



WOMEN'S FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE USA
Living by the Logic of Love

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President's Corner

Dear Friend,

Happy New Year 2014 -- again -- this time according to the lunar calendar, which celebrates the new year on January 31 of our solar calendar!

Here in the U.S. the new year is already well under way, and freezing temperatures have been sweeping our country. It gives me a sense of *cleansing*, *new beginnings* and *intensity*. Might this be an indicator of what this new year will bring?

Maybe nature itself is reminding us to begin this new year with a good *cleanse*, getting rid of old concepts, cobwebs, and unhealthy habits and replacing them with positive thoughts and healthy patterns.

We can make *new beginnings* through a daily dose of gratitude, openness, and flexibility to welcome change and something new.

And if we have passion in our lives for the sake of goodness -- positive *intensity* to serve, uplift, and inspire others -- we will be in for a pretty good year, as peace does begin with ME!

As we are also commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in January, we thank him for leaving behind a legacy of non-violent resistance and "not returning evil with evil, but responding to evil with goodness." This is so much in line with WFWP's standing motto, "Living by the Logic of Love," which we strive to manifest in all our activities and projects, and it is the kind of tradition and lifestyle we would like to model and bequeath to the next generation.

In this first edition of our newsletter in 2014, we are highlighting our next generation of young women (and men) as an indicator of that being one of the main focuses for WFWP USA this year. Let us invite our next generation to participate in all our work, and let us mentor and empower them as well as learn from them.

Here's to a fresh, young, and sparkly 2014!



With love,

Angelika Selle

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PENNSYLVANIA

Ready to Take Off in 2014

By Mrs. Jizly Dohou, Co-Chair, WFWP Pennsylvania

As another year drew to a close, WFWP Pennsylvania concluded the year by inviting members and guests to an event on December 14 to present highlights of the activities accomplished throughout the year by the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh chapters. In spite of snowy weather in Philadelphia, 44 people came to participate in what proved to be a warm and touching holiday event.

The program was directed by Mrs. Jizly Dohou and hosted by Ms. Eli Izumi, leader of the chapter's young women's component. Eli skillfully brought a bright atmosphere to the room. And, through a young women's choral performance, the audience felt welcomed and refreshed.

The evening was opened in prayer by Rev. Sukhont Convery and was followed by Ms. Vanya Trotman, WFWP New York Assistant Chairwoman, who read greetings and an opening message from WFWP USA President Angelika Selle.

Three inspiring guest speakers were lined up for the program. Mrs. Fumiko Balcomb, a recent WFWP board member and wife of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification national President Michael Balcomb, spoke about inheriting the heart of a parent through practicing the spirit of filial piety and loyalty to our own parents. She encouraged the young women leaders of tomorrow to develop a supportive heart in whatever they do. She also touched and embraced their hearts through presenting gifts she had brought for them.



Ms. Eli Izumi, emcee and young woman leader in Pennsylvania

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PENNSYLVANIA

Greetings to Pennsylvanians from WFWP USA President

Here is the message from WFWP USA President Angelika Selle that was read at the December 14 gathering in Philadelphia:

Dear, beloved members of WFWP, friends, and guests,

I wish I could be with you today to celebrate Christmas, to celebrate this year 2013, and to uplift and celebrate one another. However, since I can't attend in person, I would like to share some thoughts with you as we conclude this year and get ready for 2014.

2013 has truly been a year of many challenges and upheavals worldwide, but also a year of many positive changes and new beginnings -- especially for WFWP USA. After our beloved co-founder's sudden passing last year, his wife and the co-founder of WFWP Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon immediately stepped into his shoes to lead the worldwide movement. She introduced us all to Vision 2020. Vision 2020 basically means that by 2020 we all are challenged to substantiate in a significant way a world where goodness, morals, principles, and selfless love become the standard in human relationships, with God as our reference point.

There is no doubt that women, both mothers and daughters, have a significant role to play to facilitate individual self-transformation, healing, and reconciliation to make that happen.

WFWP was founded in 1992 to proclaim the era of women, because women and mothers have the innate characteristics of caring, nurturing, and loving others. Our motto therefore is "Living by the Logic of Love" and "Living for the Sake of Others." To be clear, we are not a feminist group, since we value men as the masculine image of God, equal in value to women as the feminine aspect of God. It is important, especially for young women, to see their tremendous God-given value as divine beings who have a lot to offer in terms of intelligence, creativity, ingenuity -- the list goes on and on. Women also have a unique style of leading others that is infused with compassion, understanding, and seeking a win-win outcome, as well as an urge to create harmony. And those qualities are needed now more than ever.

We can see that more and more women, especially young women, are rising to positions of leadership in society. Last year at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women event, I saw many beautiful young professional, respectful, and kind women leaders from around the world. We need young women to work together with us, as you bring new and fresh ideas to the table to help to solve problems. Therefore, WFWP USA has decided to launch a young women's component next year, and I would like to invite you to be a part of the creation process!

I congratulate Pennsylvania's Chairwoman, Mrs. Jizly Dohou, for her great passion, determination, and hard work to create this active chapter in such a short time. Please work together with her and share your ideas and your vision as to how we can make Vision 2020 successful.

Have a wonderful celebration today, and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and awesome new year 2014!

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MARYLAND

Speaking to Universal Peace Academy Students

For me this year 2014 started out with a very fresh, exciting, and hopeful experience. I was invited to present WFWP USA's mission and Vision 2020 on January 3 to 18 international students of the Universal Peace Academy (UPA), which is located near Seoul, Korea. The students, led by a Mr. Kim and chaperoned in the United States by Mr. Luke Higuchi,



Future WFWP members with Mrs. Selle and Mrs. Annemarie Weinmann

came to the U.S. as part of their studies to learn more about America and the various organizations and aspects of the Unification Movement. This special UPA training program is for college-age students and was launched only last year by our founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, with the intention to train and bring forth a new type of leadership that can bring substantial change and help usher in a world of lasting peace.

It was such a pleasure and a joyful experience to share and interact with them about WFWP in America as they responded

with such open hearts and enthusiasm. They also asked excellent questions, which indicated to me that they are indeed an exemplary crop of young men and women who have the potential to impact others in a positive way just by who they ARE!

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FLORIDA

Event Increases Human Trafficking Awareness in Tampa

by Mrs. Evelyne Drake, Co-Chair, WFWP Florida

The WFWP Tampa chapter has been networking with various women's organizations in order to make a foundation to launch the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) locally. The chapter has been working with Pastor Anne Tom-Wright, founder of (Women in Ministry) Daughters of Zion and has been meeting Sunday evenings at her church to share in Bible studies on the lives of women in the Bible. WFWP members also conducted meetings and planning events with various local women's organizations, all of which were geared to promoting awareness of issues affecting the family, youth, and women.

Based on this, on December 21 Pastor Tom-Wright held an evening program on human trafficking that was attended by 20 women, including several leaders from local women's groups. Pastor Tom-Wright brought in one deputy sheriff and a trafficking survivor as experts on the subject. The participants learned that human trafficking is taking place right here in Tampa, and through that knowledge gained the resolve to do something about it.

Mrs. Evelyne Drake, Co-Chairwoman of WFWP Florida, opened the program with prayer, and introduced what WFWP and GWPN are doing on the national and international levels, which is to bring awareness of the extent of human trafficking around the world and nationally. The women exchanged information to begin the process of cultivating cooperative efforts and relationships for future action. All agreed to meet again soon to continue the effort.



Human trafficking awareness program participants in Tampa, with Pastor Anne Tom-Wright and Mrs. Evelyne Drake

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COLORADO

Uplifting Young Mothers

By Mrs. Shirley Chimes, WFWP Denver

On November 30, there were a lot of smiles and tears -- accompanied by loud protests from babies and children, as young mothers left them with sitters in a Sunday school classroom bountifully equipped with fun and games. The mothers proceeded upstairs for a few hours without their children in search of inspiration, friendship, inner guidance, food, drinks, massages, and facials.

The tables upstairs were placed in a U shape for guests: one for food, one for coffee and tea, one for Mary Kay facials, and another for a craft project. Each table was covered in joyful pastel colors that invited people to come and investigate.

Mrs. Shirley Chimes welcomed everyone with a warm smile. An older Korean couple, parents of one of the young mothers, were given a special welcome. The emcee then introduced WFWP and the Co-Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, showing photos of her at different points in her life.

Mrs. Chimes read from the autobiography of Dr. Moon's late husband, the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, in which he dedicated one chapter to his wife, "My Wife Hak Ja Han Moon." Mrs. Chimes explained that Dr. Moon had birthed 14 children "with so much love -- and she never complained." One interesting excerpt says, "Children are God with very small hearts." This quote led to an explanation of the four realms of the development of the heart, focusing on the children's and parents' realms.



Young mom Yuri Ichinohe receives chair massage from Mrs. Hisako Geschwind

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COLORADO

The Path to Physical and Spiritual Health

By Mrs. Catherine Ichinohe, Chairwoman WFWP Denver

On October 27, Mrs. Laurette Heppell welcomed guests who had come to a special health seminar organized by the Denver chapter of WFWP. She introduced a short video that presented the mission, goals, and activities of WFWP.

She introduced Mrs. Shirley Chimes, who gave a presentation on the reciprocal relationship between the physical self and the spiritual self based on the Divine Principle, a teaching of the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, Co-Founder of WFWP. This topic was the foundation for the whole event. Mrs. Chimes gave examples of ways to create a healthy and harmonious relationship between the two selves. She emphasized the importance of living a life for the sake of others and of doing good deeds. After all, doing good deeds gives vitality to our spirit.

Following Mrs. Chimes, Mrs. Catherine Ichinohe gave a presentation on "The Human Body, a Magnificent Piece of Machinery." She started with some amazing facts about the human body. This got everyone's attention, especially the women when she mentioned that women have a much better sense of smell than men. She explained how God designed the body in a way that every organ, every cell, exists for a higher purpose and a greater good, and that everything should work in balance and harmony.

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MASSACHUSETTS

African Craft Fundraising in Boston

Throughout the year, the Boston Chapter of WFWP sells African crafts to raise money to send to the Schools of Africa Project. Where did the goods come from? Mrs. Phyllis Loum, a longtime active member of WFWP in Boston had a business importing and selling African goods.

In 2008, Phyllis passed into the spirit world, and her husband, Souleman, who is from Senegal, decided to donate seven huge trunks of African goods to WFWP in honor of his wife and to help the Schools of Africa Project.

So Mrs. Peggy Brewster and the Boston chapter began selling the goods from Africa to raise funds to support the WFWP schools in Africa. They sell the goods after their local church services as well as at flea markets, and all the money from these sales goes to Africa.

In 2013, however, because of the devastation caused by the huge storm in the Philippines, most of the fundraising done by Boston WFWP went in another direction -- to provide disaster relief to the Philippines.

According to Mrs. Brewster, "There are a number of Philippine members in New England, and our hearts went out to the people there in the Philippines. People have been very generous and the Boston chapter was able to send more than \$2,000 plus some supplies to the Philippines. The next project will be to collect summer clothes to send. Ms. Song Ja Ono had spent time in the Philippines and even though she is dealing with her own serious health problems, she was really the prime mover in this effort."



Boston chapter fundraising to send

NEW YORK

Tenth Annual Schools of Africa Benefit

By Mrs. Cynthia Shibuya

On Sunday, December 8, the Westchester WFWP chapter held its 10th Annual Benefit for the Schools of Africa Project, with our signature Silent Auction at the Royal Palace (Indian Cuisine) in White Plains, New York. This year the silent auction was better than ever, with wonderful donations from Mrs. Kobayashi, Mrs. Kanae Holt, and Mrs. Yutaka Sato. In addition



Silent Auction for Schools of Africa donations

there were donations from organizations that included the New Yorker Hotel and the Manhattan Center, just to name a few. Many Charmaine Singer vendors generously donated their fabulous hand-made jewelry and accessories.

Our very competent mistress of ceremonies, Mrs. Susan Bouachri, seamlessly guided the event so everything flowed, although we did miss our usual lively emcee, Ms. Kristi Mas, who was very busy this year. Her sister, Ms. Kascia Graham, sang for us beautifully despite an oncoming cold. Everyone enjoyed her lovely clear voice accompanied by Dr. Rumiko Isakson, a professional pianist. The combination was a real treat for everyone!

Mrs. Alexa Ward gave an introduction to the work WFWP is doing, and Mrs. Lara Sawamukai gave a moving presentation of the WFWP schools in Africa, with photos and a PowerPoint presentation. Many people were moved by their talks and were inspired to donate even more than they had planned.

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OHIO

Columbus, Ohio Chapter Conducts Survey

By Mrs. Nataliya Grishina, Co-Chairwoman, WFWP Ohio

The Ohio chapter of WFWP conducted a survey of young women in local churches and also within the chapter membership. The main goal was to see how participants view WFWP and its role, what projects they would like to participate in, and what support they expect from the Ohio chapter. The survey was available online, as well as in printed form. Board member Mrs. Yoshie Moore translated the survey into Japanese, because some of our chapter members here have limited English proficiency. Mrs. Marcia Schlichting, WFWP chapter secretary, suggested having a survey table after her local church service and created a poster to use entitled, "What would you like to do to help and what would you like to contribute?"

The survey table and poster attracted people's attention and more people came to investigate.

Fourteen women participated in the survey. The majority of the participants were over 43 years old, and

36 percent were women younger than 35. Seventy percent of the participants were paying members, while the rest had either attended some events or had heard about WFWP but had not become actively involved.

Of the participants surveyed, 90 percent see WFWP as a project-based group that provides women with opportunities to attend talks, programs, or conferences focused on reconciliation and other peace-building activities. A total of 70 percent of the respondents believe WFWP is a vital organization representing women all over the world. Our respondents' favorite answer about the activity they would like to be involved in was the Relationship Intelligence program (50 percent). Most of the ladies would like to receive support from WFWP in the form of marriage and family relationship workshops or counseling (57 percent, including young women).



Poster and survey table attracted participants

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF PERSONNEL CHANGE



Mrs. Nancy Bulow

WFWP USA headquarters moved from New York to the Washington, D.C. area in the latter part of 2013. During this transition time, from August to January, Mrs. Nancy Bulow very graciously stepped in to the role of Administrative Assistant, and helped to make this move possible. Without her tireless effort and dedication to WFWP and all the responsibilities that go along with working on the national level, the move would not have been so smooth and seamless. Thank you, Nancy! Now, as she moves on to work with the local Maryland chapter, we know she will continue to be a vital component of WFWP.

Stepping into the Administrative Assistant position is Mrs. Laura Ortiz. Originally from Mexico, Laura came to the U.S. in 1975 and has been living in Northern Virginia since 1987. She is bilingual in English and Spanish. She worked for the Smithsonian Institution in administration for seven years, was an Adjunct Professor of Dance at Georgetown University for 10 years, and worked at Atlantic Video for 13 years. So she has many years of experience in administrative and executive positions. In 1997 she founded the "*Los Quetzales*" Mexican Dance Ensemble in Arlington, Virginia, which is a 501(c)3 arts organization. Laura is a wonderful addition to our national team. We welcome Laura wholeheartedly!



Mrs. Laura Ortiz

Editor's Note:

The WFWP newsletter will come out every month. Please be sure to submit your articles by

the 10th of the month. Also, please be sure to include captions for your photos so we know who and what is in the photos. Thank you all for your effort to bring peace through "Living by the Logic of Love"!

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