

## Canada Area NEWSLETTER



ACWW World President Magdie de Kock with newly elected Canadians on ACWW Board, Anne Innes and Marie Kenny

On this bright very humid summer day in PEI, I am delighted to write this, my first Area Canada Newsletter.

Canada, from coast to coast to coast, has certainly been experiencing the dramatic effects of climate change. From wildfires to flooding, there has been so much to deal with, and it is only with the strength of working together that families and communities are finding the resilience to move forward amid great loss.

I am delighted to have been elected as the new ACWW Area Canada President at the recent ACWW Triennial Conference. I thank you for your support. I look forward to working with all societies and the area coordinators. I will do my best to keep you informed on the work of the ACWW Board of Trustees, and in turn, I will work directly with your society coordinator to promote ACWW and to gather information on your behalf to take back to the ACWW Board.

ACWW's theme for this Triennium is "*Sustainable Growth for the Future*". This theme sets a vision for the Board and Societies as we move to enlighten and engage our world on the work of ACWW. As a Trustee Board, we meet virtually bi-monthly and once a year in person. ACWW Coordinators meet on Aug 19<sup>th</sup> - with regular meetings scheduled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. The next ACWW Board meeting will take place on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

The updated form for ACWW Coordinators is available on the ACWW Website. On the homepage of the website you can now (if you refresh) open a link to a "nominate a coordinator" page, which has all the info and the form as a download. In this format the form can be typed into or printed out.

If your society has not nominated an ACWW Coordinator, be sure to do so and send their name to Central Office.

The new address for Central office is: ACWW, The Foundry, 17 Oval Way, London SE11 5RR. The website and phone number remain the same.

I am excited about the future of ACWW and delighted to be your new Area Canada President. It is a tremendous honour to be the first Area Canada President ever from Prince Edward Island.

Until next time I leave you, remember we are stronger together!

Marie Kenny  
ACWW Canada Area President

**"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." Martin Luther King Jr.**



The Canadian delegation in Malaysia



## 30<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Conference

This past spring, I had the honour of attending the 30<sup>th</sup> ACWW Triennial World Conference in Malaysia. This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The hostess society was gracious and accommodating. The Opening Ceremony in the Grand Ballroom was hosted in the presence of His Majesty and Her Majesty the King and Queen of Malaysia, and His Royal Highness the Regent of Pahang. One highlight was the parade of flags, including 82 flags in all; it brought great pride to our delegation when the flag of Canada passed before us.

The nine conference sessions and three concurrent sessions achieved the work that needed to be accomplished to move the organization forward into a new triennium. The Royal Gala Dinner at the National Palace, hosted by Her Majesty, Queen Azizah, was amazing. The entertainment was fascinating, and the food was exceptional (and we will not forget the exciting police escort of the 6 double-decker coaches). Truly it was a glorious experience for all.

Mark it in your calendar now, because the ACWW's 31<sup>st</sup> Triennial Conference is coming to Canada. It will take place in Ottawa, Ontario, from April 24 to May 5, 2026. Hope you can all join!

## Canada Area Societies

There are currently 15 ACWW Canada Area Societies. I will be in contact with each regularly and hope to visit as invitations come forth in my three-year term.

Upon returning from the Triennial Conference in Malaysia I had the privilege of speaking at the PEIWI-AGM. As an Islander and local lifetime member, it brought me great joy to be part of their AGM. I thank the many women who have helped me to grow on my journey and have empowered me to serve.

A few days later I travelled to Kamloops, BC to attend BCWI 39<sup>th</sup> Triennial Convention. It was a delight to see so many society members and to learn about the tremendous work they are doing. The BCWI Forensic Nursing Bursary is an extremely forward-thinking program, you can find the program details on their website, [www.bcwi.ca](http://www.bcwi.ca).

On July 10<sup>th</sup>, I travelled to Great George, Ontario, to attend the FWIC/WI Canada Board Meeting and AGM at the Adelaide Hoodless Hunter Homestead and Museum and visited the Erland Lee Museum. These two Historical foundational institutions continue to hold a significant role in shaping the powerful legacy entrusted to all members.

The programs at all three Societies' events were enlightening, informative and empowering as the diversity of the work being done builds community and strengthens leadership. This is the very heart of this organization women supporting women, taking action for sustainable change which benefits all.

On August 4<sup>th</sup> I will attend the Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia's AGM. If you have a special event or would like to showcase projects you are working on, please reach out. I would be delighted to travel and visit as many area societies as I can during my term.



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