



[President's Corner: Be the First to Bloom like the Daffodil](#)

Greetings to all of our readers,

Spring has officially arrived! I'm enjoying the beautiful pops of color that are sprouting from the ground around us, as I'm sure you are as well. The first to bring color to my garden are daffodils each year. They often, surprisingly, pop up when there is still frost on the ground and are a beautiful reminder of the coming season.

Our founder, Mother Moon, often talks about daffodils in her speeches. At the World Summit 2022 speaking to former and current heads of state from around the world, she shared these insights about daffodils:

"I like daffodils, which are the first flowers to blossom in the frozen soil when spring comes. Through the daffodils I am observing how to comfort the heart of our Heavenly Parent, who is a witness to human history full of suffering and pain due to the fall. Though they don't yet have the power, the daffodils will be the first to break through the frozen soil and tell the world that spring has come."

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[Women and Girls in the Era of Technology](#)

Every year the [United Nations Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW) hosts a 10-day session in March, where UN member states (who send delegations to represent their country), civil society (citizens and organizations outside of the government and private sector), and gender experts **gather at the UN headquarters in New York to discuss important issues related to gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.** The session tackles three themes that change annually: a priority theme, a review theme (this reviews the progress on implementing the agreed conclusions from an earlier year), and an emerging issue theme.

They are based on one of the 12 issues of concern highlighted in the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing 1995.

This year was the first time since the pandemic that the UN decided to open its doors once again to have the 10-day annual event...

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[What Black History Month Means for Councilmember Berdette Hodge](#)

Two [WFWP HerStory](#) Awardees; [Nishia Slater, Owner of Star Life Wellness Group, LLC](#), and [Anjanette Foster, Founder of SISTALUV](#) and a certified life coach and mentor, sat down with current Councilmember [Berdette Hodge](#), the first Black woman to be the council member for the city of Tempe, Arizona and the Tempe educational school board. Listening to her story, sharing her experiences and celebrating these remarkable "firsts" we've learned about the challenges of overcoming injustices, what Black History Month means to her and the impact that her role as councilwoman is making within the Tempe communities.

Councilmember Hodge's culture and tradition were shared by personal stories and how history has affected her life. **She states: BLACK HISTORY IS HISTORY!** Celebrating Black History Month Councilwoman Hodge related many of her experiences growing up as a young girl experiencing injustice; she was curious about the **"where are the other black figures"** and **wanted to teach her Black community about the accomplishments and achievements of many other Black role models.** She is very passionate about being a strong voice in the community and is highly focused on building a community of Black leaders for generations to follow....

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[THANK YOU Tribute to Minister Fannie Smith](#)

During her nine years of service (Jan 2014-2023) Minister Smith also held the position of a Director on the National WFWP USA Board for several years and worked closely with myself and our home office team to further the growth and development of WFWP USA.

As we looked back at Minister Smith's substantial accomplishments during her tenure as the national director of the Schools of Africa project, we found that indeed \$400,000 plus had been raised during that time! CONGRATULATIONS!

WFWP USA former President and national leaders expressed gratitude and appreciation to Minister Fannie Smith at our recent monthly national conference call in March. In my brief introduction, I recalled that when I appointed Minister Smith to this national position for the Schools of Africa, I already felt her deep heart and love for the continent of Africa, especially for the children in our schools! And whenever there was an opportunity, Minister Smith encouraged our national chapters to do a fundraiser, not only that, she would also visit with them herself, whenever possible, write speeches and letters in support of the activity....

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[Independence through Sewing: Schools of Africa Program Supports Women's Self Reliance in Senegal](#)

For the past 20 years, Women's Federation for World Peace USA has been consistently supporting the Schools of Africa Project, thanks to the wonderful efforts of local chapters and members around the country that continue to find ways to give.

[JAMOO Social Self Support Assistance Center](#) was started in Senegal in 1995 to train women in lace-making, dressmaking, home economics and embroidery skills. They also learn skills in business administration so they can manage or start their own businesses. The support also provides an on-the-job training center.

We would like to share with you a recent letter of appreciation and pictures from the school, and extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who offered donations and made this possible. Between the school's two locations six electric sewing machines, one industrial sewing machine, and four foot pedal sewing machines were purchased with the funds sent from WFWP USA in 2022....

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[The Mindful Path – Spring Cleaning](#)

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Simplicity boils down to two steps: Identify the essential. Eliminate the rest. – Leo Babauta

A home clean and clear can foster increased productivity, better sleep, decreased anxiety and improved overall health. Clutter, both physical and mental, can impede our life purpose and flow – both our ability to think clearly and move safely in our homes. As a society we are shifting our view of possessions. A 2014 Harris Poll found 78 percent of millennials and 59 percent of baby boomers would pay for an experience or event rather than purchase material goods. Yet, many of us find our homes crowded with too much stuff. This spring we can put meaning into our cleaning and help create a more spacious environment. Less is more.

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