

Recent WFP Activities in Vienna

Nov 7th, 2012: “ Vienna, seen from Womens’ Eyes ”



Mrs. Petra Unger, the author of the Book “Frauenspaziergänge. Entdeckungsreisen durch Wien.” (Vienna, seen from Womens’ Eyes) spent one evening with members and guests of the WFP in Vienna, explaining about her work and the motives of writing her book.

As a professional tour guide she shows monuments, street names or other signs which remind us of great women who lived in Vienna. We not only learned that among the countless monuments for important people in Vienna there are only 7, which are devoted to a woman, but also that famous cultural institutions, such like the “Wiener Philharmoniker” (Viennese Philharmonic Orchestra) allowed women to be part of it only since 1972.

After reading samples, the ladies who were present involved Mrs. Unger in a lively discussion.



Mrs. Karin Unger



Mrs. Renate Amesbauer who led through the program

Nov. 14th, 2012: “The Healing Sounds of the Gong”

Mrs. Elisabeth Kurzel-R., an Ambassador for Peace, introduced the sounds of different gongs and singing bowls to the audience of the WFP in Vienna.

She also explained the healing power of these sounds, which has been known by people for thousands of years, specially in the cultures of East Asia. These sounds are also said to help people connect to their inner self, their conscience, more deeply. That’s why the sounds of the gongs can activate our self-healing energy.

Her explanations and her playing the different instruments was received with great interest by the audience.

Mrs. Elisabeth Kurzel-Runtscheider is a psychotherapist, Coaching trainer, Chigong-trainer and professional gong-player.



Dec. 5th, 2012: “Growing old in Dignity”

Mag. Wappelshammer, professor of the University in Klagenfurt, gave insight into her complex work on the topic of aging. Her main focus is palliative care and organizational ethics.

An important topic for her is that people need to be treated with dignity, regardless of their age. Dr. Maria Riehl, late president of WFWP-Austria, explained in her comment, that dignity can be assured most if old people are included in the family in some way. Then, even if they suffer from dementia, they have more chance to live a meaningful life with dignity.

At the end of her presentation Mag. Wappelshammer read “The Story of the unworthy old Lady”, by Bert Brecht, in which an old lady lives an unusual, self-determined life after the death of her husband. After reading the story, opinions were shared questions asked to the presenter.



Mag. Wappelshammer



discussions with guests