

Logic of Love News April 2017

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Dear Friends and Families,

It is beautiful springtime in most parts of our country, time to celebrate life, time for growth, and for new beginnings.

This April edition of the Logic of Love News is all about reconciliation, healing, service, new connections, and bonds of heart - right in line with this year's motto: Igniting a Culture of Heart.

When we talk about a Culture of Heart, we talk about a life-style of giving first, of service and living for the sake of others. That also includes building bridges, connecting the disconnected and creating harmony in every aspect of our lives, first and foremost with our Creator and with one another.

In this issue, read about the deep meaning of the Bridge of Peace, developments about the Schools of Africa, Service-projects in Service (San Francisco), Oregon Co-Chair stories, interfaith panel in Washington DC, a moving reflection of a young lady on the CSW events, Grand Rapids opening a chapter and so much more. These stories show the depth and breadth of WFWP USA that has come a long way in the last 25 years! We hope you take the time and delve into the stories over a cup of your favorite tea, coffee or smoothie and maybe get inspired to action yourself!

And if you are inspired, please, consider joining as a paying member (unless you are already one) and don't hesitate to spread the word about WFWP to other women, colleagues, friends, daughters, neighbors, and yes, husbands to join or rejoin WFWP at this time.

We are so very grateful for monetary aid to sustain all efforts of our volunteers in the field, and I would like to thank everyone who has been a paying subscriber for many years and even decades! Thank you so much!

Earlier this month Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon celebrated and commemorated their 57th Wedding Anniversary in Korea! CONGRATULATIONS! Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, truly have been the heart, soul, inspiration and example behind this organization and as well as many others, to make peace a living reality. Kamsahamnida (Korean for thank you)

Enjoy this edition of the LOL News!

With love Angelkia



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Happy 25th Anniversary Women's Federation for World Peace!



Excerpt on the founding of WFWP by Mother Moon on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary in 2012.

The goal of WFWP was not to become another secular women's organization. It does not aim to be an external, political, or combative women's rights movement targeting the misdeeds of men. Nor does it exist just to advocate the expansion of women's rights, gender equality and the women's labor movement. Rather, it is a global peace movement on an entirely new level with the providential significance of realizing the ideal world that was God's vision at the time of Creation.

WFWP was inaugurated in an historic moment of providential significance, and has engaged in diverse activities over the past 20 years, geared to realizing the vision and ideals of pure love, happy families, and a peaceful world that transcends the barriers of race, religion, language, and national boundaries. This has been carried out in the spirit of Rev. Moon's founding message, which urged us to expand a model movement of true love to the whole world based on living for the sake of others.

WFWP is an organization compelled by maternal love. We have achieved remarkable growth and development through promoting the establishment of families centered on true love. Its extensive educational programs and worldwide volunteer activities are aimed at elevating the status of women. These activities have contributed to the alleviation of international conflicts and have excelled at promoting reconciliation.

On April 10, 1992, WFWP was launched in Seoul Korea by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. This inauguration was also the launch of the "Global Era of Women," with the grand vision of sustainable peace for all humankind.

We congratulate and send our sincere appreciation to the Founders of this beautiful and timely organization. We also honor and thank all the women, friends, and supporters of WFWP for your investment over these many years.

Here's to the next 25 years of even greater development. May we continue to be a beacon of hope and light, as we advance to even greater heights together with the next generation of peace leaders.



HORIZON SUMMIT: Seminar for Younger Ladies

Advocacy: Start with the Motivation to Give By Ms. Kiyomi Schmidt

Karen Judd Smith is the Founder of NGO Academy, Author of Amazon Best Seller "United Nations Unlocked," and Vice-Chair of the Alliance of NGOs of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

It was a thought-provoking experience learning and interacting with such accomplished and global women at the Horizon Summit on March 18, organized by WFWP International during the CSW61. One of the speakers, Karen Judd Smith, presented on advocacy

including key points from her #1 selling book on Amazon "The United Nations Unlocked."

As she brushed over a number of topics, it was clear that we were only getting the tip of the iceberg of an immense amount of knowledge. Needless to say, it left everyone in the room wanting to hear more. What interested me the most was her perspective on the do's and don'ts of advocacy, and her concept of change leadership which she also referred to as "transilient leadership."



Although her references on advocacy were specifically between member states and the United Nations, the unique perspectives are transferable. She started by listing the biggest mistakes people make when advocating. A couple took me by surprise. The first was the assumption that advocacy is about the great things you do. The second was the belief that it is all about influencing the right people. The issue with this approach is this: even if you find a member state who wants to take action on your area of concern, they would have to convince the rest of the member states to move forward on the issue as well -- highly unlikely if it is not one of their current priorities.

The solution she brought to the table was to start with the motivation to give...

Click here to go to the website where there is a lot more to learn!

SCHOOLS OF AFRICA: SENEGAL





Jamoo Training Center Expansion Possible Thanks to WFWP USA

In March WFWP USA received a thank you letter and some wonderful photos from the Director of the Jamoo



Training Center in Senegal, Mrs. Veronique Diop. We would like to share it with our readers.

Through the donations that WFWP USA sent to Senegal in 2016, the school is beginning construction of a new building to expand the reach of the education offered. The goal of the school is to help women become financially independent and productive members of society. Here are some photos of the work they are doing there in Senegal at the Jamoo Training Center in Dakar.



The Schools of Africa Project is making a real difference in the lives of the women and children of Africa. Thank you all for your generous contributions that have made this possible.

Click here to go to the website and read the letter from the Director, Mrs. Veronique Diop

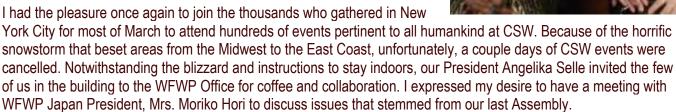
CSW & SCHOOLS OF AFRICA

Meeting with WFWP Japan President Encourages New Goals for WFWP Schools in Africa

By Fannie M. Smith, Schools of Africa Coordinator

All women, especially mothers, want the best for our children. With the continued vision of WFWP founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, WFWP USA Schools of Africa Project is dedicated to developing curriculums in our eight schools designed for the advancement of girls and boys facing disparities in health, housing, education, and empowerment.

That said, Women's Federation for World Peace International pulled all the stops to celebrate this year's annual CSW (Commission of the Status of Women), in a special way. The CSW61 took on an even more important meaning for WFWPI because first we celebrated our 25th Anniversary of existence; and second, we celebrated having the General Consultative Status as an NGO at the UN for 20 years, which is a great achievement for any organization.



Continue reading on the website to see the action steps for Schools of Africa in the US...

Jamoo Center in Senegal -- students creating new fashions





Students showing off their creations



Creating new fashions at the Jamoo Center in Senegal

RECIPE FOR APRIL--It's Finally Spring!!

Strawberries in Meyer Lemon Syrup Recipe By Sarah Falconi

Spring is finally here and what better way to start the season than with a simple, yet delicious treat? Mixed with a

little bit of raw sugar,

a pint of lemon juice, and some whipped cream, this 'strawberries in a bowl' recipe will satisfy your taste buds in no time! My mother would often serve this recipe as an appetizer for family gatherings, but it could also be used for any special occasion such as a birthday party.

Ingredients

4 cups small strawberries quartered 1/4 cup fresh Meyer lemon juice 1/4 cup raw sugar 1/4 cup whipping cream

Directions

Place berries, juice, and raw sugar in a large bowl; toss gently to coat. Cover and chill 20 minutes. Place cream in a medium bowl; stir constantly with a whisk until soft peaks form. Serve whipped cream with berry mixture.

Doesn't that sound refreshing! Click to go to the website and 'like' this recipe...

CSW61: A Younger Lady's Perspective

Intergenerational Collaboration: New Insights to Solve Social IIIs By Ms. Dustin Knoblauch

I am truly thankful to have been a part of organizing WFWPI's CSW61 parallel event entitled: "Women Fostering Peace and Co-

Prosperity: Creating Intergenerational Collaboration sans Arrogance." It was wonderful to see women across generations and nationalities, come together each week to share ideas, experiences, and constructive criticism to plan such a meaningful event. When I attended the well-received parallel event, I could not have asked for a better send off to my week at the United Nations on behalf of WFWPI.

As with WFWPI's parallel event, a common theme ran through all the side events: the importance of youth and older generations working together. I was most struck by this in the side event, "The Gambia - Engaging and Providing Structural Strategies that Encourage Women and Girls to Enable Them to Empower Each





Other at Every Step of Their Lives." The discussion centered on the need to

end female genital mutilation (FGM), in the Gambia. Honorable Minister Touray spoke of her devotion to the cause. The Minister explained her story of having been a victim of FGM herself. FGM is a 5,000-year-old practice rooted deeply in religion, and has only seen change in the last 50 years. The Minister thanked the young women in the room who are willing to fight for the elimination of FGM through sharing their own stories, using social media and technology, and educating other youth and communities. Their message is that FGM is a practice based on male dominance that negatively impacts the female reproductive system and has a 76% fatality rate...

Click here to finish reading Dustin's experience

NEW JERSEY

Women of Distinction

By Mrs. Irmgard Baynes

Claire Haider, Chairwoman of the Paterson, New Jersey Chapter of WFWP, was honored to give the keynote address at the Annual Empowerment Summit of the "Passaic County African American Women, Inc." Of course the WFWP headquarters staff wanted to support her. Our Vice President Katarina Connery came and honored the organization with a certificate for their outstanding work to empower women and collaboration with other local groups in Paterson for the past 20 years. WFWP New Jersey Chairwoman Denneze Nelson and nine other WFWP supporters attended as well to celebrate their 20th Anniversary with them.



We all were so very impressed with the first part of the program, a processional or a "cat walk," of the organization's officers and members. As each lady was entering the room she stopped and posed to get their photo taken. Each was introduced by name and a brief description of their role in the organization by their President, Ms. Bettye Peterson. Everyone was praised and thanked for their special contribution. Our WFWP group was then invited to join them for a group photo.



To conclude this portion of the program, Mr. Bernard Hill sang "You are the wind beneath my wings," facing the front of the room where all the members of "Passaic County African American Women, Inc." had gathered around their president at the podium along with the WFWP contingent. As we returned to our seats, Hackensack, New Jersey Chairwoman Cynthia Nakai commented, "This was classy."

This year marks the 20th Anniversary Summit of "Passaic County African American Women, Inc. Three ladies who had made a difference in Paterson were given "Women of Distinction" awards which was the theme of this year's event. Claire had told us that each year "Passaic County African American Women, Inc." honors three people from the community for the work they do to improve the quality of the life in Patterson...

Continue to the website to read about the women being honored...

OREGON Co-Chairwomen

Chaplain Claudia with two of her grandchildren

Rose Ann Kennett & her daughter Kacie



Activist for Those Society Has Overlooked

By Chaplain Claudia Al-Amin, Chairwoman

Because I was nurtured in the era of the 60's Civil Rights Movement, I developed a strong sense of social justice and equality for all peoples regardless of race, gender, or socio-economic circumstances. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1974 from the State University of New York (SUNY) Center at Binghamton, I went on to receive a Master of Arts in History of the Middle East and related Islamic Studies from SUNY Center at Binghamton in 1979. In order to fulfill my self-appointed purpose, I continued studying and received my Master of Science in Counselor Education from SUNY Oneonta in 1992.

What motivates me to serve? Simply, it was part of the ethics that I was taught growing up as a child. I find it rewarding to help others especially women and children in poverty. Even though we didn't have much materially growing up, we were exposed to the wealth of library books, museums, free concerts, and school opportunities for low-income families in New York. However, my mother taught us that we should not just take, but that we should find a way to give back.

When her health would permit it, Mom would also volunteer at the local elementary school as a reading and writing tutor. Her father, my grandfather Edward, spoke fluent Spanish and would tutor his Hispanic friends in English and also would assist them in "ridding themselves of their accents" when speaking English. In those days immigrants were all about being upwardly mobile, and so was my family.

I was born in Harlem, New York City. My mother, Doris, had three sets of twins, and my maternal grandmother Louise lived with us. The summer before I started first grade, the family moved to the Lower East Side of Manhattan in the area now known as SOHO, or south of Houston Street. When I lived there, it was a working class and poor neighborhood.



Women's Leadership Necessary for Peace

By Mrs. Rose Ann Kennett, Co-Chairwoman

Having children changed my whole world and helped me understand God's heart more deeply. I am married and have four children ages 21-28, one daughter and three sons. It is such a joy to see them grow and become amazing human beings and develop their talents and contribute to the world. I am blessed to have them close by right now and can spend time with them. We all have a love for nature and spend lots of time hiking the beautiful wooded trails and coastline of the gorgeous Northwest! I will always be a worrying Italian mamma, and we have had our share of family challenges; but as they have grown and matured I am liberated to experience incredibly joyful relationships in our family.

As a teen growing up in Philadelphia, PA, I was very idealistic and concerned about the incredible amount of violence in our world. I was devastated by news of war and bloodshed in the world, gang wars in my hometown of Philly, etc. I wondered, with all the beautiful diversity in the world, why couldn't we just love and appreciate one another.

Right after college, with a degree in social work, I was drawn to an international community in Northern Ireland working with handicapped children. It was a spiritual community with a very diverse population. There were still bombings in Northern Ireland, but the Irish people were nevertheless so jovial and hospitable, taking it all in stride. It was bizarre when I had to go through Belfast and see soldiers with guns everywhere. However where I lived in the rural area was very peaceful and I fell in love with the Irish!

After two years, still searching spiritually, I decided to travel through Europe, the Middle East, and India. It changed my worldview to visit so many different cultures...

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MICHIGAN

WFWP Takes Root in Grand Rapids

By Mr. Hebangja Kisile

On April 8th, at the Wealthy Community Center, the Women's Federation of World Peace had its first public conference in Grand

Rapids, Michigan. After the successful fundraiser for the Schools of Africa in November last year, the women in Grand Rapids organized this conference to solidify the foundation for further WFWP activities in Grand Rapids.

Members of the WFWP Detroit and Chicago chapters drove to Grand Rapids to support this event. The fact that other women drove from Detroit and Chicago to participate to the conference increased the guests' interest in WFWP. One guest

said, "This is so interesting, I have never heard of it!"



An energetic spirit filled the room, animated by lively music and a large variety of foods, both American and

international. Everyone enjoyed the ambiance and atmosphere of the gathering. After listening to the introductory presentation to WFWP "What is WFWP?" given my Chicago Chairwoman Kathryn Davies, two ladies decided to join the organization and also assist in expanding it in Grand Rapids. I have to note that one of the two members is of the Muslim faith and she was very interested in the "Bridge of Peace activity" that Kathryn Davis had mentioned in her speech...

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CALIFORNIA: San Francisco Bay Area

How Much One Handbag Can Mean

By Pat Fleischman



The spirit of the Women Helping Women initiative that began in the Arizona Chapter of WFWP and spread from there to various other states this past year also recently reached Northern California. The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of WFWP just concluded their own project to collect gently used handbags for homeless women, which we filled with toiletries and personal items. We started collecting them in March by reaching out to our community and friends. WFWP planning committee member Liz Beurgi collected many purses from her yoga students who were so happy to do something for the homeless women. We received many donations of items to put into the purses and also purchased many other essential items.

On April 12th, Yong Sung Leal, who works at Streetsteam.org, a non-profit organization that assists homeless people in getting their lives together, came and collected the handbags in order to distribute them. Mr. Leal emphasized how much such a gift can mean to a homeless woman. Women have the hardest time living on the streets, he said, as they are very vulnerable. Such a gift can really boost their spirits giving them much needed items that they may have a hard time to find. We were very happy to be able to donate 50 handbags.

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The San Francisco Bay Area Team preparing bags and essentials for the homeless.





NEW JERSEY

HerStory Recipient Honors Ladies in Her Church

By Denneze Nelson, Chairwoman WFWP New Jersey

Patricia Lofton was a HerStory honoree at the WFWP National Assembly in New Jersey last year. She is very

involved with teaching character education and Sunday School classes to children in Irvington, New Jersey, an inner city community with many struggling families. Patricia also attends the Deliverance, Jesus is Coming Church.

In March, when I asked Patricia what her plans were for Women's History Month, Patricia was uncertain about what she could do, I recommended that she honor the outstanding women in her church. The date was set for March 19, 2017.



As the discussions for the event progressed, I explained the Bridge of Peace Ceremony and the possibility of a Celebration and rededication of Marriage Ceremony. Patricia loved the idea of both programs. Her church agreed to prepare a Celebration of Marriage Ceremony as conducted by the Family Federation for World Peace.

Prior to the event, Patricia especially requested to focus on the older mothers in the church, to receive this kind of blessing, as their lives were soon going to end, and more than anyone else, they deserved to be appreciated in that way. Patricia informed me that all the ladies' husbands were already deceased, and that they had been married for over 30 years...

Continue to the website to hear more



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND, AND VIRGINIA CHAPTERS

Igniting a Culture of Understanding and Peace By Ms. Sarah Oben

In a beautiful room set up in the Washington Times, a diverse group of powerful women and men gathered on March 25th, to celebrate Women's Day and the unique role and responsibility that women have. We gathered together in the embracing atmosphere created by WFWP. Together we explored the vision of peace that women are uniquely

able to bring to the table.



The event focused around a panel of four women, each of different cultural backgrounds, who shared from their hearts the wisdom of their faith traditions. We heard from Dottie Chicquelo representing America's First People, Bishop Petra Kidwell representing the Christian faith, Rhonda Williams representing the Jewish faith, and Zulfia Qahar representing the Muslim faith. Each of these powerful, beautiful women gave unique perspectives and insights into the response-ability that women are called to lead with, and the influence that women have on the men, families, and communities in their lives.

From Mrs. Dottie Chicquelo we heard about the Native Cherokee woman, who sees herself as a servant to Mother Earth and Father Sky. She is equal to men and has significant power and autonomy; and she counsels and teaches spiritual practices. Ms. Chicquelo spoke of the barriers affecting Native Cherokee women and the grassroots movement needed to band together to face such issues as starvation, the Pipeline on Standing Rock, lack of self-actualization, and the preservation of spiritual beliefs...

Continue to the website to read about the other three panelists, and the rest of the event including informal Bridge of Peace...





OPINION PIECE

"My" Bridge of Peace

By Katherine Cromwell

The Bridge of Peace for me is not only the signature event of WFWP, it is a way of healing the universal historical trauma that all

people of this world suffer. Where and how did it originate?

Rev. and Mrs. Moon were especially concerned with the deep historical trauma and its devastating effects on the lives of Korean and Japanese women and men from the 40 years of atrocities the Korean people endured under the annexation of Korea by Japan through the Ulsa Treaty of Protection from 1905 to 1945. At that time Koreans were forced to worship at Shinto shrines and renounce their Christian faith and values.



Koreans who refused were tortured and some

were crucified by the sides of roads to encourage others to renounce their faith or die a similar death. Some escaped to the mountains or underground, others suffered a similar fate; others capitulated. All were severely traumatized during these 40 years. The resulting animosity towards the Japanese people was and in some cases still is palpable.

In March 1994 Rev. and Mrs. Moon began sisterhood ceremonies inviting mainly Japanese women to come to Korea and accept each other in sisterhood and brotherhood to confront and begin the healing process from the resulting historical trauma.



The roots of the Bridge of Peace Ceremony that we perform today in WFWP are in that deep healing of historical trauma. Today we celebrate the Bridge of Peace throughout WFWP USA with the deep desire to confront and overcome similar historical trauma that besets the US.

Those who came to the American continent sought to exterminate America's First People to make room for those who were disenfranchised by their own countries. They came to this continent to find relief and a new

place to inhabit and carry on their dream; but unfortunately, it was done at the expense of those who were already living there. Those original inhabitants were thought to be subhuman and, therefore, expendable. The resulting deep historical trauma and ancestral pain need a profound movement for re-humanization and healing in substance...

Continue to the website to read more and comment on this piece...

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS AROUND THE U.S.A.

ARIZONA: May 20

Harlem, New York

City: April 22

25th Anniversary Celebration

Igniting a Culture of Heart: From Local to Global

Embassy Suites, 4400 S. Rural Rd. Tempe, Az 85282 Saturday, May 20, 2017, 9 AM-3 PM

> The Arizona Chapter of Women's Federation for World Peace USA invites you to celebrate our 25th Anniversary!

INSPIRING SPEAKERS AND WOMEN'S EXPO
GLOBAL WOMEN PEACE NETWORK LAUNCH
LUNCHEON AND ENTERTAINMENT

HERSTORY AWARD: HONORING OUTSTANDING WOMEN

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BRIDGE OF PEACE CEREMONY

NETWORKING

Register at Eventbrite.com: search word WFWP (includes lunch)

Early Bird Discount available until April 20th; \$45 WFWP Members: \$40 Become a Member today at http://wfwp.us/membership/ Individual: \$50 Group Rata, Table of Ten: \$450 The Harlem Family Church Center, Women Federation for World Peace & Life Line Healing Ministries Present

Multicultural Family Fun Day

Join us to celebrate the diversity that makes our community great!



Featuring: Live cultural performances
Delicious food
Vendors & face painting for children
Activities for the whole family
Family Rededication Ceremony





Saturday, April 22, 2017

Harlem Family Church Center 147 West 120th Street (between 7th Ave. & Malcolm X Blvd.) New York, New York 11:30am – 3:30pm

For more information call: 917-592-7020

A wonderful event that we will hear about in the May newsletter

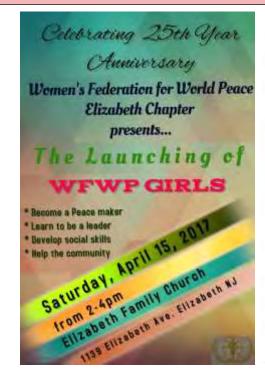
If you can make it to Arizona for this celebration, you will not be disappointed!

Expected Articles Coming in May from the Following Events & Projects

NJ Launching WFWP Girls April 15 Virginia

The Los Angeles Bridge of Peace Event

March Food Drive in





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* * *MAY 14: MOTHER'S DAY: Celebrate Your Mother!* * *

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