

Leadership Training Report

October 1, 2011 KDCCW Board Meeting

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Forty-nine women attended the leadership development day at All Saints Church on Saturday, August 20th. The day featured presentations on topics related to council history, membership and activities. Interactive exercises, specific group and general discussions were also included. Representatives from all four deaneries attended.

Deanery leadership days will be planned for the summer of 2012. Added to each will be an opportunity to pose questions in advance to be addressed during the varied sessions. More interactive discussion time will also be added. Watch for upcoming dates for planned leadership days.

The KDCCW 2 by 2 program was noted as being available for parish councils wishing to have two council mentors to come to a parish to present a program on NCCW and KDCCW, to answer questions, provide information and share enthusiasm on council membership and activities. Leadership mentoring has been provided to four parishes in recent months.

Leadership tips for the day were shared. All were asked to focus on offering invitations, hospitality and welcomes to all women in parishes as council programs and activities become more active this time of year. Officers and current members were noted as 'setting a tone' for gatherings through their enthusiasm, mentoring, expressions and thankful comments. Organizational preparation reflects leadership planning, quality use of time and valued consideration of others' time. Including aspects of spirituality, leadership and service in some way at each meeting reinforces the NCCW mission statement as a reflection of what council and members represent. These also provide a well-rounded council experience at gatherings.

One council in another state uses the initials CCW to represent Cheese, Chocolate and Wine as part of an invitation to a special social gathering in their parish. All can be creative in designing inviting titles to invite and welcome women to come, see and join other women in council membership and activities.