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President's Corner: Seeing the Best, When We're Not

at our Best

A few days ago my seven year old daughter made me a precious bracelet that had the letters "BEST MOM" on it. My husband observed the process from a distance and told me later that the bracelet had actually fallen apart several times while she was making it. Our sweet, determined little girl didn't give up until the bracelet was complete. It was truly a labor of love.

The bracelet was completely her idea and was a natural expression of something she felt was important enough to put together. I always love these little gifts from my children which are manifestations of their creativity and inspiration. I appreciated this gift more so on this day in particular when I realized the message on this bracelet did not exactly match my parenting skills that day. Upon reflection, I recognized I hadn't been the "BEST MOM" that day. I hadn't been as patient and kind as, I know, I can be, and that I know my kids deserve from me. And yet, she saw me at my best, when I wasn't at my best...

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WOMEN AS KEYSTONES IN THEIR FAMILIES AND **CAREERS**

WFWP Maryland Joined Mahila Celebration with Hindu Women

On March 26, 2023, Mrs. Eva Ozaki, a supporter of WFWP, was invited to speak at a women's event at the Hindu Temple, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, in Beltsville, Maryland. BAPS stands for Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha denomination of Hinduism. It was a cultural program organized by women for women. Emiko Butler, a member of WFWP and I (representative of WFWP Maryland) accompanied her. There were about 600 women, many in beautiful Saris, in attendance.

We were welcomed by Rupanshee Patel, volunteering for Women's Public Affairs Administration of BAPS and Anjali Khatri, also a volunteer, both young ladies of Indian descent. The program, Mahila Celebration, highlighted the role of women in the Hindu faith and culture in talks given by various speakers. Mahila translated from Sanskrit means woman, but also to honor, to respect, to hold in great esteem and to revere...

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CELEBRATING WOMEN AS TRAIL BLAZERS



WFWP/GWPN Canada Hosts 17th Annual International Women's Day Luncheon

The Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) Canada hosted its 17th Annual International Women's Day Luncheon on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Canadiana Restaurant. In spite of heavy rain and high winds there was a great turnout which made the event a great success. The spokespersons on the theme "Innovation and Technological Change as Tools to Achieving Gender Equality" were Deepa Mahanti [Social Activist and Writer] and Emma Asiedu- Akrofi [Executive Director Jean Augustine Centre For Young Women's Empowerment]. The event was also an opportunity for the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) to recognize three outstanding Canadian Women with the "HerStory" Award. These outstanding women are Zohra Zoberi [Artistic Director of Bridging the Gap Productions, Author, Poet and Banker], Deepa Mahanti [Human Resource Professional, Social Activist, Writer-Director of Short Films and Documentaries] and Iqra Khalid [Canadian Member of Parliament]. Also, for the first time in Canada, two influential women would receive the Global Women Peace Ambassadors Certificate. These influential women were Rosary Escano [regional marketing director of ABS international] and Arooj A. Rajput [producer/radio host].

"Wonderful ladies, we hear you, we are celebrating you and our maternal ancestors and our trail blazers in our country and beyond." -WFWP Canada President Lilly Tadin...

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- 1. Launching Membership 2.0 online platform to provide access to education and resources, like Leadership of the Heart and Bridge of Peace, for all members
- 2. Developing exciting and impactful online content to reach 1,000,000 people, strengthening women's identities as daughters, sisters, mothers, and wives

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3. Partnering with 200 women leaders and influencers through the Global Women Peace Ambassadors program, pioneering a new way to lead



History Must Tell Herstory: WFWP Virginia

On the 25th of March, 2023, Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) Virginia held its annual collaborative gathering with Heavenly Couples In Ministry to celebrate Women's History Month. The event 'Enterprising Women of Faith Birthing a Heavenly World Together, History Must Tell HerStory' featured two guest speakers, Dr. Wilhelmina Ford, and Dr. Emily DeCarlo.

Recording links of this program: Part 1: https://youtu.be/SHancct8KFw ,



Part 2: https://youtu.be/PAha7nGH7ew

The program started with Pastor Vincent Wright introducing the emcee, his wife, Cheryl Wright. It followed with her giving welcoming remarks. Next were two inspirational readings. WFWP supporter, Bruce Clarke, read from the scripture, Proverbs: 31: 10-29. This Bible excerpt reminds us of the value of women and that women should be praised for their accomplishments. Theresa Rozier followed by reading parts of the message "Women's Role in World Peace" by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace. The speech discusses the role of a true woman and the meaning of true love and sacrifice is to live for the sake of others...





What Does Earth Day Mean To You?

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Our Mother Earth sustains us with air, water, nourishment from plants growing in her soil, riches like metal and other chemicals which make our life more comfortable, gemstones to adorn us, oceans, lakes, rivers, prairies, forests, mountains for recreation, and not to forget Beauty. Our Earth is a real treasure haven. What do we do with our treasures? We protect them, guard them so we can enjoy them and pass them on to future generations.

Our gratitude should have an impact, not just use and abuse the gift we are given. How can we show our gratitude in daily life, respect and protection for our Mother Earth? We can't just wait for policies to change. We can do a lot ourselves which has an impact.

Yes, not littering and recycling is important, although our recycling system is limited. Much better would be to reuse. Solar panels and electrical cars are great changes, however not feasible for everyone.

What about using less plastic? Get a water filter instead of individual water bottles. Buy groceries without wrappers if possible or go to the farmers market.

(Click here to read previous WFWP article about how to reduce plastic waste) Use our cars efficiently, combine errands.

My favorite change is to reduce lawn space and plant a flower garden with **plants** native to your area to attract insects, bees and butterflies; they are important for pollinators. Did you know bees are responsible for pollinating 75% of the world's flowering plants and 35% of the world's crops? That means we have bees to thank for one out of every three bites of food.

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Make your voice heard! The editorial team of the Logic of Love Newsletter is looking for interested writers who would like to contribute to the growth of this valuable publication. We are looking for positive and uplifting stories based on a variety of topics that WFWP USA is concerned with, such as women's leadership, peace-building, reconciliation, family values, health and spirituality and tributes for Mother's day, Father's day, and other holidays/celebration days. Our newsletter has more than 2,000 subscribers in the United States and around the world and we wish to offer high-quality content. If interested, please contact us at <u>newsletter@wfwp.us</u>. We may request samples of your writing and the decision to publish a submission is based on the editorial team.

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