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ACWW – CCSA NEWSLETTER

My apologies for the late delivery of this Newsletter. My pledge is to ensure that we work towards an inclusive area as much as possible inspite of the distance between us.

It is my pleasure to include updates from the islands of Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and Grenada.

Trinidad and Tobago Federation of Women’s Institutes Inc.–by Mrs. Gloria Copeland, President ***“Gladly We Learn, Gladly We Teach”***

We bring greetings from the Trinidad and Tobago Federation of Women Institute to you and all members of the ACWW family. May the New Year bring you great health, wealth and happiness.

Our Trinidad and Tobago Chapter held nine (9) meetings for the period January to December 2016. Some districts continue to have monthly meetings and other activities. Committees were set up to assist the Executive with proper planning and implementation. These being: The Fund Raising Committee, The Public Relations Committee, The Building Fund Committee and The History Committee. These are proving to be of great value to us.

The year 2016 was an auspicious one for Trinidad and Tobago. We celebrated our seventieth anniversary of being in existence. Each district held a separate event to mark this great achievement. The celebrations started with A Craft Exhibition, followed by an Interfaith Service, then an Awards Ceremony and Luncheon, and then our Annual General Meeting. Most of the members participated in these functions.

A Magazine will be printed commemorating this and all other events of this year.

The year closed with our Annual Christmas Luncheon held on 8th January, 2017.

Jamaica Federation of Women – by Miss Donna Miller, Treasurer

The newly elected Executive Board of the Jamaica Federation of Women staged a Strategic Retreat in October. Second VP, Dr. McGregor facilitated the event, focusing on what JFW has done - good and bad, what we are proud of and what we want to accomplish and by when.

The 2016-2017 Year will focus on:

Administration and Membership

- Re-establish and refurbish a functional office
- Structure the Board into sub-committees for effective and coordinated execution of the Federation’s activities
- Refocus the Calendar of Activities to incorporate ACWW events and secure media coverage

- Strengthen existing branches and launch an additional seven (7) new branches along with recruiting new members for the Executive

Training and Development

- Reinforce the 2015 ACWW Conference/Workshop skills
- Partner with the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) to support our farmers and garner government recognition of our long-term projects:
 - Mushroom growing
 - Rearing ornamental fish and turtles
 - Water harvesting and storage
- Training for members
 - Communication skills – Relationships and Business
 - Negotiation skills
 - Product Development
 - Empowering Women and Girls

75th Anniversary

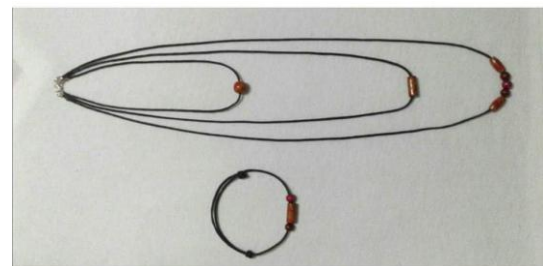
The Federation turns 75 in 2019 and a committee headed by Dr. McGregor will coordinate activities to commemorate a yearlong celebration culminating in May 2019.

Grenada Homemakers Association – by Mrs. Philomena Pierre, President

Happy New Year and you are wished a very fruitful and productive year. Sorry for this late response – we had a late meeting so it is hoped that our information would still be of some use.

This year one of our main goal is to go on a membership improvement drive. Our training would be focussed on interpersonal relationships, good manners and etiquette, upgrading our culinary skills and arts and craft such as floral decorations and ornaments made from used cutlery (forks, spoons).

The items shown below show the skills of members in Grenada Homemakers Association:



Thanks very much to the members who attended the Triennium in Warwick; ACWW Executive, staff and members from all over the world who interfaced with us; the Countrywoman in which we were regularly featured.

We look forward to our next major event – Women Walk the World on ACWW Day, April 29, 2017.

Looking forward to meeting in Trinidad for Area Conference in 2018.

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