



WOMEN'S FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE USA
Living by the Logic of Love

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President's Corner

Dear Friends,

With a very grateful heart I look back over the year 2013 and realize it is coming quickly to a close!

As you might know, at the beginning of the year our Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, proposed Vision 2020, asking us to intensify our efforts to manifest the Founder's vision between now and 2020 in a substantial and tangible way.

And as we committed ourselves to this task, we have already been able to witness greater progress happening at a faster pace. An example of the initiatives we had hoped to launch in the past is the young women's component, which is now taking on more shape and form. Also this year at our 21st National Assembly we experienced an unprecedented depth to the Bridge of Peace and also got media coverage in a Maryland newspaper. We addressed the pain and wounds of the past on a deeper level and experienced release and healing. This and so much more occurred as you will see in the Highlights 2013 below.

We began the process of updating and restructuring our organization based on Vision 2020, and will continue into the next year as we seek to raise up and train the next generation of women leaders. Also we invite supportive gentlemen and families to become paying members of WFWP from next year and the years to come. We need their loving support and cooperation to make the vision a reality.

My heartfelt gratitude and kudos go to our chairwomen in the field who have been spearheading our 35 chapters here in the US on a volunteer basis. During the last half of the year, eight new chairladies have stepped forward to allow those who had been serving their chapters with dedication to move on.

Most of all, WE THANK YOU, our valued subscribers and supporters of WFWP USA, who bolster this great work for peace with your patronage and also your vital prayer support. Every kind of contribution, both seen and unseen, has made a difference this year, and for that we are truly grateful. We hope that we will inspire you to continue to be an integral part of making the vision for peace a reality. We need you, and we need each other to make the vision tangible.

As it says in the first sentence of our mission statement, we are "Women working TOGETHER, to establish a Culture of Heart" ... by the motto: Living by the Logic of Love. This is our mission and our commission to live by and to practice so that a transformational tipping point can come about for the sake of truth, beauty, and goodness.

Let us all read again and again the three milestone speeches, recently printed in booklet form, of our Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, to renew, refresh, and deepen our understanding of who we are and where we are going.

Here are upcoming highlights for 2014:

Launching a young women's component of WFWP USA

Collaborating with Canada and the Caribbean Islands

Educating through tele-classes for leadership training and true family values (purity education)

Networking through Global Women's Peace Network activities

Continuing projects to serve other Nations, Schools of Africa, the Philippines, Haiti, 1% Love Share

Holding the 22nd Anniversary National Assembly in October in Northern Virginia

Wishing you all Happy Holidays and a most Hopeful and Exciting New Year 2014!

With love,
Angelika Selle



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MARYLAND

Pearl Harbor Day Powwow Includes Bridge of Peace Ceremony

Mrs. Dottie Chicquelo, Assistant Director of the Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Education (OMSE) at the University of Maryland (UMD) invited the Maryland Chapter of WFWP to be a co-sponsor of the 9th Annual Powwow on Saturday, December 7, 2013, and to conduct a Bridge of Peace Ceremony at the gathering. Mrs. Chicquelo had also played a crucial role as the liaison to the University of Maryland during the WFWP 21st National Assembly earlier this year. She felt so inspired by her own experience on the Bridge of Peace that she got the approval of OMSE for WFWP to hold a Bridge of Peace ceremony during the Powwow.

The Powwow was scheduled on Pearl Harbor Day. The intent was to offer an opportunity to those in attendance to stand up and reconcile with former enemies of war. After the Grand Entry to open the powwow, Mrs. Angelika Selle offered an explanation of the history of the Bridge of Peace. A nine-member Japanese Women's Choir then warmed the audience when they sang, "Hand in Hand." Their singing lifted the atmosphere and deepened the ceremony.

Earlier that morning, in preparation for the bridge crossing, the participants gathered in a separate room to share their hearts deeply, sometimes in tears, and to listen to one another. This created an atmosphere of acknowledgement, repentance, and forgiveness, and made a foundation for substantial healing to take place on the bridge. Through this foundation those in the audience could experience the Creator's heart of unconditional love moving in the room from heart to heart.



Paul Bulow and Jay Winter Nightwolf

NEW JERSEY

Bands "Rock" for Schools of Africa and for Philippine Relief

By Mrs. Meadow Tallakson, WFWP New Jersey

Freezing rain didn't put a damper on the fundraiser concert for aid to WFWP Schools of Africa and to offer relief to the Philippines that took place on Friday, December 6, 2013 in Clifton, New Jersey. The rock concert sponsored jointly by the New Jersey Chapter of WFWP and the local band, *Sail the Boat*, featured three bands and a solo artist performing at the Clifton Family Church to raise funds for schools in Africa sponsored by WFWP, as well as to send relief aid to victims of the typhoon in the Philippines.



Glen Haider and *Sail the Boat* While ABC tapes the show

The crowd got on its feet to cheer Glenn Haider, lead vocalist for *Sail the Boat*, currently holding the number 1 rank on the ReverbNation Alternative Charts for Edison, New Jersey. Hyun Morales, drummer and band manager, Oji Bahian, acoustic/electric guitar, and Rudy Junior Bahian, bass player, are all from Elizabeth, New Jersey. While other young men their age might be found partying at a club on a Friday night, these young men understand the importance of giving back. "I

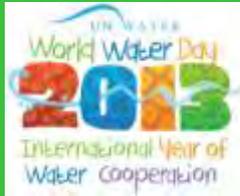
spent several months participating in service projects in Honduras under the Universal Peace Federation, and have realized how fortunate I am to have grown up in a country where things like education, good health, clean water, and food are a normal part of daily life," said Haider. ABC media sent a crew over and they stayed for four and a half hours to cover the

show.

OHIO

Columbus International Festival Hosts Bridge of Peace

By Mrs. Annette Yamakawa, WFWP Ohio Co-Chair and Marcia Schlichting, WFWP Ohio Secretary



On November 2, 2013 the annual International Festival and Health Fair was held in Columbus, Ohio at the Veteran's Memorial. The United Nations has designated 2013 the 'International Year of Water Cooperation,' and that was the theme of this year's festival.

For the past ten years, the Ohio Chapter of WFWP has been offering the Bridge of Peace Ceremony at the Festival. This year's focus was to take responsibility for part of the pain and suffering the United States has caused in other countries owing to political misconduct and war. The American and non-American representative couples who crossed the bridge acknowledged and repented for America's part in this international pain and received forgiveness. Those who walked the Bridge of Peace embodied the spirit of repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation, and experienced the deep tearful healing that characterizes this meaningful ceremony.

OHIO

Ohio Chairwoman Changeover

By Mrs. Marcia Schlichting

On December 2, 2013, WFWP Ohio held a festive gathering to honor Mrs. Caryn Olsson outgoing chairwoman for being an extraordinary communicator and peacemaker during her tenure. Mrs. Nataliya Grishina and Mrs. Annette Yamakawa, the new Co-Chairwoman team inherited the mantle from her.

The Ohio Chapter of WFWP has a strong foundation to enter 2014 with deep heart and commitment to "Live by the Logic of Love."



MICHIGAN

"Let's Take It Outside of These Walls to the Streets"

By Mrs. Fannie Smith, WFWP Chicago, WFWP USA Board Member

Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) is always ready to provide opportunities for reconciliation through facilitating the Bridge of Peace Ceremony. On November 8, 2013, in Warren, Michigan, an International Dinner serving over a hundred guests was the venue for such a bridge crossing ceremony. Individuals of African, American, Asian, Hispanic, European, and Native American backgrounds chose to represent their ancestry and their nation, and cross the bridge with someone from a former enemy nation, from a different faith, from a different culture, or from a different race to participate in this healing reconciliation ceremony.

Pastor David Kasbow and his wife Shigeko graciously opened the doors of the Metro Detroit Family Church, and hosted the first WFWP Bridge of Peace Ceremony in Michigan. Mrs. Patricia Fliginger, WFWP Chicago, welcomed the guests, provided remarks on the mission statement of WFWP, and introduced a short video on the founder. The video highlighted WFWP's accomplishments in the United States and internationally.



After a successful Bridge of Peace Ceremony

TEXAS

Moving Forward in Dallas!

By Mrs. Laura Hornbeck, Chairwoman WFWP Dallas, Texas

The Dallas Chapter of WFWP held a general meeting at a local public library on November 23, 2013. Mrs. Laura Hornbeck, Dallas Chairwoman, presented WFWP International President, Dr. Lan Young Moon's, "HerStory" PowerPoint to all those in attendance.

Also the presentation included photos and remarks about the recent WFWPI conference in London and the WFWP, USA conference at the University of Maryland. WFWP International is focusing on the need for young women to feel encouraged and empowered to take WFWP leadership. This is something the Dallas Chapter will focus on in the coming year.

The facilities were excellent as there was a Smart Screen for projecting PowerPoint presentations. During discussion following the presentation, those in attendance offered suggestions for getting young women involved with our WFWP chapter.

A guest who works with young people at a local Sikh temple expressed interest in inviting a few young women to a forum or panel discussion in which young women from various faith communities talk about their lives. There was also a suggestion to utilize information from the "Learn to Lead" seminar materials on the WFWP USA website, which could be a source of ideas about topics for the panel discussion. (add link to website here) The next meeting was tentatively scheduled in late January 2014.

After the 20 minute presentation, those in attendance shared conversation, coffee, and snacks. In the spirit of the season of giving, participants brought donations for the North Texas Food Bank, a charity that distributes food to the needy. Three bags of groceries were collected.



Mrs. Laura Hornbeck presents "HerStory"

CONNECTICUT

Faces of Africa: Benefit Program for Schools of Africa

By Alexa Ward, WFWPI Vice President for WFWP North America

A Benefit in support of the Schools of Africa Project was held on Sunday afternoon, November 17, 2013, in the beautiful Art Gallery, the Arnold Bernhard Center, at the University of Bridgeport, in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The organizing committee consisted of eighteen women, including eight young University of Bridgeport women students, under the leadership of Ms. Atsuko Giampaoli. Of the seventy

participants, seventeen were young adults, University of Bridgeport students.

The program included three speakers, three musical presentations, and a silent auction of more than one hundred and sixty one-of-a-kind items. The speakers included Mrs. Alexa Ward, WFWP International Vice President for WFWP, North America, who gave an overview of the history of WFWP; Ms. Virginia Orman, a University of Bridgeport student who participated in service activities in Swaziland, as well as in the Philippines; and Mrs. Lib Denure, the owner of the Hazel Daze Boutique in Fairfield, Connecticut, who gave a moving testimony of serving in Africa with her elder son. Music was provided by James Ramunni, Sam Orman, Elijah Whitmore, and Abraham Deshotel.



Ethiopia: One Hope Garden Primary in Session

MASSACHUSETTS

Craft Fair Proceeds Benefit Schools of Africa & The Philippines

By Mrs. Peggy Brewster, New England Regional Chairwoman

On November 9, 2013 the Worcester Chapter of WFWP put on a Craft Fair to raise money for the Schools of Africa. The members there come from many different national and cultural



Organizers of Worcester Craft Fair surround Mrs. Peggy Brewster

The program was held at 'the Kumon center' a tutoring center, which is run by Mrs. Yoko Sugawara and her husband. There was Japanese origami and calligraphy displays and demonstrations. There was a wide selection of ethnic foods including: Japanese Sushi, Brazilian Flan, some Philippine desserts, all kinds of sweets, and lots of Ginseng Up from Korea.

I set up all my African crafts along with gift items. The high school girls were our most enthusiastic salespeople.

UPDATE ON THE PHILIPPINES



For the most recent updates, please check the website.

Through relief efforts from WFWP USA, at least \$5,000 has gone to the Red Cross and WFWP in the Philippines. And another \$3,000 has been sent.

From now on, WFWP USA will send donations directly to the Philippines Chapter of WFWP so that we can more easily track where the money actually is used.

KOREA

Leap Forward into 2014!

WFWP USA Delegates Attend Leadership Convention in Seoul

By Mrs. Angelika Selle, President WFWP USA

It was only a week and a half before leaving that word came that there would be a World Leaders Convention held on December 15, 2013 in Korea, called by our Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. This end of the year gathering was also dedicated to the Advancement of Korean Reunification and Peace in Northeast Asia.

A small delegation of 14 ladies and gentlemen from the United States representing the FFFWP, WFWP, and UPF was invited to attend this special gathering along with 15,000 participants from Korea and 200 from Japan. WFWP sent three representatives, President Angelika Selle, Mrs. Katherine Duncan (President of Ward 5, Chamber of Commerce in Las Vegas, and Mrs. Kim Dadachanji, WFWP chairwoman of Maryland.

The team arrived safely in Seoul, welcomed by subfreezing temperatures, ice and snow on the ground. We met up with delegates from other states and 18 American students who are currently studying Korean language at Sun Moon University.



l to r: Bishop Nancy Rosario, Sen. Donzella James, Pres. Angelika Selle, Mrs. Katherine Duncan, and Mrs. Kim Dadachanji enjoy a moment together

WFWP USA

Timeline of 2013 Highlights

Jan 12 - Fairfax, VA: "What Does Abstinence Have To Do With Peace?" Metro DC Area Clean Slate Seminar featuring Mrs. Heidi Iseda, National Clean Slate Project coordinator
 Jan 19 - Manhattan, NY: "Spirituality-Healing-Service," "HerStory" presentation
 Jan 19 - Tempe, AZ - "International Flavors," dinner at the Peace Embassy for women of different nationalities to introduce their country and a special dish
 Jan 20 - Boston, MA: President Angelika Selle speech: "It's Healin' Time," and WFWP meeting
 Jan 20 - Philadelphia, PA: "Sexual Abstinence" presentation
 Jan 21-Boston, MA: Prayer breakfast in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
 Jan 25-27 - Minneapolis, MN: "Women as the Turning Points of Peace - New Beginnings, New Era, New Mindset" Seminar, the first event held by the newly opened chapter; President Selle welcomed and installed new Chairwoman Mrs. Jeannette Henry
 Jan 27: Minneapolis, MN: President Angelika Selle gave sermon "It's Healin' Time"
 Jan 25-27 - Atlanta, GA: "The New Paradigm for Love, Sex & Family" abstinence seminar given by Chairwoman Mrs. Nandi Moton

Thank you all for your hard work! Together we make a difference!

Editor's Note:

Happy Holidays to you and your families! Thank you for all your hard, heart work in 2013! 2014 will be even better as we learn to work together and listen to each other's stories.

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