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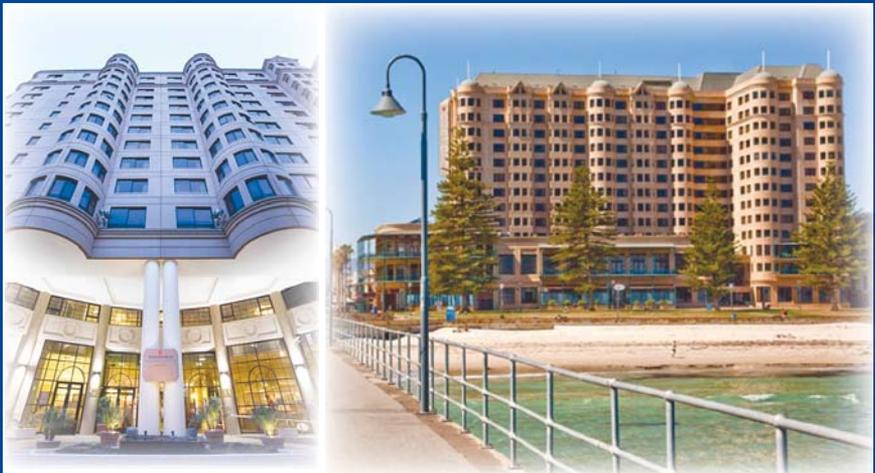


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Sarah F. Ward



Dear White Ribbon Sister,

I am often reminded of the wonderful spirit of co-operation I witnessed at the last World Convention as the Finnish delegates assisted Irja Eskelinen in setting up her department display. Christmas cards from Indonesia and the Philippines showed their leaders and various unions working on wonderful projects. May we hear more of co-operative work for the cause of temperance!

Please remember Joy Butler in your prayers. She is experiencing serious health problems. Note her new contact information on page 3 as she is now in Australia.

Due to lack of space on Irja's page, I have included her suggestions for our preparation to celebrate Easter. May you have a blessed Easter.

Easter is a special time for us Christians. Take the last 2-3 weeks before Easter and walk in Jesus' footsteps. Look up the Bible passages that tell the story of His activities during the days leading to the resurrection. You can use these scriptures and look up others. Begin and end your study with prayer and write in your journal about the thoughts and feelings that arise during your study.

Jesus predicts His suffering, death, and resurrection:

Matt. 20:17-34; Mark 10:32-52; Luke 18:31-43

Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem:

Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:29-38

Jesus cleanses the temple:

Matt. 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-17; Luke 19:45-46

The withered fig tree, Jesus' teachings/predictions, His authority questioned, the plot to betray and kill Him:

Matt. 21:18 – 26:16; Mark 11:18 – 14:11; Luke 20:1 – 22:6

The Passover observance, Lord's Supper instituted, His betrayal and arrest, Peter's denial:

Matt. 26:17-75; Mark 14:12-72; Luke 22:7-62; John 13:21 – 18:27

Jesus before Pilate, His suffering, crucifixion, and burial:

Matt. 27:1-61; Mark 15:1-47; Luke 22:66 – 23:55; John 18:28 – 19:42

The tomb is secured, rest on the sabbath:

Matt. 27:62-66; Luke 23:56

The discovery of the empty tomb – the appearances, dialogue, and commissioning of the resurrected Christ:

Matt. 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-53; John 20:1 – 21:25



1st Vice President

Dr. Jung Joo Kim

Our Great Inheritance: the Blessings of Abraham

“If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” Galatians 3:29

Our Identity, when we belong to Christ

In Galatians 3:29, Paul reveals that if we belong to Christ, we are Abraham’s seed. In Genesis 22:1-10, Abraham obeyed God and was about to offer his only son Isaac as a burnt offering. In Genesis 22:11-18, while the Lord provided a lamb instead of Isaac for the sacrifice, He blessed Abraham, saying, “Through your seed, all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.” In Galatians 3:16, Paul pointed out well that the singular noun “seed” points to Jesus Christ. It is so true because everyone who believes in Jesus will be saved. In contrast in Galatians 3:29, Paul implies by “Abraham’s seed” a community of believers. In the Bible, a singular noun may point out a single person, but it can also mean a community of people in another context. For example, Israel means one person, Jacob, but it also implies the whole people of Israel, the descendants of Jacob. Likewise, here in Galatians 3:29, Abraham’s seed indicates the body of Christ, as a community of believers, the church. Therefore, if we belong to Christ, we are now Abraham’s seed.

Heirs according to the Promise

“Heirs according to the promise” means that we are heirs of the promise God made with Abraham. In Genesis 12:1-3, the Lord blessed Abraham to be a blessing, through whom all the nations would be blessed. In Genesis 22:18, the Lord confirmed again this promise of blessing. Therefore, Galatians 3:29 means if we belong to Christ and believe in the redeeming death of Jesus Christ and His justifying resurrection from the dead (Romans 4:25), all the nations will be blessed through us, the body of Christ.

The Temperance Movement

The WWCTU as a body of Christian believers has been a blessing to all nations in the last 129 years since its foundation in 1883. The temperance movement has helped each household, each nation, and every church it has ministered to remain sober and to pursue the Lord in holiness. As heirs according to the promise, and co-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17), we will accomplish the great commission Jesus Christ entrusted to us. May the Lord bless all the White Ribbon Sisters around the world to remain faithful to the call of the Lord, always ready to share the Gospel and the temperance message for the glory of God.

May the Lord give you the best year of your life in 2012.



2nd Vice President

Brita Nilssen

Impaired Driving in Norway

It is common knowledge that drinking and driving is a dangerous combination. Driving under the influence of alcohol can bring tragic consequences, and most countries take the problem very seriously. Drinking is not the only problem, of course, as the use of other drugs, such as narcotics or medication, or a combination of these, is a growing problem in modern societies. However, alcohol is still the first focus concerning police efforts to curb impaired driving in most countries.

Driving under the influence is measured by the alcohol level in milligrams per 100 milliliters of blood. Initially it is measured with a breathalyzer, then a sample of urine. It can also be checked in saliva. In Norway you will automatically be charged with driving under the influence if your blood alcohol level (BAC) is more than 0.02%

Norway was one of the first countries in the world to introduce a law limiting driving a car while under the influence of alcohol. The law of 1936 stated that any driver with an alcohol level above 0.05% would have his driver's license revoked for a certain period of time, in addition to being fined or even imprisoned if the alcohol level was very high. In January of 2001 the limit was lowered to 0.02 %.

Norway is one of the countries with the strictest law and lowest blood-alcohol limit together with Poland and Sweden, where the limit is also 0.02%. Some Eastern European countries such as Romania, Slovakia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, and Russia have a lower limit than Norway; they have 0 %.

The limit of 0.02% applies to any drivers of motorized vehicles and vessels as well as for pilots and cyclists. In 2010, a man in Norway was sentenced to pay a fine of NOK 50,000 (around \$8,000 US dollars), received 21 days of imprisonment and had his driver's license revoked for 11 months. The reason was he had been driving his tractor-like lawn mower and his BAC was measured at 0.23%. In Norway, you can also be punished for falling asleep in the driver's seat while under the influence of alcohol, even though you are not driving the car.

When the new limit was introduced in Norway in 2001, many critical voices were raised, saying the limit was unrealistically low and impractical. Critical voices are no longer heard, but Norway still has a very high number of deaths by traffic accidents per capita. In a 2010 study it was reported that 2 out of 10 deaths by traffic accidents were caused by a driver under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

While most people are aware of the risk of drinking and driving, the challenge seems to be to get the message through to those practicing such destructive behavior. That is why the work done by organizations like ours is so important in modern society.



Organization Secretary

Margaret Ostenstad

Please E-mail me articles and jpg photos about your work to wwctu.most@c2i.net

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year in the sure knowledge that God will always be bigger than that which comes against you.

We are living in a season of change and people are struggling financially, physically, and spiritually. It is tragic to see and hear of people caught up in the bondage of alcohol, drugs, pornography, and every form of deception. Crime has increased and prisons are filled. The strength to hold on is in having knowledge of the God who created us. His power cannot fit into the confines of our finite minds. So what is impossible for us is never impossible for God.

Congratulations to India, Korea, and Indonesia for their work which is so important!

INDIA

Sheela Lall tells that they had a wonderful youth camp with the theme **"Impact"**- how Christ impacts your life which helps you to impact the world around you in a positive way. Of 1,200 participants, 427 made their decision and 187 left their habit of chewing tobacco and smoking - it was a great celebration!

Sheela asks: "Kindly keep praying for the WCTU of India. We have national election and triennial convention in February 2012. May God bring His peace and healing."



KOREA

Here is an excerpt from a wonderful report from KWCTU sent in by Dr. Jung Joo Kim and Mrs. Young Joo Kim. We are looking forward to the English edition!

The KWCTU Education Department Superintendent, Ms. Hye Kyung Kim, has developed an online educational program, Smoke-free and Alcohol-free Education Guide for the Youth, to help elementary and high school teachers educate their students about the harmful effects of smoking and drinking. The program includes practical educational guides, one-to-one student-teacher counseling techniques, peer-leader training programs, and other subject-related training programs in debate.

After receiving the approval of KERIS (Korea Education & Research Information Service), this online course will be made available nationwide to all teachers at all levels through the internet education system of the Korean Federation of Teachers' Association. As soon as the English edition comes out, the KWCTU will make it available for WWCTU.

INDONESIA

WCTU Indonesia reports on their activities, as follows: In 2011 each of the WCTU Indonesia branches continued to visit schools and churches to help educate the people. They have held regular monthly meetings as well as national committee meetings twice a year. On October 26, 2010, Mount Merapi erupted in Yogyakarta and there were tens of thousands of



victims and casualties. The members of WCTUI went to visit them and comforted and encouraged them by delivering daily necessities to those in need. Last May, the Salatiga branch hosted a jamboree for 100 junior high students. They plan to have a regular meeting with them every 3 or 4 months so that they can train them and help them join the WCTUI youth group and later become members after they graduate from school. In December the Salatiga branch held a "How to Cook Healthy Food" class to educate on the harms of drugs and AIDS and to recruit new members. They gained 10 new members. Congratulations!



Christian Outreach

Pastor Irja Eskelinen

Talents

Matthew 25:14-30 records a familiar parable. The master gave bags of gold, also known as talents, to his servants to be taken care of. Each one received according to his ability. Two used them courageously and skillfully and when it was time to settle accounts with the master, it was noticed that great results had been achieved. One of the servants hid his talent. He did not use it to do anything and he did not make a profit or loss. He wanted to keep what he had but he was careful not to pass it on. Being overly cautious resulted in a loss. Talents in Biblical times represented enormous amounts of wealth. One talent could have been as much as thirty years of a day laborer's wage.

What do you think Jesus would want to tell us White Ribbon sisters with this parable? It looks at our calling and our relationship with God. We have received God-given talents for this life as well as for the life hereafter. What have we done with our talents? Have we used them in charitable service and for God's kingdom? Our talents are never ours to keep. This question evaluates our entire lives. Our lives and the use of our talents come down to one question: How much have we loved?

As we think about these things, we may feel grief and guilt. It may seem like our lives have not been worth that much. What good have I done in my life? That grief and guilt may be a gift to us that makes us turn to Christ. The gifts of life we have received become greater as God himself makes them grow in our hearts – on our path of humility and faith.

Celebrate your talents. Think about this devotional and about the sisters you associate with. Maybe there is a sister who writes poems, another one who can bake wonderful cakes, and a third who keeps your White Ribbon Association's books. Organize a talent show to celebrate these talents. A talent show could include for example:

- Musical performances
- Refreshments
- Exhibition of crafts and needlework projects
- Presentation of the sisters who do the office work for the organization and what they do
- Recitals of poetry or stories written by participants
- Faith-promoting stories shared by sisters in for example, health care or child care professions
- Workshops where talents are shared with interested participants

Write an article for your national newspaper or White Ribbon bulletin about your talent show. Ask a sister who has a talent in writing to compose the text and another one with an artistic talent to take some pictures. Close your talent show with a prayer circle and praise and thank God for his gift of many talents to us.



Education Director

Dawn Giddings

The following programme, though basic, has been used successfully both with children and adults. It is helpful to use appropriate DVD's, Videos, posters and have literature to hand out.

Today we want to talk to you about something very special something that looks like [draw in the air the shape of a body]. Yes, it's your body.

Do you know that God made you and your body and there is no one in the world quite like you? Read Psalm 139:15-16. You are very special.

Can you tell me what you have that no one else in the world has? How are you different (allow for suggestions)? Everyone's FINGER PRINTS are different.

What can we do to keep our body healthy? (Allow for suggestions) eat healthy, drink water, exercise, etc.

What harms our body? (Suggestions from the floor usually includes drugs.)

WHAT is a DRUG? A drug is any substance that when taken in the body changes the way the body works.

3 TYPES of DRUGS: Medicinal - prescribed by the Doctor; Illegal - what the law does not allow; and Legal - the law says its okay to have.

Let's talk about two legal drugs and see if you think they are okay to use.

EFFECTS of ALCOHOL on BODY ORGANS {brief summary}

BRAIN - Alcohol is carried by the blood stream from the stomach to the brain. Alcohol acts on the brain like an anesthetic. From the first drink there will be some interference with normal brain activity—reduced self control, reason, and the ability to make wise judgments. Its action on the brain will then effect the rest of the body [depending on amount drunk] including slurred speech, staggering, double vision, loss of memory and balance, unconsciousness, and death.

HEART - Alcohol damages the cells of the heart muscle. Prolonged drinking can give rise to vitamin deficiency diseases and in some cases actually weaken the heart muscle which makes the cells swell with the accumulation of fluid. This is known as fatty alcoholic heart and can lead to heart failure.

KIDNEYS - They may shrink and become scarred because parts of the tissue have been destroyed due to the strain of ridding the body of alcohol.

LIVER - 10% of alcohol leaves the body as vapour. The rest goes into the blood stream and is slowly converted to waste by the liver. The liver can only eliminate 1 standard [as served in hotels] drink of alcohol per hour eg 6 drinks 6 hours. Prolonged drinking can lead to cirrhosis –the destruction of liver cells and their replacement by scar tissue which can lead to death.

TOBACCO...list poisons in tobacco...health problems...information on passive smoke ..its effects on babies and young children.



Children's Director

Glenda Amos

Words of Wisdom

As we live and interact with children through 2012, let's remember the following words of wisdom: Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it. Proverbs 22:6 (New Living Translation)

One of the greatest training tools is what we model to the child.

If a child lives with criticism

He learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility

He learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule

He learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame

He learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance

He learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement

He learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise

He learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness

He learns justice.

If a child lives with security

He learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval

He learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship

He learns to find love in the world.

Dorothy Law Nolte



Don't tell me how much you love me;

show me by having time for me.

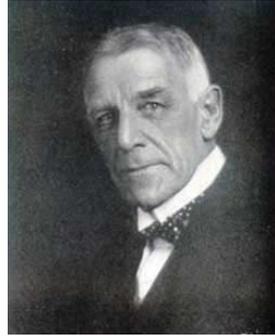
Ulrich Schaffer

Enjoy the time with the children you know
and make a difference in their lives.

Frances E. Willard and Edward W. Bok Temperance Reformers



**Frances E. Willard (1839 - 1898),
eminent American educator,
author, a leader in the temperance
movement and in woman's suffrage**



**Edward W. Bok (1863 - 1930),
widely- known American writer and
editor of the *Ladies' Home Journal*
from 1889 to 1919**

Willard and Bok shared a reformer's passion for bettering society, coupled with adequate skill and perseverance to advance their aims. As National President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) from 1879 - 1898 Willard promoted the cause of temperance. Bok promised to assist Willard's cause by eliminating as many drinking scenes as possible from stories in his magazine. He readily made this decision because abstinence was a principle in his own life, and he felt a responsibility for the thousands of young people who read his periodical.

Again Willard and Bok joined up to point out the dangers of patent medicines. The year 1892 marked the beginning of the serious campaign to make the public aware of the false claims of patent medicines. The *Ladies' Home Journal* announced it would no longer accept patent medicine advertisements. Within two years other periodicals and newspapers prohibited such ads. Of course The Union Signal also discontinued patent medicine ads.

The WCTU carried its program of action about patent medicine under the Medical Temperance Department. A book, *Alcohol, a Dangerous and Unnecessary Medicine*, and leaflets were distributed.

In disclosing some of the fraudulent practices of the patent medicine traffic, Bok uncovered information on the widely-acclaimed Mrs. Lydia Pinkham. She was purported to be "able to do more for the ailing woman of America than the family physician." Beside this advertisement Bok placed a picture of Pinkham's tombstone - she had been dead for 22 years.

Another potential harm in patent medicines was the extremely high percentage of alcohol - sometimes as much as 40 percent. Public sentiment was aroused sufficiently to force an examination of patent medicine and the enactment of strict laws governing it. On January 1, 1907, the U. S. Pure Food and Drug Act went into effect and the patent medicine business never recovered.

The passion of Willard and Bok to better society has had long-lasting results. Today the WCTU calls for more devoted reformers to lead the way to improve the quality of life for all. The goal - a drug-free world! ■

Australian Visitor's Visas

We are including basic information you will need when you plan to attend the World Convention. There are **three categories**. Be sure you look at the correct one. Of course you must have a valid passport. It is wise to begin now to check on the internet. Questions may be addressed to Anne Bergen, World Recording Secretary, who lives in Australia.

All visitors to Australia (except those from New Zealand) require a visitor's visa.

1) eVisitor Eligible passports are for delegates from Finland, Germany, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and England.

eVisitor applications are free. There is no application charge or service fee. With an eVisitor you can stay in Australia for up to three months on each visit within a 12 month period from the date of grant.

You must not make arrangements to travel to Australia until you are advised that your eVisitor has been granted. An eVisitor can only be applied for online and only if you are outside Australia.

Go to www.Australia.gov.au/service/e-visitor for details.

2) ETA (Visitor) is designed for delegates from Canada, Japan, South Korea, and the United States

You can stay for up to three months on each visit within the validity of the visa. ETAs are valid for 12 months from the date of grant, or for the life of the passport if the passport expires less than 12 months from the date the ETA was granted. A service charge of \$20 applies.

Go to www.eta.immi.gov.au for details.

3) If you are not from an eVisitor or ETA eligible country, you will need a letter of invitation from WWCTU to attach to your paper-based visa application. (People in this category will be sent an invitation letter by WWCTU as soon as we are notified they want to come.)

Submit paper-based visa applications at the Australian visa office nearest to your current country of residence. (Application form can be downloaded from the Australian Government website.)

If you need to locate your nearest visa office, type **Immigration Offices Outside Australia** into your internet browser.

It is essential that you apply for and receive your visa early before paying for any travel to Australia.