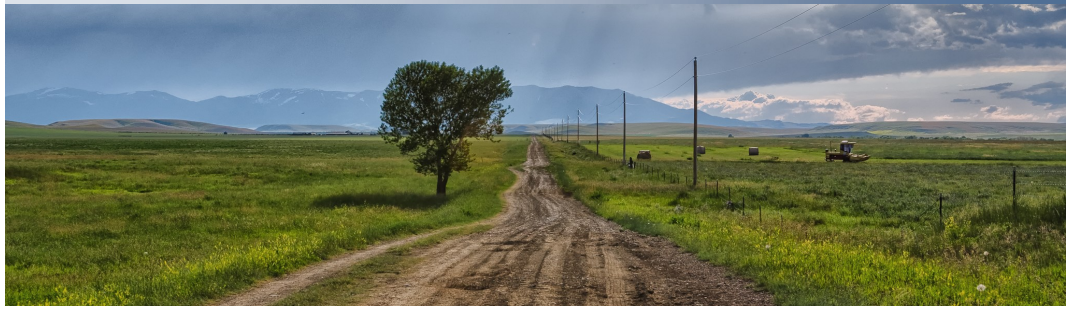




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2012 and 2013 have been a whirlwind of activity. With multiple CWA of Oklahoma activities, CWA national activities and, on a more personal note, tornadoes through which so many of us have had to go.

As you read through this newsletter know that all of this would not have been accomplished without the many devoted individuals who have supported CWA of Oklahoma through their

finances, participation and faithful prayers. It is because of you that CWA of Oklahoma exists to make a difference in our great state. May the Lord bless you greatly for your involvement.

In addition I would like to give special thanks to our enthusiastic Steering Committee Members - Jeri Ross, Sheila Porritt



Sheila Porritt, Sheridan Crenshaw & Jeri Ross

and Cynthia Burleson as well as Tulsa Prayer/ Action Chapter Leader Linda Harrison and Home Team Captain Shirley Lester. You are the backbone of CWA of Oklahoma!

Sheridan Crenshaw

March for Religious Freedom

We began 2012 with the March for Religious Freedom in Tulsa against the Health-Care Mandate which the federal government imposed on businesses and religious institutions requiring them to provide for birth control, sterilization, and abortions in their health insurance coverage which violates their religious beliefs.

The march was organized by Linda Harrison with the help of ORU Young Women for America Chapter Leader Heather Grubb. They made arrangements for a number of community leaders and clergy to be in attendance at the event. The Catholic Church was well represented. CWA State director, Sheridan Crenshaw, was one of the



speakers. Jerry Ross, CWA Oklahoma Steering Committee Member, and Carolyn Leighton, a Prayer/Action Chapter

**"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."
Ephesians 5:15-16
NKJV**

member from Oklahoma City were also in attendance.

The event received good support from the community with many

individuals who were concerned about the erosion of our religious freedoms attending.

This issue is still of great concern. Please read this

recent press release that Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) put out, [Obama Administration Continues Assault on](#)

[Religious Freedom.](#), as well as a handful of the articles on the [CWALAC](#) site that apply.

Take a Stand

CWA of Oklahoma held their "Take A Stand" conference on Saturday, October 20, 2012, which was open to the public and free of charge.

State Director, Sheridan Crenshaw, with the help of Jerry Ross and Sheila Porritt, Steering Committee Members, worked long hours to pull

together this successful One-day conference.

The guest speakers included: Congressman James Lankford (R-District 5); State Attorney General Scott Pruitt; State Rep. Sally Kern (R-District 84); State Rep. Charles Keyes (R-District 90); Dr. Janice Ponds, author of *Stealing the Minds of America* and pastor Dan Fisher, Trinity Baptist Church in Yukon, Oklahoma, presented "The Black Robed Regiment".

Music was provided by "Voices", an inspirational

ensemble group led by J. Mark Taylor.

A Recognition Award was presented to Mrs. Diedre McCool, Executive Director of Deaconess Pregnancy and Adoption Services.

The conference was a huge success. Everything went like clock-work. What a blessing! Even as late as March of this year, several people have asked if we are planning anything like it in the future.



Sheridan welcomes the attendees



Linda Harrison, Dr. Janice Ponds, Sheridan Crenshaw, Pamela Cassimere



Congressman James Lankford



Moving Forward

In mid-November, 2012, Linda Harrison held a special Prayer/Action Chapter meeting on the ORU campus in Tulsa which was another

outstanding event. The discussion was about religious freedom and how do we move forward after the November elections. Among the five

speakers were ORU Professor Mark Roberts and Monsignor Patrick Gaalaas from the Catholic Diocese in Tulsa.

Trip to Washington, D.C.

January 23-25, 2013, CWA held a national leadership conference for all of their state and area directors. In addition to a full day of training, we participated in the March for Life commemorating the 40th anniversary of the *Roe vs. Wade* court

decision. The day of the March, we paid visits to members of the House of Representatives, including Congressman James Lankford (R-Oklahoma 5th District), to encourage them to vote in favor of legislation presented by

Congressman Franks (R-Arizona). The Prenatal Non-Discrimination Act (PRENDA) would prohibit sex selection abortions.



"She's Somebody's Daughter" Project & Event

In 2013, Concerned Women for America, Oklahoma, is assisting a national project that is being launched from Oklahoma City. It is the, "She's Somebody's Daughter" project (<http://shessomebodysdaughter.wordpress.com/>). The purpose of the campaign is to begin a discussion about the effects of pornography on society as a whole and specifically informing parents how to protect

their children from its influence. The launch date is Tuesday, October 1, with the "Shine Your Light" event being held at Wheeler Park. Our goal is to shine 5,000 lights in the darkness that night. We welcome all of you to come and bring your church, family and friends. There will be a Parents' Awareness Meeting as a follow-up event on October 3, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. which will be held at the Character

Inn Conference Center on West Main Street in Oklahoma City.

If your church would be interested in participating in this national campaign beginning in Oklahoma City in October, please let us know. We need as many of the community as possible to participate. We can send you the information you will need to get involved. If you want information about the "She's Somebody's

Daughter", Shine Your Light event. contact us at director@oklahoma.cwfa.org.

There will be a program for children from ages 4 years old and up during the event. Parents attending will be able to have a filter system placed on their computers for free for one year.

Watch for more information to come on this great project.

CWA of Oklahoma Takes on Willing Campaign

We are excited about the new WILLING campaign that CWA has launched. Are you willing to stand up for Truth, whatever the cost?

"Willing" is our pledge to GOD, as testimony to the world, that we will never deny Him or His Word, whatever the cost. Jesus Christ told us that "If

they persecuted [Him], they will also persecute you." (John 15:20) Therefore, we shouldn't be surprised when the world rejects us. We need to remain faithful to Him *in every area* and endure whatever momentary afflictions we may endure, for our trust is in Him alone.

Go to Willing2stand.org for more information about this exciting opportunity.

They are providing us with colorful wrist



bracelets sporting the word WILLING on one side and 1 John 3:16 on the other. You can purchase one or several to give to family and friends

for \$3.00 from CWA of Oklahoma. They come in sizes small to large as well as child size. E-mail us at director@oklahoma.cwfa.org and

let us know if you are interested in purchasing a bracelet as a witness and conversation starter. When ordering the bracelets, we need your

check for the correct amount (\$3.x the number) and your correct mailing address for us to return them to you.

The Backbone of CWA is Prayer/Action Chapters

We now have a challenge set before us to build Prayer/ Action Chapters across our great state. Without local Prayer/Action Chapters around the United States, CWA would not be what it is today. The hundreds of Chapter leaders across the country, and their Chapter members, put feet to the work that is done on a national and state level.

Helpful information:

- [How to Become a Prayer/Action Chapter Leader](#)
- [What a Typical CWA Prayer/Action Chapter Meeting Looks Like](#)



Know that we will train you and support you in any

of the many who gives strength and power to our message by joining or starting a Prayer/Action Chapter!

way possible.

Please pray and ask the Lord if you are to be one

[Contact us](#) today!

CWA of Oklahoma Support 40 Days for Life

The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism with the purpose of repentance, to seek

God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion.

The next campaign is [September 25 – November 3](#). We

encourage you to mark your calendar and plan to participate in your local area. [Click here](#) to find out more about 40 Days for Life. [Click here](#) after to find out the closest prayer vigil to you.

Young Women for America (YWA) is a project of CWA. It is a student-oriented chapter that is geared toward high school and college campuses to bring active groups of young like-minded women together to promote conservative values to their schools and the nation. Do you know a young person who may be interested? Please send her to cwfa.org/ywa.

Currently in Oklahoma we have one YWA chapter and that's at ORU. If you know of someone currently attending ORU, please get them in contact with Heather Lahmeyer at heather_lahmeyer@oru.edu.



Who knows what God will call us to do next. The important part is for us to be ready when He calls.

CWA Membership — State & National

A donation of \$25 or more has TWO benefits: membership in CWA of Oklahoma and membership in CWA national. All donations sent to CWA of Oklahoma, P.O. Box 20585, Oklahoma, OK 73156 remain in Oklahoma for state projects. All donations sent to CWA national in response to their mailings are utilized in Washington, D.C. Your renewed annual membership/additional donation is greatly appreciated.

All contributions are tax-deductible.

Make it easy! [Click here](#) to contribute online right now.

Live in Southeast Oklahoma?

Cynthia Burleson, Prayer/Action Chapter Leader and Southeast Coordinator, from Kenefic, Oklahoma, is working to develop Prayer/Action chapters in southeastern Oklahoma. If you live in Durant or surrounding areas in southeastern Oklahoma and would be interested in being a Prayer/Action Chapter Leader please contact us at director@oklahoma.cwfa.org.