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Dear Friends,

Happy March and happy Women's History Month!

As spring is undoubtedly making its way throughout the country (though occasionally being interrupted by snow and cold temperatures here and there), we in WFWP USA feel that spring has fully arrived on many levels.

There was a "new spirit" felt at this year's WFWP International parallel events at the CSW59 convocation (the 59th annual session of the UN's Commission on the Status of Women) in New York, of which WFWP USA was one of the co-sponsors. A young and fresh spirit was felt through the presence of the excellent young women panelists and the participation of local high school students. The latter were invited by WFWP, were exposed to this setting for the first time, and learned a lot.

Our dynamic young international president, Professor Yeon Ah Moon, who spent the entire week attending UN-related sessions and activities, inspired the women at the WFWP Luncheon with her welcoming remarks. As she quoted our founder's original vision for WFWP at length, we could see and feel that this very vision is now beginning to manifest right in front of our eyes and around us! It gave us a feeling of great hope and joy indeed! "What a Blessing" it is to be a Woman, as our Washington DC chairwoman expressed in her poem, especially to be a woman at this time.

In this issue of the Logic of Love News--as well as in the April issue--we will feature articles, reflections and speeches pertaining to the WFWP International parallel events at CSW 59, and we hope you enjoy them!

During the month of April, WFWP USA is having a membership drive, and we invite you to Spring into Action by inviting another young or "experienced" woman, or even your husband, brother, or son, to join WFWP as a paying member.

Spring also reminds us to "Spring into Action," which includes doing our



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spring cleaning, not only of our homes and offices but of our body and spirit; doing our shaping up with physical exercise; and catching up on education, reading, training ourselves, stretching our minds, and dreaming big. All of these will make for us a strong recharge and a springing into action! Let's celebrate Spring; and I celebrate YOU!

So let us Spring Forward together!

Warmly,
Angelika

CSW 59 WFWP Parallel Event



The Dawning of Women's True Dignity and Leadership

Professor Yeon Ah Moon, President, WFWP International



Prof Yeon Ah Moon, President, WFWP International

Distinguished women leaders worldwide, gentlemen, NGO colleagues and friends, and especially young women leaders of the future,

On behalf of founder of Women's Federation for World Peace International, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, I would like to welcome you to our annual luncheon from the bottom of my heart. Before I left Korea, she asked me send her greetings to you, and her hopes for productive meetings during this Commission on the Status of

Women, well aware of the seriousness of some of the issues we are addressing.

I would like to thank Patience Stephens, Special Advisor on Education UN Women, Hazami Barmada from the Office of the Secretary General Envoy on Youth, 3 members from Executive Committee-NGO CSW NY, Betty Levy, Mary Ann Tarantula, Padmini Murthy and the members of the Organizing Committee of the Women's Federation for World Peace International. Please forgive me if I mis-pronounced your name.

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By Mrs. Angelika Selle

It was a great joy for WFWP USA to co-sponsor and participate in this year's CSW 59 events in New York at the United Nations. More than 9,000 women from around the world and the United States registered this year. Among them were a good number of men! All were eager to participate in the main CSW59 (59th Commission on the Status of Women) session at the UN and in over 450 side or parallel events, all under the theme, "Make it Happen."



WFWP ladies outside the UN

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, which promulgated the landmark Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Considered to be the most comprehensive blueprint for advancing women's rights, the 1995 Beijing Declaration road map was adopted by 189 governments.

But, 20 years later, those commitments adopted have been only partially fulfilled. In the sessions I attended, one could feel and hear a sense of dissatisfaction on this point. Questions were raised again and again as to how to "make the Beijing Declaration's action steps truly happen."

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FEATURE



Protect the Family at the UN

By Mrs. Katarina Connery

This past week I had the privilege to attend a few of the events at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 59) conference held at the United Nations in New York. While delegations from 193 member nations held closed discussions, there were hundreds of public events happening throughout the day within and around the UN. In a single 90 minute time block, 10 or more events were occurring simultaneously. I was almost overwhelmed by the number of meetings I wanted to attend, with so many I was interested in that there was no way I could attend them all. They covered a wide range of important topics such as education, human trafficking, climate change, youth, mental health, work and family life, and

many others.

I wanted to maximize my time at the UN; thus, I selected those few events which sounded interesting and would hopefully teach me information that would prove valuable for my future in WFWP. However, after attending a few events, I started to become frustrated with the ideal of women's empowerment that some organizing NGOs were touting. It seemed that, to many, the definition of an empowered woman is one who is independent, career-driven, and doesn't need a man for anything. As if men are an obstacle that must be overcome in order to gain any kind of satisfaction out of life.



Holding the family together

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FEATURE: Women's History Month Native American Women Leaders Who Birthed America

By Rev. Dr. Linda Lucero Nishikawa and Ms. Emily Cornier

Editor's Note: Rev. Dr. Linda Lucero Nishikawa is a member of the Pojoaque Pueblo Nation and a member of the Colorado Chapter of WFWP. She is also the Cofounder of United Native American Council. Emily Cornier is her daughter and reporter for the Logic of Love News.

Many Native American women assisted in the development of this country. In this article I would like to highlight three Indigenous women who sacrificed their lives-with minimal recognition-to bring peace during the birth of the United States of America. These women represent the lives of the Native people who had lived on the American continent for thousands of years and assisted the new settlers who arrived in their homeland.

These women's initiatives demanded reaching outside their tradition, language, family, comfort zone, and culture. The women I am highlighting were three distinct and different tribal women whose lives went beyond their own religious and social norms. They accomplished reconciliation and exemplified the virtues of heart and love.



Sarah Winnemucca, 1844-1891, was a Native American educator, lecturer, tribal leader, and writer who is best known for her book *Life Among the Piutes: Their Wrongs and Claims* (1883). Her writings, valuable for their descriptions of Northern Paiute life and insights into the impact of white settlement, are among the few contemporary Native American works. She was the first Native American known to

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INSPIRATION

What a Blessing To Be a Woman

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Ms. Elizabeth Aihe

What a blessing it is to be a Woman
Woman, a special woman;
Having the endurance of an oak tree through rain or
sunshine
Beautiful like a flower and gentle in heart to embrace
society

What a blessing it is to be a Woman

Mother's love is warm; she brings peace to her
fighting children
Her happiness brings warmth, love, and joy to her home
Her sadness removes warmth and comfort from her home.
From the womb to the earth she brings life

Oh what a blessing it is to be a Woman; Woman, a special woman

Without woman, man is incomplete
Without mothers, children are lost
As women, we can think and do many things at once;
While cooking, we can carry the baby, answer a phone call
And worry about what the husband is going to wear tomorrow
We can be sick and still remain a wife and mother
We have the skill to multitask

Oh what a gift we possess

Our womb is spherical just like the earth
Many things are referred to as mother or her;
The earth, the ocean, nature, and even men's ships.
Woman, the special woman
How precious we are as women
We can carry the baby in our womb and nurse it at our breast

Oh what a gift God gave us

We can educate and we can raise the nation, or we can destroy it,
Just as Eve did in the Garden of Eden
We are powerful yet gentle
We are so peaceful in our nature
We are so loving and beautiful

What a blessing it is to be a woman

So

Let us stand side by side with our men
And bring Love, Joy, and Peace to the world
Because we are the present, the future, the hope, and the dream.
We are blessed as women.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Music Heals the Soul in D.C.

By Mrs. Elizabeth Aihe

The Washington DC Chapter of WFWP celebrated International Women's Day with an afternoon program on Saturday March 14 entitled "Make It Happen! Protect Women and Children." The program was held at the Church of Scientology National Affairs Office, formerly known as the Fraser mansion.

As people were entering and getting settled for the program, Mrs. Nazeeha Howard, Music Therapist, Healing Arts Practitioner, and Founder of Howard's Music Therapy and Healing Art Services, LLC; played the harp and sent forth healing energy and light from her instrument to each of the attendees.



Ms. Nazeeha Howard

Once most people had arrived, the participants were invited into the next room for food and a chance to introduce and get to know each other before the more formal program began.

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Behind the Scenes of the 1995 Beijing Women's Conference: Personal Anecdotes By Mrs. Shirley Chimes

Mrs. Nora Spurgin, former President of WFWP USA; Ms. Maureen Reagan, first child of former U.S. President Ronald Reagan; and I arrived in China on August 29, 1995. Arriving after dark, we were driven to Huairou (pronounced Y-row) and were ushered up three flights of stairs to the top apartments. Huairou China was a little community the Chinese government had built just outside of Beijing specifically for the 1995 Beijing Women's Conference where women from all around the world came to address their issues and share with one another. We were told that these apartments had been especially built for the participants of the conference.



The staircase up to the apartment was narrow and had been freshly painted white. It was so narrow that we could not help brushing up against the walls. Once we were inside the apartment, we noticed that our clothes and suitcases were covered in a white chalk-like substance.

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NEW JERSEY Truly Loving Relationships: Towards Strengthening Families

By Mrs. Denneze Nelson

One of the focuses of WFWP USA is the area of Marriage and Family. The



Rev. Gerry Servito and his wife

New Jersey Chapters decided that, as a starting point, we would have a Valentine's Day event and highlight building truly loving relationships. Our new city chapters worked together to make this a very lovely and enjoyable day for all in attendance. We invited couples and those preparing to be couples to gather and hear Rev. Gerry Servito speak on what a truly loving relationship is.

It turned out that Valentine's Day this year in New Jersey was a cold deep-freeze day, and it had snowed the previous day. However our members and guests braved the cold and overcame the snow and freezing cold to attend the event. There were young ladies, women, husbands and wives, and guests in attendance. The heart and beauty with which Rev. Servito spoke, brought the spirit of Reverend Moon's words on the "Four Realms of Heart" to life. It was so beautiful and life changing for all of us who attended.



Animated presentation

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LOVE IQ Parenting an Autistic Child

By Mrs. Caryn Olsson

My journey of parenting an autistic child begins with LOVE. However, in the beginning, there was a lot of denial. Honestly speaking, it took me 18

months to fully accept that Patrick would need lifelong support as well as 24/7 care. For my husband, it seemed to take a few years to accept. Patrick is our fourth child, as well as our fourth boy. We were also able to have a fifth child, a girl. Our other children could see that Patrick needed constant care, and it was, and still is, difficult for them as well. We love all our children equally, but it is not always an easy thing for them to understand this point.



Patrick

I have found that most, if not all, materials that have been written on autism treat this diagnosis in an external way. It is an environmental issue, or it is a genetic mutation, and so on. I would like for you to step out of this understanding and contemplate that there is also a spiritual component not only to autism, but all special needs issues. Yes, I know this is different, and that is what I would like to explore!

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The Family is the School of Love: Kicking Off 2015 in Pennsylvania

By Mrs. Jizly Dohou

On January 31st the Pennsylvania Chapter of WFWP had the privilege of hosting Mrs. Juanita Pierre-Louis, Vice President of WFWP USA. Rev.



Rev. Juanita's moving presentation

Juanita, as she is lovingly called, came to Pennsylvania to launch the event: "The Family is the School of Love." Her captivating spirit and welcoming voice gave a touch of radiance to her speech. The wonderful song she sang in closing deeply moved and inspired the audience. She offered counseling for married couples, single parents, and unmarried people, giving remarkable advice depending on each circumstance. Her presentation was highly regarded as she spoke of ways to ease the pain of societal problems concerning the emotional and physical breakdown of present day marriages.

Rev. Juanita began by asking a high school student to read a Bible verse. She then emphasized that God created men and women with the destiny to experience happiness by sharing utmost love through the process of being married. She stressed that the reason people marry is to experience three kinds of love, thus reflecting the original love of God: parental love, spousal love, and children love.

Marriage is the door to happiness, and having children is our only way to be connected to the future and finally experience the purpose of life by opening the door to true relationships.

Rev. Juanita was introduced by Mrs. Sybil Bell, Councilwoman of Upper Darby. Twenty-seven participants attended this event including Mrs. Rita Baldwin, Chairwoman of the WFWP Pittsburgh Chapter. Rita testified about her daughter who loves WFWP and of her own unending support of WFWP, which will serve as her legacy.

This event also included acknowledging and appreciating Pennsylvania Chapter's newly installed local board members, who expressed their unceasing support of WFWP. What an inspiring way for WFWP Pennsylvania Chapter to begin 2015!

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Pennsylvania Chapter begins 2015 together

NEW JERSEY--Hackensack Learning About our Neighbor, Cuba

By Mrs. Cynthia Nakai and Ms. Olivia Vozza

One of the things WFWP stands for is to "embrace one global community transcending long-held barriers such as race, religion, and nationality, through service, education and celebration of unique differences."

When we of the Hackensack, New Jersey Chapter of WFWP heard that President Obama might open up relations with Cuba with an emphasis on human rights, we wanted to do some research and study on Cuba, its climate, economy, culture, and history.

When I told Lourdes, a friend of mine who is a native Cuban and came to America as a young girl, she immediately offered to cook an authentic Cuban meal at her home on Sunday, February 22 for the Hackensack, New Jersey Chapter. She served rice with



Learning how to cook Cuban food

black beans with 'Ropa Vieja,' (which means "old clothes"), composed of shredded meat and turnips, and a mélange of vegetables and native Cuban fruits. She showed us a large sugarcane plant and explained how it was grown, harvested, and used as a sweetener in Cuban homes.

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PENNSYLVANIA

WFWP Recognized for Great Service to Others

By Mrs. Jizly Dohou

The Pennsylvania Chapter of WFWP is now a registered organization in Pennsylvania. As such we were invited to attend the Women's Club of Upper Darby meeting on January 20 for the inauguration of new officers of the Delaware County Committee. The Pennsylvania Chapter received



WFWP honored by community representatives

outstanding recognition in the community where we function as "a women's organization that has a great record of service to others."

For two years the chapter has been networking and forging alliances with different organizations in the area and WFWP's work is highly regarded by people in our society. There were many organizations represented at the

meeting that were introduced and honored by the Women's Club members, including social, political, business, and civic organizations.

WFWP is not only working as a peacemaker, we have also shown our care for the younger generation by protecting and engaging them in youth abstinence programs and other youth development programs. Middle and high school students in different school districts are invited to participate in these programs that will help them become peacemakers as well.

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Ms. Jizly working with students



Student peace-maker programs

Editor's Note:

Women's History Month is a powerful time for us to remember our roots as women, and to bring healing, and empower each other to bring the logic of love into focus and more fully into our lives.

Send in your articles and photos so we can publish what WFWP is doing in the US and empower the mother's heart.

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