



WOMEN AS THE TURNING POINT FOR PEACE

"This is a time of change... God is going to do a major shift through this event here in Los Angeles and I would like to invite you to be a part of it."

WFWP USA President Angelika Selle spoke about the upcoming Blessing America Rally in Los Angeles LIVE ON AIR on the NuWellness TV Show hosted by Dr. Cherilyn Lee, on March 27, 2019.

Emma Reed as WFWP leaders on the West Coast are preparing for Mother Moon's visit on April 6. The interview, which is available on various platforms including Spotify,

Google Play, Tunein, Itunes, IHeartRadio, and Stitcher, also speaks about the Global Women's Peace Network and highlights the Mother of Peace as the Turning Point. Watch and be inspired!

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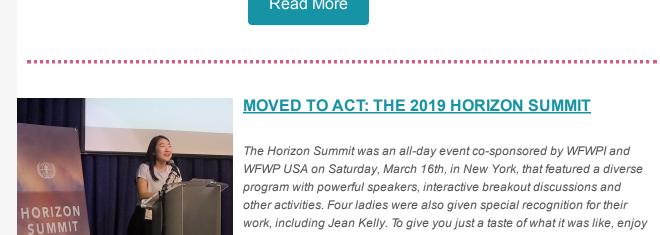


WFWP MIDWEST AT THE 63RD COMMISSION ON **THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

This year WFWP Midwest Region had the honor of being counted among over 4,000 NGO women leaders and hundreds of civil society organizations from more than 100 nations worldwide. Serving as a representative from the Chicago area, I was humbled in the presence of sisters of all ages, ethnicities, cultures and economic status, destined to share "their story." Long distance travel, physical and financial sacrifice, and the determination to share the voice of those left back home made "their story" in New York that much more powerful. During my time there, I had the opportunity to attend two very interesting events

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described briefly below...



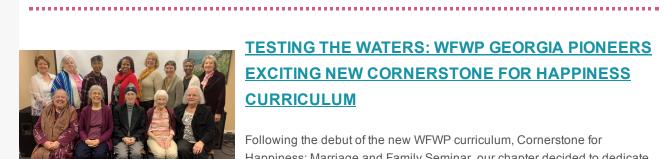
MOVED TO ACT: THE 2019 HORIZON SUMMIT

The Horizon Summit was an all-day event co-sponsored by WFWPI and WFWP USA on Saturday, March 16th, in New York, that featured a diverse program with powerful speakers, interactive breakout discussions and other activities. Four ladies were also given special recognition for their work, including Jean Kelly. To give you just a taste of what it was like, enjoy reading the personal thoughts of several young ladies on this experience.

Kiyomi Schmidt, WFWP USA Outreach Coordinator: I left the 2019 Horizon Summit with a heightened awareness of ways I can change my mindset, intentions, and actions to further build a culture of peace in my own life and community...

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CURRICULUM



TESTING THE WATERS: WFWP GEORGIA PIONEERS EXCITING NEW CORNERSTONE FOR HAPPINESS

Following the debut of the new WFWP curriculum, Cornerstone for Happiness: Marriage and Family Seminar, our chapter decided to dedicate three hours on a Saturday in February to explore it for ourselves. Four women each took one section to practice and present and we shared our impressions and (minor) suggestions for improving it over a potluck lunch. Everyone was inspired about the beautiful slides, the interactive discussions and the depth of the content. One sister remarked, "I have been married for

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A BREATH OF FRESH AIR: REFLECTION OF THE

WFWPI PARALLEL EVENT As anyone who has been to a Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

twenty-five years and I needed to hear this" ...

can attest, with such an overwhelming number of events happening over the course of two weeks, it can be quite a challenge to pick the ones you want to attend.

To give our readers a rough idea, according to UN Women more than 280 side events and 400 parallel events were organized at CSW63 from March 11 to 22. The parallel events are hosted by civil society organizations such as WFWP International..

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..... WHAT A BLESSING TO BE A WOMAN

By 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

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

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.



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The Arizona sun was smiling behind a pleasantly overcast sky during the third annual "Peace Starts with Me and my Family" event on March 9th, led by emcee Glenda Lambert of the Arizona Global Women's Peace Network. The outdoor gathering of more than 70 friends, family and neighbors warmed up to breathe and bend with yoga instructor Michael in the beautiful Daley Park in Tempe, Arizona.

The group was welcomed by Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) pastor Margaret Sisserson, guided in meditation by Deborah Roether, and washed in Hindu prayers and Sanskrit quotes by Anita Rangaswami. Elaine Kozuka then led the "Star Spangled Banner." Rhia Nkulu, WFWP Arizona Chairwoman, provided an informative WFWP table, and encouraged much participation at this beautiful event, which included a Bridge of Peace and a marriage rededication ceremony...

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We are very pleased to include this report from our sister organization in Canada and will continue to feature stories of their uplifting work in upcoming issues of the newsletter, so look forward to it!

HOLDS FAMILY DAY SEMINAR

Women's Federation for World Peace of Toronto held a Family Day Round Table Seminar on the theme: "Harmonious Families, The Greatest Facilitator of Happiness" on February 23, 2019 in Toronto with nearly 60 participants. The program featured four round table speakers, who each had their own perspective and nuggets of wisdom to share, as well as some inspiring entertainment from Japanese volunteers...

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FILLING THE WORLD WITH LOVE, ONE HANDBAG **AT A TIME**

"Love cannot remain by itself - it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service... All works of love are works of peace." Mother Teresa

In 2017, the WFWP Georgia Chapter was inspired to initiate The Handbag Project after hearing the success stories from other regions. The concept was simple: ask women to donate gently used purses, fill them with personal items and donate them to a local women's shelter. We had already established contact with "The Children's Restoration Network," a non-profit that has served homeless children and mothers in

Georgia since 1993, and chose to partner with them for this project... Read More



ESTER DAVIS IS GUEST SPEAKER AT DAR

CHAPTER IN TEXAS On March 7, 2019, long-time WFWP supporter Dr. Ester Davis drove more than 50 miles north of Dallas to Van Alstyne, Texas, to speak at a meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She was invited by her old friend Laura Hornbeck, a DAR officer and WFWP southwest regional

chairwoman, to give a testimony about her incredible life.

The DAR was founded in 1890 during centennial celebrations of the inauguration of President George Washington. Since that time, almost one million women have qualified as members, tracing their ancestry back to a patriot of the American Revolution. With the motto of "God, Home, and Country," chapters throughout the USA meet regularly to honor their heritage and promote education, historical preservation and patriotism...

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