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Dear Friend,

This year's CSW and WFWP International events in New York were a profound experience for me and many other participants of all ages.

What enriched my life the most was learning from the many women speakers -- and participants -- who shared not only their knowledge but their acquired wisdom, their deep insights, their suggestions for creative solutions to problems that seem unsolvable, and their inspirations for possible action steps toward those solutions.

The single greatest impact for me, however, during those two weeks was to get to know more about First Lady Eleonore Roosevelt. As a WFWP group, we visited her home, known as Val-kill, in Hyde Park, New York. From what I learned from her quotes, video footage, and documents displayed at the library there, Madame Roosevelt had a very painful childhood, but raised herself up to be a woman leader of compassionate heart, intelligence, and can-do mindset. During a challenging time in American and world history -- the Great Depression and World War II -- she had the courage to follow her inner passion and do what she could to make a difference. I was impressed by her humility, selflessness, and commitment to overcome painful and challenging circumstances with positivity, encouraging words, commitment, and personal action, always keeping the future and the next generation in mind!

She knew how to uplift and empower others, especially through her words, which were imbued with both deep wisdom and a sense of humor. She said, for example, **"A woman is like a tea bag: You can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water."** To me, such words are like a breath of fresh air, which can give you a chuckle and at the same time new motivation to keep on keepin' on.

For more of her unique and uplifting quotes, go to <https://www.matchbookmag.com/daily/87-the-20-best-eleanor-roosevelt-quotations>.

I firmly believe and know that each of us women -- mothers and



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daughters alike -- have this kind of strength in ourselves. And as we share it with one another and with others, it will become a force for goodness that cannot be stopped. So believe in yourself, and dare to shine!

With love,
Angelika

WFWP AT THE CSW60



WFWP International President Yeon Ah Moon attended numerous CSW events and also met with WFWP USA leadership.

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



May we all truly be happy, joyful and proud to be a woman, mother, grandmother, sister or daughter to our families and to others.

In honor of International Women's Day, here are a few inspiring quotes regarding WFWP Co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Though she does not often speak about herself or her own life, we can learn what a truly inspiring woman she is through the one who knows her best, her husband the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon.

"My wife has such a tremendous heart of love and care that she even gave her wedding ring to someone in need. When she sees someone in need of clothes, she buys that person clothes. When she comes across someone hungry, she buys the person a meal. There have been many times when we have received presents from others that she would give away to someone else without even opening them. Once we were touring the Netherlands and had a chance to visit a factory that processed diamonds. Wanting to express my heart of regret toward my wife for all her sacrifices, I bought her a diamond ring. I didn't have much money, so I couldn't buy her a large one. I picked out one I liked and presented it to her. Later, she even gave away that ring. When I saw the ring wasn't

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on her finger, I asked her, "Where did the ring go?" She answered, "You know by now I can't keep something like that when someone has a greater need."...

It would seem that my wife would be devastated each time she faced such difficult situations, but she always remained unshaken. Even in the most difficult and unbearable circumstances, my wife never lost her serene smile. She always crossed over life's most difficult peaks successfully." - From "As a Peace Loving Global Citizen"

May we also keep a serene smile as we open many new doors for women and men around the world, with our innate wisdom, passion, and heart!

Throughout the year, let us celebrate womanhood and each other!

Commission on the Status of Women: CSW 60



CSW60 2016: Off to a Hopeful Start Personal Observations and Reflections

By Angelika Selle

This is my fourth year in a row representing WFP USA at the annual Commission on the Status of Women

(CSW) events in New York City. Each year it is quite an experience when thousands of women of all ages and ethnic backgrounds from around the world, representing their countries, organizations, and causes, descend on New York City and the UN to participate in discussions at CSW events.



General Assem

As you might know, this year's annual topic is "Women Empowered to Implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)."

This title in and of itself gave me a lot of hope for actual progress in solving issues rather than just talking about them. And indeed there is a lot of evidence and hope that this will happen this year.

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CSW60 WFP INTERNATIONAL PARALLEL EVENT

When You Train a Woman, You Train a Nation

By Mrs. Katarina Connery

As thousands of women (and some men) from across the globe descended upon New York City and the United Nations this past week for the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), WFP International hosted a parallel event on Tuesday, March 15 focusing on issues which are often

overlooked in the CSW discussions: motherhood and the family. This event was entitled "Engaging Women in Sustainable Development: Family, Transformation and Co-Prosperity" and the four panelists of informative and powerful women each shared on this topic from their own perspective. As Ms. Alexa Ward, the moderator for the panel discussion, pointed out that besides being the 60th year of the CSW, this year is also the first CSW since the launching of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a set of 17 goals aimed to ending poverty and inequality by 2030. While there is much hope for women's empowerment moving forward, there is also concern that women's critical role as mothers is not overlooked.



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WFWP International Banquet After CSW Event

Let Today Be a New Start WFWP International Banquet

By Ms. Sarah Falconi

On March 16th, WFWP International hosted a celebratory dinner banquet in midtown Manhattan, attended by over a hundred people including representatives from more than 20 WFWP chapters



WFWP leaders pause for a photo

from around the world. Professor Yeon Ah Moon, WFWP International President, called men and women of all ages to come together and enjoy a night full of delicious food, fellowship, and entertainment. The environment was full of high spirit. The room was tastefully decorated; and colorful centerpieces, spring flowers, and candles adorned the tables. Everyone, including the young people and couples, came over to not only spend time with friends and family, but also to celebrate people's efforts to recognize the value of women.

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WFWPI YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS RETREAT

Eleanor Roosevelt: "The World of the Future is in Our Making. Tomorrow is Now."

By Ms. Kiyomi Schmidt



From March 18 to March 20, 2016, WFP International held a Young Women Leader's Retreat in collaboration with WFP USA, with women from the US, Canada, Australia, Taiwan, Korea, Switzerland, Vienna, and England in attendance. This retreat took place in New York during the 60th Commission on the Status of Women, to "empower young women with the vision, tools, and networking opportunities to support their emerging leadership in the public service and civil society sectors."

The weekend started on Friday night with an opening dinner, a beautiful spread of fish and vegetables that was followed by a community building activity of sharing fun facts and interests.



The atmosphere was one of learning and community

On Saturday, participants were educated by excellent and experienced women and men experts on topics related to the United Nations. Sessions included advocacy training and the role of women as advocates, the history of the United Nations, the human side of diplomacy, an outline of the Sustainable Development Goals, and how to become more involved with the United Nations.

The overall atmosphere was one of learning and community. With small table

discussions after each session, participants were able to further digest and share what they had gained. The women were amazed by the quality of the speakers and the content, and many created resolutions for their next step when they returned home. Each of the briefings was tailored and well-suited for the assembled audience. The feeling of empowerment was palpable.

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Feature Content from Young Women Leaders Retreat

Advocacy Unlocked

By Ms. Kiyomi Schmidt

The WFWPI UN Young Women's Retreat took place during the 60th CSW, where we received an in depth advocacy training from Peruvian sociologist, educator, and activist, Ms. Majandra Acha.



Ms. Majandra Acha from Peru

Through an interactive discussion, she shared with us what an advocate is and how to become more effective as an advocate. To develop your skills, see the highlights below!

What is an advocate?

An advocate is someone who wants change to occur, and often stands as a representative of a group. An advocate maintains a clear perspective of the issue, and keeps their eyes on that focus. Their main objective is to make sure that change happens, and to clarify how to make that change effectively. It is important to be as specific as possible when making a proposal.

How do you advocate efficiently?

Majandra shared a few important things to remember when advocating for something. In order to direct your energy efficiently, keep in mind your target audience and which platform(s) would be most beneficial for change. Depending on what these two things are, your actions could be very different. For example, are you working to influence a specific decision maker or to develop your media presence to achieve your goal? Also, remember that language is political power. Educate yourself on the meaning of terms at the UN, such as the difference between the term "family" and "families."

What are some helpful tips?

Train yourself to see where there are gaps-such as in the Sustainable Development Goals-to identify places where your perspective is needed.

Use your hand as a reminder of the 5 step elevator speech, which comes in handy when meeting speakers after an event. The steps are: first, introduce yourself, then give three convincing arguments for your case, and end with the following statement: "Because of all of this, you should support this project to ensure that this change occurs."

Assess your own skills and strengths, and work with others who fill in your weaknesses.

ANNOUNCING INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE WITH WFWP USA

Internship Opportunities Available!

Are you a passionate, creative individual seeking to apply your skills toward making the world a better place? Looking for hands-on experience working in an international non-profit organization?

WFWP USA is seeking motivated, committed interns who are interested in WFWP's work and would like to get involved in a substantial way. Interns are an integral part of our operations and your contribution will have a direct impact on what we do and how we do it.

The following internship positions are currently open:

- Administrative Assistant Intern
- Graphic Design Intern
- Program Development Intern
- Public Relations Intern
- Membership Assistant Intern



For more information, including how to apply, or if you have any questions, please contact Katarina Connery at kconnery@wfpw.us. We would love to hear from you!

WATCH FOR CSW HARLEM PARALLEL EVENT IN APRIL

WFWP Co-Sponsored Parallel Event in Harlem

Watch for the report about the WFWP Harlem Parallel event that was held on Friday March 18 at the



Harlem State Office Building. The South African Office Ministry of Social Development, together with Ilitha Labantu, Sen. Bill Perkins, and the WFWP International Office commemorated the 60th Anniversary of the 20,000 South African women's march in 1956.

WFWP International President Dr. Yeon Ah Moon and Mrs. Alexa Ward (WFWP UN Office) also spoke at the event.

The program was in support of the UN Women, the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. It celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the 20,000 South African women who marched on August 9, 1956, against all odds, to deliver petitions to the then-Prime Minister, JG Strijdom, against the carrying of passes by women. To this day, the March remains a definite turning point in the role of women in the struggle towards a non-racial and non-sexist South Africa.

The program also was to celebrate and appreciate the African American community for the support they have shown during the times of trial and difficulty.

...coming in the April Logic of Love News...

ARIZONA

Creating a Bridge of Love to Those in Need

By Rhia Clemente Nkulu

Women's Federation for World Peace Arizona Chapter's "Purse Project: Women Helping Women" was a resounding success!

It started last year when we saw a picture on Facebook of a handbag filled with toiletries and essential items for homeless women. The WFWP Arizona Chapter decided to use that inspiration to help homeless women in the community and we decided to give our donations of handbags and purses filled with essential items to "Maggie's Place" on March 12, 2016, during Women's History Month.

We created a flyer with contact information and a Facebook event encouraging women to collect and/or donate bags filled with toiletries, snacks, money, or whatever the donor wants to share with those in need.



Women helping women in practical ways

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ARIZONA: REFLECTION

See the Light in Others and Treat Them as if That is All You See

By Mrs. Rhia Clemente Nkulu

The WFWP Arizona Chapter celebrated International Women's Day by taking some purses filled with



Naye Olvera and her friends' donations

essentials that we had collected, and sharing them with women in a shelter in Phoenix. I went together with my daughters and Miss Naye Olvera, the Spanish radio talk show host of the program "Entre Mujeres" (www.entremujeresradio.net). We gave several bags to the Andre House of Hospitality and promised to volunteer serving meals to their recipients the next time we come.

It was shocking and heartbreaking to see the extent of homelessness right in the middle of downtown Phoenix.

Seeing men and women resting on the bare ground, some women were fighting, others walked aimlessly around. It looked like a refugee camp in the heart of America.

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FEATURE

FEAR AND DISABILITY

By Caryn Olsson

I would like to start this article with a quote from Helen Keller. "When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has

been opened for us."

Whatever we happen to experience, each day, it is an opportunity for growth. That being said, fear of the unknown can stop and hinder us from moving forward.

The reason I have been thinking about fear is that Patrick just had his IEP annual meeting which is something that I, quite honestly, had been dreading (an IEP (Individualized Education Program) is a written legal statement of the educational program designed to meet a child's individual needs; every child who receives special education services must have an IEP). I had reviewed his IEP, word for word, and was talking to my aunt, who is a retired teacher in this field. She told me, "Caryn, don't fret." Easier said than done, but this time I followed her advice. However, before she said that to me, I had been in quite a state about it. This was due to the fact that his teacher had not been able to give me the Draft of the IEP. By law, the parent should have the Draft of the IEP at least five days in advance.



Preparing to work



Patrick working with drill

Luckily, I had talked with his speech therapist who is amazing. She called me about a week before the IEP, and we discussed Patrick's speech goals. She told me that she loves the IEP meetings, because that is when she learns the most about the child. I was quite blown away by her comment; because for me, the IEP meetings have been a huge struggle. I really worked on changing my attitude for this IEP after speaking with her.

Interestingly enough, this IEP meeting was finished in record time, under two hours. In addition, it went very smoothly and there were no distractions. I felt as though it was due to the fact that I had changed my attitude about the meeting. I am very grateful that everything went so well, and I look forward to the next IEP meeting, without fear blocking me.

WASHINGTON STATE

Busy Bees Buzzing in Seattle

By Mrs. Sarah Nishioka



The Seattle, Washington Chapter of WFWP has been busy in February and March, collecting purses filled with soaps, toothbrushes, snacks, towels, and other essential items. They were then donated to the "Jubilee House Boutique." WFWP is very grateful to the good-hearted women who collected and filled these purses and who have a heart to use what they have to

help those in desperate situations.

The Jubilee Women's Center supports women who are experiencing poverty to build stable and fulfilling futures, one extraordinary woman at a time. The center is guided by the principle that all women deserve respect and dignity. Jubilee's programs and services help women make permanent life changes.

Then, in March, WFWP Seattle had a fundraiser to support another 501(c)3 organization: Liberty in North Korea (LiNK). LiNK is an organization that helps North Koreans safely exit China to find new homes in South Korea and the United States. These brave defectors are speaking out about the day to day situations of the people who live in North Korea. Through this important education, they are helping to lead the way to the re-unification of North and South Korea. All the funds collected are aiding LiNK's rescue and resettlement missions.



CONNECTICUT

Black-tie Affair for the Schools of Africa

By Hanabeta Deshotel



On Saturday evening, February 13th, 2016, the Connecticut Chapter of Women's Federation for World Peace held their annual benefit for the Schools of Africa project. It was a sensational evening at the University of Bridgeport School of Art and Design. It was a black-tie affair and included a silent auction with something to delight everyone there. There were several performances including African dances courtesy of the University of Bridgeport African Student Association and several traditional African songs performed by the children of Bridgeport Hope Elementary

School.

Guests were also treated to a fashion show of many vibrantly beautiful African dresses and matching headdresses, modeled by the students of the African Student Association and Bridgeport HopeSchool.

[Continue reading on our website and see more photos.](#)

PENNSYLVANIA



Celebrating Women in March

By Jizly Dohou

Over 50 guests came on March 9 to Pennsylvania Chapter WFWP's celebration of International Women's Day which was held at the Huey Public School Welcome Resource Center, a resource center for parents. Women of all walks of life including professionals, educators, business women, actresses, story tellers, women of faith, students, and mothers joined in the evening to celebrate all that is woman.



The speakers included Philadelphia State Representative Vanessa Brown of the 190th district and Philadelphia's very own well-known healer, Queen Mother. They came and gave their insights and shared their life experiences and challenges, their public service work, and their leadership. Hearing their testimonies influences and inspires other women to contribute to and create a history of women's success.



In addition to the wonderful speeches, there was a vast variety of food and great performances of professional entertainers who came and performed in honor of women and to celebrate International Women's Day in Philadelphia.



UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

WFWP USA Happenings Around the Country

April 3rd: WFWP Hackensack, New Jersey: Educational Meeting

April 8: WFWP Oregon: 3rd Annual "Non-Violence: A Choice" (see announcement following)

April 16: WFWP Maine: Integrative Health Seminar

May 22: WFWP Hackensack, New Jersey: Heritage Diner, featuring Carol Pobanz trip to Africa, Art as a medium for healing

May 29: Southern California: Bridge of Peace Event



Integrative Health Seminar
Presenter: Peggy Brewster, RN

Saturday, April 16, 2016
1:00pm - 3:00pm

University of Southern Maine
Wishcamper Center
(next to Girdman Library)
Shepard Lee Hall
34 Bedford St. Portland

FREE ADMISSION
Refreshments follow

The poster features a colorful circular logo with various icons representing health and wellness.

WFWP Maine Chapter

OREGON UPCOMING SEMINAR

Non-Violence: A Choice Conference

By Ms. Roseann Kennett

On April 8, 2016 the Oregon Chapter of WFWP will host the 3rd annual "Nonviolence: A Choice" conference with our partners Mt Hood Community College, Sufi School for Peace and Service, and the MHCC student government and Diversity Resource Center. The poster and the latest draft of the



WFWP Chairwoman Laila Al-Amin

agenda are on the website along with the Powerpoint about the last 2 conferences and the upcoming one.

The event is now live on the internet at the following address: <http://www.mhcc.edu/peaceconference>

Speakers will include:

- WFWP Chairwoman: Laila Al-Amin - Keynote Address
- Students on Peace
- Sheik Ally Peerbocus, PhD
- Internal Peace - Miyuki Pollman
- Non-violent Communication - Fred Sly, PhD
- Unconscious Bias - Melinda Bullen

[Follow this link to see the announcement on the WFWP website.](#)

NEW JERSEY



Care Package Project

In honor of Women's History Month
WFWP Elizabeth Chapter is collecting essentials and personal necessities to be donated to women in shelters

Date: March 9 - 30, 2016
Drop Off Location: 47 Geneva St. Elizabeth, NJ

Suggested Donations:

Toothbrush	Hand Sanitizer
Toothpaste	Scarves/Hats
Soap	Gloves
Sanitary Napkins	...and others

Beneficiary:
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless,
118 Division St. Elizabeth, NJ

The poster features a logo with a globe and a woman, and a colorful sunburst graphic.

Across the United States of America, chapters of WFWP are working hard to take care of those less fortunate women and children and give them essential items to make their lives more livable.

Arizona
New Jersey, Elizabeth Chapter
Maryland
Virginia
California
Washington State

In upcoming Logic of Love Newsletters, there will be more articles about these service projects with the theme: Women Helping Women Initiative.

Watch for them!



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