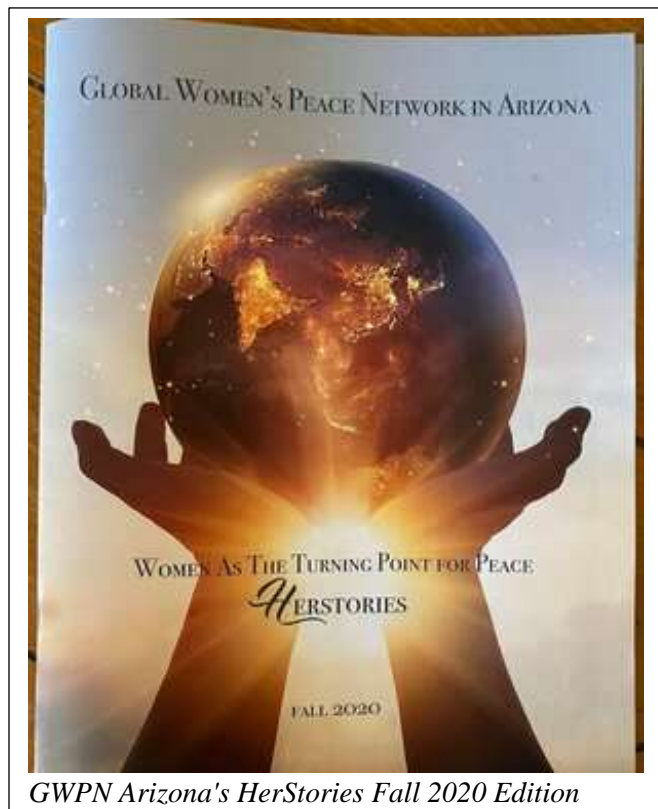


GWPN Arizona's HerStories Fall 2020 Edition Features 36 Accomplished Women

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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 (read about the latest one here), 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. When a large planned GWPN event had to be canceled in April due to the COVID-19 pandemic, GWPN Arizona Coordinator Glenda Lambert and others were not deterred and decided to find another way to honor the incredible ladies that they wished to present with HerStory Awards, a special recognition that WFWP offers to women who have overcome great challenges and used their abilities to serve others. And so the idea for the

magazine was born.

Thanks to a coordinated effort by Glenda, WFWP Arizona Chairwoman Rhia Luz, Dr. Susan Taffer, Kim Evans and WFWP Western Regional Director Dr. Linda Nishikawa, the "HerStories Fall 2020" edition of GWPN Arizona was published in November. It features 36 accomplished, high profile women who have been actively involved in their local community and given back in inspiring ways.

One of these recipients is Filipino community leader Ethel Luzario. Together with her husband Ron Smith, she has been giving back and serving the local population for many years through the Phoenix Asian-American Lions Club. As well as being an accomplished realtor with more than 20 years of experience, Ethel co-founded a nonprofit called The 3000 Club (T3C) in 2010 whose mission is to alleviate hunger. Through this organization, she currently serves between 500 and 700 families every week.



On November 27, Rhia featured Ethel in an episode of her radio show Buhay Buhay sa Amerika and personally presented her with a copy of the GWPN magazine as she expressed gratitude for all that she was doing ([click here](#) to watch the episode).

Thank you and congratulations to all the members of GWPN in Arizona for making this happen! We are excited to see this beautiful tribute to women peace leaders who are living by the logic of love and hope it is the first of many more to come. For more information, check out [this article](#) that was recently posted on Global Business Protocol about the GWPN magazine.

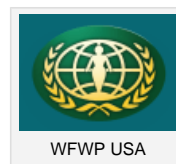
Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN)



The **Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN)** was founded by **Dr. Rev. Sun Myung Moon** and **Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon** on July 16, 2012 at the Cheongshim Peace World Center in Seoul, Korea. The GWPN brings together leaders, organizations, and governments to solve pressing social issues and secure an environment for equitable human development. Through peace leadership based on the Feminine aspect of human nature, women who support and belong to GWPN seek to ensure lasting peace and prosperity for generations to come. May 20, 2017 was a historic day with the inauguration of Arizona's chapter of the Global Women Peace Network which took place in Tempe at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The theme for this event was: "Igniting a Culture of Heart from the Local to the Global". The Western Region was defined and launched in March 2019 in Los Angeles, California, Women as the Turning Point for Peace.

MISSION OF GWPN

Women's empowerment and education are powerful engines for peace and development as they transform both economies and human lives. They broaden people's and in particular women's freedom of choice and action, empower them to participate in public, economic, and social lives of their societies and equip them with the skills they need to develop their livelihoods. **Areas of impact:** Women's leadership, Family, Environment, and Education. The Women's Federation for World Peace Arizona (WFWP) Chapter launched Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) in 2017.)



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I continue to support and praise Dr. Susan Taffer for her continued good works. Previously, I spotlighted Dr. Taffer for her work in creating the World Connections Foundation. That initiative has evolved into a joint effort to bring together and recognize women from all walks of life and professions with a mission to unite! I am proud to be a part of this effort and journey!

My first introduction to GWPN was at a luncheon in February 2020. We were all inspired by the magnitude of the women in attendance. Plus, we were gifted with a beautiful hardcover **2020 Gratitude Diary** as we left, which was donated by the author, Melanie Spears (givingthanks.com.au). With inspiration, I have since posted my gratitude every day! While meeting in-person is not an option during pandemic times, we are currently organizing a **Virtual Power Tea** to keep us all connected and striving forward with this mission. —Gloria Petersen

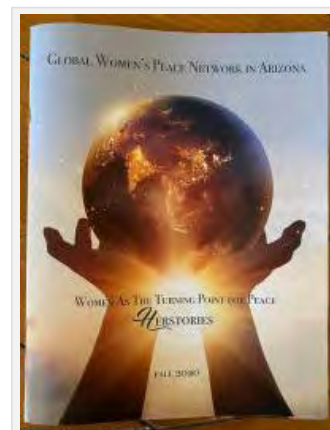


HERSTORY AWARDS

Award Throughout history we have heard much about 'his story,' which means there is still so much of 'her story' yet to be told. To unearth these incredible stories, WFWP USA recognizes and honors women for their outstanding accomplishments in various fields of endeavor, in the form of a HerStory Award. Each HerStory recipient has been selected for her courage, compassion, and commitment to using her gifts and talents to uplift others, despite often overwhelming challenges. This award encourages all women to know that by sustaining relationships, you have influence and already are a leader. And when that influence is used to uplift and bring people together, we have the ability to accomplish extraordinary things. This is a tribute to all the women around the world who are not just leaders, but peace leaders that are "Living by the Logic of Love."

GWPN in Arizona "Fall 2020 HerStories" Award Recipients include:

Deborah Acosta | Myrna Atha | Jolene Baney | Shatha Barbour | Susan Berman | Lynda Bishop | Dr. Eileen Borris | Reverend Tina Brown | Laura C. Bulluck | Pat Gillium | Dr. Marilyn Henley | Julie Jones | Jodi Floyd-Jones | Vice Mayor Lauren Kuby | Jane Kwa | Ethel Luzario | Esther Michaels | Anne Butler Montgomery | Karianne Munstedt | Glenda Nieman | Gloria Petersen | Debra S. Robinson | Holly Rose | Dr. Tamara Rounds | Carla J. Snyder | Dr. Cindi Thiede | Kenyatta Turner | Dr. Linda Groomes Walton | Jaclyn Zoccoli



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