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Dear CWA Members & Friends,

Thank you for your support and gifts to Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Kansas. CWA is the largest women's public policy organization in the nation, and I am proud to be part of it. As a reminder, men are always welcome, too!

Because of your support and giving, we were able to be part of and accomplish much this year. Let me share with you just a few of those accomplishments from 2016:

- ◆ The events we sponsored or promoted this year included **“Prayer on the Hill”, a pro-life rally, two presentations of the documentary *Agenda 2: Masters of Deceit*, “The Black Robe Regiment”, Franklin Graham’s “Decision America Tour”, and a religious freedom rally**, with thousands attending both the tour and the rally.
- ◆ We faithfully prayed for and encouraged our state legislators this year through our annual **Encourage-A-Legislator program**. This is a tremendous help to the legislators; several of them do not necessarily agree with our policies, but they appreciate our prayers. Of course, the ones who do agree with us appreciate getting the post cards as well. Some even put them on their desks so they can refer to and be encouraged by them throughout the week.
- ◆ In April, we started working on the **CWA of Kansas Voter Guide**. We covered all four congressional districts for the Primary Elections, and were able to cover three congressional districts for the General Elections. CWA of Kansas Steering Committee Member Phillis Setchell guided volunteers through this process. We owe a lot of gratitude to her and her volunteers.
- ◆ In August, September and October we offered **Candidate Forums**. One forum was held for the Primary Election in Topeka. Three forums were held for the General Election, in Topeka, Lawrence and Wamego. We were able to get videos of each forum for the General Election out to our e-alert list. Attendees wrote the questions for the moderators. Our moderators, Al Riddle, Heritage Christian School teacher, Kirk Nystrom, Attorney, and John McFarland, Pastor of Christ Covenant Church, did a great job. The feedback from the forums was positive from the candidates and the public. They were thought to be both fun and informative.



One of the many times I visited with Pro Tem Peggy Mast (R-District 76) at the State Capitol. Peggy supports our issues to the fullest. She did not run in the current election. We appreciate all she has done through her years of service.



- ◆ **We added members the state Steering Committee** including Legislative Liaison Michelle Schroeder, Prayer/Action Chapter Coordinator Linda Caswell and Young Women for America President at Emporia State University Grayce McAllister.



As we look toward 2017, we know that there will be much to do. Will you join us in our endeavors? There is an array of opportunities for you to get involved!

Some of the Steering Committee members: Events Planner Phillis Setchell, myself, Encourage-A-Legislator Coordinator Marcia Kessler and Legislative Liaison Michelle Schroeder.

- ❑ **Attend or start a [Prayer/Action Chapter](#)** in your area. It is one of our top priorities in 2017 to develop CWA Chapters across Kansas to pray and educate attendees on issues such as religious freedom, national sovereignty, support for Israel, family, the sanctity of human life, education, and sexual exploitation. [Contact me](#) today to find out if there is a chapter in your area and/or for information about getting one started.
- ❑ **Participate in our Encourage-A-Legislator program** by praying for a state legislator every day of the legislative session and sending an encouraging postcard once a month. Sign up by [contacting me](#) with your name, street address and e-mail address, and we will send you your assigned legislator and postcards for the four months of the legislative session.
- ❑ **Regularly respond to the e-alerts** we send to you throughout the year by both praying and taking action. And, pass them on to others to do the same. [Contact me](#) today if you are not yet on our e-alert list.
- ❑ **Support CWA of Kansas with a generous gift.** CWA of Kansas is led by all volunteers, so you know that every dollar given goes directly to the work at hand. Make a tax-deductible contribution by sending a check written out to “Concerned Women for America” and send it to the address below. Or, [contribute online](#).
- ❑ **Commit to praying for the CWA of Kansas steering committee** on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Pray the Lord guides us in our plans and gives us success in the areas in which we apply ourselves.

Thank you for your prayers, actions and financial support as we continue our efforts in 2017. Know that it is greatly needed and appreciated.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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