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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Dear Ladies, Friends, and Families,

Greetings in this pre-spring time, although there is much snow on the ground in some areas of our country.

We in WFWP USA feel it is spring time, as a wonderful moment is being created for this year 2017 that is filled with creative ideas and great initiatives springing up from our local level.

This month's issue speaks of actions of goodness and love, expressed in various service projects, and most of all the wonderful inspiration of our Founder's example on her 74th birthday of "leadership through service". (Please read the articles pertaining to that and her letter). Solutions to many problems in our society as well as personal healing can occur when we serve another person. As Charles Dickens said: "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

As we proceed into March, Women's History Month there are many activities on the schedule, such as the CSW events. In addition, we will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the founding of WFWP on April 10 as well as the 20th anniversary of WFWP's being given NGO General Consultative Status.

There is much excitement and hope in the air, as women and mothers continue to understand our unique and divine value. We have many things to offer to create balance, harmony, joy and beauty in our environment, regardless of the many kinds of obstacles and challenges that face us. Women have the ability and inner strength to turn pain into purpose, lifting others up and the world up to create what we call a Culture of the Heart and a Culture of Peace as long as we have peace in our own hearts.

#### With love, Angelika



I gniting a New Culture: Leadership of "Soft Power" and Heart

### By Angelika Selle, President WFWP USA

If I had to summarize in a few bullet points or paragraph my experience during a 10-day marathon of empowering, inspiring events related to our Co-Founders' birthdays, this is what I would say:

It is time to ignite a new culture, a culture of heart, peace, joy, innocence, and creativity as leaders -- young and older,

men and women -- using our expertise and knowledge to create that culture

together. On the occasion of her 74th birthday and her late husband's 97th, the woman of action who is Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon not only celebrated her birthday with 25,000 people, dignitaries, and youth

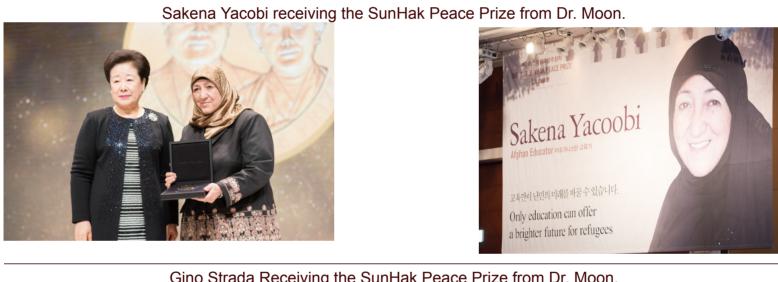
from around the world but also demonstrated her capable leadership as a woman who operates from a mother's heart, giving to others for the sake of all humanity.



Dr. Moon was personally involved in the planning and execution of eight huge, stellar events, ranging from the World Peace Summit of Parliamentarians for Peace to launching and relaunching relevant organizations, especially in the area of sciences and the arts, all for the sake of making world peace a reality -- with the highlight event being the awarding of the annual SunHak Peace Prize to two utterly outstanding recipients.

She encouraged the various audiences she addressed to be leaders who lead with the heart of a mother, a more feminine style of leadership based on "soft power" and leadership of the heart, and who guide the people they are responsible for and truly care for through their own examples and lifestyle of living for the sake of others.

Continue to the website to learn more about the amazing founders of WFWP...



Gino Strada Receiving the SunHak Peace Prize from Dr. Moon.





# ILLINOIS

Vicious Crimes Must Be Stopped: WFWP Chicago Prays With Religious Leaders

By Fannie Smith

Recently, several religious leaders gathered at the Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago to address the crimes that are plaguing our

families and communities. Bruce Sutchar, a member of the Chicago Family

Church and a city councilman, invited Patricia Fliginger and I to represent Women's Federation for World Peace in prayer and solidarity with them. This gathering was an opportunity for people of different faiths and different ethnic and racial backgrounds to pray for our city, Chicago, in the pursuit of mercy and justice.

Patricia and I were quite honored to represent WFWP and be a part Archbishop Cupich, Fannie Smith, Father Plegher of any action that could ultimately bring peace for so many families impacted by crime or the loss of a loved one or acquaintance. As is so evident in the news these days, no neighborhood or economic statuses exempt from what can only be called a "demonic energy," of hate and intolerance.

That evening, we had the opportunity to share the mission of WFWP and the cry for PEACE and LOVE from our founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, with many of the attendees. There was a common ground of hope from each speaker from



mosques, temples, and other places of worship. Rev. Herbert B. Martin, Vice President of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago, was the keynote speaker. I was excited to join Chicago Catholic Archbishop Blasé Cupich and the infamous Father



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Michael Pfleger, the pastor of St. Sabina's Parish and an outspoken activist against guns, street crimes, and fallen families. Many leaders presented ideas from their perspective to alleviate the awful actions taken toward each other that ultimately take down, and erode our families and neighborhoods.

During the meeting I was reminded that regardless of who you are, the earth doesn't belong to anyone and is to be shared by everyone. As individuals we have the responsibility to establish a culture of heart in the family, community, and world in order to achieve genuine and sustainable peace under God. It became quite obvious that there is more work for WFWP to do as it pertains to becoming more visible.

My hope and prayer is that not only the Chicago WFWP ladies but chapters throughout the country will create a method to assist the victims of the vicious crimes we see in our neighborhoods in a substantial way. Something as simple as bringing a fruit basket, some flowers, baked goods, or a hug from WFWP is sure to be meaningful to those who have unnecessarily lost loved ones to random acts of violence. These gestures of community outreach are simple and require little time, budget expense, planning, overhead, or expertise. This tragic area of our present reality is another challenge for us to express our culture of heart as we live for the sake of others by the logic of love.

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CSW61: "Women's Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work" By Ms. Kiyomi Schmidt

WFWP USA would like to share with you several exciting upcoming festivities. The WFWP International UN office will be hosting a number of programs and events during this year's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW61), which will take place from March 13th to the 24th, 2017. All WFWP International related events will take place during the first week of the CSW61 in the New York City area. Below is an outline of the scheduled events.

The theme for this year's CSW61 is " Women's Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work. " For highlights of CSW61 events, see the schedule in the Upcoming WFWP events section of the newsletter. In addition, there will be hundreds of free CSW parallel events open to the public. Those who wish to participate in the parallel events can register here by March 3rd.

WFWP International Event Outline including the Celebration of 25th Anniversary of the Founding of WFWP International

#### **Young Women Leaders Component** Mon, March 13 - Sun, March 19, 2017

(Evenings during the week, and full days on the weekend)

Saturday: On March 18th we are looking to gather 15-40 young adults from the US to attend this intro to WFWP alongside WFWP International guests. The program will convene in Irvington, NY, and the cost is \$30 per person which includes lunch. Our International President Yeon Ah Moon will be in attendance. Email info@wfwp.us for more details. Speakers will include Dr. Rima Salah, Karin Smith, and Dr. Thomas J. Ward.

Sunday: March 19th will be a full day of educational tours, at \$40 per person. Email <u>info@wfwp.us</u> for more details.

**WFWPI CWS61 Parallel Event** 

40 E 35th Street New York, NY 10016

Mon, March 13, 2017 4:30PM - 6:00PM, FREE and open to the public. Registration details below. Women Fostering Peace and Co-Prosperity: Creating Intergenerational Collaboration Sans Arrogance Assembly Hall, Community Church of New York

"Meet and Greet" (Open event for networking and relaxation) Tues, March 14, 2017 12:00PM - 6:00PM 4 W 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036

The "Meet and Greet" is a first of its kind event, and is WFWP Intl's gift to CSW. WFWP is offering this Meet and Greet networking and relaxation space to all 6,000 participants registered in the CSW Forum. Stop by for some treats, a massage, and live streaming of CSW events!

WFWPI 25 th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, by invitation only

Wed, March 15, 2017 6:00PM - 9:00PM

\*\*WFWPI 25th Anniversary Party (NEW) Free & Open to the Public\*\*

Friday, March 17, 2017, 6pm - 9pm

4 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036

Dinner Included, No prior registration needed. Live Music, dancing, food and fun with WFWPI President Yeon-Ah Moon. Registration

All those participating in CSW are asked to register for "NGO CSW/NY Forum" by March 3rd. Registration is free and open to the public. **REGISTER HERE**. The WFWP UN office is also asking for all those participating to register on their website so they can keep tabs on those attending: **<u>REGISTER HERE</u>**.

### If interested in the Young Women's Leadership Component, send us an email at <u>info@wfwp.us</u>.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHAIRWOMEN: INTRODUCTION

San Francisco Bay Area Chairwoman: Mrs. Pat Fleischman

By Katherine Cromwell

since.

Francisco Bay Chapter of WFWP USA. I have known Pat for more than 45 years. To give you a little background information about her, Pat went to Senegal, Africa as a missionary of the Unification Movement in 1975. Her husband joined her in 1982 and they had four of their five sons while living in Senegal. In 1992, she and her husband, Justin, returned to his hometown in

Marin County, just north of San Francisco. At the time WFWP was inaugurated, she had five young boys to take care of and participated in WFWP activities as much as she could. Then in 2001, she was recommended by some of the local



WOMEN'S FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE

25th ANNIVERSARY

OOD • LIVE MUSIC • FUN Honoring volunteers and supporters of WFWP

This event is **free** and open to WFWP members, volunteers, & friends. Come celebrate 25 years of WFWP with **International President**, **Yeon Ah Moon**. There will be a

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4 West 43rd Street

NEW YORK, NY 10036

inner buffet.

WFWP members to become the chairwoman for the San Francisco Bay Chapter. She has been the chairwoman ever

# CALIFORNIA: San Francisco Bay Area

Let Us Become Women Who Embody True Parental Love By Pat Fleischman

For quite a long time I struggled to understand what WFWP really is. Being a very practical person I was always looking for some very concrete explanation. My understanding has grown slowly as well as a feeling of connection with Mother



Moon. These days, I can understand more deeply her heart behind WFWP. There is an urgent need for us to become women who can bring and embody true parental love in dealing with the problems in our communities and to find other women to work with us. I'm not so confident or sure how to do all that myself, but I see in the younger women who joined our planning committee a greater ability to see the ways to reach out and connect with people. I really enjoy working together with the women on our committee.

In 2001, I was feeling that I wanted to get involved in some public activity and was wondering if I could help out with WFWP. I was very surprised when they asked me to be chairwoman. but decided to give it a try. Mrs. Kikuno Allen, who had a lot of experience with WFWP, was the assistant chairwoman, which made it possible. It was very challenging and I had a lot of limitations but I really enjoyed working with Kikuno. Gradually we formed a team and over the years we did many kinds of activities.

We had monthly meetings for many years, often focused on different themes. For a while we did a "Women of Faith" series where we invited women of different faiths to come and share their faith and story. We also did a "Women of Destiny" series where we invited women who were doing some meaningful project of service to speak. For example, in April 2009 a woman from Kenya, who was helping girls in Kenya go to school, came and spoke to us about her project. Another time, Ms. Poppy Richie spoke about her trip to Zambia.



Global Citizen's Award

Continue to the website to read more -- she has a lot to say!



FEATURE: ARIZONA

Bringing Light Into a World of Chaos By Karen Esguerra, WFWP Logic of Love Intern

Singleton Moms, named to honor the memory of Michelle Singleton, whose



courageous battle with terminal cancer inspired her friends to cooperate and help her take care of her four young children; is a non-profit organization that focuses solely on aiding single parents

who suffer from cancer and have minor children. Taking into account the struggles encountered from intense medical treatment, parental responsibilities towards young children, and the challenges of everyday life; the staff at Singleton Moms knows that

> battling cancer is hard enough; but it is next to impossible when single-handedly taking care of a family as well.



nurturing those who are

The staff at Singleton Moms work to relieve the constant worry those parents experience by taking on and fulfilling the daily parental responsibilities to provide for their children. Singleton Moms provides the bare necessities: meals, housekeeping chores, and community outlets that strengthen a household that has been weakened through battling with cancer. Singleton Moms also provides aid to help these parents meet those needs. Volunteers and donors support this organization and provide children's activities and deliveries, as well as coordinating events to further the organization, its goals and its

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traditions.



## NEW JERSEY

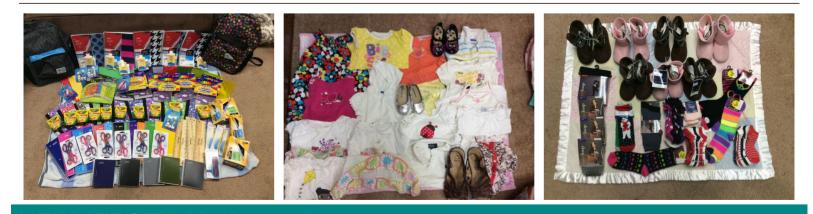
Miracles in Paterson: Chapter Semi-Annual Report By Claire Haider

From August 2016, the Paterson, New Jersey Chapter of WFWP was really busy working on our Annual School Supplies Drive. The school supplies that were collected went to the organizations listed to the right. An additional contribution of 15 bags of school supplies from one of Mrs. Elizabeth Yamada's neighbors came in after the initial donation.

Then in October, Mrs. Elizabeth Yamada was invited by Dr. Judy Foster to speak at The Christian Fellowship Church in Paterson. She was one of four panelists, and her selected topic was WFWP's theme "Living by the Logic of Love." She read WFWP Co-Founder, Rev. Moon's poem, "The Crown of Glory," and included Jesus' words, "Love One Another". She included a personal testimony, and ended with a passage from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "Love is the only force capable of transforming our enemies into friends." She then handed out bumper stickers stating "One Family Under God", and then tied everything up by concluding that our Creator and Heavenly Parent is asking us to all live together as brothers and sisters.

After a wonderful lunch and getting to know the women in the group through fellowship, Mrs. Yamada could really feel the essence of mother's heart, the natural gift that God has given to women, radiating throughout the room. "Racial and religious barriers were no longer in the air, just sisters in faith were all that remained," she told me afterwards. Since then she is helping them even more by serving in their food pantry and sharing stories of faith with them.

#### There's so much more to read and many more photos on the website! Click here...



# **NEW JERSEY: Hackensack**

### New Jersey, Hackensack

Serving Others With a Passion By Cynthia Nakai and Olivia Vozza

Have you ever had a cup of coffee with someone and paused as they tell you what they have been up to? That was the reaction I had when I heard my friend Claire Haider talk about her experiences with Elizabeth Yamada in Paterson bringing 650 coats to shelters and needy people.

I observed her porch filled with jackets and sweaters waiting to be delivered and heard her stories about working in soup kitchens such as Eva's kitchen on Main Street in Paterson.





January 22 at the La Havana 59 Restaurant in Moonachie, New Jersey. The restaurant is known locally for its delicious food and the display of original Cuban artifacts and art work. Claire brought pictures of her work and shared the events she attended to aid the homeless.

Elizabeth told us about a man called "Father English" who walks the streets of Paterson and does everything he can to aid those out on the street. Claire and Elizabeth are currently buying and delivering different size diapers to a Christian organization that aids unwed mothers.

Mrs. Denneze Nelson, New Jersey Chairwoman (featured in January Logic of Love News), invited all of us who participated to the upcoming CSW61 (Council on the Status of Women), events at the United Nations in March. She shared what the other chairwoman in New Jersey are currently engaged in. We took some nice group pictures. It was a great opportunity to get to know all the people who attended the meeting.



Good work Claire and Elizabeth! We salute you! Keep up the heart work in Paterson. You inspire all of us.

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# **ILLINOIS**

Warm Sunlight and Warm Hearts Honor Chicago Chapter Chairwoman Transition

By Fannie Smith, WFWP Schools of Africa Coordinator



The unseasonably warm weather in Chicago greeted us on that Sunday, February 19, 2017. The bright and warm sun, sent by God to warm our hearts, set the ideal temperament for the emotional service that was held at the Chicago Family Church. WFWP members and friends from not only Chicago, but from neighboring states gathered to officially honor Patricia Fliginger who has been the WFWP Midwest regional chairlady for the past six years. Pat and her husband Brent have four children, and both of them are very active in their church community. Patricia's constant service in many organizations as well as in WFWP was highlighted and appreciated during the service.

During the service, Ms. Kathryn Davis was ceremoniously installed as the new WFWP chairwoman for the Chicago Chapter. Kathryn is also a member of the same church community, and has earned the love and respect of leaders in all aspects of her involvement. Kathryn has two daughters and is an active member of WFWP Chicago, serving as a

consultant for the chapter and has supporting many chapter events over the years.

## **COLORADO: A Poem**

Continue to the website to read more.

### You're Invited

To My Lovely and Gracious Sister By Shirley Chimes, Colorado WFWP

#### The other day I thought of you

- In my mind's eye, I saw you
  - Lovely Sister with a beautiful smile. Began my day and turned my dial.
  - Since then, I'm thinking all the time
  - Why don't my sister and I dine?
  - Let's dress to the T's and wear a hat
  - My lovely sister and I, out to eat
  - Breakfast, lunch, or dinner;
- Please consider and let me know. I'm home all day with my phone,
- Waiting for you to call.

So we can be alone,

Together, dining, sharing -- together.



Karen Esguerra

# Empower Women with the Crown of Glory: My Daughter Your Daughter Inaugural Ceremony By Sarah Falconi

On Thursday, February 2nd, the newly inaugurated non-profit organization, "My Daughter, Your Daughter," hosted an event held at in Midtown Manhattan, to raise awareness of young girls that are being abused, forced into labor, and deprived of an education. Their mission statement is to "empower young women with the crown of glory they deserve;"

so that women can stand up for themselves and become great leaders in the future. More than one hundred participants gathered, including the New York Chapter of WFWP. The event was filled with guests speakers and performances.

One of the guest speakers of this special event was Mrs. Katarina Connery, vice president of WFWP USA, who spoke about how women throughout the world are mistreated and marginalized. She highlighted a few examples, such as the four million women per year in the United States who experience physical violence from



their intimate partners. Katarina also mentioned WFWP Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's, views on feminists, who have primarily responded to the unequal treatment of women by seeking to combat against men for their rights. She explained that, rather, women should complete men as equal partners, and not compete against them. We need both sides of masculine and feminine leadership to bring world peace. Katarina ended her speech by encouraging the women of the audience to let their voices be heard and empower themselves and each other as women of dignity, beauty, and value. Other speakers included Prince A.Z.K. Adekoya II, CEO of My Daughter, Your Daughter; the Hon. Senator Kevin Parker of New York State Senate 21st District; and the Hon. William C. Mckoy, Third Ward Councilman of Paterson, New Jersey.

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# PENNSYLVANIA

Discussion on Finding Solutions to Critical Problems in our Communities: Winter Weather Does Not Deter Community Action By Ms. Jizly Dohou

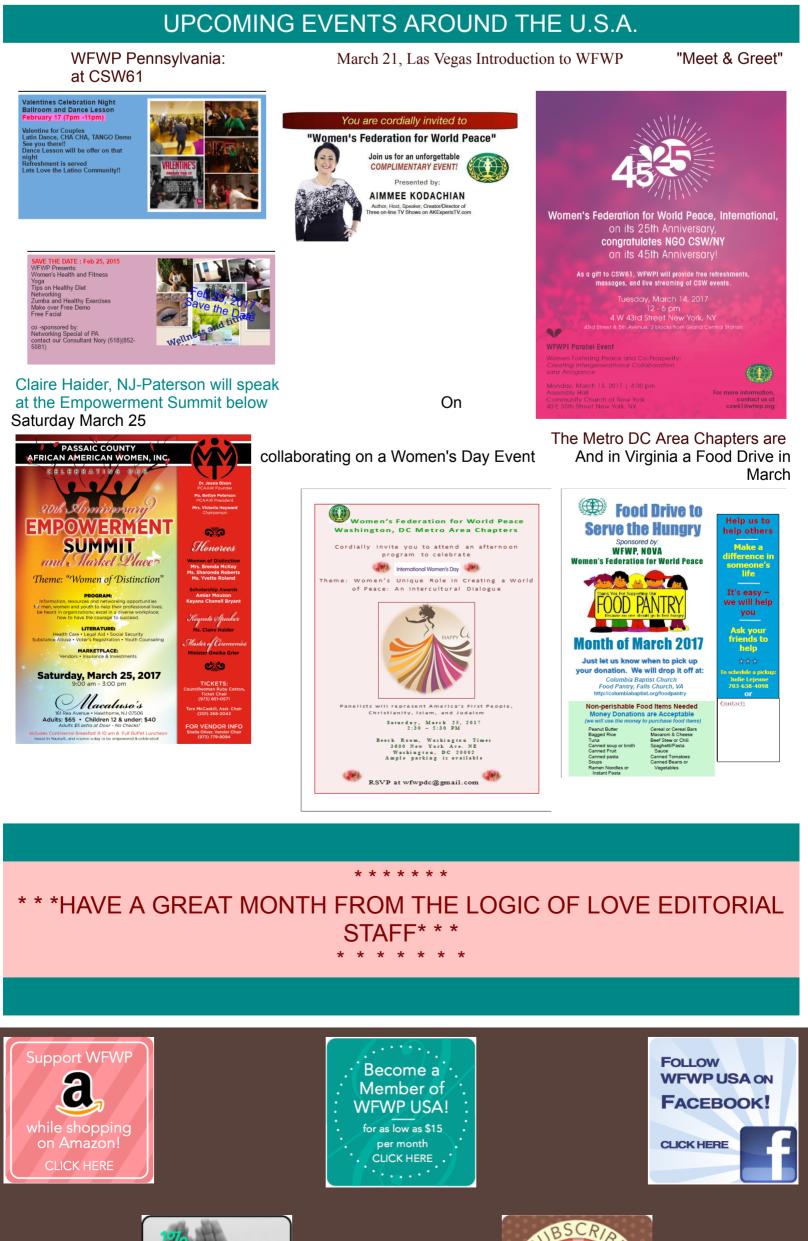
In spite of the blistery winter day in Philadelphia, more than 80 people made their way through the wind and cold to the Sayre Recreation Center on January 14 to be part of the Community Leaders Conference that was held there. The conference was

organized and co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Chapter of WFWP, FICA (Filipino International Community of America), and ACE (Association of Christian Evangelists). Together with other government groups representing the ambassadors from local counties and other faith-based leaders from different walks of life, we joined together and brought forth high level dialogue on the theme "Our Role as Community Leaders in our Society." The first session was an open forum where each community leader spoke and verified their distinctive and important role as a leader in their area of involvement.

In the search for solutions to today's critical problems in our society--including local and societal conflict that affects the global system--the goal of this conference was to decide on a step by step leadership networking system and be more effective in promoting peace in our

communities. Many demonstrated their interest in and their perspective on challenging the issues involved. The high level of discussion in the forum created a new paradigm to set up a diverse team to work more effectively and contribute more substantially to the higher purpose of serving our society.

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