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My journey began in the year 2000. The first time I walked into my affiliation meeting to check it out, I walked out as the Recording Secretary! I have since served in many leadership positions which have been a benefit to me in all areas of my life. My council work has allowed me to explore talents I never knew I had and gave me the platform to provide service to others. I am currently serving as the President of Friends of NCCW for WUCWO; as WUCWO Liaison and Historian in the Province of Miami; Legislation and Catholic Days at the Capitol Chair for my Archdiocesan council, and legislation chair for both my deanery and affiliation councils. I am a supporting member of NCCW and I believe in the National Council of Catholic Women and its mission.



Yvonne W. Pygatt
Statement of Intent

With a Servants Heart and a Prayer of concernment, I offer my talents to serve the Women of NCCW as your next Secretary.

Service has always been apart of my make up and I gladly and willingly welcome the opportunity to serve! Since joining this wonderful organization, I have seen firsthand how the NCCW continues to do so much for the Church, Community and those in need. While incorporating Prayer in everything we do, primarily as our guide.

I joined NCCW, prior to having rendered service on the local, state, Province, and finally, the National level. My faith in God has led to the path to serve and be of service to others, giving back to those less fortunate,

My professional career is that of a Licensed Social Worker, with a B.A. in Social Work, master's in Counselor Education and Masters in Therapeutic Counseling. I retired after 36 Years as a Counselor and School Social Worker. I received the award of Employee of the Month on four occasions.

Experience and Recognition

In my Parish at St Martin de Porres Church Women's group, (The Rosary Altar Society) Columbia, South Carolina, I served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasure. For the Deanery of Columbia, I also served within the same capacities. On the Province Level, I served as a Province Rep. On the State level, I served as Service Commission Chair, Resolutions Chair, member of Membership Committee and Legislative Chair. I also served on SCCCW Convention Committee to help plan and conduct the coordination of past convention. I also Cochaired one of the SCCCW Conventions. During one of the past conventions, I was recognized by the SCCCW President with the President's Award. I am also an active member for over 24 years with the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver Court#380 and was recently elected as the Vice Grand Lady.

On the NCCW level, I had the pleasure of serving as Chair of Nominating Committee, Chair of, Service Commission, Chair of Resolution, Member of Leadership, and currently serve on the Legislative Advocacy Committee. I was honored to have been featured on the cover of Catholic Woman magazine.

In all positions and service provided, I strive to serve with professionalism, accuracy, integrity with a sense of willingness and determination. If elected as your next Secretary, I would be ever so honored and humble to serve, as We, the Women of NCCW continue to work together to grow Council in a positive direction.



Kay Wessel, NCCW Secretary Nomination information

Statement: I value the programs supported by NCCW, in particular Human Trafficking having scheduled several trafficked survivors to speak at Diocesan/Province meetings. I've organized a Diocesan Pro-Life Diaper Drive for the last fifteen years, involving 130 parishes. This year we collected 218,965 diapers to support the Diocesan Pregnancy Centers, Catholic Social Services, Birthright and The Women's Care Center. I've held leadership positions with several CCW levels as well as 36 years with the Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Services. I would be honored to serve as your next Secretary and feel I have the experience needed to fulfill the responsibilities. My husband, Jerry is very supportive of my NCCW involvement and has attended 7 of the last 8 Conventions.

NCCW: Province Director, Province of Omaha 2022-2024
Our Lady of Good Counsel Committee 2023
Resolutions Committee 2024

Diocesan: Lincoln DCCW positions held include President, President Elect, Secretary and Service Commission Chair.

Deanery: Crete Deanery CCW positions held include President, Vice-President and Secretary

Parish: Sacred Heart PCCW positions include President, Vice-President, Secretary and Service Commission Chair.

NCCW Conventions: 2010, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024

Education: High School

Work Experience:

- Scheduler and Medical Secretary for physicians
- Support staff for New York Life Assurance Society.
- Office Manager, Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS), supervising teams of 8 to 80 processing Medicaid claims for twenty-five (25) years. Responsible for hiring staff and interpreting State and Federal regulations. Training of medical and dental office staff on correct claim form completion. Eleven (11) years with DHHS supervising Medicaid business analysts writing claims processing procedures and system testing prior to implementation. DHHS Supervisor of the year in 2011. Retired in 2014 after 36 years with DHHS.

Other: My husband Jerry and I are parishioners at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Crete, NE

Prayer Warrior of the Seven Sister Apostolate

Get together with six ladies of the parish making lap blankets for nursing facility residents for 20 years.

Volunteer and Board member at Birthright of Lincoln.