

Logic of Love News for December 2020 - Messages that ignite our hearts

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President's Corner

Dear esteemed friends, readers, and families,

We've almost made it to the end of this eventful and unprecedented year 2020! There is much to think about, reflect about, and notice in terms of the many changes that have taken place. Some of these have been for the worse, as the pandemic has claimed many dear people's lives and battered the economy and our way of life. But much good has emerged in the midst of it all. For example, many families have come closer together, and our thoughts were redirected toward faith, calling on God, and what truly matters, such as loving relationships, true friends, and caring for one another.

This last issue of the *Logic of Love News* in 2020 is filled with articles of hope and signs for a better, more peaceful 2021, **because WFWP will continue this work of ours!!** A more detailed report of all of WFWP USA's accomplishments in 2020 will be listed in the next issue, in January.

We also are filled with hope and even excitement for a better year ahead because of the global RALLIES OF HOPE hosted by the Mother of Peace, our founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. In four such rallies during the past four months, this great woman peace leader of our time brought together heads of state, religious luminaries, and leaders from all sectors of society from around the world who presented a clear vision, deep insights, and innovative analysis of the times we live in. **Like sparks, these rallies and messages ignited the hearts of 370 million people around the globe, inspiring new hope in their lives and changing their mindsets...**

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[WFWP USA 2020 Leadership Retreat - Empower, Collaborate, Impact: Toward a Culture of Heart](#)

Every year, the WFWP USA Leadership Retreat brings together women of all ages to be educated in leadership skills, learn the latest updates from the organization, reconnect in heart to WFWP's vision, share best practices with each other, and have some fun together as women. This year presented a special challenge due to restrictions on travel and larger gatherings. However, we decided to not let that stop us and moved to a virtual format. During a time when we need those interpersonal connections more than ever, 135 women signed up to join. In fact, the new format allowed twice as many to participate compared to previous years! Even a delegation from WFWP Canada joined in the informative and empowering workshop...

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["Overcoming Hate": Final virtual GWPN Forum of 2020](#)

The Global Women's Peace Network stands true to its name as it continues to facilitate a platform for which it was founded: to avail the expertise of women leaders and organizations offering key insights in dealing with pressing social issues.

In its efforts to promote the culture of peace and healing, the fourth session in the **GWPN series REFLECT. RESET. REBUILD** took place virtually on December 9, 2020 with more than 55 participants who actively engaged on the theme, "Overcoming Hate." The theme of overcoming hate is more relevant than ever before as it offers hope of moving forward in life towards healing and growth. Two expert leaders, **Ms. Maggie Steele**, adult programs coordinator and mindfulness teacher at [Peace in Schools](#) and **Mrs. Deborah Levine**, [American Diversity Report](#) founder and editor-in-chief, brought hope and encouragement through sharing the science behind hate and the role of language in healing, as well as their personal history...

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[Updates from the Foster Parent Project in Cambodia](#)

The Clifton, New Jersey chapter of WFWP, spearheaded by Chairwoman Hiroko Nitro, has been actively supporting the Foster Parent Project in Cambodia, in partnership with WFWP Japan, since 2015. With the help of foster parents in New Jersey, children in impoverished rural areas of the Southeast Asian country receive ongoing financial and emotional assistance that enables them to obtain quality education. Each foster parent is updated regularly on the development of the children they are sponsoring.

This year has been especially challenging, with normal schooling disrupted as a result of the pandemic. Yuka Takahashi was able to visit the children in November and shared a report of her experiences.

Since large meetings became restricted due to COVID-19 in the spring, only Mrs. Narry, who is organizing this program, visited the children in spring and distributed the support money. Afterwards, I visited our foster children with souvenirs packed with stationery and toothpaste sets on November 8, 2020. I haven't seen them for a year, and it was a wonderful gathering to see all our precious children...

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[WFWP Hackensack NJ shares tips for a healthy lifestyle](#)

"The first wealth is health." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

The global pandemic has made us all more consciously aware of the importance of taking care of ourselves and practicing a healthy lifestyle. With the desire to encourage such a lifestyle, five WFWP members of the Hackensack, New Jersey chapter held a virtual gathering on Friday, November 27, 2020, at 7pm, where they shared various tips about health and nutrition with each other.

Mrs. Irmgard Baynes shared about her new style of cooking, which is basically vegetable-based. She and her husband have together lost over 95 pounds in six months by implementing this healthy diet, and she gave us a few examples of her meal plans...

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[For Greater Peace in 2021](#)

This year has been a whirlwind of unexpected challenges. We've had to adapt our daily lives to new circumstances, manage our own stress, and care for our families and communities in new ways.

Your kind donation today will ensure that women creating the Culture of Heart can continue programs like our Global Women's Peace Network Forum series, which brings the wisdom of peace-minded business, media, education, and spiritual leaders, and many others, into the service of a new culture. **You can keep this peace work going!**

Throughout this year, Women's Federation for World Peace USA has continued to educate and empower women to turn the tide of culture towards love and forgiveness. Through online seminars, prayer meetings, and local service projects, WFWP chapters across the nation have cared for their communities, small and large, in-person and virtual...

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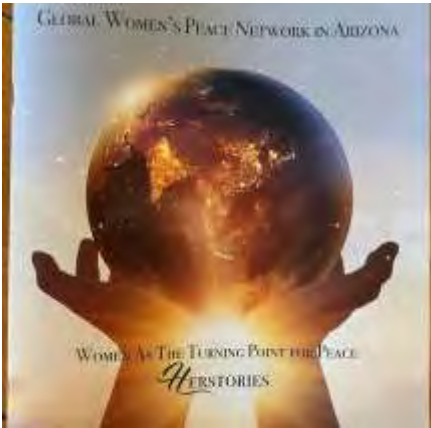


[Reflections on a COVID year: When inner turmoil mirrors the outside](#)

As the year draws to a close, many people will be taking the time to reflect on their experiences of 2020, ways in which they have grown or realizations they have made. This year in particular will long be remembered for the global pandemic that has affected each of our lives in one way or another. In this article, our GWPN Volunteer Coordinator, Srishti Puri, shares about overcoming the challenges of living in a co-housing unit with five flatmates during the COVID-19 era.

As the resurgence of Covid-19 catches wind, my mind reminisces about an experience in Spring 2020. One morning I woke up to the smell of bacon frying and the sound of eggs cracking. The bare brown tree outside my window was finally lush and green, bent with the weight of its foliage. I rushed downstairs at 6:30am to find my flatmate Jaimie cooking breakfast, with her pink iPad resting on another kitchen slab, playing reruns of Gilmore Girls. She flipped the eggs and coughed, blitzed an onion in the food processor and coughed, turned around coughing and ran the blender, still coughing...

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[Exciting news from the Global Women's Peace Network in Arizona!](#)

The Global Women's Peace Network ([GWPN](#)) is a project of WFWP that highlights women leadership and strengthens connections between like-minded organizations and individuals. This year GWPN has provided a platform for an impressive array of professional women who are leaders in their field through the virtual Reflect. Reset. Rebuild forum series, but that is not the only place where GWPN has been active.

In Arizona, where GWPN was officially launched on May 20, 2017, members have worked hard to promote the network and successfully published **the first printed magazine of GWPN...**

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[Gratitude in the midst of crisis: Colorado Thanksgiving interfaith service](#)

WFWP Colorado Representative Gale Alves and her husband Antonio are members of the [Grand Valley Interfaith Network](#) (GVIN), a local organization in Grand Junction that fosters cooperation between members of different religious affiliations and promotes community engagement. GVIN annually hosts a **ThanksGVIN Interfaith Celebration of Gratitude** on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, and this year it was held virtually for the first time. Pre-recorded at a local church, the interfaith Thanksgiving service was released on YouTube on November 24, 2020 and is available to watch [here](#). The program featured speakers from nine religious

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