

The ladies of St. Mary, Our Lady of Ransom, Georgetown, continue year round with the prayer Shawl Ministry, knitting hats for soldiers worn under helmets, and working at the Birthright office. Their first meeting is October 12 and they are in the process of beginning their annual membership drive. They are also developing a reading program to encourage members to volunteer to read to children at area public schools.

The first meeting of St. Andrew, Myrtle Beach, was held on September 13 and a discussion was held on the possibility of holding a "Flea Market/Bazaar" to raise money for the parish school.

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### **PeeDee** *(continued)*

The ladies of Our Lady Star of the Sea, N. Myrtle Beach, keep busy running their new Gift Shop. They will also be working at the annual "Oktoberfest" on October 1 to raise funds for the church and host a "Card Party" on November 8. The ladies are working on various fundraisers to support a child living in Honduras and other

projects for the needy.



### **Piedmont (PD)**

The PD is currently planning a SCCCW Piedmont Deanery's Women's Conference on November 20 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Greenville entitled, "Eat, Love, Pray." The

Conference leader will be Sr. Kateri Mitchell, Executive Director of the Tekakwitha Conference. Cost is \$50 and includes a luncheon. Contact PD President Kathleen Merritt for more information at [kathleen@catholic-doc.org](mailto:kathleen@catholic-doc.org).

A PD International Bridge event is also planned.



## Prayer *(Contributed by Phyllis Atkins, State Church Commission Chair person)*

### **The Peace Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is error, truth; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

*By an anonymous Norman  
c. 1915 A.D. Peace Prayer*



Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi—October 4th

## Holy Heckling



### **Can't Tax This**

A businessman on his deathbed called his good friend and said, "I want you to promise me that when I die you will have my remains cremated."

"As you wish," his friend replied. "But what do you want

me to do with your ashes?"

The businessman thought for a moment and then instructed, "Just put them in an envelope and mail them to the IRS. Write on the envelope, 'Now you have everything.'"

*Catholic Digest, March 2010*

### **Church Bulletin Bloopers**

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."

*Catholic Digest, December 2009*

# Commission Corner— State Chairs

**Church**—Phyllis Atkins    **Community**—Marion Alexander    **Family**—Jeanette Tobin    **International**—Wilma Lucas  
**Legislation**—Ruthann Howard    **Multicultural**—Wilma Lucas    **Organization**—Joan Mack

## Church

**Phyllis Atkins** — In order to support and encourage a strong sense of Spirituality among our individual members as well as our Deaneries and their affiliates, we need to:

- ~ Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father,
- ~ Establish the SCCCW Connect Calendar highlighting special Feasts and events within the Diocese, especially if they are taking place within your Deanery or affiliate,
- ~ Encourage the praying of the Liturgy of the Hours,
- ~ Encourage members to purchase the books: “*Enhancing Our Spirituality*” and “*A Spirituality Monograph*” offered by the NCCW,
- ~ Periodically offer prayer intentions for SCCCW in the name of your affiliate at your local parishes,
- ~ Pray for the increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, in particular, for our seminarians,
- ~ Send birthday cards or notes of appreciation that they have heeded The Call. A little “care package” around Christmas time would be greatly appreciated,
- ~ Make the Prayer for Vocations available to your affiliates and perhaps said at your meetings,
- ~ **foryourvocation.org** is the new website initiative of the US Bishops and is meant

to be a resource for men and women in discernment as an aid for promoting a vocation culture within the home and a range of tools for educators, youth leaders, and vocation directors,

- ~ Help celebrate Catholic School Week by volunteering at a Catholic school near you,
- ~ Plan a fundraiser to offset the tuition payments or special needs of the school, and
- ~ Foster a spirit of unity in our churches, develop a positive spirit that is more accepting of anything different or any one different.



## Community

**Marion Alexander** — The goal of this commission is to address the needs of the local parishes and of the surrounding communities of deaneries and affiliates. Following are dates in which each affiliate is asked to actively participate:

- **October**  
Mental Illness Awareness, National Depression Screening Day is Oct. 8. Locate a screening site in your community by visiting [mentalhealthscreening.org](http://mentalhealthscreening.org). Each affiliate is asked to get involved by assisting in this local effort. Record the number of participants and your activities.

- **October (continued)**  
Conduct a cell phone drive for the women’s shelter in your area. Keep track of the number collected for your report.
- **November**  
Homeless Awareness Month. Collaborate with another agency or church and plan to conduct an outreach to the homeless each week. Sites can be set up to collect personal items and later distribute these much needed items to homeless women, men, and children in the community. Individual bags can be distributed with the following new items: Winter hats, gloves and scarves, heavy socks, shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrushes, hand soap, personal size Kleenex, feminine hygiene products, bus passes, personal size date books, bottled water, granola bars, comb/hairbrush, and deodorant. Additional organizations that can help with this effort are: Families of Promise, Interfaith Hospitality, Families Helping Families, Habitat for Humanity, and Hannah House.

Record your projects and the level of participation.



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### Family

**Jeanette Tobin** — A wonderful article by Karen Painter, Service Commission Chair, in the Mar/April 2010 *Catholic Women* magazine, speaks to us about communicating with our children. This is an area all must be concerned about in our changing society. Because of new technology on the internet, face book and media our children are challenged and need guidance. Karen Painter listed tangible suggestions for effective communication among family members. Some are: bringing up important topics at mealtime, find teachable moments, discuss family rules, bring up difficult topics for discussion, and praise jobs well done. Always keep communications open with our children and other family members.

People are living longer today due to improvements and progress in medicine. As our parents age, we are facing new concerns because of our mobile society. Visit the National Family Caregivers Association website for information at:

[thefamilycaregiver.org](http://thefamilycaregiver.org)



### International

**Wilma Lucas** — The women of SCCCW accept the responsibility to share resources with the poor of the world. We support activities that promote tolerance and understanding of the varied cultures in the global communities.

We support the following projects with our time, prayers, talents, and treasures:

- **Catholic Relief Services**— with money and materials needed for their “on the ground” response to the devastation and destruction from natural disasters.
- In connection with the worldwide projects of CRS, we will support the crafts offered by **SERV**, through the purchase of their handcrafts so that the artisans of 3rd world countries will receive a decent monetary return for their goods.
- Support **Free Trade Coffee and Chocolate** sales so that those farmers will also receive an equitable reimbursement for their products.
- Support **Water Mission Int’l** and the **Bore Hole Project** which donates the technology that brings portable water to remote arid villages.

- Sustain mission work in Central America, the Franciscan Ministries in Africa, Msgr. Gorski’s mission in Peru, the Uganda Rural Fund, and the “Globalization of Street Children” initiatives in Kenya, other missions in Africa, the Caribbean, and South America.
- Continue to support young people’s education and welfare throughout the world as well as aid the impoverished senior citizens on other continents through **Christian Foundation for Children and the Aged**.
- Pray and support those who work with oppressed women, who help eliminate the trafficking of women and children, and the **International Justice mission** that rescues victims of slavery and provides holistic aftercare and helps with legal matters.



### Legislative

**Ruthann Howard** — For the next 40+ days, our main thrust should be on voting and getting everyone we know to get out and vote.

Visit [southcarolinavotes.org](http://southcarolinavotes.org) to search voting records by

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### **Legislative** (continued)

issue, name of legislator, or by bill number. Users can also put bills of interest on a "Watch List" so they will receive real-time updates on legislative activity.

Pending legislation that would allow raffles to be legal for charitable and non-profit groups is of particular interest. I would like to take this on as a project for us. This will take an amendment to Article XVII of the Constitution of the State of SC. I would like to seek the approval of our Bishop to take active involvement to get the law changed so churches and other non-profit groups can legally sell raffle tickets. I spoke with Rep. James Merrill who is one of the sponsors of the bill. The bill is again dead, but he plans to re-write a bill and present it later this Fall.

Some folks in the PeeDee Deanery have had rubber stamps made that say "In God We Trust." Stamp that on all mail. For the last 50 years, ACLU lawyers and radical judges have been outlawing God in our culture. Our US Constitution guarantees our right to worship God at home...at work...and even at school.

If you have any questions or suggestions as to what we should be doing as Catholic women regarding legislation, at the local, state, and nat-

ional levels, please contact me at [obzhoward@aol.com](mailto:obzhoward@aol.com).



### **Multicultural**

**Wilma Lucas** — SCCCW supports "Unity in Diversity." Several parishes teach English to Speakers of other languages to immigrants from Latin America, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Prison ministers lead Bible sharing groups, instruct inmates preparing for the Sacraments through RCIA, perform Masses and other religious services, and teach ESOL to Spanish speaking students.

Members who do not visit prisons maintain prayer vigils for death row prisoners, especially at the time of execution. These associates also supply Bibles, religious reading materials, and send cards to death row prisoners on their birthdays, Easter, and Christmas.



### **Organization**

**Joan Mack** — The new SCCCW Membership Recruitment Brochure has been completed. It was created as a recruiting tool and we should use it as such whenever there's an opportunity. A color copy will be given to

Deanery Presidents. Each of our Affiliate Presidents should also have a copy. I suggest giving a copy of the brochure to unaffiliated parish groups who express an interest in joining Council, along with a copy of our SCCCW E-Newsletter.

On August 28, I held a Leadership Development Retreat for the Columbia-Midlands Deanery. Twenty-five leaders in the deanery took advantage of the opportunity to learn and brush up on their leadership skills during the three hour long agenda. The theme was, "*Team Building—Strengthening Council By All We Do In Faith and Love.*" Our SCCCW President, Barbara Birds, attended and gave remarks at the close of the retreat.

If you are interested in a Leadership Development Retreat for your Deanery, please contact me at [joanmack09@knology.net](mailto:joanmack09@knology.net) or (843) 795-0883.

Good News! Our SCCCW Website is currently under construction. Plans are underway and we look for it to be up and running sometime in January 2011. This will be a wonderful recruitment tool to add to our brochure and newsletter. Watch for future announcements!



## 2011 Convention Update



Have you made your hotel reservation for our Convention in Myrtle Beach, yet? If not, pick up your phone, **right now**, and call 1-800-876-0010. Ask for reservations in the Embassy Suites and mention **Group Code SCA**.

We will be celebrating the 81st Anniversary of the SCCCW March 11-13, 2011, at the Embassy Suites Hotel @ Kingston Plantation, 9800 Queensway Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29572. [www.kingstonplantation.com](http://www.kingstonplantation.com)

*Please make sure you make your reservations at the Embassy Suites.*

Kingston Plantation is a very large facility with several different areas. The SCCCW Convention will be held at the Embassy Suites where



we have secured a block of rooms and convention rooms. All rooms in **our block are ocean view suites**, and the rate of \$144 per day (plus tax and fees for double occupancy) includes breakfast daily, the evening manager's reception, and a discounted parking fee of \$5.00 per day.

All activities are held in one building for your convenience. The convention committee has gone out of their way in putting your needs first, keeping meeting rooms and hotel suites in one building close to each other, safety first. It is a wonderful set up and we will all have an enjoyable weekend.

Please note that villas and condos offsite **do not** offer any of the amenities we have negotiated for you, plus the fact that you will have to drive back and forth the entire convention.

Kingston Plantation covers a very large area and we are not responsible for any other accommodations.

The ladies of the PeeDee Deanery look forward to being your hosts for this spiritual and relaxing weekend with sisters who share the love of God. So, come join us and see old friends, make new friends, learn, pray, celebrate, eat, and party! Consider extending your stay at Myrtle Beach an extra day or more. Enjoy the beautiful beaches, wonderful restaurants, and fantastic shopping! The hotel rates are very reasonable and the Embassy Suites offers golf packages if you would like to bring guests.

**Cut-off date is February 9, 2011.** Encourage everyone to make their reservations early!

## Atlanta Province News

On July 17, the Province of Atlanta held a Summer meeting hosted by Queen of Angel's Women's Club in Thompson, GA. Issues discussed during the business meeting were the dues increase effective January 1, 2011 from NCCW. Diocesan dues will be \$250, Deanery dues \$90 and Affiliate dues will be \$90. Individ-

ual dues increased to \$30 on September 1, 2010.

The rest of the day, Cricket and Jerry Aull gave a Spiritual Reflections workshop. The focus was on "From Stress to Rest" tying Martha and Mary into this theme.

The Atlanta Arch-Diocese CCW held their convention in

Atlanta on September 10-12. This convention was attended by President Barbara Birds, Province Director Elect Pat Langston, Cherrin Moore, Mary Sue Barnum, and Harriett Condon. A business meeting, workshops, and a banquet were on the agenda along with Mass at the Hotel on Sunday with Archbishop Wilton Gregory.

# SCCW Fall Board Meeting

The State Board of Directors met on September 18 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Columbia for their Fall Meeting.

The Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by President Barbara Birds. An Opening Prayer was led by State Church Commission Chair Phyllis Atkins along with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes from the Spring Meeting were approved and Parliamentarian Monica Szymanski discussed the Rules of Order.

After reports from Treasurer Maria Stephens and President Birds, all five Deanery Presidents reported on what



has been happening in their deanery and affiliates and upcoming plans.

Reports by all State Commission Chair persons and other Committee heads followed. Summaries of these reports can be found on pages 3-8 of this newsletter.

PeeDee President Marlene Grover gave an update on plans for our 2011 Convention in Myrtle Beach. (Please see page 9 for further information.)



The NCCW 2010 Annual Convention, held in Washington, D.C. on November 10-13, was discussed by Pat Langston. See page 11.

The 2010-2011 Budget was approved and the SCCCW Convention Project was disclosed: *The Shrine of Our Lady of SC*—



*Our Lady of Joyful Hope*, located in Kingstree, SC. Visit their website for more information: [ourladyofsouthcarolina.net](http://ourladyofsouthcarolina.net)

The meeting was finally adjourned around 4:00 PM with a Closing Prayer led by Phyllis.

The Winter Meeting is scheduled for January 8 and the Pre-Convention Meeting is January 29.



# SCCCW Mission Statement

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

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

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

Church



Family



Community



## NCCW News

(National Council of Catholic Women)

NCCW's 2010 Annual Convention is November 10-13, at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, DC.

Over 575 Catholic women: professional women, mothers, students, community activists, and diocesan and parish leaders, will be in attendance at one of the largest gatherings of Catholic women in the US.

Keynote Luncheon Speaker is Ambassador Tom Melady, former US Ambassador to the Holy See. Ambassador Melady served as an American ambassador under three presidents. Today, Ambassador

Melady serves as Senior Diplomat in residence at The Institute of World Politics in Washington, DC. A graduate of Catholic University, he is an authority on Afro-Asian and Central European Affairs and the author of 15 books. Twenty-eight universities have conferred honorary doctorates on Ambassador Melady and he has been honored by six countries.

We hope you can join us to Celebrate 90 Years—the earlier you sign up the more you save! Book your airfare now—farther out from the travel date usually means lower fares.

Book your hotel room now before the discounted room rates for NCCW are gone. Register by October 15 and save on your registration fee.

Embrace your spirituality, be a leader and find out how to become more involved and engaged as a Catholic woman today.

Visit [nccw.org](http://nccw.org) for more information.

***Need an application for membership? Go to [nccw.org](http://nccw.org) and click on "Membership" for a Membership Form, brochure, and instructions.***

## Additional State Officer Recognition

**Membership Committee**—Patricia Mack and Daisey Ferrette  
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## Watch for more news in winter, 2011!

