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## service, new connections, and bonds of heart - right in line with this year's motto: Igniting a Culture of Heart.

for growth, and for new beginnings.

Dear Friends and Families,

When we talk about a Culture of Heart, we talk about a life-style of giving first, of service and living for the sake of others. That also includes building bridges, connecting the disconnected and creating harmony in every aspect of our lives, first and foremost with our Creator and with one another. In this issue, read about the deep meaning of the Bridge of Peace, developments about the Schools of Africa, Service-projects in Service (San Francisco), Oregon

It is beautiful springtime in most parts of our country, time to celebrate life, time

This April edition of the Logic of Love News is all about reconciliation, healing,

Co-Chair stories, interfaith panel in Washington DC, a moving reflection of a young lady on the CSW events, Grand Rapids opening a chap ter and so much more. These stories show the depth and breadth of WFWP USA that has come a long way in the last 25 years! We hope you take the time and delve into the stories over a cup of your favorite tea, coffee or smoothie and maybe get inspired to action

yourself! And if you are inspired, please, consider joining as a paying member (unless you are already one) and don't hesitate to spread the word about WFWP to other women, colleagues, friends, daughters, neighbors, and yes, husbands to join or reioin WFWP at this time. We are so very grateful for monetary aid to sustain all efforts of our volunteers in the field, and I would like to thank everyone who has been a paying subscriber for

Earlier this month Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon celebrated and commemorated their 57th

Wedding Anniversary in Korea! CONGRATULATIONS! Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, truly have been the heart, soul,

inspiration and example behind this organization and as well as many others, to

many years and even decades! Thank you so much!

Enjoy this edition of the LOL News! With love Angelkia

Women's Federation for World Peace Igniting a Culture of Heart

Excerpt on the founding of WFWP by Mother Moon on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary in 2012. The goal of WFWP was not to become another secular women's organization. It does not aim to be an external, political, or combative women's rights movement targeting

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the misdeeds of men. Nor does it exist just to advocate the expansion of women's rights, gender equality and the women's labor movement. Rather, it is a global peace movement on an entirely new level with the providential

significance of realizing the ideal world that was God's WFWP was inaugurated in an historic moment of providential significance, and has engaged in diverse

promoting reconciliation.

presented on advocacy Nations Unlocked. " the most was her perspective on the do's and don'ts of advocacy, and her concept of change leadership which she also referred to as "transilient leadership." Although her references on advocacy were specifically between member states and the United Nations, the unique perspectives are transferable. She started by listing the biggest mistakes people make when advocating. A couple took me by surprise. The first was the assumption that advocacy is about the great things you do. The second was the belief that it is all about influencing the right people. The issue with this approach is this: even if you find a member state who wants

SCHOOLS OF AFRICA: SENEGAL

2016, the school is beginning construction of a new

the Jamoo Training Center in Dakar.

Click here to go to the website and read the letter from the Director, Mrs. Veronique Diop

you all for your generous contributions that have made this possible.

**CSW & SCHOOLS OF AFRICA** 

By Fannie M. Smith, Schools of Africa Coordinator

empowerment.

Meeting with WFWP Japan President

building to expand the reach of the education offered. The goal of the school is to help women become financially independent and productive members of society. Here are some photos of the work they are doing there in Senegal at

The Schools of Africa Project is making a real difference in the lives of the women and children of Africa. Thank

All women, especially mothers, want the best for our children. With the continued vision of WFWP founder Dr.

Midwest to the East Coast, unfortunately, a couple days of CSW events were cancelled. Notwithstanding the blizzard and instructions to stay indoors, our President Angelika Selle

invited the few of us in the building to the WFWP Office for coffee and collaboration. I expressed

Creating new fashions at the Jamoo Center in Senegal

any organization. I had the pleasure once again to join the thousands who gathered in New York City for most of March to attend hundreds of events pertinent to all humankind at CSW. Because of the horrific snowstorm that beset areas from the

Encourages New Goals for WFWP Schools in Africa

Hak Ja Han Moon, WFWP USA Schools of Africa Project is dedicated to developing curriculums in our eight schools designed for the advancement

That said, Women's Federation for World Peace International pulled all the stops to celebrate this year's annual CSW (Commission of the Status of Women), in a special way. The CSW61 took on an even more important meaning for WFWPI because first we celebrated our 25th Anniversary of existence; and second, we celebrated having the General Consultative Status as an NGO at the UN for 20 years, which is a great achievement for

of girls and boys facing disparities in health, housing, education, and

Strawberries in Meyer Lemon Syrup Recipe By Sarah Falconi Spring is finally here and what better way to start the season than with a simple, yet delicious treat? Mixed with a little a pint of lemon juice, and some whipped cream, this 'strawberries in a bowl' recipe will satisfy your taste buds in no time! My mother would often serve this recipe as an appetizer for family gatherings, but it could also be used for any special occasion such as a birthday party. **Ingredients** 4 cups small strawberries quartered 1/4 cup fresh Meyer lemon juice 1/4 cup raw sugar 1/4 cup whipping cream **Directions** Place berries, juice, and raw sugar in a large bowl; toss gently to coat. Cover and chill 20 minutes.

Doesn't that sound refreshing! Click to go to the website and 'like' this recipe...

Intergenerational Collaboration: New Insights to Solve Social Ills

Prosperity: Creating Intergenerational Collaboration sans Arrogance." It was wonderful to see women across generations and nationalities, come together each week to share ideas, experiences, and constructive criticism to plan such a meaningful event. When I attended the well-received parallel event, I could not have asked for a better send off to my week at

As with WFWPI's parallel event, a common theme ran through all the side events: the importance of youth and older generations working together. I was most struck by this in

CSW61: A Younger Lady's Perspective

RECIPE FOR APRIL--It's Finally Spring!!

tambacour been a victim of FGM herself. FGM is a 5,000-year-old practice rooted deeply in religion, and has only seen change in the last 50 years. The Minister thanked the The Gambia young women in the room who are willing to fight for the elimination of FGM Velingara Kolda through sharing their own stories, using social media and technology, and educating other youth and communities. Their message is that FGM is a practice Ziguinchor based on male dominance that negatively impacts the female reproductive system and has a 76% fatality rate... Guinea-Bissau Click here to finish reading Dustin's experience **NEW JERSEY** Women of Distinction By Mrs. Irmgard Baynes

We all were so very impressed with the first part of the program, a processional or a "cat walk," of the

organization's officers and members. As each lady was entering the room she stopped and posed to get their photo taken. Each was introduced by name and a brief description of their role in the organization by their President, Ms. Bettye Peterson. Everyone was praised and thanked for their special contribution. Our WFWP

commented, "This was classy."

Peace

another.

the Irish!

cultures...

is of the Muslim faith and she was very interested in the "Bridge of Peace activity" that

various other states this past year also recently reached Northern California. The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of WFWP just concluded their own project to collect gently used handbags for

the purses and also purchased many other essential items.

Patricia Lofton was a HerStory honoree at the WFWP National Assembly in New Jersey

last year. She is very involved with teaching character education and Sunday School classes to children in

As the discussions for the event progressed, I explained the Bridge of Peace Ceremony and the possibility of a Celebration and rededication of Marriage Ceremony. Patricia loved the idea of both programs. Her church agreed to prepare a Celebration of Marriage Ceremony as conducted by the Family Federation for World

Prior to the event, Patricia especially requested to focus on the older mothers in the church, to receive this kind of blessing, as their lives were soon going to end, and more than anyone else, they deserved to be appreciated in that way. Patricia informed me that all the ladies' husbands were already deceased, and that

Irvington, New Jersey, an inner city community with many struggling families. Patricia also attends the

homeless women, which we filled with toiletries and personal items. We started collecting them in March by reaching out to our community and friends. WFWP planning committee member Liz Beurgi collected many purses from her yoga students who were so happy to do something for the homeless women. We received many donations of items to put into

On April 8th, at the Wealthy Community Center, the Women's Federation of World Peace had its first public

This year marks the 20th Anniversary Summit of "Passaic County African American Women, Inc. Three ladies

To conclude this portion of the program, Mr. Bernard Hill sang

where all the members of "Passaic County African American Women, Inc." had gathered around their president at the podium along with the WFWP contingent. As we returned to our seats,

Hackensack, New Jersey Chairwoman Cynthia Nakai

"You are the wind beneath my wings," facing the front of the room

Rose Ann Kennett & her daughter Kacie

Women's Leadership Necessary for

Having children changed my whole world and helped me

understand God's heart more deeply. I am married and

have four children ages 21-28, one daughter and three

sons. It is such a joy to see them grow and become

amazing human beings and develop their talents and

violence in our world. I was devastated by news of war

and bloodshed in the world, gang wars in my hometown of

Philly, etc. I wondered, with all the beautiful diversity in

the world, why couldn't we just love and appreciate one

Right after college, with a degree in social work, I was

working with handicapped children. It was a spiritual

community with a very diverse population. There were

still bombings in Northern Ireland, but the Irish people

were nevertheless so jovial and hospitable, taking it all in

stride. It was bizarre when I had to go through Belfast and

see soldiers with guns everywhere. However where I lived in the rural area was very peaceful and I fell in love with

After two years, still searching spiritually, I decided to

Continue to the website: This is just the beginning!

travel through Europe, the Middle East, and India. It

changed my worldview to visit so many different

drawn to an international community in Northern Ireland

By Mrs. Rose Ann Kennett, Co-Chairwoman

Place cream in a medium bowl; stir constantly with a whisk until soft peaks form. Serve whipped cream with

I am truly thankful to have been a part of organizing WFWPI's CSW61 parallel event entitled: "Women Fostering Peace

York (SUNY) Center at Binghamton, I went on to receive contribute to the world. I am blessed to have them close by a Master of Arts in History of the Middle East and related right now and can spend time with them. We all have a Islamic Studies from SUNY Center at Binghamton in love for nature and spend lots of time hiking the beautiful 1979. In order to fulfill my self-appointed purpose, I wooded trails and coastline of the gorgeous Northwest! I continued studying and received my Master of Science in will always be a worrying Italian mamma, and we have Counselor Education from SUNY Oneonta in 1992. had our share of family challenges; but as they have grown and matured I am liberated to experience incredibly joyful What motivates me to serve? Simply, it was part of the relationships in our family. ethics that I was taught growing up as a child. I find it rewarding to help others especially women and children in As a teen growing up in Philadelphia, PA, I was very poverty. Even though we didn't have much materially idealistic and concerned about the incredible amount of growing up, we were exposed to the wealth of library

vulnerable. Such a gift can really boost their spirits giving them much needed items that they may have a hard time to find. We were very happy to be able to donate 50 handbags. Continue to the website to 'like' this article... The San Francisco Bay Area Team preparing bags and essentials for the homeless. **NEW JERSEY** HerStory Recipient Honors Ladies in Her Church By Denneze Nelson, Chairwoman WFWP New Jersey

Deliverance, Jesus is Coming Church.

they had been married for over 30 years...

Continue to the website to hear more

Peace.

In March, when I asked Patricia what her plans were for Women's History Month, Patricia was uncertain about what she could do, I recommended that she honor the outstanding women in her church. The date was set for March 19, 2017.

25th, to celebrate Women's Day and the unique role and responsibility that women have. We gathered together in the embracing atmosphere created by WFWP. Together we explored the vision of peace that women are uniquely able to The event focused around a panel of four women, each of different cultural backgrounds, who shared from their hearts the wisdom of their faith traditions. We heard from Dottie Chicquelo representing America's First People, Bishop Petra Kidwell representing the Christian faith, Rhonda Williams representing the Jewish faith, and Zulfia Qahar representing the Muslim faith. Each of these powerful, beautiful women gave unique perspectives and insights into the response-ability that women are called to lead with, and the influence that women have on the men, families, and communities in their lives. From Mrs. Dottie Chicquelo we heard about the Native Cherokee

She is equal to men and has significant power and autonomy; and she counsels and teaches spiritual practices. Ms.

to face such issues as starvation, the Pipeline on Standing Rock, lack of self-actualization, and the preservation of

Continue to the website to read about the other three panelists, and the rest of the event including informal Bridge of

The Bridge of Peace for me is not only the signature event of WFWP, it is a way of healing the universal

accept each other in sisterhood and brotherhood to confront and begin the healing process from the resulting historical

Chicquelo spoke of the barriers affecting Native Cherokee women and the grassroots movement needed to band together

woman, who sees herself as a servant to Mother Earth and Father Sky.

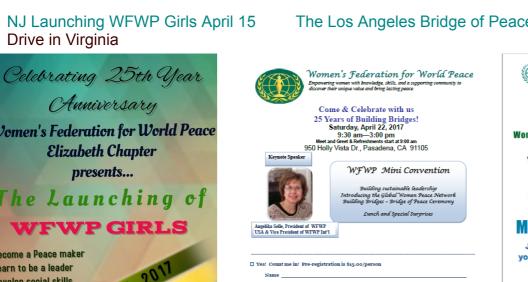
that besets the US. their dream; but unfortunately, it was done at the expense of those who were already living there. Those original inhabitants were thought to be subhuman and, therefore, expendable. The resulting deep historical trauma and ancestral

The roots of the Bridge of Peace Ceremony that we perform today in WFWP are in that deep healing of historical trauma. Today we celebrate the Bridge of Peace throughout WFWP USA with the deep desire to confront and overcome similar historical trauma Those who came to the American continent sought to exterminate America's First People to make room for those who were disenfranchised by their own countries. They came to this continent to find relief and a new place to inhabit and carry on Harlem, New

Featuring: Live cultural performances Vendors & face painting for children Activities for the whole family Family Rededication Ceremony Saturday, April 22, 2017 Harlem Family Church Center 147 West 120th Street

March Food

help others



make peace a living reality. Kamsahamnida (Korean for thank you) 25th Anniversary of

Happy 25th Anniversary Women's Federation for World Peace!

vision at the time of Creation.

activities over the past 20 years, geared to realizing the vision and ideals of pure love, happy families, and a peaceful world that transcends the barriers of race, religion, language, and national boundaries. This has been carried out in the spirit of Rev. Moon's founding message, which urged us to expand a model movement of true love to the whole world based on living for the sake of others. On April 10, 1992, WFWP was launched in Seoul Korea WFWP is an organization compelled by maternal love. We by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. have achieved remarkable growth and development This inauguration was also the launch of the "Global Era through promoting the establishment of families centered of Women," with the grand vision of sustainable peace for on true love. Its extensive educational programs and all humankind. worldwide volunteer activities are aimed at elevating the status of women. These activities have contributed to the We congratulate and send our sincere appreciation to the alleviation of international conflicts and have excelled at Founders of this beautiful and timely organization. We also honor and thank all the women, friends, and supporters of WFWP for your investment over these many years. Here's to the next 25 years of even greater development.

May we continue to be a beacon of hope and light, as we advance to even greater heights together with the next generation of peace leaders. Angelika Selle and WFWP USA **HORIZON SUMMIT: Seminar for Younger Ladies** Advocacy: Start with the Motivation to Give By Ms. Kiyomi Schmidt Karen Judd Smith is the Founder of NGO Academy, Author of Amazon Best Seller "United Nations Unlocked," and Vice-Chair of the Alliance of NGOs of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. It was a thought-provoking experience learning and interacting with such accomplished and global women at the Horizon Summit on March 18, organized by WFWP International during the CSW61. One of the speakers, Karen Judd Smith, including key points from her #1 selling book on Amazon "The United As she brushed over a number of topics, it was clear that we were only getting the tip of the iceberg of an immense amount of knowledge. Needless to say, it left everyone in the room wanting to hear more. What interested me

to take action on your area of concern, they would have to convince the rest of the member states to move forward on the issue as well -- highly unlikely if it is not one of their current priorities. The solution she brought to the table was to start with the motivation to give... Click here to go to the website where there is a lot more to learn!

Jamoo Training Center Expansion Possible Thanks to WFWP USA In March WFWP USA received a thank you letter and some wonderful photos from the Director of the Jamoo Training Center in Senegal, Mrs. Veronique Diop. We would like to share it with our readers. Through the donations that WFWP USA sent to Senegal in

my desire to have a meeting with WFWP Japan President, Mrs. Moriko Hori to discuss issues that stemmed from our last Assembly. Continue reading on the website to see the action steps for Schools of Africa in the US... Jamoo Center in Senegal -- students creating new fashions

Students showing off their creations

berry mixture.

By Ms. Dustin Knoblauch

the United Nations on behalf of WFWPI.

the side event, "The Gambia - Engaging and Providing Structural Strategies that Encourage Women and Girls to Enable Them to Empower Each Other at Every Step of Their Lives." The discussion centered on the need to end female genital mutilation (FGM), in the Gambia. Honorable Minister Touray Senegal spoke of her devotion to the cause. The Minister explained her story of having

Claire Haider, Chairwoman of the Paterson, New Jersey

African American Women, Inc." Of course the WFWP

and nine other WFWP supporters attended as well to

group was then invited to join them for a group photo.

celebrate their 20 th Anniversary with them.

Chapter of WFWP, was honored to give the keynote address at the Annual Empowerment Summit of the "Passaic County

headquarters staff wanted to support her. Our Vice President Katarina Connery came and honored the organization with a certificate for their outstanding work to empower women and collaboration with other local groups in Paterson for the past 20 years. WFWP New Jersey Chairwoman Denneze Nelson

who had made a difference in Paterson were given "Women of Distinction" awards which was the theme of this year's event. Claire had told us that each year "Passaic County African American Women, Inc." honors three people from the community for the work they do to improve the quality of the life in Patterson... Continue to the website to read about the women being honored... **OREGON Co-Chairwomen** Chaplain Claudia with two of her grandchildren

Activist for Those Society Has

By Chaplain Claudia Al-Amin, Chairwoman

Because I was nurtured in the era of the 60's Civil Rights

equality for all peoples regardless of race, gender, or

Movement, I developed a strong sense of social justice and

socio-economic circumstances. After receiving a Bachelor

of Arts Degree in 1974 from the State University of New

books, museums, free concerts, and school opportunities

mother taught us that we should not just take, but that we

volunteer at the local elementary school as a reading and

writing tutor. Her father, my grandfather Edward, spoke

English and also would assist them in "ridding themselves

immigrants were all about being upwardly mobile, and so

I was born in Harlem, New York City. My mother, Doris,

had three sets of twins, and my maternal grandmother Louise lived with us. The summer before I started first

Manhattan in the area now known as SOHO, or south of

WFWP Takes Root in Grand Rapids

Houston Street. When I lived there, it was a working class

grade, the family moved to the Lower East Side of

fluent Spanish and would tutor his Hispanic friends in

of their accents" when speaking English. In those days

for low-income families in New York. However, my

When her health would permit it, Mom would also

should find a way to give back.

was my family.

and poor neighborhood.

By Mr. Hebangja Kisile

conference in Grand

**MICHIGAN** 

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By Pat Fleischman

CALIFORNIA: San Francisco Bay Area

How Much One Handbag Can Mean

Overlooked

Rapids, Michigan. After the successful fundraiser for the Schools of Africa in November last year, the women in Grand Rapids organized this conference to solidify the foundation for further WFWP activities in Grand Rapids. Members of the WFWP Detroit and Chicago chapters drove to Grand Rapids to support this event. The fact that other women drove from Detroit and Chicago to participate to the conference increased the guests' interest in WFWP. One guest said, "This is so interesting, I have never heard of it!" An energetic spirit filled the room, animated by lively music and a large variety of foods, both American and international. Everyone enjoyed the ambiance and atmosphere of the gathering. After listening to the introductory presentation to WFWP "What is WFWP?" given my Chicago Chairwoman Kathryn Davies, two ladies decided to join the organization and also assist in expanding it in Grand Rapids. I have to note that one of the two members

Kathryn Davis had mentioned in her speech...

The spirit of the Women Helping Women initiative that began in the Arizona Chapter of WFWP and spread from there to

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, Yong Sung Leal, who works at Streetsteam.org, a non-profit organization that assists homeless people in getting their lives together, came and collected the handbags in order to distribute them. Mr. Leal emphasized how much such a gift can mean to a homeless woman. Women have the hardest time living on the streets, he said, as they are very

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND, AND VIRGINIA CHAPTERS Igniting a Culture of Understanding and Peace By Ms. Sarah Oben In a beautiful room set up in the Washington Times, a diverse group of powerful women and men gathered on March bring to the table.

spiritual beliefs...

**OPINION PIECE** 

By Katherine Cromwell

historical trauma that all

trauma.

"My" Bridge of Peace

people of this world suffer. Where and how did it originate? Rev. and Mrs. Moon were especially concerned with the deep historical trauma and its devastating effects on the lives of Korean and Japanese women and men from the 40 years of atrocities the Korean people endured under the annexation of Korea by Japan through the Ulsa Treaty of Protection from 1905 to 1945. At that time Koreans were forced to worship at Shinto shrines and renounce their Christian faith and values. Koreans who refused were tortured and some were crucified by the sides of roads to encourage others to renounce their faith or die a similar death. Some escaped to the mountains or underground, others suffered a similar fate; others capitulated. All were severely traumatized during these 40 years. The resulting animosity towards the Japanese people was and in some cases still is palpable. In March 1994 Rev. and Mrs. Moon began sisterhood ceremonies inviting mainly Japanese women to come to Korea and

25th Anniversary Celebration Igniting a Culture of Heart: From Local to Global EMBASSY SUITES, 4400 S. RURAL RD, TEMPE, AZ 85282 SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017, 9 AM-3 PM The Arizona Chapter of Women's Federation for World Peace USA invites you to celebrate our 25th Anniversary! INSPIRING SPEAKERS AND WOMEN'S EXPO GLOBAL WOMEN PEACE NETWORK LAUNCH LUNCHEON AND ENTERTAINMENT HERSTORY AWARD: HONORING OUTSTANDING WOMEN MOTHER/DAUGHTER BRIDGE OF PEACE CEREMONY NETWORKING

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pain need a profound movement for re-humanization and healing in substance... **EVENTS & HAPPENINGS AROUND THE U.S.A.** great!

The Harlem Family Church Center, Women Federation for World Peace & Life Line Healing Ministries Present Multicultural Family Fun Day Join us to celebrate the diversity that makes our community (between 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Malcolm X Blvd.) New York, New York 11:30am - 3:30pm For more information call: 917-592-7020 A wonderful event that we will hear about in the May newsletter Expected Articles Coming in May from the Following Events & Projects The Los Angeles Bridge of Peace Event

Food Drive to The Launching of Just let us know when to pick up \* Become a Peace maker Learn to be a leader Saturday, April 15 \* Develop social skills Help the community Filzabeth Family Church ☐ My friend will join me, she/he has never been to one of WFWP's events. \$20.00 for both of us. Please note: the discount is applicable when you bring a NEW guest only. 1139 Elizapein Ave. Elizapeih MJ from 2.4pm Address Send your check to: WFWP 50Cal, 950 Holly Vista Drive, Pasadena, CA 91105 You may also pay via paypal at <u>wivhplosaugeles@mail.com</u> (make sure you inchude your info in the message section. Deadline for Pre-registration is April 17. Trickets at the door will be \$20.00. \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

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