

# Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

## Immediate Past President Report

June 13, 2026

I hope everyone enjoyed the Convention and came away with some sense of renewal of mind and spirit. I was serving in the final days of my presidency during the convention and would like to make a few comments about the convention overall before I give the breakdown of the evaluation forms.

It is hectic being at the head table and I feel like I missed a lot of the moment-to-moment events. I heard mostly positive and encouraging comments during the convention, but some need for improvement in the Raffle/Silent Auction area, comments particularly the Saturday Lunch service and while everyone loved the Memorial Service, some felt that the extra unlabeled pictures were confusing. The schedule is always tight on Saturday, and this year was no exception. There continues to be issues with ending the day and getting to Mass on time. Always a work in progress.

Many thanks to the Board, Advisory Board, Commission Chairs, and Convention chairs. A special shout out to officers Susan Porter, 1<sup>st</sup> VP-President Elect, Tish Ramos-Yarber, Secretary, and Gaylynn Huffman, Treasurer. This would not have been possible without our Directors of Meetings, Jamie Beert and Marcie Downs diligence and attention to detail. It goes without saying, but cannot be said enough, the Eastern Deanery women were fantastic hosts and kept things running smoothly on their end.

As a point of reference from Cheryl Johnson's Credential Report, you will see we had:

185 pkg. "A" Full Convention	Total: Pkg. A, B, D 247
55 pkg. "B" Saturday Only	Banquet: 415
230 pkg. "C" Banquet	First Time attendees 57
7 pkg. D Sunday Only	

Of these attendees we had 101 evaluations returned to compile for the summary: General Participant-43, Parish CCW Officer-11, 1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendee-15, DCCW Board-16, Deanery Officer-6, Affiliate President-8, Religious-2. A little disappointing as these are fewer evaluations returned than last year with more attendees. As in the past, some responders checked more than one box on the evaluation form. These were sorted according to the highest rank of the box checked. Attached to this report is the excel spreadsheet designed by Lonnie Kindred. His help was invaluable. The tabs provide excellent breakdown and grading of the categories. After this review is complete, we can decide if we want to update this form, i.e., add a separate line for the Memorial Service, change the grading system, etc. I appreciate any comments. By the time of our meeting, I will have sent comments to the speakers, convention chairs, and DOMs and the list of those who want to be added to the AWARE newsletter to Susan Espinosa.

Thank you for all your support.