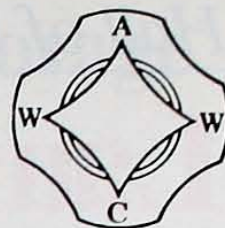


ACWW in Vancouver

Triennial Conference Information



The challenges of 20th century life will be compared by approximately 2,000 women from all parts of the world when they meet at the University of B.C., June 19-29, 1983, for the 17th Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World. The Conference Theme, Living in Today's World will be for women from nearly 60 countries of the world, representing 9 million members. They will have the opportunity to share ideas, mutual problems and goals through keynote speakers, displays and area information sessions.

The area information sessions are a new feature of this conference. Designated areas of East, West and Central Africa, South Africa, Asia, Europe, the South Pacific, the United States of America and Canada are represented by an elected Area Vice-President. In an effort to inform the delegates of the work and needs of member societies in these wide-spread areas, area information sessions will acquaint the conference participants with these and stress the concerns of women and families as well as discussing solutions to their problems. The focus will be on helping people to help themselves.

ACWW brings together women of all races, promoting friendship and understanding around the world. Through this circle of friendship their voice is heard nationally and internationally as ACWW is one of the non-governmental organizations of the United Nations with consultative status on world problems:- e.g. the United Nations decade for water 1981-1990.

ACWW is the only international organization representing country women and homemakers. It links together 9 million members in more than 300 Societies. All of these Societies are voluntary organizations, non-party political, non-racial, non-sectarian and free to conduct their own affairs according to the needs of their communities.

The 53 year old ACWW owes its

beginnings to the Women's Institute which was founded in 1897 at Stoney Creek, Ontario, by educator Adelaide Hoodless, St. George, and gentleman farmer, Erland Lee. Their goal was to strengthen the family unit and encourage women to go beyond their homes to help one another think as individuals.

Mrs. Alfred Watt, first President of ACWW, was born in Ontario. She moved to England just before World War I. There she urged rural women to organize Women's Institutes to assist in wartime food shortages. She envisioned a world federation of country women's associations and in 1930 achieved her goal. In 1933 at Stockholm, Sweden, she was elected the first President of a world organization named the Associated Country Women of the World.

The member societies of this Association are now as diversified as the world areas they represent. From Lesotho in the south to Greenland in the north, India in the east to Jamaica in the west, branches in each country have interests and concerns unique to their area, yet all work for the common goal of a better world. Self-help programs for remote villages in Lesotho, improved standards for women in Greenland, nutrition education centres in villages of India, kingergarten schools and teacher training programs in Jamaica are but some of the varied programs.

CANADIAN QUILT

Some lucky ticket holder will win the Canada Quilt assembled and quilted by B.C. Women's Institute members. Each square depicts the hand embroidered crest of a participating ACWW Constituent Society in Canada and has been made by them. Tickets for the raffle on the quilt will be sold only at the ACWW Conference University of British Columbia, Vancouver, for \$1 each. A ticket for the raffle of the quilt will be drawn at the evening performance of Canada Day, June 26th.

USED STAMPS

Used stamps from all over the world have been collected under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Iris Fraser, Nova Scotia. These will be good quality, assorted and packaged in sets of 6, 12 or 25, with 1/4 inch borders. Sale price of the same will be 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.

POST OFFICE AND CANCELLATION DIE

Canada Post Office is setting up an interim branch on the grounds at the University of B.C. for the use of delegates attending the Associated Country Women of the World Conference. In addition to the convenience of posting outgoing mail, permission has been granted and an ACWW bilingual cancellation die will be used to cancel all mailings from the conference.

SALES TABLE

World delegates attending the Associated Country Women of the World Conference, University of B.C., Vancouver, June 19-29, 1983, will be able to purchase handmade crafts etc. at the sales table. Each society in Canada was asked to contribute quality craft articles to the value of \$1 per member. Mrs. Marie Tremblay, President of the 7,500 member Cercles des Fermieres, Quebec, is Chairman of Handicraft Sales.

ACWW TRIENNIAL COMPETITIONS

Each Associated Country Women of the World Conference holds Triennial Competitions to encourage participation in chosen handwork categories. For the 1983 Conference the Handwork Competition is for:- (1) the front page of greeting card using one, two or three colors on theme "Peace" and (2) a needlework picture depicting a typical scene from
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