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## President's Letter



This month of May indeed represents Spring, growth, new life and new development. Since the beginning of this new year of 2011, Women's Federation USA has grown and developed in many ways - so much so, in fact, that we were not able to put this newsletter out earlier!

Each month thus far this year, we had some major events and activities, some of which are highlighted in this newsletter. For a more in-depth report, visit [www.wfwp.us](http://www.wfwp.us), and find the "President's Corner."

We hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter, which, with the help of our new editor, Ms. Julie Randolph, will keep you abreast of what we're doing.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers!

Warmly,

*Angelika Selle*

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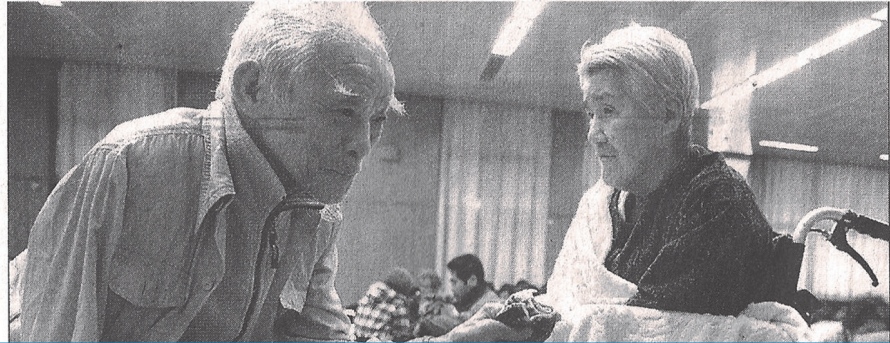
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011

## Donate to assist earthquake, tsunami victims

By JOE AIELLO  
Staff Writer

A local Bowie woman, who is the president of a national organization, is one of many assisting in getting aid to the victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan March 11.

Angelika Selle, president of the Women's Federation for World Peace, said that their press conference slated for March 15 at the Bowie Library and rally at Lafayette Park near the White House March 22 have been cancelled in light of the emerging tragedy in Japan.



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Due to the escalating tragedy in Japan, the Women's Federation for World Peace USA cancelled its Human Rights Rally in D.C. and immediately shifted their focus to sending relief efforts to the quake victims in Japan. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, The *Bowie Blade* ran an article (see above) on their front page mentioning the emerging ongoing project of The WFWP Relief Fund for Japan.

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## Richmond, Virginia

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> close to 40 members gathered for a special luncheon to introduce the vision and mission of the WFWP for a launch the new WFWP Richmond chapter, and by the end of the afternoon, collected \$250 for WFWP's Japan disaster relief fund.

The program's lecture focused on the importance of women's leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> century as a way of honoring the feminine aspect of God.

The event was hosted by International Family Church (also known as the International Family Center, or IFC), at Westover Baptist library.

## Massachusetts

WFWP Members have been collecting donations on the street in buckets while handing out Japanese flags and so far, raised \$2,000 through donations. But On April 16<sup>th</sup>, they hosted a finale fundraiser event titled "Japanese Culture and Relief," where people could experience authentic Japanese culture.



Japanese community members gave sushi demonstrations, taught origami, and raffled Japanese dolls and paintings during Japanese harp and flute performances. People were even encouraged to dress in Japanese attire to get their pictures taken.

"It's been a really good experience putting this event together to get people excited to learn about Japanese culture. We think people felt that they've been given something, so they felt encouraged to give a little back," said Chairwoman Brewster. According to Brewster, the event raised \$1,774, making a total of \$3, 774 for Japan Relief Funds.

To donate or see more information on these events, please visit our website:

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Actor, TV host, and producer Paul Ryan was the moderator and entertained over 100 people in attendance. Chairwoman Iseda presented the Women's Federation mission given by its founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, by sharing a quote on how current issues can be solved by the "logic of love" which also touched on the important message of the role of women in the fight for world peace.

Two days later on March 10th, WFWP representatives along with 200 guests attended the "National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day," at the California Endowment in downtown Los Angeles. The program was co-sponsored by the Office on Women's Health and the Los Angeles Women's HIV Task Force, which is composed of 16 local community partners who provide appropriate HIV/AIDS services for educational purposes.

Dr. Jennifer Sayles of the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy opened the session with a statement by President Obama regarding the HIV/AIDS epidemic. She spoke about how one of the President's top HIV/AIDS policy priorities is the implementation of a National HIV/AIDS Strategies (NHAS). NHAS's primary goals are to reduce new HIV infections, increase access to care and improve health outcomes for persons living with HIV by intensifying the HIV prevention efforts in communities where HIV is most heavily concentrated, and to educate all Americans about the threat of HIV. She also gave a special focus on cases and statistics of HIV among women and how to prevent it from spreading.

Following Dr. Sayles, a panel of HIV positive women of various races and ethnicities (African American, Latina, API, and transgender) shared their deeply private and personal stories as HIV survivors.

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On April 2<sup>nd</sup> the WFWP Richmond Chapter celebrated its launch with a luncheon for 40 members of the local church community and the International Family Center, a family-driven program that recognizes the equality of essence between the sexes. To finish off a great start in the newly developed chapter, \$250 was collected for WFWP's Japan Disaster Relief Fund and VA Chairwoman Katherine Cromwell presented her poem "Today."

## Today

by Katherine Cromwell

I took a stand today

Oh God!!

I took a stand...

To stand for what is right

Is right

And yet it takes a lot of strength.

Am I strong enough?

We will soon see.

Is my love enough?

We will soon see.

Can I love the unlovable?

Stand against injustice? Bigotry?

And still love the doer?

That is the call today....that is the task.

That is the Kingdom that I seek to make

For all to live in...even the doer...

Am I up to the task?

Am I strong enough in heart?

We'll see...

We'll see...

The time has come...

The old ways must pass away...

No more unnecessary pain inflicted

No more death by hate...

No more

No more

No more!

## Celebrating Int. Women's Day

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Some shared their life as an infected child through birth by a HIV positive mother, another through blood transfusion, one through sexual contacts, and one through being breastfed by an HIV infected mother.

Despite their difficult situations, these women shared their message that they were able to rise above the obstacles and lead as normal lives as possible. One of the speakers pointed out, "You have to know your worth as a woman, love and know yourself, and practice positive affirmation saying to yourself, "I'm a beautiful woman, and I am deserving of a beautiful relationship despite my situation." She concluded, "We need self-love" and "I wish I had it before."

"She reminded me of what we teach in schools through WFWP's abstinence education programs," said Chairwoman Iseda. "We empower our youth to value themselves so they can make positive choices."



## Georgia Retreat



On February 18th, around 40 WFWP District representatives assembled from around the nation, for the annual 3-day retreat Tybee Island, GA. While this year's session "Deeper and Wider," focused primarily on bonding together, planning, and strategizing for the next two years, it grew to be a place where women could collect fresh ideas, rejuvenate their spirits, and restore their hearts with singing, praying, and dancing.

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According to the New Jersey WFWP Chairwoman, Mrs. Denneze Nelson, what took place most of all was the "Healing of the Heart," as the program included a Legacy of Peace Ceremony for Dr. Martin Luther King and others. Moreover, the Mayor of Elizabeth has just agreed to consider the appointment of two WFWP sisters leading Elizabeth to sit on his Human Rights Commission as a result of this event.

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"The Bridge of Peace Ceremony allowed us to begin a process started by many heroes in crossing over the barriers that many of us hold in our hearts, or that generations past have held," said Nelson. "Crossing the Bridge is a symbol of being willing to embrace someone different so that we, ourselves, become bigger

## Congratulations and Thank You!



To Mrs. Beryl Green (see photo on left) on her appointment as the New York City Metro District Chairwoman and also Ms Crystal Floyd as her assistant! Also to Juanita Pierre-Louis on her appointment as Vice President WFWP and Director of Fundraising Development!

We thank Mrs. Donna Howell, the outgoing District Chairwoman of New York City Metro area for her investment, sacrifice and excellent leadership for the last seven years! We also commend and thank outgoing chairwoman for Manhattan, Mrs. Ayako Heller, for her hard work, dedication and service in Manhattan as well as the assistant to Mrs. Howell during that time!

## SUMMER HAITI PROJET Join Us!



*This could be the experience  
of a lifetime.*

Lift a hand up to Haiti and its people as they continue to recover from the devastating effects of last year's earthquake. Application deadlines are due May 20th for the this year's session:

**May 28th-June 4th.**

To learn more about this project, visit [www.wfwp.us](http://www.wfwp.us) or contact:

**Mrs. Evelyne Drake**  
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## UN International Luncheon

On February 23rd at the United Nations Church Center, over 20 organizations gathered alongside WFWP International President Lan Young Moon and WFWP USA President Angelika Selle to hear four female educators discuss their approaches to empowering young females on the path to pursuing a career in science and technology.

The next day, Prof. Moon gave a presentation on "Herstory," focusing on the role of WFWP in providential history and women's role "to usher in an era of lasting peace." To view Professor Moon's full presentation and more, please visit our website.

# Chapter Events - A Timeline

January 21-23, 2011 –

## WFWP International in Costa Rica

Costa Rica, the “Rich Coast,” was indeed the perfect setting for God to plant a seed of love, unity and co-operation between North, Central and South America with more than 500 people from Costa Rica and around the world attending the international conference “The Role of Women’s Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”. And indeed, the entire weekend was very rich in spirit, warmth, love and joy, and the experience of family!



Our organizing team was surprised by and almost unprepared for the kind of response we received, especially from women leaders in Latin America, who poured in to the last moment.

On the evening before the conference, the spirit was already very high, warm and embracing as 150 women leaders gathered in the Room of the Americas at the Herradura Hotel Conference Center to hear welcoming remarks and an introduction from International WFWP President Lan Young Moon and Rev. Angelika Selle, WFWP USA President, who was the organizer of the event. We were very happy and pleased to also have with us Professor Yeon Ah Choi, Vice President of WFWP International, who addressed the plenary session the next day, and also Mrs. Keun Ryung Park, daughter of the former President of South Korea, Park Chung Hee.

Among the many VVIPs, who were acknowledged by name, we had a wonderful group coming from the United States, above all Mrs. Doro Koch Bush, the daughter of former U.S. President George H.W. Bush. Also among the U.S. entourage were the Honorable Ellen Sauerbrey, former Assistant U.S. Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration; Margaret Buhrmaster, former Director of the Office of Health Regulatory Reform of the State of New York; Ester Davis, Director of Community Relations and Communication for Media in Texas; Georgia state Senator Donzella James; and others. Representing Latin America (Central and South America together) were three former First Ladies -- Mrs. Estrella Zeledon Lizano de Carazo from Costa Rica, Mrs. Graciella Rompani de Pacheco from Uruguay, and Mrs. Elizabeth Calderon Sol from El Salvador—and current First lady of Belize, Mrs. Kim Simplis Barrow.

One purpose of the conference was to bring women of North America and Latin America together -- to get to know one another, learn from one another and understand the historic times we live in, in which women’s unique leadership is desperately needed to



make a smooth and successful transition for lasting peace. Another objective was to introduce Rev. In Jin Moon as Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon’s daughter and as an international woman leader in her own right, and to create relationships of heart among the women and her.

The program was designed to hear from women who had made a difference in their families, community, nation and world based on their unique gifts and talents as well as passion, faith and sheer desire to bring positive change. As one of the speakers said: “If you want to have something said, ask a man, and if you want to have something done, ask a woman!”

## Help Wanted

### *Webmaster/Webmistress*

WFWP is currently looking for a skilled web designer/ webmaster who is creative, innovative, and experienced in maintaining the look, feel, and consistency of the website, including content organization and design in both areas. For more information, please visit our website.

### *Membership Coordinator*

WFWP is currently looking for someone with good communication, people, and organization skills to reach out and take care of our members. For more information, please visit our website.

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## Chairwomen Retreat in Georgia

February 18-21



40 Chairwomen and members of the Board of Directors, including 4 second generation young ladies, attended to connect to the new vision of WFWP in these 3 crucial years, to bond together in heart and to share practical ideas as to how to make this vision a reality. We talked about

strategic planning and goal setting, but also during our HDH sessions experienced reconciliation between black and white chairwomen. We also had time to dance together, enjoy the full moon on the beach and pray. Many chairwomen were transformed and recommitted themselves to do whatever it takes to bring America back to God and True Parents.

## WFWP Int. Luncheon at the UN

February 23-24

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The following day Professor Lan Young Moon presented the "Her Story" lecture series for the first time here in the US. We are working on adapting this series for women here in the US and the Western world. A video of Professor Moon's presentation is available to all women on our website. The need for WFWP to be more involved with the UN has become more apparent and crucial. We are in the process of building a PR team to work with high-level women and other organizations here in the US so we can present these lectures to them.

## Southern California Chapter

March 8

The WFWP Chapter in Southern California received a United States flag that was flown over the United States Capitol on March 8 for involvement in International Women's Day. The certificate reads: "This is to certify that the accompanying flag was flown over the



United States Capitol on March 8, 2011. At the request of Honorable Judy Chu, Member of Congress, this flag was flown for Women's Federation for World Peace - Southern California, on the occasion of International Women's Day."

Our chairwoman, Heidi Iseda was chosen from among 20 organizations to speak on the topic of "Women and Human Rights," as well as introduce WFWP at the UN Day of Women's Rights and Interna-

tional Freedom - The Innate Wisdom of Women. Over 100 women attended and Heidi was able to make many contacts through that event.

## Southern California— March 11

WFWP was also represented at the National Women and Girls' HIV Awareness Day on March 11 in Los Angeles, which also turned out to be a wonderful event for networking. There will be a follow up event on March 31. All the local event updates and pictures can be found at: [www.beautyinsideout.us](http://www.beautyinsideout.us).

## Northern Virginia—March 12

The day after the tsunami hit Japan, at King's Public Library, Burke, VA – which was originally a walk-up event for the rally in front of the White House. Instead, it was transformed into an event of prayer, healing and sharing the vision for WFWP. Event organizer Ms. Katherine Cromwell, Chairwoman of the Virginia Chapter, asked Angelika Selle to present an introduction to WFWP, and to speak on reconciliation and women's dignity. A guest speaker, Dr. Katrin Michael, spoke about "honor killings" of women in Iraq and how women there suffer due to family and tribal traditions. It ended with a beautiful Native American Poem for Peace.

## Chicago—March 19

A meeting was held to honor the Japanese sisters and brothers and also acknowledge Women's History Month - Violence Against Women. Patricia Fliginger and Fannie Smith introduced WFWP, shared recent activities and events such as the 18<sup>th</sup> National Assembly, Costa Rica Conference and the Chairwoman's Retreat in Georgia.

The guests got a good overview of the mission, the Founder and also the international service activities in Haiti and Africa. Fliginger and Smith gave instructions how and where to make donations to the Japan Relief effort.

A beautiful ceremony beginning with a prayer, and with a bowl of water was given, while asking everyone to drop a flower into it and give a prayer to Japan. Rev. Takami was able to give a few words of encouragement.

## Colorado

What started as a small group meeting of 11 members with coffee, tea, dessert and finger food, turned into a prayer gathering for victims of Japan. WFWP Colorado Chairwoman and Assistant Catherine Ichinohe and Gale Alves began the meeting with a reading of a chapter from Father Moon's Autobiography entitled "The Peaceful Family is the Building Block of Heaven." Discussion questions were asked after the chapter reading which allowed each person to share about their heritage and their grandparents. The women were glowing by the time the reading and discussion finished. After a break to refill their mugs and chat, the ladies made prayer bracelets together and included red beads to symbolize a person in Japan they wanted to remember to pray for daily. The Colorado chapter hopes to have similar events every month. Stay posted for more updates.

## Southern California—March 20

The Southern California chapter held an event with professional life coach, teacher and author, Darlene Ann on “The Broken Hearted Women.” Darlene explained how she was able to use the painful and difficult experiences in her life to strengthen her faith in loving God. She made it clear that our identity as women is not wrapped around how the world thinks but our actual identity and dignity of women is the grace and the forgiveness of our loving God. “We can learn from the pain and circumstances in our life,” said Ann.

This session will be happening 6 more times this year for the community. Darlene taught how to really forgive and let go of the past



so that we can truly be the shining object of Heavenly Mother. Darlene D’Silva was the emcee of the evening. She shared that after learning the affirmations, the key thing was not be afraid to try. Most of the time, we are afraid that things are not going to work. A few men attended and wanted

to support their wives to get counseling with Darlene Ann. They also had a moment of silence for those who died in Japan.

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## New Jersey—March 26

New Jersey Chapters hosted an event titled, “Networking to Improve the Status of Women,” where national and local-level organizations were invited to speak about the importance of networking to work together. Speakers included: Representative of UN Associations; Cheryl Davis, appointed by Michelle Obama to be

the chief consultant in charge of the obesity project of NJ; Diesa Seidel, United Initiatives for Peace; Lorainne Jameson, New Hope Baptist Church, who counsels women coming out of prison to undertake a lifestyle change; Sharon Van Ecklen, a survivor of abuse, who explained how to turn it around in a positive way and who represented the Boys and Girls’ Club of New Jersey.

Ichiko Sudo presented Rev. In Jin Moon’s video about the faith-breaking issue and abductions of UC members in Japan. We received two proclamations from the Mayor of Glen Ridge and the Mayor of Bloomfield. The Mayor of Irvington, NJ came and sat through the entire event. He strongly believes in the empowerment of women.

## Virginia—April 2

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WFWP Northern Virginia chairwoman Katherine Cromwell presented a gift to Ayano Ishii-Bayo, who serves as the point of communication for Richmond WFWP development. The success of this event was mainly due to a loving, harmonious, and unified team of sisters and husbands working together. By the end of the afternoon \$250 was collected for WFWP’s Japan Disaster Relief Fund. The Richmond Chapter hopes to continue appreciating, cherishing, and celebrating women in leadership roles to the end of achieving a more caring, peaceful, and loving community.



## New Jersey—April 9

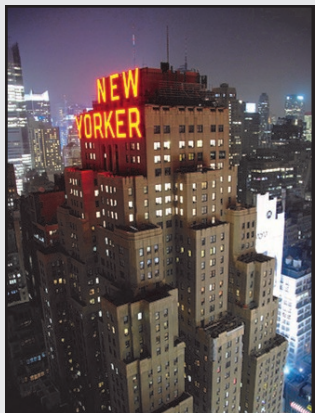
Mrs. Ichiko Sudo, project manager for our efforts on behalf of forced conversion victims in Japan, was the keynote speaker at a New Jersey WFWP event on the theme of women’s dignity. Ichiko is the daughter of famed UC lecturer Rev. Ken Sudo.

She also showed a video with several victims giving their testimonies, Mr. Toru Goto, and introduced a local survivor. The mayor of Irvington, NJ, Wayne Smith, attended the event. He agreed to introduce our cause to the local press. We thank WFWP NJ chairwoman Denneze Nelson for assisting our coalition to bring further awareness to the plight of our confined Japanese members.



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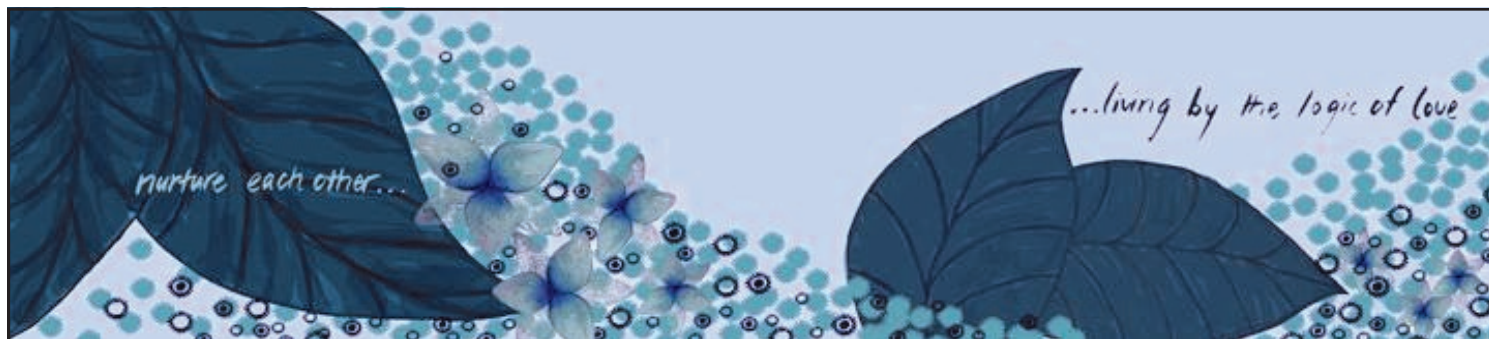
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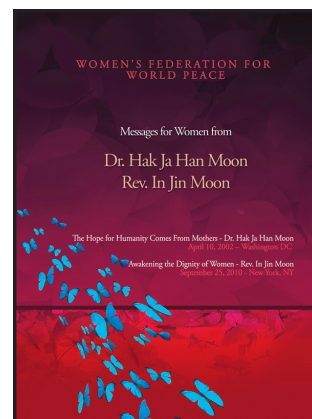
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### Support WFWP: Buy the 'Living by the Logic of Love' Scarf

Scarves (see design below) are \$25 for WFWP members and \$29 for non-members.



"Messages for Women from Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and Rev. In Jin Moon" speech booklets (see photo on right) are available and includes Hak Ja Han Moon's speech, "The Hope for Humanity Comes from Mothers" and Rev. Moon's speech, "Awakening the Dignity of Women." \$5 each.



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