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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

This is the month of Thanksgiving, one of the most favored holidays in America. Yet looking around us in the world, witnessing the ISIS atrocities in Europe and elsewhere, the ugly political divisions in this country, and the boiling enmity over recent and recurring police killings, one might well wonder what there is to be grateful for.

Our Co-founders, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her late husband the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, have called this time we live in a "revolutionary era," an era of drastic change when the world is experiencing the poles of extreme goodness and extreme evil. What would they advise us to do? Quite simply, they advise you and me to become peace leaders.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon said in a speech a year ago, "What kind of lives do people need to lead to become leaders of peace in this great revolutionary era?" She went on to say we need to live a life of gratitude, a life of forgiveness, a life of love, and a life of unity centering on the love of our Creator.

And all of that in the midst of turmoil, confusion, and pain? Yes, it can be done!

This is where you and I come in! Ordinary people like us who decide to see reality through the eyeglasses of gratitude and love, and who thus find the positive even when it seems impossible, and furthermore who nurture and uplift and promote it.

This is being a peace leader -- one who initiates such a cycle of seeking and finding the positive, uplifting it, empowering it, and nurturing it, not getting sidetracked or bogged down by conditions that are often depressing. It is with our own hands, hearts, and minds -- starting with our attitude -- that we can transform this current reality into a reality of goodness.

That has been and is the spirit of Women's Federation for World Peace. Our members are agents of inspiration and empowerment for women and men alike, agents of change, and agents of peace, based on the vision that our Co-Founders have provided us with.



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Please read Dr. Moon's speeches on our website (www.wfwp.us, click on Founder's Words).

We hope you enjoy this month's articles and contributions in the *Logic of Love News* and feel encouraged to be(come) a leader of peace during this season of Thanksgiving and always!

That alone is something to be grateful for!

Hope you had a happy and peaceful Thanksgiving!

Warmly,
Angelika

Women Leading the Way to Sustainable Peace

"Two Halves of a Whole: What I Like About WFWP"

Speech given by Mrs. Katarina Connery at the 23rd Assembly

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to share with you this evening a little bit about why I am proud to be part of WFWP.

I studied International Development for my master's degree. In the field of international development, "gender equality," "women's rights," and "empowerment" are buzzwords which are extremely popular these days. United Nations agencies, governments, and hundreds of nonprofit organizations are concerned with how to uplift the status of women, especially in countries or sectors of society where women's voices have been historically absent.



Mrs. Katarina Connery

In fact, the global concern for gender equality is at the level that many development funding agencies, such as the World Bank and USAID, actually require that projects and programs have a component of gender empowerment. However, as I studied about all the various efforts to empower women, I felt that something was lacking... [Keep reading on our website.](#)

REFLECTION

WFWP Assembly "Empowering"

By Ms. Krista Smith

If I chose one word to describe my experience at the Women's Federation for World Peace event it,



would be empowering. The informative, uplifting discussions, the professional but familial atmosphere, the impressive and inspirational individuals present, were all components of an overall effect of high level cooperation and communication in an effort for real, tangible movement toward a united goal. It was truly a Women's Federation for World Peace.

In my time at Barrytown College where I was studying Religion and Philosophy, and now in my time at University of Bridgeport studying International Political Economy and Diplomacy, I am searching with God for a career and life path that will allow me to give most to the world around me... [Read the rest of this testimony on our website!](#)



DAY OF SERVICE FULL REPORT

Day of Service Thriving in Washington, DC

By Ms. Elizabeth Aihe and Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis

On Thursday, October 22, 2015 over 70 people participated in WFWP 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. This project was initiated in 2013 by WFWP USA Vice-President Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis, who made a proposal to add a service component to kick-off the National Assembly by sponsoring a National Service Project in the DC Area. The theme in 2013 was "Learn to Lead through Service." Min. Chi Mauuso, a well-known community organizer in DC, suggested that we tackle some of the problems in the community, so we decided to clean the streets in one of the communities in Washington, DC.



Teachers and Service Project organizers

In this year's Day of Service project, three schools participated; New Hope Academy from Maryland led by Mrs. Beverly Berndt; the Center City Public Charter School in Washington, DC, led by Ms. Abigail Thompson; and Pro-Mo Love Home School Academy led by Ms. Meauvell Tate. Also a student came with the Chicago Chapter WFWP delegation to participate in the service project and attend the Assembly.

The program started at 10 AM. The emcee, Min. Fannie Smith, Director of the Schools of Africa Project, welcomed everybody and introduced the Service Project committee. Ms. Elizabeth Aihe, DC chapter chairwoman and Mrs. Wasana Catalan said a few words, and Minister Chi Mauuso recited her "Thank You" poem. Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis, WFWP USA Vice President, then explained the purpose of the service project and gave an Introduction to Character Education.

Part of the national theme this year addressed how to sustain and maintain peace. If our youth learn the lessons that service teaches, we will and can raise a generation who will become responsible compassionate leaders who can empathize with the people of the world. They will be the makers of a history of peace and not let a history of violence and misunderstanding create their character or determine the path their lives take... [Continue reading on our website!](#)

ARIZONA

Meet and Taste the United Nations in Arizona

By Mrs. Rhia Nkulu and Lucia Anderson

WFWP Arizona commemorated United Nations Day with a celebration entitled "Meet and Taste the United Nations in Arizona" on Saturday, October 10, 2015, in Chandler, Arizona.

When guests arrived and registered, they were encouraged to place the national dish they had prepared and brought on the table that



People and food from many countries enjoy

was already crowded with foods originating from Vietnam, the Philippines, Japan, and Mexico. Then they filled their own plates with delicacies such as: egg rolls, salsa and chips, rice cakes, sushi, wonderful noodle and vegetable entrees, and assorted desserts. By the end of the program, every chair in the 80-seat hall was filled and more individuals were standing or sitting around the edges of the room.

When everyone had settled in their chairs, Ms. Lucia Anderson offered an invocation, reading the beautiful prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, "Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace," and exhorted the participants to be "Women of courage, women of strength, women of wisdom and women of love." The emcee, Ms. Jane Berg, started things off with a roll call of all the nations that were represented. Those nations included Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Iran, Japan, Mexico, Mongolia, the Philippines, Poland, Surinam, Trinidad, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and Vietnam.

In her opening remarks, WFWP Arizona chairwoman Rhia Nkulu uplifted the life, vision, and principles of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, Founders of the Women's Federation for World Peace in 1992. A video followed that showcased the accomplishments of the Schools of Africa project and emphasized the need for continuing support



for their substantial efforts. Mrs. Glenda Lambert directed the participants' attention to the table filled with colorful fabrics, masks, African costumes, and a map of the African continent showing the location of the Schools of Africa. Ms. Lucia Anderson modeled "My Vision for Peace" tee shirts that were offered as gifts for all who donated to the Schools of Africa on that day. Lovely origami bookmarks, made by Ms. Setsuko Otsuru were also given to the donors. At the end of the presentation, the emcee acknowledged all those present who were wearing their native costume of their country of origin... [Read the rest and see more photos on our website.](#)

Glenda Lambert Schools of Africa presentation

FIRST WFWP USA PRESIDENT: MRS. NORA SPURGIN

Beginnings of the Bridge of Peace

Speech by Mrs. Nora Spurgin, First President of WFWP USA, transcribed by Ms. Emily Cornier

I'd like to say good evening to all of you as peace-makers. "Blessed be the peace-makers;" so you are all blessed. I wanted to start out by saying that last evening while I was sitting here (at the WFWP USA Assembly), and I was looking at the graphics, I was struck by the symbolic content of the emblem, it's so simple but if you look at it you see the suggestion of doves which means peace. You can sense a spiritual flow and you also see movement. And, as I thought about it, I realized it means the spiritual flow toward peace. Isn't that nice? But it is so simple and so beautiful. And that's what we're all about.



Mrs. Nora Spurgin

I'm going to mention a couple of historic things first, then I want to share some more meaningful deeper content with you this evening. First of all in terms of history, the Japanese and Koreans started friendship ceremonies before the Japanese ladies came to the US. They had a kind of ceremony called the sisterhood ceremony. It was not a bridge ceremony. But that was the beginning of the idea of women getting together and reconciling some of the deep hurts and the trauma of our history... [Continue reading and watch the recording of this talk on our website!](#)

REFLECTIONS OF BRIDGE OF PEACE CROSSING

Building Trust Across the Racial Divide

By: Ms. Libby Henkin and Ms. Gloria Burrell



Gloria Burrell: "This sums up my experience."

Thank you for thinking of Gloria Burrell and me, and inviting us to cross the Bridge of Peace at the WFP 23rd National Assembly this year. Most of the love and unity that was made possible between us happened over the last eight months; but honoring it in a ceremony was very meaningful. I would also like to say something about the "talking circle" that Mrs. Dottie Chiquelo facilitated right before the Bridge of Peace ceremony. It was what happened there that took our reconciliation to a new level. That deepening had not happened until then and made the crossing even more meaningful.

Dottie is very skillful at facilitating reconciliation when the parties are ready for it to happen. During the circle, the lights were dimmed and Dottie paced back and forth with her bells tinkling, clearing the atmosphere. Things inside me loosened... [Keep reading on our website!](#)

FEATURE

Making a Profound Difference in Rwanda: Report from New Hope Technical Institute

Compiled from received materials by Mrs. Katarina Connery



SUMMARY OF SUPPLIES DONATED, 2015		
Item Purchased	Quantity	Total (USD)
DRESSMAKING COURSES		
Serger Machine	2	
Cotton Mill Machine	1	
Buttonhole Sewing Machine	2	
Replacement Motors for Sewing Machines	5	
		2,688.00
CULINARY COURSES		
Metric Table	2	
Cupboard	2	
Heat Insulating Container	4	
Kitchen Repairs		
		1,630.00
HAIRDRESSING/BEAUTICIAN COURSES		
Electric Razors	5	
Hair Straighteners	2	
Hairdryers	2	
Manicure Supplies	5	
		378.00
Management		1,304.00
TOTAL (USD)		6,000.00

Early this year, thanks to the dedication and fundraising efforts of several local chapters, WFP

USA sent \$6,000 to the New Hope Technical Institute in Kigali, Rwanda for much-needed training materials and supplies. Founded in 1996, the school teaches one-year technical courses in dressmaking, hairdressing/ beautician, and culinary skills. Courses also include classes in English, French, Ethics, and Business Administration as well as a three-month internship program. The aim is for students to gain practical vocational skills to become financially independent. In 2015, there were a total of 107 students, 34 enrolled in dressmaking, 38 enrolled in hairdressing/ beautician, and 35 enrolled in the culinary tracks.

Materials that were bought with the \$6,000 donated in 2015 are in the table.

According to Georgette Umbyeyi, President

of WFP Rwanda, some students walk up to two hours every day to attend the courses at the New Hope Technical Institute, which demonstrates how determined the students are to learn the skills that will help them become self-sufficient in the future. She extends her heartfelt gratitude to all the WFP USA volunteers and supporters who have raised money to support the school: "We want them to know that the results of their efforts really do make a profound difference in the lives of the people that this project serves." [Click here to read her thank you letter.](#)

Currently, many of the students are completing internships in shops, restaurants, and salons. For many of them, this is an extremely important time since their internships may lead to jobs.



Rwanda dressmaking course



Rwanda beauticians course



Rwanda culinary course

In addition to the material support from WFP USA, the New Hope Technical Institute has recently benefited from volunteers visiting the school to teach new skills. From May 11 to 30, two young volunteers from Japan visited: Haruna Tanaka and Minori Tanaka. Haruna is an expert in Thai massage while Minori is a manicurist; they taught massage and manicure skills, adding to the repertoire of both students and teachers.

A Canadian sewing teacher and clothing

designer, Mrs. Johanne St. Louis, who has been working in Rwanda for 6 years on various projects, also visited the school to teach tailoring skills. Especially the teachers acquired a lot of knowledge and experience from her visit, which will certainly benefit many current and future students.

An additional aspect of the project in Rwanda is the foster parent program, which has been active since 1999. Through the foster parent program, students who are facing financial difficulties at home that make it difficult to continue schooling receive



Volunteers teaching the students



Visiting their foster children

financial aid and/or scholarships. Even though the Rwanda genocide occurred 21 years ago, the country is still going through many difficulties and many children have been living with the aftermath of this tragedy. However, according to Ms. Umnbyeyi, the children she works with have more hope and dreams for the future compared to 20 years ago. This year, the New Hope Technical

Institute is supporting 40 foster children.

To see more photos from the New Hope Technical Institute, take a look at the PowerPoint presentation on the website below.

[Watch the thank you video and see the PowerPoint report on our website.](#)

PENNSYLVANIA

Protecting Communities from Human Trafficking

By Mrs. Jizly Dohou



The Pennsylvania Chapter of WFWP along with business leaders, associates, and affiliated members of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania State Representative Margo Davidson assisted in an event hosted by Rep. Davidson designed to strengthen our awareness of

ways to combat the very serious issue of human trafficking in Pennsylvania. The seminar is being held semi-annually, and is a collaborative effort with organizations engaged in combating human trafficking.

Over 50 people attended the open public forum in the Yeadon Borough Hall on November 12. District Attorney Jack Whelan along with the dynamic presenter and trafficking prevention specialist Mathew Grace, representing the Holcomb Behavioral Health System, gave very helpful tips on protecting ourselves, our friends and our communities; and how we can prevent human trafficking from spreading.



Matthew Grace

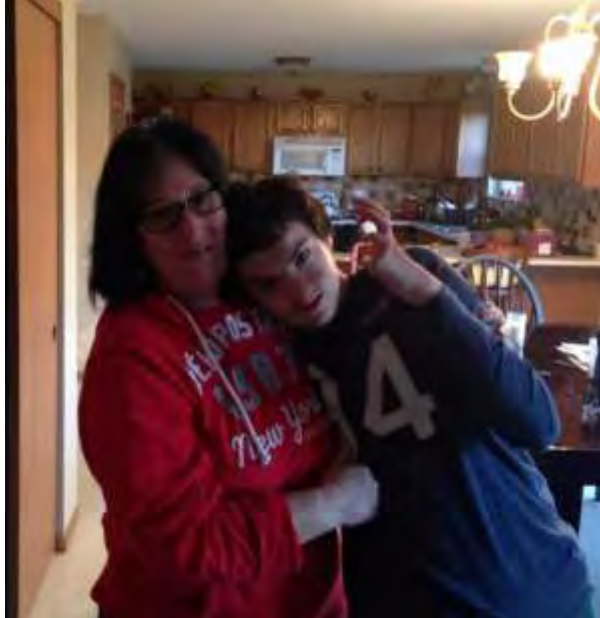
Among the panelists were lawyers, FBI agents, experts in mental and behavioral health, representatives of PRO ACT (Pennsylvania Recovery Organization - Achieving Community Together), and members of the police department that are assigned to this field... [Continue reading](#)

FEATURE

Disability and the Value of the Care-Giver

By Mrs. Caryn Olsson

Taking care of a child with a disability is no easy feat! There is so much to deal with and take care of



Patrick and his mother Caryn

that it is hard to find time to give oneself the proper pampering and love that one needs. It is easy to feel too busy and overwhelmed, especially during the holidays.

As Thanksgiving is right around the corner, my mind turns to giving thanks. October is usually busy for my family, with four out of our five children having birthdays! Patrick, our son with Autism, turned 16 on October 5. We got him a musical truck and Thomas the Tank Engine trains. As he can't open the packaging himself, I attempted to open the darn thing.

It was too hard to open with scissors, so I got a knife to work on it. Well, the plastic was too hard to cut and the knife slipped, cutting my arm. Luckily, Rachel, our daughter was there. So, I told her I needed to go to the urgent care clinic. Off I went, with a napkin on the wound, and feeling very stupid. At the urgent care clinic, I was told it needed 5 stitches and I was given antibiotics... [Continue reading.](#)

NEW JERSEY--Hackensack

Honoring WFWP Members

By Mrs. Cynthia Nakai

On Sunday September 27, WFWP Hackensack decided to celebrate the WFWP members whose birthdays were in July and August.

Everyone met at the Clifton Shops on the Promenade and each person received \$5 to spend freely. We bought cappuccinos and read together from June Saunders' book "Boundless as the Sea, a Guide to Family Love." We read how important the bonds in the family are, and how good relationships in the family strengthen individuals later on in their lives.

"In the family we have our first experiences of love (or lack of it) which mold our characters. No matter what position we achieve in society, what level of education we receive...through the ups and downs of life our families form a set of intimate relationships which sets the norms for all other relationships we have in the world...the family is paramount because we learn to love and be loved within its framework". (Page 7.)



Each lady shared about her family experience growing up and how that affected her life now..

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WFWP USA Events, Updates, & Happenings

Here's what's happening in the USA

Contributed by Ms. Kiyomi Schmidt

Events in November

WFWP Arizona: Co-sponsored event hosting a thanksgiving meal for the Ronald McDonald house on November 28th.

Upcoming Events in December

WFWP
Westchester:
Schools of Africa
Silent
Auction
Event on
December
5th, see
flyer below:



WFWP Connecticut: Schools of Africa Black Tie Benefit on December 5th.

WFWP Arizona: Co-sponsored event with the Falcons Guard Center to collect toys for children in Mexico, on December 13th.

WFWP and Metropolitan Police Department: December 18th Christmas Celebration and Day of Service for 75 students in DC.

WFWP DC: End of the Year HerStory Award night and Schools of Africa benefit December 19.

WFWP Pennsylvania: Membership Drive Event December 19th



WFWP Minnesota: End of the Year Celebration

WFWP Southern California: Christmas Celebration

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

EDITOR'S NOTE

November is Native American Heritage Month and a month of thanksgiving and remembering all that we have to be thankful for.

I hope you have enjoyed this month's newsletter. We will continue to bring news from the field as well as have articles which we hope are of interest to you in your quest as peacemakers in your families and your communities. Until next month, many blessings to each of you and your families.

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