

6. 2001 International Year of Volunteers

INTERVIEW WITH SANDRA WISE:

In conjunction with the resource, *2001 Year of Volunteers Report* Jan Harrison interviewed Sandra Wise. Sandra worked for 8 years in a dementia day care centre, first on a voluntary basis, then as a permanent 3 days per week. This time enabled her to talk with people, encourage them with music - often Sunday School type songs - have times of reflection. The centre offered respite for carers, but Sandra valued the positive contact with the sufferers. Currently Sandra works at the Dixson Unit day care centre at Ryde where volunteers are always needed - people who are kind and gentle, and can respond graciously to patients who are often the frail and aged.

Rhoda Gates told of her experience at the Masters Games held recently in the Hunter Region where 32 people were trained to act as sports chaplains.

A certificate of appreciation was given to each denomination in recognition for the work undertaken by members as volunteers

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Report was circulated. FLC money is coming in well. Marie Majoor moved, seconded Bev Elliott that report be received. Carried.

Moved Marie Majoor, seconded Mina Whybourne that the cheques for payment be ratified. Carried.

PASTORAL CARE: Dss Heather Badgery reported that Bess Hayward's husband had a hip problem and had then broken his leg. Lily Hanlon is in Melbourne looking after family. Dorothy Woodhouse is not the best at present. Margaret Hawkins is doing well - has had hip surgery and will delay the knee surgery for the moment. Margaret Andries' husband had a leg amputated, but she is unwell herself. Elizabeth Walker has just returned from Canada. Helen Stutchbury involved in choir at Hayfield Village and is unable to attend today.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells advised that FLC literature is available for members to take and distribute. She still has copies of *Circle of Prayer*, and also some teaspoons. Shirley led us in a devotional - *A Voice from Canada on Abiding Peace and Confidence* - the Spirit guides us in the details of daily life and service.

WINIFRED KEIK SCHOLARSHIP: Mina Whybourne reported that the 2002 scholar is Lai Mui Ching - known as April - who was nominated by the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Women's Council. She intends to do an MA in Women's Study in Relation to Women and Religion at the Chinese University in Hong Kong. Mina had had contact with Rachel Kanly.

NEWSETTE: Thanks to Beryl McLaughlin for the latest very good issue.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Cela Cooper asked members to congratulate stores, where appropriate, for decorations which really portray the Christmas story.

This Website address for Fairwear gives some useful information, is worth looking up:

www.awatw.org.au/fairwear

A conference on human rights activities and racism involving indigenous and refugee women is to be held on Tuesday 4 December 2001 costing \$10 per session. Cela indicated she could attend the day session from 9.30-4.00 and asked if anyone would like to accompany her. Cela tabled Uniting Church *Mission Partners* and *Oxfam Horizons*.

ACWC: The fund raising calendars are selling well, and money should be collected within denominational groups. There are still some available. The date for the ACWC Service is set for 29 September 2002.

SPECIAL DAYS: World Community Day services had been well attended, and offerings to support a project in Pakistan are coming in. The theme for Fellowship Day 2002 is 'Rejoice in the Lord'.

Moved Judith Baker, Seconded Robyn Collins that the reports be received.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. Barbara Lacy - Pakistan; ACW Reps to ACWC including Lisa Jackson
2. National Executive - Minutes 11/9/2001
3. Robyn Claydon - acceptance
4. St Stephen's Uniting Church - invitation to Christmas Luncheon 5/12/2001
7. Cards from Mina Whybourne and Heather Reid
8. Dorothy Woodhouse - acknowledgment
9. World Day of Prayer - President to attend National Committee 6/11/2001
10. Pitt Street Uniting Church - Inter Faith Public Forum
11. YWCA - Public Forum on Women's Right to be Safe
12. Marjorie James - NCW NSW Awards Committee
13. National Conference Adelaide Minutes

Publications:

ACWC Bulletin

ACW ACT Newsletter October-December 2001/Adelaide Report

CWLA Diocese of Wollongong *The Flame* v.5/3

Womenspace 16 - 11/2001

Give Me Shelter - Lenten Studies

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

1. Victor West - son of Glad West
2. Revd Susanne Pain
3. Marjorie James
4. Noelene Roose - World Day of Prayer Quadrennial Conference

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: Nola Dickson reported on the Annual General Meeting held at Chatswood Salvation Army Citadel. The House of Welcome for refugees which has received great support from the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta is now functional. Christmas Bowl this year will help the Middle East Council of Churches in its work with Palestinian refugees. There was negativity evident in some reports, but the closing worship service ended the day on a positive note. As the next meeting is to be held in Bathurst, will ACW be represented?

KINCUMBER/CENTRAL COAST BRANCH: The report sent from this Branch was lost and did not appear in the June 2001 Annual Report of the NSW Unit. Bev Elliott accepted the apology for the omission and gave an insight into activities. From 1997 when 28 gathered at Kincumber numbers have built up to 72.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

1. World Day of Prayer National Committee 6/11/2001 - Jan attended
2. Pitt Street Uniting Church - Inter Faith Public Forum - Jan attended - Sr Pauline Rae, Graham Brookes and two speakers from Islamic Community, Jamila Hussain and Dawood Goddard, spoke.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Trading Table. Jan thanked Elsie for her efforts. Uniting Church ladies were thanked for providing morning tea and Catholic ladies for arranging the chairs.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 18 February 2002, 10.00 am - Morning Tea - Salvation Army
Chairs - Uniting Church

CLOSE & BENEDICTION: The Rev Alison Todd in closing gave thanks for things done, reminding us that we go forward to spread the Advent news, before pronouncing the benediction.

Confirmed: J.R. Hanson

Date: 18th February 2002

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (NSW STATE UNIT)

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
for three months ended 31.10.01**

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.08.01		9183.99
ADD RECEIPTS FOR THREE MONTHS		
Donations	30.00	
Affiliation	17.00	
Associate Members	40.00	
Stock	482.50	
Newsette	20.00	
FLC	5291.02	
Winifred Kiek S'ship	70.00	
Fellowship Day Service	3308.15	
World Community Day	2552.30	
ACWC Partners	245.10	
Glebe Board - Interest	54.06	
Bank Interest	0.00	
Refund cost of excursion at Nat. Conference	30.00	
Suspense A/c	287.85	
		<u>12427.98</u>
		21611.97
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR THREE MONTHS		
Printing & Stationery	20.00	
Postage & Phone	48.50	
Special Days Convener	23.90	
Stock - Calendars	1155.00	
Sundry Expenses	92.52	9.45
Newsette - Postage	<u>75.40</u>	
Printing		167.92
F'ship Lest Coin - Printing	551.88	252.72
World Community Day - Printing	<u>133.22</u>	
Postage		685.10
PPSEAWA - Annual Subscription	30.00	
National Conference - Airfares - President & Secretary	492.76	
Spiritual Reflection Day - Gift for speaker	50.00	
NCW NSW - Annual subscription	50.00	
Government Charges	9.40	
		<u>2994.75</u>
		18617.22
CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT		
National Council of Women NSW - Annual Subscription	50.00	
Label Hewitt - Reimbursement Airfare	253.22	
David Tong - Reimbursement for Calendars	1155.00	
Irene Carder - Special Days Convener expenses	23.90	
UC in Aust. Board of Finance & Property - Postage WCD	133.22	
UC NSW Synod - Printing World Community Day & FLC	508.60	
Kwik Kopy	296.00	
Return of Money overpaid by Lakemba ACW - WCD	77.00	
UC in Aust Trust Association - Use of rooms for 2002	250.00	
Joan Tong - Accom. for Uma 5 nights @ \$30 per night	150.00	
Beryl McLaughlin - Postage Newsette	82.46	
UC in Aust NSW Synod - Printing Newsette	80.80	
Jan Harrison - Stationery	18.00	
Postage	<u>13.50</u>	31.50
Heather Badgery - Pastoral Convener Expenses	52.50	
N.C.W. N.S.W. - Austral Day S'ships	500.00	
ACW Nat. Assoc. - FLC		
WKS		
F'ship Day		300.00
World Community Day		15.00
O/A travel - Nethairland		500.00
ACWC - Partners		300.00
- Underment Fund		
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Mari Majari - Stationery	3.75	
FLC Stamps	<u>45.00</u>	