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Leadership Commission Chair

Have you had problems getting members of your CCW to fill positions that need to be filled? When you ask a member, do you get these kinds of responses: "I'm too busy." or "I can't take on another thing." or "I can't do that."?

If you are like me, you didn't start out planning to be the president or secretary of your group, or to be on the MDCCW Board. In my case, it happened by default; and as it turns out, I love doing all of it! These jobs are not that hard, and I meet so many wonderful women who are willing to help.

You just need to have an interest in your parish and a desire to help your group grow. Energy and a positive attitude are needed for success as in most everything you do in life! Don't give up! Rather, continually encourage people that they can do it. After all, you manage a family, and are, or may have worked, in the business world where you learned to promote your company. No reason you can't be successful doing the same for your parish CCW. This is leadership! Give it a try, and I'm pretty sure you'll get more out of it than you put in.

Our annual MDCCW gathering at St. Cecilia in Wisconsin Dells was a big success with two speakers and lots of information at this beautiful new church. An enormous selection of baby items was donated to the Women's Care Center, and the silent auction baskets were fabulous! October 15 was a Day of Reflection at St. Maria Goretti Parish, Madison, cosponsored by MDCCW with the Madison Catholic Women's Club.

Since we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of NCCW throughout 2020, the MDCCW Board is working to make our annual convention a huge success. Bishop Hying will speak and celebrate the Mass. Plan on being a part of this celebration by volunteering on one of the many committees that are needed to make it a success.

Have you considered starting a mother/daughter event to encourage high school and college young women to become members of our group? This is a wonderful way to spend time with a daughter or granddaughter! So many ideas and so little time. Go out there and lead!! God Love You.