

Living by the Logic of Love

WFWP Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

Greetings to all and Happy New Year 2013!

As we also celebrated the Chinese New Year on February 10, let's claim double good fortune! According to the Chinese Horoscope, 2013 is the Year of the Snake. The snake symbolizes wisdom, beauty, and endurance, and can also symbolize the shedding of our old skin, leaving the old behind -- both of which we need to embrace for an awesome new year and new beginnings!



This year, WFWP USA is already off to a powerful start with a flurry of activities and new initiatives, as you can see in this edition of our e-news. To summarize briefly, already this year:

- * We held 12 introductory Clean Slate seminars (an abstinence education program), in different locations around the U.S.
- * We launched in New York City the "HerStory" presentation, which is based on the spiritual underpinnings of WFWP and the philosophy of our Founders.

* We officially introduced the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN), a new project and initiative of WFWP, in five cities: Boston, Atlanta, Chicago, Minneapolis, and Washington, DC. Both national Vice-President Juanita Pierre-Louis and I were on the road almost every weekend, sometimes in sub-zero temperatures and snow, to make that happen.

The most recent GWPN event, a brunch, was held in the nation's capital on February 9, and was especially rich in content. It focused on a new PowerPoint presentation explaining the GWPN in the context of WFWP's "HerStory" material and the notion of the arrival of the Era of Women's Leadership. The brunch was co-sponsored and co-organized by WFWP USA and the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) D.C. Office, which is under the leadership of Mrs. Tomiko Duggan. Last year, Tomiko and I were appointed to lead the GWPN in the U.S., as Vice Chairwoman and Chairwoman respectively.

As you might have heard, we are now preparing intensively for our second annual Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) Assembly in Korea, which was held on February 23 in connection with "Foundation Day," which is a significant event in the broader Unification Movement. We will provide you with coverage of the GWPN Assembly, which was entitled: "Empowering Women in the 21st Century: Women, Family, and Peace." WFWP USA dedicated the year 2013 as "The Year of Education and Manifestation," under the theme of "Spirituality, Healing, and Service," which is the fourth point of WFWP's four areas of focus.

Please make note of two national events for this year:

- * Chairwomen's Retreat and Seminar, April 11-14, 2013, in San Antonio, Texas;
- * 21st Anniversary National Assembly, October 3-5, 2013, in Washington, D.C.

We are excited about the many new possibilities for this year. As we challenge new heights and explore different valleys, I would like to leave you with this poem in the sidebar as a reminder to aim for the best in this year!

With warm wishes,



Angelika Selle
President, WFWP USA

Change

**Our lives are
not
determined
By what
happens to us
But by how**

D.C., MARYLAND, VIRGINIA

Peace through Purity

By Tanya Selle

**we react to
what happens,
Not by what
life brings to
us,
But by the
attitude we
bring to life.
A positive
attitude
causes a chain
reaction
Of positive
thoughts,
events, and
outcomes.
It is a catalyst,
a spark
That creates
extraordinary
results.
Let's change
to make a
change!!!
"If you focus
on results,
You will never
change.
If you focus on
change,
You will get
results"**



The fog in the morning of the Women's Federation for World Peace seminar gave a sense of being enveloped in God's womb - a quiet and reassuring place where miracles are born. In the spirit of the morning, on this Saturday, January 12, 2013, in Fairfax, Virginia, a historic event was about to be birthed. The Washington, D.C. metro-area chapters of WFWP -- from D.C., Virginia, and Maryland -- organized a seminar on purity, which explored the question: "What does abstinence have to do with peace?"

Like the historic birth of Jesus, the seminar seemed to emerge quietly and modestly at first, but then it became charged with excitement and urgency. This was indeed a seminar wherein women could further their understanding of their role as mothers of this world, and, more importantly, gain the tools for bringing about real and sustainable peace.

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ARIZONA

Food and Friendship

By Glenda Lambert



WFWP members Melanie and Blandine Taylor organized an "International Flavors" event on January 19 at the Peace Embassy in Tempe, Arizona.

The idea of International Flavors was for women of different nationalities to introduce their country's favorite dish(es). Many of the 45 participants shared their exotic and wonderful food, including the recipes, and it was a huge success. Many of the dishes gave us

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a good taste from countries such as the Philippines, the U.S., Uganda, Nigeria, Suriname, Mexico, Japan, Korea, and England. After we all had shared our food, each person offered a story or dance about her national dish.

Chairwoman Glenda Lambert and Mrs. Melanie Taylor shared the vision of WFWP and the meaning of creating a "culture of heart" by sharing our food and stories with each other.

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NEW YORK

Spirituality-Healing-Service: First HerStory Seminar

By Rae Beth Maye

On January 19, some 40 women who gathered for a Women's Federation for World Peace seminar based on the practical philosophy of WFWP Founders the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, with an emphasis on "HerStory," were in for day of education and healing.

The theme of the seminar was spirituality and healing in action, particularly as it applies to women's growth and the development of healthy families.

Mrs. Angelika Selle, President of Women's Federation for World Peace USA, spoke on "Women as the Turning Point in History," depicting women's history to date, in the context of famous women who were misunderstood or ignored yet had still made a difference. In that context, Mrs. Selle shared about the purpose and founding of WFWP in 1992, when Rev. and Dr. Moon proclaimed the arrival of a New Era of Women and the need for women's leadership worldwide.

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PENNSYLVANIA

The City of Pure Love WFWP Philadelphia Abstinence Program

By Jizly Dohou



The WFWP Philadelphia Chapter recently hosted an event to promote teen abstinence. On January 20, a group of 33 people composed of parents and middle and high school students came to listen to a high-impact PowerPoint presentation on the topic of "sexual abstinence." Jamal Johnson, a dynamic and expert presenter from the Institute of Relationship Intelligence, gave an informative presentation, providing the

audience with knowledge and awareness to help us work toward our goals in life. He emphasized that the goal of avoiding mistakes in high school is to eventually enjoy a happy, committed sexual relationship, and that the abstinence program can help teens apply confidence skills and other positive behaviors to assist them on this path.

In part of the presentation, the audience participated in a mock teen dialogue that was a discussion on how to defend oneself and avoid destructive behaviors, pressures, and challenges that young boys and girls face in their daily lives while they are trying to build their future.

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GEORGIA

A New Paradigm for Love, Sex, and Family

By Nandi Moton

Excitement and electricity were in the air as members of the Atlanta Chapter of WFWP gathered together to revisit the critical importance of sexual abstinence before marriage as a necessary step for character building. They also sought to educate parents on how to build a supportive family environment for their teens and single young adult children who have decided to stay pure before marriage.

The stirring event took place on January 26 at the Atlanta Family Church. Among the 55 women and some men in attendance were state Sen. Donzella James, state Rep. Sheila Jones, Rev. Samuel F. Mosteller, Apostle Willie Malcolm, Mrs. Richadean Anderson, and Ms. Rena Moroquin.

The members of the audience, who were eager to hear what we were about

to share, were greeted by our emcee of the day, Ms. Rena Moroquin. She asked Apostle Willie Malcolm to open with a word of prayer and Pastor Tiffany Gains then gave a wonderful welcome to all.

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MINNESOTA

Women as Turning Points of Peace - New Era, New Mindset

By Mary Jane Anderson



On a bright, clear January day, with Minnesota's typical subfreezing temperatures, the members of the Women's Federation for World Peace Minnesota Chapter were able to restart their engines, warm up their minds and hearts, and begin anew. Forty-four women attended from Minnesota and North Dakota. The local chapter worked to prepare a most loving atmosphere with fresh-cut flowers and a lovely lunch of various soups and salads.

The meeting was held on Saturday, January 26 at a local church in Minneapolis. WFWP USA President Mrs. Angelika Selle came from the Washington, D.C. area to preside over the one-day conference entitled, "Women as the Turning Points of Peace: New Era, New Mindset." She gave an overview of the past to reacquaint the participants with the foundation years, starting in 1992 when the founders, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon with her husband, the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, began WFWP as a worldwide women's organization. Its vision remains the same: to empower women with knowledge, skills, and supportive community to discover their unique value and bring lasting peace.

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FLORIDA

Haiti Happenings

WFWP Haiti Program Concludes 2012, Goals for 2013

By Una Gauper

WFWP women involved with the Haiti medical service projects concluded 2012 with a meeting to reflect on the past projects and to make plans for 2013.

They chose Mrs. Joan Pierre-Severe, an elementary school teacher, to be their leader. The women decided to work on several projects that will benefit the Haitian people, such as visiting hospitals and orphanages, and working to beautify streets and homes. They also want to continue the family educational programs that WFWP brought through the Haiti Summer Service Project, including health education and character education for youth.

The Haitian women are reading and discussing Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's speeches, including "The Central Role of Women in the Ideal World." Several of the women have been appointed as Ambassadors for Peace.

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MICHIGAN

"Heal Thyself" International and Intercultural Dinner

By Patricia Fliginger

Gathering for food, fun, information, and good spirit, members of the Michigan WFWP held an international and intercultural dinner in Detroit with WFWP USA's national Vice President as our guest speaker.

The February 1 get-together's purpose was to invite WFWP members and guests to meet Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis, enjoy a delicious potluck dinner, and receive Mrs. Pierre-Louis' presentation covering such topics as spirituality, healing, marriage, and family. Also we wanted to formally introduce WFWP to guests and extend personal invitations to sign membership.

The "Heal Thyself" International Dinner, attended by 39 members and guests, was so named because of the diversity of the various dishes members brought, representing their nationalities and cultural cuisines. The highlight of the evening was Mrs. Pierre-Louis, who was visiting from New York. Our emcee was the vivacious, 24-year-old Ms. Cathy LaLonde, who did a tremendous job of making the evening program flow. Ms. Donette Konan provided a musical selection, while being accompanied on the guitar. Rev. Mose Lee Smith opened us in prayer. Then Mrs. Fannie Smith, WFWP USA's National Events Coordinator from Chicago, eloquently shared Mrs. Pierre-Louis's biography.



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ILLINOIS

It Takes a Village to Restore the Family

Patricia Fliginger, Chairwoman

Chicago, Illinois was host to the WFWP national Vice-President, Mrs. Juanita Pierre-Louis on February 2 and 3. On February 2, a "Spirituality, Healing, and Service" program was held by the Chicago Chapter of WFWP and was co-sponsored by the American Clergy Leadership Conference in Chicago. Many women clergy were in attendance. Owing to extreme cold and consequently delayed travel time, the program began a little late, but the room, beautifully decorated by Mrs. Fannie Smith and her team to reflect Black History Month, was soon filled with a powerful healing spirit.



Rev. Helen Cooper, Pastor of the Westside Center of Truth, offered the opening prayer and then we shared refreshments and everybody introduced themselves. We were entertained by Evangelist Rita Pritchett and her accompanist, Evangelist Pam Woods. They performed one of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s favorite songs. Mrs. Smith served as the emcee and gave a short bio of Mrs. Pierre-Louis also mentioning some of her future plans.

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MINNESOTA

Clean Slate for Minnesota!

By Mary Jane Anderson

A burst of hope for young people longing for healthy, meaningful, stable relationships appeared as WFWP's national Clean Slate abstinence-education coordinator Mrs. Heidi Iseda visited Minneapolis.

Members of the Minnesota Chapter of Women's Federation for World Peace hosted Mrs. Iseda at Mrs. Mary Jane Anderson's house on February 9. We came together with the goal of learning how to convey the message of the Clean Slate program.

The participants watched sections of the video presentation on Clean Slate. Here we heard Mrs. Iseda explain about the purpose and goals of this demonstration. After watching the program, we discussed what we felt about the effectiveness of the presentation. I felt this program is very effective in that it powerfully conveys the importance of maintaining one's purity. I would like my friends to hear this message. I would also like to bring this message to the elementary school where I tutor.

Overall, this video presentation successfully introduced us to the Clean Slate content.

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WASHINGTON D.C.

"From Global to Local and From Local to Global"

By Mrs. Susan Fefferman

Guests were welcomed with a delicious breakfast at the "Peace Embassy" on Upshur Street in Washington, D.C. on February 9. Nearly 40 concerned women and staff, including several supportive men, attended the gathering hosted by WFWP USA and the International D.C. Office of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), to introduce The Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) in the nation's capital.

Mrs. Tomiko Duggan, Vice Chairwoman for GWPN and Director of the International D.C. Office of the UPF, welcomed the guests and gave an explanation of the need for such an organization as the Global Women's Peace Network, which is a project of WFWP, with UPF lending its active support.

The purpose of the GWPN is to create a network of women who work together across barriers and territorial lines and, by pooling their expertise, help relieve the suffering of humankind. With high morals and universal principles of service and a mother's heart of love for others, GWPN can bring like-minded women together to fulfill the unfinished work of the United Nations.

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Clean Slate Seminar Presentations

1. November 6,7, 2012 in Denver, Colorado
2. November 18, 2012 in Pasadena, California
3. December 8, 2012 in San Leandro, California
4. December 19,20, 2012 in Rosemead, California
5. January 8,10, 2013 in El Monte, California
6. January 12, 2013 in Fairfax, Virginia
7. January 26, 2013 in Seattle, Washington
8. February 7, 2013 in Seattle, Washington

9. February 9, 2013 in Minneapolis, Minnesota
10. February 12, 2013 in Cudahy, California
11. February 14, 2013 in Seattle, Washington
12. February 17, 2013 in Columbus, Ohio
13. North Carolina

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