

## **THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S COUNCIL USA**

At the September 2002 Annual Meeting of Country Women's Council USA it was voted to apply for membership as an affiliated society of The Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). CWC was accepted into membership a few weeks later at the October Council Meeting of ACWW. The Country Women's Council USA, is a coordinating council, composed of Associated Country Women of the World member societies in the USA and meets annually to promote the work of ACWW. The Country Women's Council USA, became the official name in 1946. Initially, the adopted title in 1939 was the United States Liaison Committee. The Council works actively to promote international understanding through such specific projects as Pennies for Friendship and through its participation in activities of certain specialized agencies in the United States. In 1952 an observer was named to the United Nations. In 1958, ACWW was granted Category B status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) with Mrs. George Roberts as ACWW-UN representative. By meeting together, the many societies of ACWW in the United States of America have made the Country Women's Council USA, an efficient, cooperative, and understanding body. Thus, CWC has served to strengthen ACWW and, in so doing, has become strong and effective in the promotion of the activities of the mother organization.

### **ACTIVITIES**

The Country Women's Council USA, does not formulate policy. It may, and often does offer recommendations and suggestions from member societies to the international office of ACWW. Its programs and activities are devoted to carrying out the policies of ACWW, and to do this, it has the officers previously listed, and their respective duties.

### **PENNIES FOR FRIENDSHIP**

This activity provides a way for each individual member of societies to take an active part in the work of ACWW. By contributing to Pennies for Friendship, each member promotes world friendship, understanding and goodwill. Pennies for Friendship are a major source of the income to carry out the work of ACWW. CWC urges members to participate in this activity.

### **RUTH BUXTON SAYRE SCHOLARSHIP**

Ruth Buxton Sayre was known as the "First Lady of the Farm" and inspired millions of rural women around the world to improve themselves and their communities with her practicality, humor, decency, and common sense. As a young farm mother, she began her life work in striving for better conditions for farm women and their families by organizing her neighbors for college extension classes. She earned high posts in state, national and international organizations and served as ACWW President from 1947-1953.

Country Women's Council USA, offers a Ruth B. Sayre Memorial Scholarship each year to a woman who is a legal resident of the USA, who shows a financial need, and who has the ability to complete her education.

Applications shall be made through an ACWW affiliated organization, but applicants need not necessarily be members. ([ACWW Membership Application](#))

The Scholarship recipient or recipients shall be paid up to the amount of \$500 for a year's period of study, the money to be sent to the educational institution she is attending for tuition and/or books. The recipients may apply the succeeding year.

Donations are accepted for the furtherance of educational development of American women.