



International Connections

~ By International Officer, Cindi Rabstein

ACWW

Recently, a Member asked how many Pennies for Friendship are collected from the 9 Areas. Margaret Yetman provided the following information: €131,672 (2009), €117,000 (2010), and €115,378 (Jan-Oct 2011). As of yet, there are no figures for Nov-Dec 2011. This is the only way that ACWW funds their projects, so any extra that you can send would be very much appreciated.

I mentioned in the last newsletter that I have addresses for Pen Pals in the UK, USA, Australia and South Africa. Please send me a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and I will send you the form to fill out.

ACWW Day is April 29, 2012! ACWW has asked every Branch to walk for Pennies for Friendship, Women Walk the World, and hopefully get people to sponsor you and, of course, get photos and let your local press know.

Projects of ACWW

Here are some other projects that ACWW is involved in:

- Project in Ghana: Infant Care Techniques explained to students in Hohoe District by qualified health staff, who give the instructions and monitor progress.
- Project in Cameroon: Disease Prevention Training Program against HIV/AIDS by Mambi Rural Women's Group.
- Project in Kenya: Kayioko Widows and Widowers Group Project to improve fishing and nutrition on Lake Victoria - purchasing vital equipment and organizing training in engine maintenance, fishing techniques and record keeping.

CANADA COMFORTS

There have been a few changes:

1) If you are mailing by Canada Post: Pat Humphreys, Canada Comforts Society, 2720 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC, V9Z 0K9. Tel: 250-642-6592.

2) If you are sending by Bus: Irene Petursson, Canada Comforts Society, 409-190 George Road West, Victoria, BC, V9A 1M4. Tel: 250-388-4958.

3) If you are sending by Courier: Canada Comforts Society, 1185 Wychbury Avenue, Victoria, BC, V9A 5L1. Tel: 250-474-4614.

Labeling and Contact Instructions: Inside your box, please include your name, phone # and e-mail address (if you have one). Outside your box, please make sure you have written "Canada Comforts Society".

PLEASE NOTE that Cindi Rabstein's email address has changed. She can now be reached by email at rabstein23@gmail.com or by phone at 519-843-2222.



Membership Message

~ By Membership Coordinator,

Debbie Bauer

Those attending my workshop at the AGM had a very different experience than those attending a regular workshop. In part consideration was time and place and fun; however, this is an ever-changing process and I do my best to bring a new approach to every workshop.

My strategy is to build and mold, through enthusiasm and the creative process, a membership resource every Member can fall back on for real solutions to real problems but you have to follow through. Knowing what needs done and not doing it is no more effective than leaving the scrub bucket and mop sitting in the corner and expecting to have a clean floor. I'm asking you to "move the mop"; make the call, invite the friend and speak with enthusiasm and passion about WI.

Contact me with questions regarding the Iris Incentive. The new improved form is in this Home & Country ROSE Garden mailing.

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