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RIVES ACCEPTS CHARLESTON WOMAN'S CLUB AWARD

CHARLESTON, IL.--Sandy Rives of Charleston, coordinator of the Women's Expo and Health Fair at Eastern Illinois University, was recently selected to accept a national award on behalf of the Charleston Woman's Club for its participation in Expo '88.

Rives, a member of the Charleston Woman's Club, accepted one of two Status of Women awards presented by the General Federation of Women's Clubs at its 98th international convention held recently in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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The awards, sponsored by the Walter J. Klein, Co., Charlotte, N.C., recognize the top two women's clubs in the nation that are doing the "best job" of promoting consumer education and resolving consumer problems.

Rives said, "I am extremely pleased with the national recognition Expo has received. Although I accepted the award, it really goes to all the sponsors and people behind the scenes."

Jean Seitsinger of Charleston, who serves on the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs board and is past president of the Charleston Woman's Club, coordinated the award nomination.

Seitsinger said the Charleston Woman Club's nomination won first place in a recent state competition making it eligible to enter the national award competition.

A club's efforts to provide programming that addresses issues important to women of all ages, including stress, time management, networking, child care tax revisions and financial security was a primary consideration, she said.

Since Women's Expo features workshops and exhibits on health, business, financial and family issues for women of all ages and because so many members of the Charleston Woman's Club participate in the program, Seitsinger said it was only "natural" that the club enter the Women's Expo program in the competition.

During workshop sessions, Rives and Seitsinger answered questions about the Women's Expo.