



“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
-Isaiah 9:6

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours from Concerned Women for America of Kansas!

I thank the Lord for YOUR partnership in this ministry. YOUR prayers for both CWA of Kansas and the issues at hand, have been vital. The many phone calls YOU made, the emails and letters YOU sent to your legislators, the time YOU spent attending events, and the financial support YOU contributed, put feet to all that CWA of Kansas does. We are immensely grateful for YOU!

I pray you are able to take time with your loved ones to enjoy the fullness of this Holy Season of celebrating our Savior's birth. **Praise to our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!**

May you have a healthy, happy, and peaceful New Year.

Barbara
Barbara Saldivar
State Director

Concerned Women for America of Kansas, as part of the nation's largest public policy women's organization, has had a very busy year! Let me share a few highlights that YOU made possible as you prayed, you took action, and you financially supported us throughout 2018.

Impact 2018

CWA of Kansas State Conference

We began the year with Impact 2018, CWA of Kansas' *first* state conference. It was phenomenal! We were thrilled to have over 70 in attendance. We received great feedback.

The event started with a *Meet & Greet* at the state capitol where we had a continental breakfast with our legislators and Gov. Jeff Coyle. We enjoyed good food, fellowship, and networking.

We then went to a nearby church where we were encouraged, inspired, and educated by incredible speakers. We had CEO and President of CWA Penny Nance, National Field Director of CWA Janae Stracke, Secretary of State Kris Kobach, Kansas Attorney General Dereck Schmidt, State Rep. Ron Highland (R-District 51), President of Kansans for Life Joe Patton, Executive Director Topeka Rescue Mission Barry Feaker, State Sen. Caryn Tyson (R), and State Rep. Susan Humphries (R-District 99). They spoke on an array of issues such as the *Adoption Protection Act*, legislation concerning the trafficking issue, the wonderful work that the Topeka Rescue Mission is doing to rescue trafficked victims, state pro-life strategy, the value and need for conservative women in the public policy arena, and more.

The conference concluded with an introduction of our Feisty & Feminine Workshops based on Penny's book, *Feisty & Feminine: A Rallying Cry for Conservative Women*. Attendees were encouraged to host a workshop in their area with the goal of having workshops all across the state. (More about the workshop on the next page.) Penny then honored us with a book signing.

Capitol Influence

Through the legislative session we took a stand on the Adoption Protection Act, HB 2687, and Choose Life license plates, HB 2678. **Praise be to God, both were signed into law.**

HB 2687 was greatly needed in Kansas. If it hadn't passed, it would have left our adoption agencies open to lawsuits and legislation that would force faith-based adoption agencies to adopt out to same-sex couples or shut down. This had already happened in several states and we were not going to let Kansas be next. We attended several meetings at the



Legislative Liaison Michelle Schroeder, Barbara Saldivar, Gov. Jeff Coyle, Penny Nance, and Special Advisor Linda Highland



Janae Stracke, Rep. Humphries, Michelle Schroeder, Events Coordinator Phillis Setchell, Barbara Saldivar, Penny Nance, Education Specialist Lisa Huesers, Linda Highland, and Marcia Kessler.



capitol, had Rep. Humphries speak to our conference attendees on the issue, and put out several e-alerts encouraging members to pray about the issue and then to contact their legislators in support of HB 2687.

HB 2678 now allows the state of Kansas to issue special pro-life license plates. CWA of Kansas assisted Rep. Jacobs (R–District 4), the sponsor of the bill, with research and [testified before the House Transportation Committee](#) in favor of the bill.



Pictures were taken right after the Choose Life hearing. Picture to the left is of Eric Teetsel, President Family Policy Alliance of Kansas, Barbara Saldivar, Rep. Trevor Jacobs, Michelle Schroeder, CWA of Kansas Leg. Liaison and Linda Highland, CWA of Kansas Special Advisor right after the Choose Life hearing.



Feisty & Feminine Workshops

Speaking out against the left's narrative and keeping our femininity intact is precisely what is needed to ensure we are not intimidated by those whose values are clearly destructive to women, our families and our country. We need to learn to speak up with authority and engage a culture desperate for a redemptive message. This is the message of Penny Nance's book and what inspired us to hold workshops across the state.

So far we have held workshops in Lawrence, Wichita and several in Topeka. We hope to have one in Emporia next.

Will you consider hosting a Feisty & Feminine Workshop in your area? You simply supply the location, some administrative assistance, and we provide everything else. [Click here](#) for more information in our brochure.



Thank your Linda Caswell!

Our Prayer/Action Chapter Coordinator and Sex Trafficking Issue Specialist, Linda Caswell, resigned recently. She and her husband, Leon, moved to Oklahoma. **Both she and her husband have been a tremendous asset to CWA of Kansas and will be missed terribly.** Word on the street is that CWA national would like for her to become the State Director for CWA of Oklahoma!

Welcome Mary Meens!

We are excited to announce that Mary Meens has stepped into the position of Prayer/Action Chapter Coordinator. **Mary understands the importance of both prayer and action.** If you are interested in finding out if there is a CWA Prayer/Action Chapter in your area, or have some questions about possibly starting one, contact Mary at mcenzylife@gmail.com.

Women for Kavanaugh

CWA of Kansas prayed, wrote, and called on behalf of the confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. CWA national did an incredible job with [events, media](#), an eight state [bus tour](#) and more. We are pleased to know Kavanaugh now sits on our Supreme Court. Plus, **midterms proved the Kavanaugh vote was the key to Senate gains.** In a [press release](#) dated November 7, Penny Nance stated, "The voters rejected the mob mentality that tried to destroy an honorable man in the name of political power. This is good news for our political discourse going forward." We are excited to see this conservative Senate confirm many more constitutionally sound judges.



Penny had the honor of attending the swearing in ceremony and took this picture from her seat.

Douglas County Candidate Forum a Great Success!

The Prayer/Action Chapter in Douglas County presented a forum for the primary with all the candidates running for the 2nd District U.S. Representative, six in all. Steven Watkins won that primary and went on to win the General Election. CWA of Kansas congratulates him and will be praying for him as he goes to Washington D.C. to represent us.



Are You An Encourager?

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Encouragers are needed ASAP to be part of CWA of Kansas's Encourage-A-Legislator (EAL) program. The goal of the EAL program is to encourage each member of the Kansas House and Senate by praying for them on a regular basis and sending them a postcard every week throughout the legislative session. The Kansas Legislative session starts in mid-January and usually ends in late March or early April. We hope to cover all those "in authority" in Kansas; 125 House members, 40 Senate members. This program is never used to lobby, it is simply a great way to lift up those in authority and encourage them in their responsibilities.

We provide the name and address of the assigned legislator(s) and the post cards and you commit to praying for your individual(s) every Monday morning the Kansas Legislature is in session and then mail a pre-printed EAL postcard on that day.

Information is power, and we at CWA of Kansas strive to provide you with information with which you can act upon. However, we know that without prayer our efforts to inform and influence can be without effect. We also know that those whom God has allowed to be placed in positions of authority need our prayers for wisdom and direction regardless of whether they are conservative or liberal. CWA of Kansas plans to deliver those prayer! Please join us!

Sign up today to be an encourager! Sign up by emailing director@kansas.cwfa.org. Be sure to specify how many individuals you would like to encourage. You will then be sent a packet of with the name of your legislator/s, post cards and instructions.

A Special Volunteer Needed to oversee the EAL Program - EAL Coordinator - This individual will oversee the administration of the program. Contact us today for more information! You are needed!

2019, Here We Come!

As you well know, in 2019 we will be contending with our new Governor, Gov. Laura Kelly, and her anti-Biblical ideals. She has already declared that she will be issuing an executive order to counteract Former Gov. Brownback's executive order to give affirmative action to the LGBT Community. (Read nbcnews.org article for more information.) In addition she plans to give even more funds to education (already over half our state budget) and to not enforce the Adoption Protection Act that has been signed into law.



Our pro-family legislators will need lots of prayer and help during the next two years as the attacks continue against all that has been accomplished the past eight years. Know that CWA of Kansas is prepared to take a strong stance through both prayer and action to support our [core issues](#). We hope you will join us!

Our prayer is that in 2019 the Name of Christ will be lifted high, that we will continue to make progress in our state and nation for truth and righteousness, and that many will join with us.

The Gift of Giving

Please consider sending a final 2018 gift to CWA of Kansas to give us a sure foundation as we enter into 2019. Though we are staffed by 100 percent volunteers, conferences, workshops, and trips to the capitol all cost money. It is YOUR generosity that impacted 2018 and it is our hope that you will once again impact 2019.

Please send a check written out to "Concerned Women for America," with "CWA of Kansas" on the memo line, to P.O. Box 8331, Topeka, KS 66608. Or contribute [online](#). If not you, then who? Any amount is appreciated.

