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President's Corner

Dear friend,

To celebrate and commemorate Women's History Month in March here in the United States of America--to highlight, honor and recognize the great contributions women and mothers have made throughout history--is a great step indeed, as recognition of women's value has been absent for so long in human history!



However, on this occasion I would like to point out that there is another side to this commemoration. Many women, especially those affected by the extremism of the women's liberation movement, feel that in order to be equal with men they have to become like men! WFWP promotes a considerably different philosophy, as expressed in the words of our founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon:

**"Men and women don't need to struggle with each other, because they do not need to imitate the characteristics, dispositions, or roles of the other. It is not necessary to confront, compete with, or covet the things of the other or take them by force. Instead, by giving what one has to the other, with true love, and by completing the other, they can become united as a greater whole and share in a relationship of joint ownership."
-Women as a Turning Point, October 27, 2013, Las Vegas**

In today's "era of women," it is important to understand our true value and role as intended by our Creator--in whose image we are created--which is not to be in competition with men but to help round them out. As I always say: 'We are not here to compete, but to complete one another!' Peace will not come about through domination by either one or the other gender but rather when both can work together in harmony.

Happily, there are a growing number of gentlemen who recognize the value of women's equal participation and crucial role in resolving our social ills from the local to the global level. As one gentleman noted in the most recent International Leadership Conference, held in Seoul, Korea last month and entitled "*Toward a New Paradigm for Peace and Development*": Women need to be an "integral part and at the core of the paradigm shift toward lasting peace!" (see article that follows). This is real hope for change!

WFWP's ongoing events around the country, throughout the year and also during Women's History Month are always conducted in that spirit. More about our Women's History Month activities in next month's issue.

Happy Women's History Month and happy spring 2014!

With love,

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Toward a New Paradigm of Peace, Partnership, and Development

By Angelika Selle, President, WFWP USA

In the middle of February in subfreezing temperatures 200 men and women world leaders gathered at the International Leadership Conference in Seoul, Korea. The conference was entitled "Toward a New Paradigm for Peace and Human Development" and was co-sponsored by WFWP, Family Federation for World Peace, The Washington Times, and Segae Ilbo, a Korean newspaper.

These conferences occur twice a year in Korea. This year's setting, from February 9-12, was smaller than usual but of excellent quality. All presenters brought forth many great ideas filled with insights into what it takes to bring about change, or a needed paradigm shift, for making world peace a reality in various world areas, such as Northeast Asia and the Middle East, and in various cultural areas, such as the media and education.

The highlight of the opening session was a 10-minute Founder's Message from Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, which was read gracefully and passionately by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Julia H. Moon, general director of the Universal Ballet in Korea. It inspired many. The founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, ended the conference with a Call to Action to all Ambassadors for Peace who were present, asking them to further study the teachings of her husband, the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, and to advance the ideals of peace and human development in their nations by applying the principle of "Living for the Sake of Others." It set the tone for the conference as well as for Foundation Day, a one-day program that was included in the conference and in which all delegates participated. (See separate article)



Mrs. Alexa Ward, Mrs. Cynthia Turner,
Mrs. Angelika Selle, Mrs. Amelle Daou

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COLORADO

Bridge Crossing Transition

By Mrs. Shirley Chimes, Chairwoman, WFWP Denver

Some 100 guests witnessed a refreshing WFWP transition ceremony between Mrs. Catherine Ichinohe (outgoing chairwoman) and Mrs. Shirley Chimes (incoming chairwoman) on Sunday, March 2 in Denver.

Mrs. Laurette Heppell, an outstanding founding member of the WFWP Denver Chapter, was the emcee and spoke in a clear and sure voice as she testified about Catherine and



Mrs. Laurette Heppell, Mrs. Shirley Chimes, Mrs. Catherine Ichinohe, Mrs. Hisako Geschwind

read a letter from Mrs. Angelika Selle, president of WFWP USA and vice president of WFWP International.

Another member of our dedicated team, Mrs. Hisako Geschwind, presented Catherine with a gift, a card, and flowers. There was a lengthy ovation as guests stood to recognize Catherine for her accomplishments over the last 10 years.

A beautiful picture of the WFWP founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, was visible on a big screen facing Catherine and Shirley as they performed the signature Bridge of Peace ceremony -- bowing to each other, exchanging flowers, and embracing. They then placed the bouquets in front of Dr. Han's picture with her husband, the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon.

It was thrilling to hear a radio message from Mrs. Selle's radio broadcast entitled "The Hope of Humanity Comes from Mothers." She was featured by Rev. Elma King on her program "Now Is the Time" that ran originally on

www.raymanningsingers.com.

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MARYLAND

Hope for Racial Understanding

Compiled by WFWP Participants

Reconciliation begins through beginning to see the good in people's differences, instead of just seeing and fearing the differences themselves. Many people are working for just such understanding. If you are one of them, then the meeting that took place in Bowie, Maryland on Saturday, March 1 will be of interest to you.

We sat in a "talking circle" to listen to Gray -- Michael GrayHawk Parsons -- introduce his story that is woven into his newly published book, *Hope on Hatterask*. His story is truly a story of the melting together of people of different cultures and races who intersected with each other because of their decisions to honor and respect people's differences, instead of insulating themselves in the familiar.

In *Hope on Hatterask*, Gray evokes the spirits of his ancestors, his maternal great-great grandparents, a Scots Irishman and an Algonquin Coastal and Skura:re (Tuscarora) Native American woman. In this historical fiction, based on their true story, their lives collide and merge with a man of Senegambian descent on the shores of Hatterask Island, North Carolina.

In case you are not familiar with the geography of North Carolina, Hatterask (Hatteras) Island, part of the Outer Banks, is a barrier island off the Carolina coast. Gray explained that many of the names that are used today are not the original Native names given to these places and rivers. For example, the present Pamlico River and Sound were originally called Pamptico by the North Carolina First Peoples.

Gray writes in his description of the book: "It is important to recognize that the three main characters represent, in a general way, the three racial ethnic groups that comprise the vast majority of the American population today. And they certainly represent those who played the most significant role in shaping what American society is today since the first recorded contact between English-speaking Europeans and Native Americans. They are Red,



Kim Dadachanji, Dottie Chicquelo, GrayHawk, Paul Bulow, Brenda Miller

Black, and White people...

"The story takes place in the early 1800s and chronicles their lives from early adolescence through early young adulthood. Each character's individual culture, ethnicity, spirituality, geography of origin, and ancestral history is explored in detail. Their stories are told in *their* voice from *their* perspective and with candor...

"My prayer for you is that you will discover or rediscover a profound respect and appreciation for your own *ancestral past*. Perhaps in doing so you may even move forward in some way with a renewed *hope* for your future."

[Read more on our website as well as a link to this book...](#)

OHIO

Happy Health!

By Marcia Schlichting, Secretary, WFWP Ohio

Even though February 15 was a cold and snowy day in Columbus, Ohio, the Ohio Chapter of WFWP created a warm atmosphere during the afternoon seminar on physical and spiritual health.



Mrs. Sawada speaks passionately

The program was launched by Mrs. Sawada, a meridian lines massage therapist who assists Dr. Jung-Soon Cho, founder of the Wongu Peace University in Las Vegas, Nevada. She had arrived one week earlier to conduct health seminars and treatments using the Happy Health Machine.

She was a very inspiring lecturer and captivated our attention with unexpected health advice. One thing she said was that our stomachs work best between 7 and 9 a.m., so we should eat a good breakfast in order to stay healthy. She introduced the Happy Health Machine to us and explained that it uses electrical acupressure to align the magnetic fields of our body. As a special surprise, she offered one lucky person a free neck and shoulder massage after the seminar.

During our tea break, we enjoyed healthy fruit and snacks.

The program continued with WFWP Co-chairwoman Mrs. Nataliya Grishina, who gave a PowerPoint presentation about healing in our physical and spiritual lives. Based on the Divine Principle and her personal anecdotes, it was a creative way to give us insight into the thoughts of the co-founders of WFWP, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Her last slide was a picture of the book, *A Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, which we proceeded to give to each guest in a gift bag at the end of the seminar.

We hope in the future to host Mrs. Sawada again and hopefully to invite Dr. Cho to speak as well.

To find out more about the Wongu Peace University, please visit: <http://wongu.org/>

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MINNESOTA

Near-Divorce Experience

By Talia Haibara, WFWP Minnesota

On a typical middle-of-February snow-covered morning, the Minnesota Chapter of WFWP hosted a special presentation on marriage and family. Mrs. Jeannette Henry, local WFWP chairwoman, presented an introduction and explained the significance and mission of WFWP, emphasizing marriage and family.

The main speakers, Dr. John Souza and Mrs. Deepa Ram-Souza, are family and marriage therapists who specialize in sociocultural, interpersonal, and intrapersonal issues. They gave a heartfelt presentation of their real-life experiences as husband and wife, discussing how

marriages can achieve equality, how to deal with conflict, the importance of self-awareness, and how to grow as a couple. They spoke from experience and also from their training as psychotherapists.

Launching their presentation, they told the story of how they met, which was remarkable! While they were attending the same graduate school, John dialed a wrong number that just happened to be Deepa's. As they spoke, they took turns, each building on what the other said.

They call their main theory the "Near-Divorce Experience," or NDE. It is a model composed of three "lenses" that, if observed, can save a relationship, even one on the verge of divorce. The three lenses are the interpersonal, the intrapersonal, and the social-cultural.



John and Deepa teaching in turns

John and Deepa explained how they personally had experienced the NDE. Their presentation was valuable because it gave advice for how to deal with conflict, how to grow as an individual, and how to develop as a couple. Their model is to teach each partner the practices and habits that help marriage become a successful "happily ever after."

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MINNESOTA

"One Billion Rising" in Minnesota

By Talia Haibara, WFWP Minnesota

As a response to the continued abuse of women in the world, a group of mainly women began a movement, "One Billion Rising." On the evening of February 14, the WFWP Minnesota Chapter joined in the One Billion Rising event at the Powderhorn Park Community Center in Minneapolis to support women's equality and status in the world.

The event featured six dances from different communities and women's groups in the area. WFWP members Mrs. Erie Pehling, Mrs. Sachiko Johnson, and Mrs. Noriko Pearson performed a beautiful Japanese dance called the Flower Hat Dance.

WFWP also set up an information booth for people to learn about WFWP's mission, goals, and activities. People could sign up to get emails and notifications about our local events. Ten people signed up and we were able to introduce them to our website and WFWP local activities.



WFWP dancers join others to support women's equality and status worldwide

Mrs. Deepa Ram-Souza, a WFWP guest speaker on February 15, was also there. She and her students performed the fusion dance of Indian and Tribal belly dances. It was she who had suggested that WFWP perform a dance as well. She connected us with the organizer of the program, Professor Ankita Deka, her friend and a professor at the University of Minnesota, who included us in the program.

We invited all the attendees to join us in the Bridge of Peace Ceremony, which we will have on April 26.

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Love IQ

From Mrs. Caryn Olsson, Coordinator

Please look for the new column on the WFWP website called "Dr. Love IQ."

Thank you for your patience waiting for "Relationship Intelligence" books. Hopefully, they will arrive soon.

USA

Human Rights and Religious Freedom Victory -- Hope for Women in Japan

By Mrs. Ichiko Sudo

In Japan, thousands of Japanese men and women have been held against their will for months and even years in makeshift prisons in order to force them to recant their chosen religion. Eighty percent of these victims of faithbreaking are women, and many are members of WFWP.

As was reported in the February newsletter, after four years of court battles, Mr. Toru Goto, who had been held against his will for over 12 years, was finally vindicated. However, this year alone, two more Unificationists have gone missing and are suspected of being held against their will by faithbreakers.

Abduction and confinement of adult Unificationists in Japan is generally conducted by the abductee's parents under the guidance of a professional "deprogrammer." But it is an experience devastating to everyone involved. After release, survivors often suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, and often the parents who conducted the abduction find that their adult children are completely emotionally estranged. If the survivor was married with a family, the two spouses and the children experience their own trauma.

Women's Federation for World Peace USA has been involved with anti-faithbreaking efforts by creating awareness, holding local meetings with testimonies of women victims of the faithbreaking in Japan, and interviewing victims on the radio. Further, WFWP has visited dozens of congressional offices in Washington, D.C. with Japanese victims to bring awareness of this issue to U.S. lawmakers.

[Click here to see this on our website and to read Mrs. Kiyomi Miyama's appeal to Congressman Ed Royce and her personal story of abduction.](#)

Editor's Note:

The deadline for submission of articles for the April newsletter is April 10. Articles received after that will be considered for the May newsletter.

Captions are required for photos. Articles appear on the website with photos that are not included in the newsletter article.

Thank you all for your effort to bring peace through "Living by the Logic of Love"!

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