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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

This year's Women's Federation for World Peace 23rd anniversary National Assembly, October 22-24, which also marked the 20th anniversary of WFWP's flagship Bridge of Peace project, to me and to all of us was like a big gift basket overflowing with lots of goodies - rich and nourishing offering healing fruits and foods, including much food for thought.

There was fruit in terms of seeing our Founder's vision in action and substance, a vision which over the last two decades countless women have been laboring for, sacrificing for and investing into! It was a great celebration. It felt like a reunion, as we had with us our first and second Presidents of WFWP here in the United States, Mrs. Nora Spurgin and Mrs. Alexa Ward, as well as many other women who had helped lay the foundation for this wonderful organization.

At the same time, we saw young women and students stepping forward to assist with the Assembly in the spirit of "learning how to lead" and "practicing leadership through service." This year, our annual Day of Service in Washington, D.C., under the leadership of Senior Vice President Juanita Pierre-Louis, drew more students and more excited involvement from the D.C.-area community than ever before. One enthusiastic fourth-grader, for example, told us he discovered, "Service is cool!" In the end, it was "teamwork that made the dream work," as Minister Chi Mauuso, our program director for the Day of Service, always says.

Please enjoy the articles, photos, and video that you can access by following links to the WFWP USA website; and thank you for your support! I believe you will find that each article in this autumn edition of the Logic of Love News contains much food for thought and many nuggets of wisdom that emerged from activities around the country on topics ranging from how to make peace sustainable, women's leadership and racial reconciliation to pointers for daily life success.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving Season! Indeed, there is so much to be grateful for!

Warmly,
Angelika



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NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE: October 22

"Teamwork Makes the Dream Work"

By Minister Chi Mauuso

This year's National Day of Service was the best one yet. After months of preparing for the big day everything finally fell into place and the atmosphere was filled with excitement from everyone. My personal motto "Teamwork makes the Dream Work," was the guiding thought for the day.



Day of Service 2015

Even though there were fewer students participating in the Day of Service than in the previous two years, we were able to accomplish what we set out to do. This included cleaning Washington, DC's historic Georgia Avenue as well as cleaning up Emory Park and the Emory Recreation Center, which was new to this year's project.

Lots of footage was taken to document this awesome occasion. Many restaurants in the area donated delicious food for the participants. We also gave many gifts to the counselors and students along with a certificate with their name on it, recognizing their accomplishment.

As we looked at them working to serve the community, we could see that everyone enjoyed themselves this year more than in the two previous years. The students read the Proclamations that were given by Mayor of DC, Muriel Bowser's, Office and Ward 4 Councilmember, Brandon T. Todd's, Office...

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INTERVIEW



Confidence and Compassion: Reflections on the Beginning of WFWP

By Ms. Emily Cornier

Mrs. Nora Spurgin, at age 77, is the beloved Principal of Bridgeport International Academy (BIA) and was also the esteemed first president of WFWP USA. Under her leadership, WFWP earned the coveted title of an NGO in General Consultative Status with ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) of the United Nations. During her tenure, the Bridge of Peace ceremonies that are a signature project of WFWP's work in promoting peace, was conceived and realized. Mrs. Spurgin is humble about the role she played for the organization, citing that much of her inspiration and motivation came from the guidance of WFWP's Co-founders Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.



WFWP USA initially came out of Women's Federation for Peace in Asia, where the Co-founders Rev. and Mrs. Moon initially established the organization in Korea and Japan to promote goodwill between the two countries. When it was decided that WFWP should be established around the world, Rev. Moon asked Mrs. Nora Spurgin to take the responsibility in America. Ms. Spurgin assumed the position... [Continue reading on the website](#)

DAY OF SERVICE IN WASHINGTON, DC

Youth Serving the Community Teaches Real Leadership Values

By Ms. Elizabeth Aihe



On Thursday October 22, 2015 over 70 people participated in the National Day of Service that was held for the third consecutive year at the 4th District Metro Police Department, 6001 Georgia Ave. NW, in Washington, DC. Three schools, New Hope Academy in Maryland, the Center City Public Charter School in Washington, DC, and the Pro-Mo Love Home School Academy, in Washington, DC, as well as a student who came from Chicago with the WFWP Chapter delegation came to participate in the service project.

The program started at 10 am. The emcee, Minister Fannie Smith, welcomed everybody and introduced the Service Project committee. Ms. Elizabeth Aihe, DC Chapter Chairwoman, and Mrs. Wasana Catalan said a few words. Then Minister Chi Mauuso recited her poem "Thank You." Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis, WFWP Vice President, gave a talk... [Continue reading on our website](#)

23RD NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WFWP USA

Women Leading the Way to Sustainable Peace

By Ms. Emily Cornier

This year, Women's Federation for World Peace launched its 23rd National Assembly under the theme "Women Leading the Way to Sustainable Peace" held in Washington, D.C., in the historic ballroom of The Washington Times Building, with approximately 200 participants from across the nation. This assembly was particularly significant for WFWP, because this year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Bridge of Peace, the signature peace ceremony of WFWP around the world.

On Thursday October 22, WFWP had the annual assembly kick-off event, the National Day of Service. This service project is in collaboration with local schools and emphasizes the importance of both education and action, offering a substantial example of what is needed by a new generation of compassionate and conscientious leaders who strive to address community needs. This year, students from New Hope Academy and City Center School cleaned up historic Georgia Avenue, Emory Park, and the Emory Recreation Center in Washington, DC. Vice President of WFWP, Juanita Pierre-Louis said, "When students learn and serve human and community needs, they learn to lead, they build character and self-esteem."



Aqeel Tate: Pro-Mo Love Homeschool reads Councilman Todd's Proclamation

Friday, October 23 was the Assembly Opening Night. It was an opportunity for participants to interact on a more personal level and network with other attendees and speakers from across the country...

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MINNESOTA

The Longing Heart of Mothers to Bring Peace

By Ms. Denise To



On September 26, the Minnesota Chapter of WFWP brought together a group of men and women to explore the topic, "The Longing Heart of Mothers to Bring Peace." To begin, the organization of WFWP was introduced, the mission and goals, especially pointing out that women are not here to compete with men, but to complete them. For WFWP to succeed, women need the support of their husbands, sons, and men in the community to bring true and lasting peace.

The main speaker, Mrs. Mary Jane Anderson, a loving mother of four children, a nurse, a devoted wife, and a respected longtime member of WFWP, gave a remarkable talk about the different but essential roles of both women and men in raising children. She stated, "Women let the bread rise, while men will go buy a loaf of bread, make a sandwich, and eat it." How you raise your children is what you know and she recommends not being a "helicopter mom" which she defines as hovering over your child or children too closely. She has found that that is the best way is to show your children that you trust them; and, in turn, your children... [Continue reading on our website](#)

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Building Trust in the Family

By: Mrs. Leslie Rigney

On Saturday, September 26, 2015, WFWP Las Vegas held its second Parenting Seminar entitled: "Building Trust in the Family" at the Haven Street sanctuary. Eighteen single and married people attended, including three who received Child Care Education service hours for participating.



Mrs. Mary Hida gave an Introduction to Women's Federation for World Peace followed by a PowerPoint presentation, given by Mrs.

Leslie Rigney, on the value of the family from the philosophy of WFWP Co-Founders Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and... [Continue reading on our website](#)

FEATURE

Women and Their Role in Society: What Has Femininity Got To Do With It?

By: Ms. Tanya Selle



I always thought ballet was the epitome of feminine expression: the gracefulness, elegance, and beauty of it all. I myself have done ballet for 12 years. During that time though, I discovered that ballet is the apex of femininity in yet another way: it requires enormous stamina, self-control, willpower and strength-all the while making it look absolutely effortless. I think that innate aesthetic athleticism makes ballet not only beautiful, but incredibly impressive to watch. I believe that at the heart of

ballet is the essence of who women are and what our role in society is.

I've just finished university, and am now preparing to enter the career jungle. During this time, I've begun to ask myself, what is my role in society? Indeed, what is my role as a woman in this modern world? What is my life dance going to be?

To be honest, I feel daunted when I think about a woman's role in society. Partly because I feel I don't know the answer, partly because I feel as though there is only one right answer-one that I might get wrong. However, when I think more deeply about it, I know I feel daunted...

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PENNSYLVANIA

Marriage and Family as Partnerships for Peace

By Mrs. Jizly Dohou



In society today, differences between people are often merely excuses to separate and divide. Some of these differences include where you live, your religion, your education, and your political beliefs. In Pennsylvania, through the initiatives of the local WFWP chapter, activities aimed at overcoming these differences and barriers have been growing.

Working together as a diversified team, on September 19, the Pennsylvania Chapter of WFWP held a peace project centered on the idea of uniting with people in our diverse society, particularly in the area of marriage and family. Thirty-nine people, including media representatives, faith leaders, community leaders, young and old, and the Honorable Margo Davidson, Pennsylvania State Representative, joined in a monumental Bridge of Peace ceremony. This Bridge of Peace ceremony was also held as a precursor to Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia, who advocated for breaking down the barriers that divide people,

especially by strengthening families in each community... [Continue reading on our website.](#)

OHIO

You Matter!

By Mrs. Marcia Schlicting and Mrs. Annette Yamakawa

Last year's Appreciation Tea was very well received and, in the hope of making it an annual tradition, the Ohio Chapter of WFWP held the 2nd Annual Appreciation Tea on September 30 in Columbus. The tea was designed so that WFWP members who contribute financially, but are mostly



unable to attend activities, have an opportunity to meet with staff, ask questions, preview the events of the year, see how their donations are being used, and gather over coffee and cake to relax and enjoy together. This year's delicious homemade cake selections were: tiramisu, mango mousse, strawberry-kiwi and chocolate...

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NEW JERSEY--Clifton

Be a Foster Parent for Children in Cambodia

By Mrs. Denneze Nelson, Mrs. Hiroko Nitro, & Mrs. Tomomi Ueda



One Sunday after church service, Mrs. Tomomi Ueda, a WFWP member in New Jersey, decided to make a bold move to share about a WFWP International project that she has

been supporting for many years. Mrs. Ueda has been a foster parent for students in Cambodia and fosters three children by providing for their school education, school meals, and books for only \$150 a year. Mrs. Ueda had long been asking herself if there was a way for WFWP USA to join her in supporting this project that so desperately needs more foster parents. She brought this project to New Jersey Chairwoman, Rev. Denneze Nelson for consideration. After discussion with WFWP National President, Mrs. Angelika Selle, the NJ Chapter launched the project on September 6, 2015.

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WFWP USA Events, Updates, & Happenings

Here's what's happening in the USA

Contributed by Ms. Kiyomi Schmidt

Upcoming Events in November

WFWP Michigan: Schools of Africa Benefit Dinner with entertainment on November 7th.

WFWP Oregon: Schools of Africa fundraiser the first week of November.

WFWP Las Vegas: Schools of Africa fundraiser in the third week of November.



Upcoming Events in December

WFWP DC: End of the Year Gift Exchange Party in December.

For contact information on an event or chapter, please email Kiyomi Schmidt at: info@wfwp.us.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The 23rd WFWP USA National Assembly brought together women and men from around the country and was a resounding success inspiring leadership of the heart.

We hope you have found the articles in this edition of the Logic of Love News to be inspiring and insightful. As we work together for peace, let us always live with the knowledge that no matter what another human being looks like on the outside, that he and she is my brother and my sister.

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