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Upcoming Events

November 8: Wendy Wright, Rotary Club, Richmond, Virginia, on the United Nations

November 18: Jan LaRue, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina, on pro-life issues

December 1: Dr. Janice Crouse, Chapel Address, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana

December 6: Dr. Janice Crouse, Haiti's National Centennial Celebration, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

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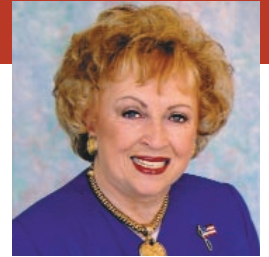
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From time to time, CWA receives requests from other like-minded organizations to use its membership roster for the purpose of contacting our members by mail. Those requests have been turned down in the past because of a general policy of CWA. Many times, however, we believe you may benefit from receiving these informative mailings. Effective January 1, and on an extremely limited basis, we may begin to honor these requests. We will carefully consider each request and assure you that only appropriate and tightly screened offers will be permitted. If you would prefer that we didn't make your name available to other organizations, please write us at 1015 - 15th Street, NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005 or e-mail us at lstadmin@cwfa.org.

Chairman's Desk

Missouri's Sweet Victory



"We had no money, we had no time, but God wanted to show what He could do just by His people showing up," says CWA member Bev Ehlen of St. Louis, Missouri, about the battle to pass the Missouri marriage amendment.

Marriage supporters had only weeks to prepare for the citizen vote on the amendment, but it won overwhelmingly, and Bev played a major role in that success.

In the early '90s, Bev and her husband Clif made big changes in response to the ills facing our culture. She quit her job, began homeschooling, and started a CWA prayer/action chapter. As her two sons grew, her involvement increased, until today Bev is CWA's area director for northeast Missouri.

Last May, Bev helped organize a marriage rally at the State Capitol in Jefferson City and she soon became grassroots director for the Coalition to Protect Marriage Missouri.

When the Legislature finally passed the amendment, a majority vote by Missourians was still needed to make it part of the state constitution. Then, in a sabotage attempt, the governor sued to change the vote from November to August — usually a time of low turnout.

With only weeks remaining, Bev and her co-laborer, Vicki Hartzler from western Missouri, supplied the coalition's Web site with downloadable information. Pastors eagerly became involved. They mobilized their churches, where members concentrated on getting people registered to vote. Volunteers held registration drives at parades and fairs. Yard signs sold for \$3 each popped up on lawns. One fellow ended up buying 10 signs because they kept disappearing from his yard.

The Sunday before the election, "marriage chains" of people holding signs publicized the vote. The night before, church members called everyone in their church directories to remind them to vote.

Then it was election night, and Bev and fellow volunteers prayed for a 60 percent victory. They rejoiced when 71 percent voted in favor of the marriage amendment. Voters had turned out in record numbers!

This woman who worked 18 hours a day for two months brushes off compliments for her role in passing the amendment.

"I'm the one who was blessed in working with all the people who wanted to do something," she says.

Not many of us can devote the time Bev does to reclaiming our culture. But those who called the names in their church directory, held a sign in the marriage chain or helped register voters were invaluable, too. To all CWA members who are fighting for the sanctity of marriage around our country, I say thank you.

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