

# COMMONWEALTH CONNECTION

## PFRW E-Newsletter

The week of August 6, 2007  
President MaryAnn Garvey

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### Urgent Convention Hotel Information

Those of you planning to attend to the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention on the package plan must have your reservations into the Hotel Bethlehem no later than August 13<sup>th</sup> in order to receive the PFRW room rate. The hotel will release PFRW rooms at that time so reservations made after the 13<sup>th</sup> will be on room availability basis.

### Welcome New Councils

PFRW has two new councils and NFRW has three new members with another council set to join the two groups shortly. **Lehigh County CRW and Washington County CRW** are brand new councils. Pike County CRW has been a member of PFRW but recently joined NFRW. The **Hannah Penn Council of Republican Women** was approved by PFRW at the August Board Meeting and NFRW approval is pending.

PFRW/NFRW will host a campaign management school on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Hotel Bethlehem. This is the second school of this year and record attendance is expected.

### Breast Cancer Research Stamp

NFRW recently reported that help is needed to make sure the Breast Cancer Awareness Stamp remains in circulation. The stamp was introduced in 1998 and has become the top-selling commemorative postal stamp in U.S. history, raising more than \$55.5 million for breast cancer research.

The US Postal Service will stop making the stamp if Congress fails to authorize it for

this year or make it a permanent stamp. It was reported that one of the best resources for innovative cancer research funding will be lost if Congress does not act.

NFRW urges everyone to call your members of Congress today, urging them to keep the Breast Cancer Research Stamp alive by co-sponsoring the Breast Cancer Reauthorization Act. Members can be reached by calling 202-224-3121.

### Convention Project – Caring for America

President **MaryAnn O. Garvey** has appointed **Debbie Taylor** to serve as PFRW's Caring for America Chair. This year PFRW will be supporting the efforts of Online Angels, a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization in Pottsville PA.

PFRW members are asked to participate in three of this group's many projects. Six inch knitted or crocheted squares are needed for lap robes. Volunteers at Online Angels make these blankets for distribution to anyone in need from small infants to senior citizens. Machine washable yarn should be used.

Those who do not knit or crochet may collect the pull tabs from aluminum cans or cancelled stamps. The pull tabs help defray costs of families who stay at Ronald McDonald house. The cancelled stamps are used to help those in need.

A collection box will be available for these items at convention. Donations should be placed separately in small plastic bags. They will be shipped to Online Angels after convention.