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## E-News

### December 2014



### ***President's Corner***

Dear Friends,

As this year is coming to a close, I would like to THANK YOU for your ongoing support and loyalty to Women's Federation for World Peace USA!

I already mentioned in our previous E-News that we have had much to be grateful for in 2014 in terms of many new developments with our younger generation, service to areas of need like the Philippines, and much more. To give you a preview of what might come next year, I would like to share with you a bit about our end-of-the-year board meeting.

This year's second annual national board meeting, which was held in New York City at our WFWP USA headquarters, was filled with a new kind of energy and excitement. Our board members gathered in a beautifully seasonally decorated conference room on November 22 to review this year and make plans for next year. We also welcomed a new younger generation member to the board, Teresa Ferrete, who had assisted WFWP as the events coordinator for this year's 22nd national assembly.

Overall, we were grateful that nearly all the goals and objectives for 2014 had been fulfilled. Yet when it came to the "brainstorming session," under the youthful and innovative facilitation of Ms. Ferrete, we filled six single-spaced sheets with ideas for 2015!! Clearly, this will be a year of growth! Therefore, we decided that the theme for WFWP USA in 2015 will be "GROWTH"! That is, growth on ALL levels -- personally, spiritually, service, expansion of activities, membership, and new circles of friends.

Once a young person asked me what is the one emotion that WFWP can be described by or should be known for? Without hesitation I answered simply, JOY!

We therefore invite you to continue the partnership, sponsorship, and fellowship with us in this coming year, which promises to be a year of great adventure, with new horizons, positive change, and fulfillment.

Here's to a Happy 2015!



Warmly  
Angelika

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## NEVADA

### Bridge of Peace Concludes Awards Ceremony

By Mrs. Kimiyo Anceny

This year, on December 11, the 11th Athena International Award luncheon was presented by the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Nevada (WCCNV), at the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino. WCCNV is a premier women's organization in the state of Nevada, and the Las Vegas Chapter of WFWP has been an active member of WCCNV since 2012. Mr. John Huck and Ms. Olivia Fierro, local Fox News anchors, acted as emcees for this event.

Awards were presented in different categories, including the Athena Leadership Award, the Young Professional Leader Award, the Organizational Leadership Award, the Minority Lifetime Achievement Award, and Women in Entertainment and Media Awards.



Ms. Monica Lenoir 's inspiring address

This year, Mrs. June Beland, the president of WCCNV, invited WFWP Las Vegas to present the Bridge of Peace Ceremony, our signature project, as the core and finale to this very prestigious event. The award recipients and the finalists crossed the Bridge. Before the bridge crossing, Ms. Monica Lenoir, a member of WCCNV and a newly joined member of Women's Federation for World Peace, introduced WFWP with an impassioned speech. Because of her introduction of WFWP, some attendees came to her afterward and expressed interest in WFWP's work with the United Nations and its international projects. Ms. Kimberly Miller, the daughter of Mrs. Donna Miller, who was a panelist at WFWP's 22nd Assembly this year, contributed with her angelic voice during the Bridge crossing as she sang "You Raise Me Up."

The beauty and grace of the Bridge of Peace Ceremony brought a bright spirit of understanding and reconciliation to the luncheon.

[Click here to see an interview with Ms. Kimberly Miller and Ms. Monica Lenoir, as well as more photos.](#)



Ms. Kimberly Miller sings as participants cross the bridge

## NEW YORK

### 11th Annual Benefit for the Schools of Africa Project

By Mrs. Renate Sato and Mrs. Lynn Walsh

This year, the Westchester Chapter of WFWP New York was very excited to have our

annual benefit for the Schools of Africa Project at the beautiful and modern Eileen Fisher Hall in Irvington, New York, down by the Hudson River. (The Eileen Fisher events hall is part of the Eileen Fisher Fortune 500 company. Eileen Fisher is a very distinguished fashion designer.)



Ms. Charmaine Singer with President Selle and Mrs. Sato

Our emcee, Ms. Johil Ross, opened the program and introduced our first speaker, Mrs. Angelika Selle, President WFWP USA. Our chapter was delighted to have our president give the introduction to WFWP. No one else could have done a better job! To end her introduction on a high note, Mrs. Selle called Ms. Charmaine Singer to the front, to honor and appreciate her dedication for the past 10 years and more of international volunteer service work, especially in support of the Schools of Africa.

Charmaine was moved to tears to receive this honor. We are all deeply grateful to her for continually giving so much of her time, effort, and heart to the Schools of Africa Project for so

many years.

Then our hearts were warmed by a beautiful song, "Circle of Life," sung by Mr. Raoul Joseph.

Next, it was time for a sumptuous lunch, deliciously prepared by our two fine ladies, Mrs. Kanae Holt and her sister Mrs. Chiharu Kellar. There was an amazing display of California rolls, shrimp cocktail, sandwiches, chicken, vegetables, cheese and crackers, cut-up fruit, and mouth-watering desserts. Everything was professionally prepared, and artfully displayed.

After lunch, Mrs. Lara Sawamukai presented a pictorial report of the successes of the Schools of Africa Project. The many photos of the happy African children at our schools warmed our hearts, and we could visualize how our dollars truly are changing the lives of these beautiful children.

Now it was once more Mr. Joseph's turn to grace us with a beautiful song by Josh Groban called "Believe,"



The audience listens intently

[Read the whole article on our website!](#)

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### End of the Year Gift Exchange

By Ms. Elizabeth Aihe

The WFWP Washington, D.C. Chapter organized an end of the year gift exchange party with the support of Mrs. Angelika Selle, President WFWP USA; Mrs. Kim Dadachanji, Maryland chairwoman; and Mrs. Zena Ruf, Virginia chairwoman. The party was held on Saturday, December 13 in the Beech Room at The Washington Times. We managed to gather despite the challenges that on that day there were numerous other events that beckoned our participation. There were 22 attendees, of which three were young women and two were men (a teenager and his dad). It was nice to see more guests than members, as our focus was to bring guests to hear about the vision and goals of WFWP.

After the audience was warmly welcomed by Ms. Elizabeth Aihe, the D.C. chairwoman, the program started with a musical presentation by Ms. Nazeeha Howard, a music therapist. To



Nazeeha Howard and Elizabeth Aihe



engage the audience, Ms. Howard gave us bells to play while she performed her first song. The audience was captivated and the spirit in the room was uplifted.



Nazeeha Howard's enchanting performance

After two musical presentations, Mrs. Dadachanji offered the invocation. Then we had a sumptuous potluck lunch. Most of the food was cooked by Mrs. Wasana Catalan. Ms. Howard played another song, and the ladies stood up and danced. The atmosphere was such that the ladies felt close to one another as though they had known each other for a long time even though they just met.

President Selle then introduced WFWP and gave a profound speech from her heart. In her passionate 20-minute message she connected the participants to the theme, "Let us be grateful."

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## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

### GWPN: Reconciliation and Solidarity for Peace

By Mrs. Teiko Kono

On November 1, we celebrated the third Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) Caribbean Region conference in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.



Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis with translator

There were a total of 120 participants, including 17 from the six overseas countries of Peru, Haiti, the United States, St. Kitts and Nevis, Puerto Rico, and Japan; 83 invited guests; staff; and WFWP members.

This year we delivered invitations to several embassies in the region. Two representatives of the Venezuela ambassador attended as a result. We also had three congresswomen, as well as representatives of the Education Department and the Women's Department. There were various women leaders from different fields in attendance as well. Many participants in the previous two events brought their colleagues, friends, and family members with them this year.

After a prayer and the national anthem, the president of WFWP Dominican Republic, Professor Diana Contreras, gave a warm welcome address. Mrs. Conchita Abadia of Puerto Rico read a special congratulatory message from the president of WFWP International, Professor Yeon Ah Moon. More congratulatory remarks followed, including a representative of the mayor of Santo Domingo Este; the president of the National Council for Women, Mrs. Emma Valois; and Congresswoman Karen Ricardo.

The theme this year was "Reconciliation and Solidarity for Peace." Based on this theme, the morning session continued with various lectures and reports. Colonel Maria Infante of the National Police Department, who is a professor at the Police Academy, was the first speaker. Then the vice president of Peru National Educational University, Lida Asencios, addressed the gathering.

WFWP presented an introductory lecture titled "Character Education," given by Mr. Cesar Regalado, secretary general of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) in the Dominican Republic. Because many participants were educators, they listened attentively and took notes. We have been giving this lecture at several public high schools, as well as lectures on "AIDS Prevention," "Pure Love," and "Ideal



Col. Maria Infante



Family," as part of a curriculum of 60 hours of ethics education for the senior classes for the last few years.

[Read the full article on our site...](#)

## VIRGINIA

### Raking Leaves for Africa

By Mrs. Zena Ruf

The SuperNova Youth Group gathered together on two separate Saturdays, November 15 and 22, to rake leaves from the yards of friends and neighbors for a donation to the Schools of Africa cause. Through their hard work and volunteer spirit and led by Youth Minister Owin Pierson, the Youth Group was able to raise \$2,000 for the cause. Christophe Lejeune, a SuperNova Youth Group graduate, now working for Microsoft, enabled the \$1,000 they raised through leaf raking to be matched by an equal amount from Microsoft.

Rev. Judith Lejeune, Assistant Pastor of the NOVA (Northern Virginia) Family Church in Virginia managed the logistics of the effort by organizing food donations from local restaurants, transportation for the young people, and preparation of fliers to hand out in the neighborhood. NOVA Community Church members, moms and dads, stepped up by helping with the driving and pickup and delivery of the donated food.

On both leaf-raking days, WFWP NOVA Chairwoman Zena Ruf shared information about the Schools of Africa Project as well as her own experience in teaching African adults. She explained that in her adult education



Service with a smile

class two young women, aged 20 and 21, who had recently just arrived in America from Africa were unable to read and write and could just barely print their own names.

She shared that a UNESCO survey in 2005 revealed that 46 million African schoolchildren had never even stepped inside a classroom and that 40 percent of African children do not even attend primary school. Support for building schools, buying materials, and hiring teachers is vital for Africa's development.

As they prepared to start their leaf-raking fundraiser for the Schools of Africa Project, the SuperNova Youth Group learned that WFWP has been supporting education in Africa for over 12 years. Our organization is currently supporting schools in eight countries.

This tradition of a leaf-raking fundraiser, with the proceeds donated to a different charity each year, was started over 12 years ago by Pastor Hiroshi Goto, former Northern Virginia Community Church pastor, and his family. The money raised this fall is the largest amount raised in a single year from this fundraiser, and can be attributed to the great heart and effort of all the volunteers and sponsors, as well as to the tradition of service set up by the Goto family.



Virginia youth raking leaves

[See more photos and leave a comment.](#)



Helping others does wonders for the youth!

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Voices That Care

By Mrs. Jizly Dohou

The Voices That Care program was launched on Saturday, November 22 in the heart of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and was hosted by Ms. Naomi Bush, leader of CARP (Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles) in Philadelphia. More than 40 people attended the WFWP Pennsylvania Chapter's first annual international project, dedicated to helping the Schools of Africa Project.

Voices That Care is an inspiration that came from the WFWP 22nd National Assembly. It is time we all realize that distance doesn't matter for us here in the City of Brotherly Love, or anywhere else for that matter. We can be connected wholeheartedly to the people of Africa and to all other people around the world and make a positive difference in their lives.

We had great guest speakers, including Councilwoman Sekela Coles from the 7th District of Upper Darby. Mrs. Coles teaches classes in the Business Department of Harcum College and the Delaware County Community College. Her appreciation for WFWP has inspired her to be involved in future activities of our chapter.



Councilwoman Sekela Coles with Mrs. Jizly Dohou



The highlight of the event was presented by Mr. Kevin Convery, a painter, writer, and educator. Mr. Convery talked about the cultural and spiritual dimension of ecological issues and gave a fascinating message about environmental awareness.

A special guest who also touched our hearts was Ms. Merly Barlaan. She is currently president of WFWP in the Philippines and a former representative with the United Nations. Her speech was received well by the audience because of her obvious dedication, sympathy, and courage in pioneering WFWP in her country.

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## Memories of Christmas

By Mrs. Gale Alves

The Denver WFWP Chapter celebrated the Christmas season on December 13. New friends and old came. The table was laden with a delicious bounty of food bought or baked with care and love. Traditional carols played in the background as we happily greeted one another. We all quickly felt the aura and excitement of the holiday season.

Ms. Christine Mahardy set the spiritual tone by offering a deep prayer expressing gratitude to Jesus and his many blessings to us. Mrs. Gale Alves continued in the same spirit by speaking about Jesus, who is "the reason for the season." She explained why Jesus was such a special person. He was the only begotten son of God, the only one in 4,000 biblical years born of God's direct lineage. Also, Jesus was the only person who reached perfection in his lifetime on earth. He was a man who showed us how to be a true person.



Mrs. Ella Hepell and her daughter Eliza

Young people were very much a part of this celebration. Mrs. Joelle Alves explained WFWP as an organization. She spoke about WFWP's vision and about Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of WFWP along with her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon.

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Creating Christmas centerpieces



Centerpieces completed

## Baby Shower for Peace

By Mrs. Shirley Chimes

On November 16, in a gesture to welcome and embrace Mira and Young Gil Fleisher, a young couple who are expecting a baby on December 21, WFWP held a girl baby shower for Mira who is eight months pregnant. The couple has only recently moved to the Denver community, where Young Gil's parents live.

Tami Tamayo and Joelle Alves planned and organized the entire event with a Parisian theme. The colors they chose were white, pink, and black. Mira wore a white and black shirt. A pink sash was draped over her bodice that read "Mommy To Be," which you can see in the pictures.

Born and raised in Johannesburg, South Africa to missionary parents, Mira was radiant as she opened her gifts for their first child.

The entire Denver community waits with great joy for this



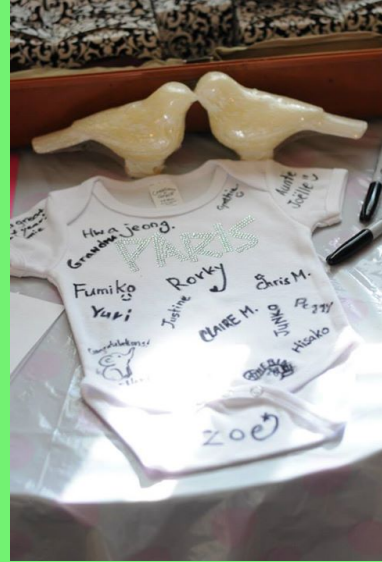
Mira Fleischer,



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Gifts for the baby



A "onsie" created with love

## LOVE IQ

### Love IQ End of the Year Reflection

By Mrs. Caryn Olsson



Mrs. Caryn Olsson

In January 2014, I volunteered to organize the Love IQ program, which was formerly called Clean Slate. Soon after that, WFWP received a very generous donation of books from Dr. Richard Panzer, who is the author of the Relationship Intelligence Curriculum that we are using for the WFWP Love IQ program.

It has been wonderful to network with him and to send his books to other WFWP chapters to support their activities. I always thought that the chapters need to be self-sufficient in teaching the content of Love IQ. In the past, presenters traveled quite a distance to help their fellow WFWP chairwomen to teach the Love IQ content.

At this time, we are offering all WFWP chapters a training for any of their members to become certified presenters. That will give the chairwomen the freedom to teach the Love IQ content in their own chapters to anyone and everyone! Also, they won't need to arrange for someone to travel to their

chapter to give the Love IQ presentation.

As 2015 is almost upon us, the chapters that have presenters will be able to take advantage of their acquired certification and share this amazing content to those who attend their programs. My desire is and has always been for everyone to be self-sufficient and to promote Love IQ.

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## FEATURE ARTICLE

### Leading with Spirituality

*Tanya Selle is the daughter of WFWP USA President Angelika Selle. She wrote the following profile to satisfy a requirement of a college journalism course she is taking. We are including it to give readers a better sense of the background and character of WFWP USA's chief executive.*

A European woman is president of a women's organization for peace in the USA and works with spirit. Sitting on the newly carpeted floor of room 1026B at the New Yorker Hotel, Angelika Selle, President of Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) USA, types away furiously on her Smartphone. It's 10 PM. Her nights often wind down with a flurry of emails and phone calls to people who were not available earlier in the day.

The rush of Christmas shoppers continues outside the windows of the huge hotel irrespective of the lateness and the cold, rainy evening. Mrs. Selle looks out at the bustling scene. It's a vastly different sight from her small hometown in Germany. But then, her life now is a 180 degree difference from her old life in Europe. She is now President of WFWP USA and Vice President of WFWP International.

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## "Thank You" to Mrs. Laura Ortiz Welcome to Kiyomi Schmidt New Administrator for WFWP USA

WFWP USA has decided to move our main operation back to New York City, and we have had to bid farewell to Mrs. Laura Ortiz who has been working hard as President Selle's current administrator.

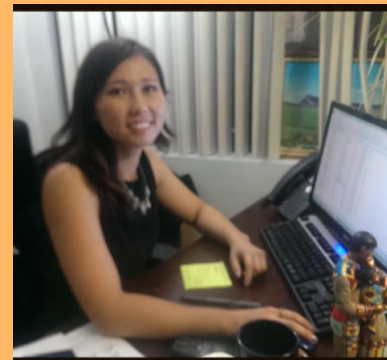


Mrs. Laura Ortiz

We deeply appreciate Mrs. Ortiz' many contributions during the last year. She has been a welcome addition to our staff in Washington, DC, and our hearts will always be with her as she moves on to other areas of her career.

At the same time, we welcome Ms. Kiyomi Schmidt, who has been training to step into Mrs. Ortiz's shoes starting in January 2015.

We look forward to a fruitful collaboration and continued success.



Ms. Kiyomi Schmidt

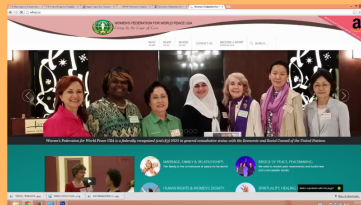
## Editor's Note:

We are coming to the end of 2014. As we reflect on the year and prepare for 2015, let's inspire each other to have hope and know that Living by the Logic of Love is the only logical

way to live! Sharing your articles and photos of the work you are doing in your chapters is a great way to uplift the people of this nation.

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