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April Blossoms!

President's Corner

Dear Friends,

As spring is in full bloom across the nation, this month's newsletter is also chock full of hopeful news and events that occurred especially during Women's History Month in March!

Through each article, one can sense and feel a stirring in the hearts and spirits of the women and mothers. In addition, some articles show how young women are using their unique gifts, talents, and feminine qualities to contribute to the greater good and to make a difference for the sake of peace.

We are most hopeful when we see the younger generation step up and step forward, such as young woman volunteer Ms. Greta Anderson. At the recent and very successful WFWP International parallel event at the UN's Committee on the Status of Women, Greta brought a fresh spirit and heart to the table, asking the question, "Why is the world a broken plate?" As Fannie Smith put it in her article below, "Greta for six months lived in Israel's dangerous places and among ruins and vowed to design her own program to create peace, alleviate poverty, and give a voice to the voiceless." Quite a remarkable young woman, who also happens to be the designer for WFWP USA's Assembly themes.

We are also hopeful to see how city officials and former civil rights leaders crossed the Bridge of Peace in Las Vegas for the sake of closing the still apparent racial divide in this country as part of the activities celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. We thank Mrs. Katherine Duncan, president of the Ward 5 Chamber of Commerce in Las Vegas, for having the vision to make the Bridge of Peace a central part of the celebrations.

Women propelled and moved by their maternal heart, love, and passion pulled these events together, creating the atmosphere for repentance and forgiveness that is the first step toward reconciliation. Any woman or mother can do this when all work together. One does not need a position or title to create the atmosphere for peace.

As our founders have been emphasizing ever since the beginning of this organization, "Women and mothers are called at this time to play a central role for peace." In this beautiful time of spring, let us "spring forward" together with love and action to make this world and our families a better place.

Happy Easter and Happy Passover!

Warmly,
Angelika Selle



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UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

WFWP Luncheon: Celebrating the UN's Efforts for Women

By Minister Fannie M. Smith, WFWP Executive Board



On a sunny, bright, and invigorating day, with New York City's East River as a backdrop, over a hundred guests gathered in the Delegates Dining Room at the United Nations Headquarters for a Women's Federation for World Peace International luncheon commemorating and celebrating the 58th session of the UN's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

As guests arrived on the afternoon of March 18, delightful refreshments were served and groups gathered and made conversation around the room. Acquaintances were renewed and friendships established that represented scores of countries. Mistress of ceremonies Mrs. Alexa Ward, deputy director of WFWP's UN Office, took to the podium with brief remarks on the importance of the afternoon's speakers and the purpose of WFWP's annual celebration-which was co-chaired by Mrs. Carolyn Handschin, president of WFWP Europe, and Mrs. Ward, and coordinated by Mrs. Joy Theriot.

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UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

WFWP Side Event: Taking Aim at the MDGs

By Minister Fannie M. Smith, WFWP Executive Board

Immediately following WFWP's March 18 luncheon to commemorate the 58th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), guests and visitors were ushered across the street into the United Nations Church Center's Hardin Room, where a large gathering was anticipating a panel discussion on the topic, "Stories of Women's Leadership: Achievement and Challenges Toward Achieving Post-2015 Agenda Goals."

At this CSW parallel event-co-sponsored by WFWP International, WFWP USA, and the Sound Essence Project-ladies representing diverse backgrounds, leadership abilities, and experiences reflected on their progress toward fulfilling the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).



[Read the rest of the story on our website...](#)

NEVADA

Steps Toward Healing the Past

Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary and a Bridge of Peace Ceremony

By Mrs. Kimiyo Anceney, Chairwoman, WFWP Las Vegas

The 150th anniversary of the President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and the 150th anniversary of Nevada's statehood coincided recently, and the WFWP Las Vegas chapter helped celebrate both.



Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman presenting proclamation to Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Anceney

We co-sponsored a segment of a weeklong series of events, held March 24-30, that commemorated Abraham Lincoln's edict that officially freed America's slaves. The main organizers of this event were the Harrison House, the Nevada Black Historical Society, the Get Active Foundation, and Las Vegas' Ward 5 Chamber of Commerce.

WFWP conducted our signature project, the Bridge of Peace Ceremony, at the highlight of the week's celebrations. This event took place Wednesday, March 26, at BPOE Elks Lodge #1468 and was called the "Moulin Rouge Affair." Fifty-four years ago, on March 26, 1960, civil rights leaders, hotel owners, and public officials met at the Moulin Rouge Hotel (the only integrated hotel and casino in Las Vegas at the time) to make a deal that led to the desegregation of Las Vegas casinos. It became known as the Moulin Rouge Agreement. Last month's event was a celebration of past civil rights achievements, and also served as a reminder of the work that yet needs to be done to foster racial harmony and community growth.

[See the full story plus lots of pictures and a video of the Bridge of Peace ceremony...](#)

New Chairwoman for Harlem, New York: Ms. Nandi Moton

This is to announce the appointment of Mrs. Nandi Moton as WFWP representative for Harlem, effective April 1, 2014!

Harlem has always been a place of great activity in our movement over the years, and as Harlem is emerging as a new cultural center now more than ever before, we would like to initiate WFWP activities there.

We thank Mrs. Nandi Moton -- our former chairwoman of the state of Georgia, who with her youthful and determined spirit has accomplished much -- for stepping forward and taking on this new responsibility, beginning with a 3-month trial period (as always) and with the support of Vice President Juanita Pierre-Louis.

Thanks also to Mrs. Beryl Green, the NYC Metro chairwoman, who has been faithfully keeping the pulse of WFWP activities going in Manhattan, and who will support this new initiative in Harlem.

The official appointment will take place at a later point in April or May. With best wishes for a successful new start for WFWP in Harlem!

Warm Regards,
Angelika Selle



Ms. Nandi Moton, new chairwoman for WFWP Harlem

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OHIO

"You Matter!"

Membership Appreciation Tea in Columbus
By Marcia Schlichting, WFWP Ohio Secretary

One of WFWP Ohio's projects this year is to recognize our WFWP members and to show them that their donations are appreciated and helpful for our programs throughout the year. Many of our members are hard-working women who have no time to attend meetings or local events. Nevertheless, their contributions of heart, prayer, and funding are essential and so much appreciated.



Member Appreciation Tea

Many WFWP members in Columbus work together in a complex of stores, so we decided to have a "Members Tea" there during their lunch break. So on March 25, we hosted 30 members at a tea at Belle's Bread Japanese Bakery & Café, a popular café with a large meeting room in the back. We planned the meeting to coincide with the members' half-hour lunch break.

The tables were beautifully arranged, with prepared table settings. Parents were encouraged to bring their children, and a side table was prepared for the children to eat and

play together. The children were all thrilled, as were their parents, who finally had a chance to listen to a WFWP program.

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NEW YORK

Fashion Show With Spirit

By Mrs. Beryl Green, WFWP Metro New York Chairwoman

A mixed audience of women and men, younger and older, had a lively, uplifting, and informative time at a "Women's Empowerment Day and Fashion Show" sponsored by the Metro New York chapter of WFWP and the Filipino International Community of America, the latter led by President Joy Theriot.

The March 23 Fashion Show was presented by WFWP young professionals Christina Kartel and Jara Lefe and was in honor of Women's History Month.

The afternoon program, emceed by Dr. Remi Alapo, got off to an electrifying start with musical selections from Ms. Nandi Benghu and Rev. Desmond Green. Then Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis, WFWP USA vice president, presented welcoming remarks.

Keynote speaker Rev. Beryl Green read from a speech given by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon in 2012 at the M hotel in Las Vegas. This was well received by the invitees, who included Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo; Laura James, director of the Summer Youth Employment Program at Medgar Evers College; and Gurukumar Thankapan.

The second half of the afternoon's program was hosted by the beautiful Ms. Ijeoma Opara, our newest member of WFWP. Looking ready to walk the runway herself, she announced each model with great fanfare. Looking poised and elegant, Ms. Tina Fields led off with evening wear, followed by our Filipino sisters Mrs. Elena Bahian and Mrs. Shirley Harris, to name a few.

Each model showcased at least two pieces. Dr. Alapo wore a stunning African dress and our Filipino sisters modeled their national dress. It was fun for the participants and the onlookers alike. There was even some impromptu modeling done by our vice president and chairwoman, who were both beautifully attired.



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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Change Starts With You!

By Mrs. Elizabeth Aihe, WFWP DC Chairwoman

Food for the mind, the soul, and the body: That's how the WFWP Washington, D.C. chapter celebrated International Women's Day this year.

The afternoon program on March 22, entitled, "Change Starts With You: Women Empowering Women; Tell Your Story," drew 43 people, including 6 men and 3 teenagers.



Mrs. Elizabeth Aihe, WFWP DC chairwoman

The success stemmed from much prayer and many phone calls, which produced three wonderful speakers and truly soulful entertainment.

A beautiful song by Ms. Nazeeha Howard and an invocation by Minister Reiko Jenkins of the American Clergy Leadership Conference's Women in Ministry created a great foundation for WFWP USA President Angelika Selle's opening remarks. These were read by the afternoon's emcee, Mrs. Kim Dadachanji, chairwoman of WFWP Maryland. We then showed a video introduction to WFWP USA, followed by a poem entitled, "What a Blessing to Be a Woman," which I wrote and recited.

Musical selections by the Japanese Peace Choir prepared the audience to hear Rev. Susan Taylor, national public affairs director of the Church of Scientology. Rev. Taylor spoke about spirituality, and specifically about how she has used the nuggets from Scientology's teachings to build her character. She is an advocate of human rights, has attended many events organized by WFWP, and said she is happy she has met the founders, Father and Mother Moon. She feels strongly that if many organizations can partner together, more can be accomplished and greater peace can surely be achieved.

[Keep reading and take a look at some of the pictures too...](#)

ILLINOIS

Women as Bridge Builders Awards

Honoring Women's Courage, Compassion, Commitment

By Minister Fannie Smith and Mrs. Patricia Fliginger, WFWP Chicago

The Chicago chapter acknowledged national Women's History Month by celebrating women who serve in the community as role models and who display extraordinary courage, compassion, and commitment. Information was distributed around the city seeking nominations for a mother or mother figure to receive recognition through our first Women as Bridge Builders Award 2014.

From the nominations submitted, the committee chose 15 women from diverse sectors of the community to receive the award. Specifically chosen were a doctor, a judge, a radio host, a homemaker, a minister, a clergyman, a community activist, a prison minister, an educator, and Unificationists from several nations.

The awards ceremony was held on March 15 and was combined with a silent auction to benefit the WFWP Schools of Africa project. Eighty participants gathered to honor the award recipients. As Minister Fannie Smith read a brief biography of each recipient, Mrs. Patricia Fliginger gave each lady a beautifully framed certificate along with a special gift.



Recipients of the Women as Bridge Builders Award

This event took on special importance as we spotlighted the Schools of Africa project. This project was begun by extraordinary WFWP ladies from Japan who voluntarily chose to answer the call of WFWP founders Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon in 1992 to leave their homes and go to Africa to serve the people there. Through that courageous endeavor, now, 21 years later, there are vibrant WFWP schools in eight African countries that are educating the youth there. A PowerPoint presentation, showing the foundation laid by the founders and WFWP Japan, gave the audience a picture of the results of the Japanese members' mother's heart to care for the children of the world.

[Read the rest of the story and see the pictures...](#)

SCHOOLS OF AFRICA

The Schools of Africa project has long been on the minds and hearts of WFWP USA. Each year members in various states have put on events to raise money to send to the schools that Japanese WFWP members started in Africa.

At this time, Minister Fannie M. Smith, WFWP Executive Board member and an active WFWP member in Chicago, has volunteered to be the coordinator for the Schools of Africa project in the United States.

On March 19 of this year, Mrs. Smith had the opportunity to attend a very special presentation by Japanese WFWP members who are working with the different schools in Africa. After the day of learning about this very special project, Mrs. Smith wrote the following letter to WFWP Japan President Yoshie Tsuboi:



Minister Fannie M. Smith

[Read the letter and rest of this story, with its photos...](#)

New Love IQ Column on WFWP Website

Contributed by Mrs. Caryn Olsson, Love IQ Coordinator

The core of Love IQ is healthy relationships. To help promote healthy relationships and address relationship issues, we are introducing a Love IQ column on the WFWP website. The topics, not surprisingly, will deal with developing healthy relationships.

My motivation for creating this column grew out of personal intuition and a desire for others to trust themselves and their creativity. As women, we are very creative! We are different from men, and the ways we respond to situations and experiences are also different.

A bit about myself: I am the mother of five wonderful children. The first four are boys and the fifth is a girl. They range in age from 21 to 12. Our fourth child is autistic. My husband is from Sweden and we have been married 25 years, but that is a whole other story!

Topics that will be addressed in future columns include:

- *Stress, and How to Decompress
- *Depression and Denial
- *Finding Love in the Right Places
- *Accepting Myself
- *Healthy Food Habits
- *Other topics that you might suggest.

In order to have healthy relationships, there needs to be constant communication. Whenever you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to send me an email.

Thanks for reading this, and...be nice to yourself!

[See this on our site and leave a comment or "like"](#)

PENNSYLVANIA

The Search Is On for "Ms. Love IQ"

By Mrs. Jizly Dohou, Chairwoman, WFWP Pennsylvania

In the month of February, as we celebrated love and hearts on Valentine's Day, the young women's component of WFWP in Pennsylvania got together and decided to hold a beauty pageant to choose "Ms. Love IQ."



Outreach table at University of Pennsylvania

They set up a booth at the main center of the University of Pennsylvania campus and gave fliers to the students as they passed by. They spoke to young women and encouraged them to become contestants in the Ms. Love IQ Beauty Pageant that will be held later this year.

The Ms. Love IQ Beauty Pageant is not your ordinary beauty pageant. It is not just a beauty contest, but is also a competition for young ladies who have adopted a way of life based on the core value of abstinence and who exemplify

good character traits in their lives. Choosing Ms. Love IQ will not be about assessing just her outer beauty, but will include aspects of her inner beauty too.

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COLORADO

Happy 90th Birthday to Mrs. Moyna Hudgens!

By Mrs. Shirley Chimes, WFWP Colorado Chairwoman

On March 30, Mrs. Moyna Hudgens, longtime peacemaker and WFWP member, celebrated her 90th birthday. WFWP Denver representatives brought her a gluten-free, chocolate and strawberry cake, flowers, a card, and words from Mother Moon's Plenary Address at the Universal Peace Federation's 2013 World Summit to celebrate her birthday with her. We felt it was important to honor her for her many years of working for peace.

Even before Mrs. Hudgens and her late husband Tom were married in 1945, they were both actively concerned about world peace. While raising four sons, they were highly involved with the United Nations Association in Denver. Mrs. Hudgens served as its president for many years.

She attended the early Bridge of Peace ceremonies, and was there at the same time that former First Lady Barbara Bush attended.



Mrs. Moyna Hudgens with Hisako, Shirley, and Laurette

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Editor's Note:

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