It doesn't seem like there's been much to do as 1st VP, President Elect since the NCCW Convention. We'll all start gearing up soon for our DCCW Convention which will be here before we know it.

I did meet with Barb, Becky Hicks and Marcie Downs at Little America towards the end of September. We met with Jonathan Bakker who gave us a tour of the facility. We checked out the ballroom, registration area and some of the guest rooms. I think we are going to be in for a real treat with our DCCW Convention being held there in April.

By the time you are reading this we will have met with Jonathan again to sign the contract and with his colleague Cariann Layton who will assist with menu selections/recommendations and event detail. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to put on an event such as our annual convention.

We all still miss Bobbie Hunt who was our Director of Meetings for so many years and did such a fabulous job at it every year. I have even more admiration for her now that I see some of the behind-the-scenes workings, which start months before the convention. I do have to say that we are very lucky to have Becky Hicks who has filled those "bigger than life" shoes so professionally and effectively. Thank You Becky!

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