

DCCW WINTER MEETING  
Second Vice-President Report  
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It seems impossible that we are already gearing up for convention once again! Our theme this year, “Human Dignity, Love in Action” is a very fitting tribute to our Catholic Women and the work we do.

I am in the process of mailing out letters and once again asking for donations for our Ways & Means Silent Auction and Raffle for the annual convention. Our Wasatch Deanery ladies are planning a great and informative event for everyone on April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. I hope I have a huge response to my solicitations, and I also hope you all are getting excited to submit your items from your women’s groups. The creativity and generosity of your donations never cease to amaze and bring a smile to our faces!

We ask that each affiliate try to donate a raffle item and one silent auction item. If you have questions, you may email me at [bcolombo@emerytelcom.net](mailto:bcolombo@emerytelcom.net) or call my cell phone, 435-650-6392. When you have decided what items you will be donating, you may send me an email with a brief description **and the value of your donation. When you bring the items to convention, we also need your affiliate name on the items so we may give you the recognition you deserve for your donations.** I will need this information by the end of March so I may plan the space to display your items accordingly.

The success of our organization and the great things we do as DCCW is supplemented by the funds raised this way. I am always open to any ideas if you have suggestions!

This year we have a fun new idea suggested by our First Vice, Amy Kennedy. At our National Convention the last couple of years, they have held a purse raffle that has been both fun and exciting. You bid on a purse and are rewarded with extra prizes found inside the handbag! Amy suggested we put a new “twist” on this idea and have an “Old Bag” raffle! Each affiliate (or individuals who wish to donate) may submit an old, ugly, handbag with new, fun, and exciting prizes hidden inside. We will raffle these bags off during an appointed time at convention (more details to follow). The money from this raffle will also supplement our DCCW bank account. You may go to [home.catholicweb.com/slcdccw](http://home.catholicweb.com/slcdccw) to read more details about the Old Bags, see the picture of our beautiful quilt to be raffled (made by our lovely and generous Flora Lawless), and find out more information on convention in general.

About our beautiful quilt...every year Flora puts together a new pattern that catches our eye and makes us all wish we will be the lucky winner! There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> if you would be kind enough to take the quilt into your parish to help sell raffle tickets prior to the Convention. Tickets sell really well during special events, dinners, or socials in your parish. Even after mass, with some ladies selling tickets with the quilt displayed. Once people see the beautiful handiwork of our Flora they are anxious to purchase a chance to win. Contact Michael O’Shea or Jeanne Thompson (from the Eastern Deanery) on January 14th to sign up on the calendar for the upcoming months before convention. I will arrange transporting the quilt to each affiliate who would like a chance to display it and sell raffle chances.

Thanks so much and see you in a few months at Convention, if not sooner!