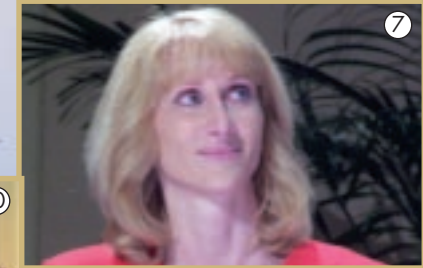
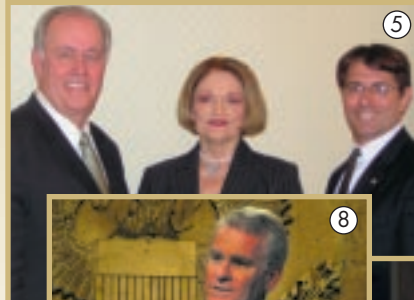


CWA CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION



Convention 2004 provided the opportunity to reflect on all that God has accomplished through the first 25 years of Concerned Women for America (CWA), as well as to face the challenges ahead.

A rousing performance by the college-aged Come Celebrate America [1] singers and a worship and prayer time led by CWA founder and chairman Beverly LaHaye focused on the One from Whom all blessings flow.

Moving stories provided the personal perspective. Monty Patterson [2] presented the tragic story of his 18-year-old daughter, Holly, who died one year ago

after taking the abortion pill RU-486. And Stephen Bennett, evangelist and recording artist, told how Jesus Christ rescued him from the homosexual life he had lived for 11 years. Stephen also introduced his wife, Irene, and two children [3].

Another highlight occurred when Bob Knight [4, left, with Ravi Zacharias], director of CWA's Culture & Family Institute, debated same-sex marriage with Lara Schwartz, senior counsel to the pro-homosexual Human Rights Campaign. In addition, CWA policy experts and outside speakers addressed key issues facing our culture: pornography [5, Jan LaRue, center, with panelists Phil Burress of Citizens for Community Values, left, and Bruce

Taylor of the Department of Justice], the sex trade [6, left, Tanya Ditty, State Director for CWA of Georgia, and Janice Crouse], the United Nations [7, Wendy Wright], and the pro-family agenda [Michael Schwartz, 8].

Kay James, director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, carried greetings from the White House. [9] At the 25th Anniversary closing dinner, National Field Director Barbara Plating (far left) honored a number of dedicated volunteers [10, from left]: State Director of the Year: Joey Davis of Missouri; Woman of History: Judy Smith, State Director for CWA of Kansas; Activist of the Year: Kathy Valente, State Director for

CWA of Illinois; Prayer/Action Leader of the Year: Lorraine Povlick of Erie, Pennsylvania. The "Project 535" Volunteer Achievement Award - Capitol Hill Liaison went to Connie Cox (not pictured).

On behalf of CWA's members, Dr. Tim LaHaye presented Beverly LaHaye with an award for her 25 years of leadership. [11]

Keynote speaker at the dinner was Dr. Ravi Zacharias [4, right], renowned Christian apologist and author, who closed the convention with an inspiring, thought-provoking address: *Apologetics in the 21st Century*.

For audio and video tapes of the speakers, please call 1-800-458-8797. ■