



Dear friends

Today is **WORLD NO TOBACCO Day** and I hope you have been able to promote this in your area of influence. I hope you used the handout I sent last month for this day. Tobacco destroys many lives and it is our privilege and responsibility to teach our children and youth the dangers. Please speak up.

World Officers meet in South Korea

The **World Officers met in South Korea** in early May. We thank you for your prayers. It was a highly successful meeting and we were safe. Our group included Margaret, our world leader from Norway, Anne from Australia, Lois from USA, Florence from Canada, Young Joo Kim from Korea, Irja from Finland, Dora from Guatemala, and myself from everywhere. We are a diverse group representing the world. Korea WCTU kindly cared for us and we met some caring people who support and promote WCTU throughout South Korea. We were grateful for their kindness. At each place I visited, I found people who already knew about WCTU and were anxious to be part of it now. In every nation the message of temperance is urgently needed.

New Zealand historical event

Following on from Korea I was privileged to go to **New Zealand** where I attended a special opening of an exhibition at the National Library in Wellington, the capital city. Three documents were placed in safe keeping in a new and state-of-the-art depository. One of the documents was the Women's Suffrage Petition from 1893. This document was signed by more than 32,000 women at the time and won the freedom for women to vote - the first country in the world to do so. **Kate Sheppard, a foundation member of WCTU** and departmental leader, was the the most prominent person in this suffrage movement. I will prepare a more comprehensive description of her remarkable achievement. I was proud to be with other New Zealand WCTU members at this event. See the picture above.

While in New Zealand I was able to meet with Vanessa, the webmaster of the **youth website page** for WWCTU. She is glad to continue to make this page work. www.drug-freeyouth.com

Pledge signing

In the most recent White Ribbon Bulletin, the Reverend June Ballard, World Christian Outreach Co-Director said this - "In WCTU history, the **signing of a pledge** has been very important. It has helped many to better health and better lives. In addition to pledging



**The World WCTU officers in
Korea**

Joy Butler, Lois Anderson,
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ourselves to total abstinence, we have striven to educate people to the dangers of, not only alcohol, but all narcotic substances. It appears our job will never be done. This is a ministry from the Lord. It is often discouraging but, in the face of adversity, Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 4:1 ‘We do not lose heart.’ Remember - **Pledge cards** are available online or ask myself and I will email the template to you. Just print them on card or paper, cut and have a good supply ready. Use the resources WCTU offers as well as other excellent materials your government or church Health departments might offer.

Prayer Pointers

- All the young people who have signed the pledge
- Election time in Kenya and Papua New Guinea
- Noontime prayer for WCTU

Dates to Remember during 2017

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| Noontide | Every day at 12 noon - pray for WCTU |
| June 26 | International Day Against drug-abuse |
| September 9 | International FASD Awareness Day |
| September 28 | WCTU World Day of Prayer |
| October 2 | No Alcohol Day |

May God be with you as you go ahead in faith, believe His promises and do not lose heart. The work of WCTU is God ordained and we must never give up. To know the history of WCTU is to be inspired and hopeful for the future. Our leaders are there to encourage us all. They are fine dedicated women of God.

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