

Summer 2005

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## From Ruth...

Ruth Jackson  
NACW President

It's hard to believe that my term as NACW's president is nearly over – where does the time go? For the past two years, I've had the pleasure of working with some remarkable and talented women – your Board of Directors, Officers and Executive Director. They have spent considerable personal time and finances in representing your national organization in a professional and industrious manner. I am proud of them and sincerely appreciate their dedication.

I commend the work of Women's Commissions who work across America to assist, encourage, inform and empower women and girls. Significant work has been done recently to assist non-English speaking women in accessing important public information and in educating them about financial planning and wise budgeting. Some Commissions hold ethnic conferences where they celebrate the accomplishments of minority youth and highlight their cultural talents. These programs demonstrate the diligence of Commissions who recognize that they fill continuing needs in their communities as they assess and serve emerging needs.

Thanks to all of you for your innovative leadership and your dedicated service.

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## NACW Member Benefits: A Review from the Kentucky Commission on Women

Glenda R. Woods  
Executive Director  
Kentucky Commission on Women

The Kentucky Commission on Women (KCW) is proud to be one of the three oldest commissions on women in the nation and a member of the National Association of Commissions for Women. Having just celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we recognize that our affiliation with NACW guarantees that together, we have the power to accomplish goals and make an impact on the issues that matter most to Kentucky women. Whether we are addressing equal opportunity in

## Convention 2005!

You won't want to miss this year's NACW convention at the luxurious Eden Roc Renaissance Resort & Spa in exciting Miami, Florida July 13-17!

The theme, "Get On Your Feet – Make It Happen!" is sure to have you not only tapping your toes, but energized with networking, educational sessions and more networking.

For a registration packet, visit the Florida Commission on the Status of Women website, <http://www.fcs.w.net/nacw2005/> or call 850.414.3300

Hurry!! We're looking forward to seeing you there!

***TIP: To save money when you attend convention, share a room with others from your commission or let one of the NACW Directors know that you're looking for someone to share a room with. Many of us have shared rooms and made great friends in our search of economical ways to expand our horizons.***

## NACW Convention Sites

2005 – Miami, Florida July 13-17  
Call Florida Commission on the Status of Women for a registration packet  
850.414.3300

2006 – Austin, Texas  
2007 – Could be YOUR state!

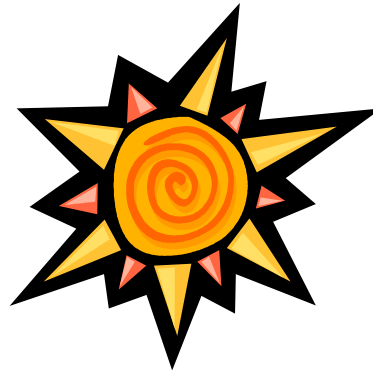
## Quotables

- The phrase 'working mother' is redundant.  
Jane Sellman
- It was we, the people;  
not we, the white male citizens;  
not yet we, the male citizens;  
but we the whole people who formed the Union.  
Susan B. Anthony
- If you always do what you've always done,  
you'll always get what you've always gotten.  
Anonymous
- The history of all times, and of today,  
especially, teaches that...women will be  
forgotten if they forget about themselves.  
Louise Otto-Peters, 1849

employment, educational achievement, or women's empowerment, we can make a difference. Collectively, it is this relationship-building that allows us to address topics of interest in a united and assertive way. As we fully develop our "strength in action," we strive to maintain constant contact and to awake the consciousness with progressive attitudes and actions.

Active participation in NACW renders unlimited advantages for the KCW. First and foremost, NACW serves as a nationwide resource by providing a wealth of knowledge for individuals and commissions preparing for conferences, seminars and workshops. Networking with fellow NACW members has proven to be priceless as we share information and prepare for the KCW Women's Economic Summit.

Secondly, NACW members can take advantage of the numerous opportunities for leadership development. Through various committees and positions, personal and professional growth can be developed and enhanced with NACW membership. In addition, NACW renders heightened



awareness regarding the issues of concern to Kentucky's women and increases the number of women participating in KCW projects, including the KCW Regional Meetings being conducted in Kentucky's 15 Area Development Districts. This awareness yields a unified effort that certainly assists in the elimination of barriers that can impede progressive

thinking and action. Consequently, the association accelerates the process of creating, developing and implementing solutions that enhance the lives of all Kentuckians.

Another obvious benefit to NACW membership is the impact we can make on Kentucky's younger women and girls. Members and volunteers of KCW serve as role models for the girls of the Commonwealth. Hence, our NACW membership and active participation reveals our commitment and dedication to achieve and improve the economic status of Kentucky's women. We are putting words into action and working for a better quality of life for today's girls and tomorrow's women.

Many other NACW benefits exist! Certainly, there is a desire in every Commission office to over-allocate resources! Through NACW, great strides can be made on every issue. NACW participation can allow individual Commissions to view the national perspective and, whether you are in Kentucky or Utah, move forward in unison. Commissions are made up of women from all walks of life. I invite you to join NACW and enjoy the many benefits of membership. NACW is a valuable resource for the Kentucky Commission on Women!

*Are your NACW dues up-to-date? Join or renew your membership in NACW to continue receiving newsletters and other important information from NACW. Call the national office (800.338.9267) today!!*

### **NACW Dues Structure**

● NACW dues are based on commission budgets:

\$50,000+.....	\$250/year
\$15,000-\$49,999.....	\$125/year
Less than \$15,000.....	\$75/year
Zero.....	\$50/year

Dues are due and payable on January 1 of each year

***TIP: If your commission has no budget, it's easy to take a collection from the commissioners and invest in an NACW membership. You'll gain from the opportunities available from networking via email and in person at the convention, and hints and projects available through the newsletter and website.***

***TIP: Request an emailed logo from NACW National Office to display your Commission's membership in NACW. It's easily placed in newsletters and informational brochures, and helps add credibility and professionalism to your Commission's image. Check the front page of this newsletter for contact information for NACW's National Office.***

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## **2005 NACW Member Commissions**

### **Arizona**

Phoenix Women's Commission

### **California**

California Commission on the Status of Women  
Glendale Commission on the Status of Women  
Los Angeles County Commission for Women  
Marin County Women's Commission  
Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women  
Riverside County Commission on the Status of Women  
San Joaquin Commission on the Status of Women  
Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women  
Ventura County Commission for Women

### **Colorado**

Denver Women's Commission

### **Connecticut**

Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

### **Delaware**

Delaware Commission for Women

### **Florida**

Florida Commission on the Status of Women  
Broward County Commission on the Status of Women  
Miami-Dade County Commission for Women  
North Miami Beach Commission on the Status of Women  
Okaloosa County Commission on the Status of Women

### **Georgia**

Georgia State Commission on Women

### **Iowa**

Iowa Commission on the Status of Women

### **Illinois**

Cook County Commission on Women's Issues

### **Indiana**

Gary Commission on the Status of Women

### **Kentucky**

Kentucky Commission on Women  
Jefferson County Office for Women

### **Louisiana**

Louisiana Governor's Office on Women's Policy  
Lafayette Commission on the Needs of Women

### **Maryland**

Maryland Commission for Women  
Baltimore County Commission for Women  
Calvert County Commission for Women  
Frederick County Commission for Women  
Montgomery County Commission for Women  
Washington County Commission for Women

### **Massachusetts**

Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

### **Michigan**

Michigan Women's Commission

### **Nebraska**

Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission

### Noteworthy

- Congratulations to the newly-formed Detroit Commission on the Status of Women!
- The Ingham County Women's Commission in Michigan recently celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary!
- Long-time executive director of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women Lorene Irizarry has retired – her expertise and experience will be missed as a veteran member of NACW. Welcome to the new executive director, Dawn Matheny!

*NACW Networking* newsletter produced by Bonnie Coffey, Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission. Suggestions, submissions and news welcome. Send to [bcoffey123@aol.com](mailto:bcoffey123@aol.com)

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## 2005 NACW Member Commissions (cont'd)

### **New Jersey**

Bergen County Commission on the Status of Women  
New Jersey Advisory Commission on the Status of Women  
Somerset County Commission for Women

### **New Mexico**

New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women

### **New York**

Westchester County Office for Women

### **North Carolina**

Greensboro Commission on the Status of Women  
Mecklenburg County Women's Commission  
Wake County Commission for Women

### **Oklahoma**

Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women  
Lawton Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

### **Pennsylvania**

Chester County Women's Commission  
Cumberland County Commission for Women  
Delaware County Women's Commission  
Lackawanna County Commission for Women  
Pennsylvania Commission for Women

### **Puerto Rico**

Puerto Rico Commission for Women's Affairs

### **Rhode Island**

Rhode Island Commission for Women

### **Tennessee**

Tennessee Economic Council for Women

### **Texas**

Austin Commission for Women  
Fort Worth Commission on the Status of Women

### **Utah**

Utah Commission for Women and Families

### **Vermont**

Vermont Commission on Women

### **Virginia**

Arlington County Commission on the Status of Women  
City of Richmond HSC Committee on Women  
Fairfax City Commission for Women  
Fairfax County Commission for Women  
Virginia Council on the Status of Women

### **West Virginia**

West Virginia Women's Commission

### **Wisconsin**

Wisconsin Women's Council

### **Wyoming**

Wyoming Council for Women's Issues

### **Affiliate Members**

Kerry Barlow – California  
Carolyn D. Williams - Maryland