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Sarah F. Ward



Dear White Ribbon Sister,

It is time for you to prayerfully consider attending our next World Convention to be held in Australia, May 3 - 8, 2013. Please check the information on page 12 of the last Bulletin regarding the required visa for each one who lives outside Australia (www.wwctu.org—White Ribbon Bulletin, winter 2012). Read carefully the registration information on page 12 of this Bulletin. Additional information is contained on pages 5 and 11 of this Bulletin.

The purpose of our World Conventions is to inform, encourage, and share in our common cause - total abstinence from alcohol and other drugs for all people. Our time of fellowship graphically reminds us we are not alone in our work and with God's blessing, we will remain faithful to our calling.

Has your local Union completed a project in at least one of the six departments this year? We sent a list of projects for each department in the last Program Kit which was mailed to each National President late last year. If you have not received that information, you need to contact your President and ask her for it. When we involve our members in our work, we reap more interest and enthusiasm and more is accomplished.

Each year the WCTU of the United States prepares a two-sided leaflet in observance of Youth Temperance Education Week (4th week in April). Originally it was prepared to insert into church bulletins but it is now used also at fair booths and other places where material is distributed. We offer it on pages 6 - 7 to give you ideas. (Football in the United States is played differently than in your country.)

**May 31—World No Tobacco Day
Promote our stand on tobacco.**



CONVENTION CALL

39th World Convention 3-8 May 2013
Stamford Grand Hotel • Adelaide, South Australia

See pages 5, 11, and 12 for information!



Treasurer *Dorothy Russell*

I found a little money stuck in the dirt.
I picked it up to see some pennies and I was hurt.
It really wasn't very much, not even a gem.
But God prompted me to give it all to Him.

So, in the offering I put my pennies in, now shiny bright.
And in an instant I knew I had done what was right.
God would bless this little bit of money.
For I had done what He had asked of me.

Now if only I can remember this lesson every day.
Just think of all the blessings that would be coming my way.
No, my pennies weren't very much, but it was all that I had.
Following God and doing what He asks, makes me very glad.

In the book of Mark there is the story of the widow who gave 2 mites, the smallest of Jewish coins, in the offering. Jesus responded to His disciples in Mark 12:43,44, "...Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury, for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."

This doesn't mean we have to give all our money, but we are to give what God has asked of us. We should never be ashamed if we only have pennies to give for God is looking for us to be true and faithful to Him. No matter how much we give, God will bless and multiply. Just be willing to listen to Him and do as He asks.

This reminds me of a chorus of a song, "Little is much, when God is in it. Labor not for wealth or fame. There's a crown and you can win it, If you go in Jesus' name."

How many times that chorus has come to my mind. And how it amazes me how God blesses me. I don't have wealth, but I give from the little I have. For it is my attitude that God is looking at, not at how much I can give. I give out of love that God has put in my heart.

We've just taken in a homeless 17-year-old girl for 2 months on a volunteer basis. Can I afford that? No, but with God helping us, we will be okay. There was a need and we opened our hearts and home. That is what God wants us to do. When he places things on our hearts, we need to respond and let Him take care of the details. He will not require us to do anything that we cannot handle. We may think we can't do it, but He will hold us up and provide what we need. For little is much when God is in it.

May God bless you each and everyone.



Recording Secretary

Anne Bergen

In Australia we are busy with preparations for the 39th World Convention to be held from May 3 - 8, 2013 at the Stamford Grand, Hotel in Glenelg, a seaside suburb of Adelaide, South Australia. The hotel is located beside the beach with views either over the sea or towards the city and Mt. Lofty Ranges. The World President and WCTU Australia Directors are working to ensure that there is an interesting and informative program for the Convention.

Do you want to see kangaroos and koalas and other Australian wildlife? The outing planned for the Convention will take you to Cleland Wildlife Park, a little way from Adelaide, in the beautiful Mt. Lofty Ranges. On the Monday afternoon of Convention, Australia has planned what we hope will be an interesting, fun, and educational program that we are calling "The Great Australian Challenge."

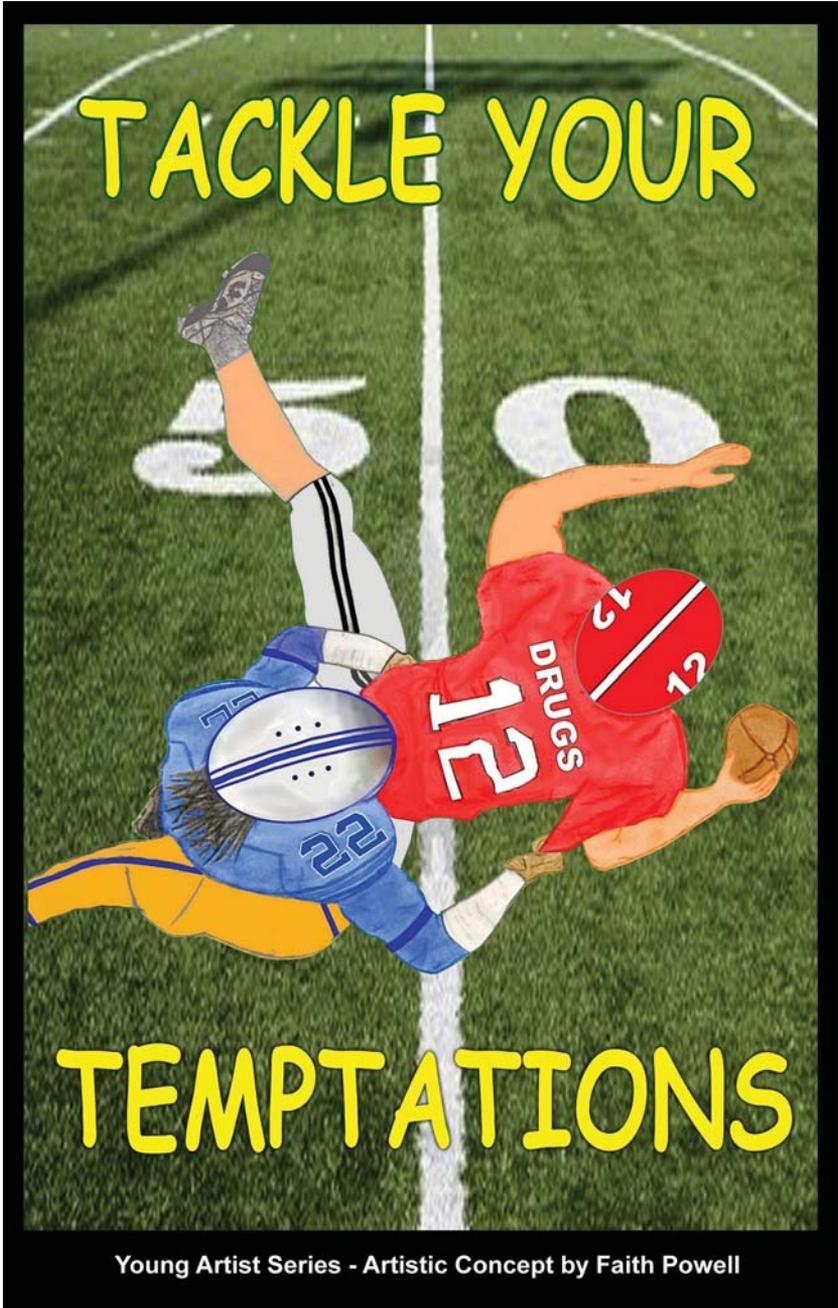
Please pray for the Australian Directors as they work to ensure that all the necessary arrangements are in place to enable the World Convention in Adelaide to run smoothly and be a memorable time of inspiration and encouragement for all those who attend.

We hope you are planning to attend. Registration forms have been sent to the President of each country to distribute to interested members. If you need a registration form, you can contact me by email: annbergen@bigpond.com and I will send you one.

WCTU in the south-eastern Australian state of Victoria, where I live, is busy preparing to celebrate its 125th Anniversary on the 16th October 2012. The WCTU of Victoria began in 1887 with the formation of 12 suburban and country Unions after the visit of the round-the-world organizer, Mary Clement Leavitt. Later that year, following organizing and preparatory work by Rev. Moses and Mrs. Marie Kirk, a State Union was formed, with Mrs. Mary Low as the first State President. Marie Kirk became General Secretary and held the position for 26 years.

Some of Marie Kirk's clothing will be on display at the celebratory function to be held at the Melbourne Town Hall and sponsored by the Melbourne City Council. It will be entitled, "**Button-Up Boots to Stilettos.**" – **A walk with women through 125 years.** A shoe store run by people sympathetic to WCTU work will display its historical collection of shoes; a Mocktails contest for adults and secondary schools will be a feature; there will be special speakers and WCTU of Victoria will also display its history. Members of other women's organizations will attend, and it will conclude with a morning tea.

I look forward to seeing many of you again in Adelaide in May, 2013.





LEARN TO TACKLE YOUR TEMPTATIONS

Tackle the #1 Drug Problem in America – Alcohol

- In 2009, drunk driving killed 10,839 people nationwide. Each of those deaths was preventable.
- Drunk driving accounts for one-third of all traffic fatalities.
- One in five teens binge drink.
- One in three 8th graders drinks alcohol.
- In 2008 the NIAAA reported that 53% of American alcoholics are identified as young people, preteen to age 26.
- Adults are a large measure of the problem of underage drinking.

Guard our minds and bodies from other Drugs

- Each day in the US, approximately 4,000 adolescents aged 12-17 try their first cigarette and nearly 20% of teens are current smokers.
- The DEA has temporarily banned three synthetic stimulants sold as “bath salts”. The drugs mimic the effects of cocaine, LSD, Ecstasy and/or methamphetamine. Calls to poison centers about exposure to bath salts have dramatically increased from a total of 303 in 2010 to 4,137 in the first seven months of 2011.
- 33% of 12th graders, 27% of 10th graders and 12% of 8th graders reported using marijuana in the past year.
- According to a 2008 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, adults who had first used drugs at a younger age were more likely to be classified with dependence or abuse than adults who started use at a later age.

Let's **Center** our efforts on **PREVENTION and EDUCATION**

BE SMART – DON'T START!

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Home Protection Dept.

Desiree Lanigan

It has been stated that “Protection of the home was the impetus behind the Woman’s Crusade in 1873 that challenged women to march to the saloons and do battle with the liquor trade. They went forth bathed in prayer and the strength of the Lord.” I believe home protection is still the driving force today providing the necessary energy to do the work of the WCTU. “Home” is defined as– the dwelling place of the family and “family” is defined as – the building block of society.

The Home Protection Department of the WCTU aims to help strength Christian family values and to help family members avoid the many temptations attacking our homes today. Our message of total abstinence does not only help protect the home but also helps to build a better society.

The White Blanket Campaign is designed to help you reach out to those around you with the temperance message and to encourage family members to help toddlers and preschoolers to develop a lifetime commitment to total abstinence. The White Blanket Campaign involves taking a white blanket, folding or rolling it, and then tying a white ribbon around it. Then attach a tag with the WCTU name and tuck WCTU material under the ribbon. Now it is ready to give. The White Blanket campaign gives you an opportunity to give and share in the celebration of a new baby and at the same time share informative WCTU literature with the parent.

FASD material can also be included in the White Blanket campaign. On International FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) Awareness Day, September 9, bells are rung at 9:09 a.m. to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking during pregnancy and to the plight of individuals and families who struggle with FASD. This day was chosen (9/9/09) so the world will remember that a woman should abstain from alcohol during the nine months of pregnancy. Millions still have not heard the message that there is NO safe amount of alcohol that a pregnant woman may drink.

Let’s use the White Blanket campaign on FASD Awareness Day to further the work of the WCTU. Let us also go forth bathed in prayer and the strength of the Lord.



Social Service Dept.

Hyun Sook Lee

It's seems like it was just yesterday that we celebrated New Year's but time flies by so quickly and now Easter is past. Again we are forever grateful for Jesus' love and grace. He died on the cross for our sins and gave us eternal life through the victory of His resurrection. Even though our hearts ache because there are still those that cannot rejoice with us for His resurrection, we still pray and hope that someday they will come to believe in Jesus as well. We are encouraged and we can serve passionately because there are God's people that are passionately serving with that same vision.

You probably remember JENNIE CASSEDAY who was introduced by the Social Service Department. She lived in the 1880's. As she began to develop a plan in her mind to share flowers with those less fortunate, she was in a tragic accident that left her no longer able to sit erect or walk. Confined to her bed, Jennie did not give up on her plan. After meditating on Scripture and praying, she realized she could still have a Flower Mission. Christian women in her town organized to carry out Jennie's vision.

Then Frances Willard visited Jenny and the new department of Flower Mission began. It became a department of the World WCTU and Jennie was appointed the first World Superintendent. She served in this position until her death in 1893.

This comment was made about Jennie's life: "From the fragment of broken body, one has blessed millions from her bedside. She has truly forgot tragedy and triumphed to attain the deepest desire to be a blessing to others around the world."

I believe that Jennie's vision is something we should all remember and share even today. Even though she was confined to her bed most of her life, she still carried out the Lord's words of loving God and loving her neighbors. I believe that if we write God's comforting scripture and put it in a basket and share it with others, it will be a great encouragement to them. Also include the name of our organization. Let us remember Jennie's vision and carry it out throughout the year.



Youth Director
Dr. Yetunde A. Odeyemi

KNOWLEDGE INCREASE AND MENTORING

The quantity and quality of knowledge at our disposal as human beings in this day and age is simply amazing. Just as well, the means of information sharing is phenomenal. Agreed that not all information is of positive impact, but it is worthy of note that indeed knowledge has increased as the Bible says in the last portion of the Book of Daniel. In virtually every aspect of life that can be looked into knowledge is available, continues to grow, so is its use. The impact of information bombarding human beings varies with different age groups.

Adults and the elderly are usually set in their ways. They may take life-changing stands for the sake of health and well-being, this because they have seen it all, so to say. However as the Yoruba proverb goes “**eja gbigbe soroo ka**” – that is, it is no use attempting to bend a dried fish, because you might end up breaking it into many pieces. So the elderly may not so much feel the impact of information bombardment. For young people, the impact of information/knowledge bombardment is phenomenal. Clearly we can see the influence and patterns in adolescence all around us. Young people are not known for spending enough time on deep, reflective, meditative processing of information. Therefore, it is pertinent that those who have successfully crossed the bridges of adolescence with little scratches, even worst scratches, and have chosen positive life changing decisions, decide to mentor young people through every available means. It is a good investment of time and energy and indeed a win-win situation if the same bombarding channels are used to mentor by sharing information and knowledge.

Information technology has created an avenue for mentoring young minds that you may never meet physically (rather virtual) yet contribute in rewarding ways to their lives. Young minds are eagerly in search of information. So again I am inviting us as ladies who have vowed and are committed to our vow of making a change (s) in the lives of young people around the world to meet, adopt, and mentor at least one young mind through shared information on the WWCTU youth web page – www.drug-freeyouth.org and on the WWCTU Face book page – I’m Worth It.

Thanks to all the WCTU ladies who in past and recent times have posted web links, shared thoughts, and temperance ideas on these sites. It is time for the rest of you to visit and contribute to these sites. Try it today and you’ll always find an eager audience waiting to absorb, use, and thank you through a positive life change.

Remember WCTU ladies: Your hands are on the plough for helping to mold young lives; you can’t look back or take them off now.

WORLD CONVENTION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

You will not want to miss our upcoming World Convention. Here are some of the special features being planned.

- Parade of country flags
- Keynote address by outstanding authority on marijuana
- Program honoring many WCTU leaders who led the struggle for women's right to vote
- Trip to Cleland Wildlife Park
- Talent program
- Report from each country on WCTU projects
- Worship service at nearby church
- Continent meetings
- Interview of World Department Directors
- Australia's presentation
- Children and youth program—special guest and workshop by the “Balloon Man”
- Workshops on these topics: alcohol; other drugs; FASD; how to organize new unions; basic facts for leaders; basic computer skills; and practice speaking in public



National Symbol
of Australia

What is a Joey? Baby kangaroos and baby koalas are both called Joeys!

Kangaroos and koalas are marsupials (mammals with a pouch).

The kangaroo is the national symbol of Australia.

**WWCTU - 39th World Convention - May 3-8, 2013
Stamford Grand, Glenelg, Adelaide, South Australia**

REGISTRATION FORM

Please PRINT your name, complete mailing address (Street/Suburb/City/Country/post-code), phone number (area code/country code) and email address.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ / Phone _____

CONVENTION COSTS: (Australian Dollars = AUD) Conversion rate: www.xe.com

Package prices for International visitors includes registration fee (AUD \$50), a shared room with **two beds** for 5 nights and all meals during Convention for AUD \$1,203 per person.

Three-bed rooms are available (one bed will be a roll-away) AUD \$1,131 per person.

Single rooms are available for AUD \$1,690

Non-refundable deposit of AUD \$750 is due by 1st March, 2013 to:

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Bank name: Commonwealth Bank of Australia,

Bank Address: 121 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000, Australia

Account number: 06 3012 10509664

Account name: WCTU AUSTRALIA LTD

Reference: (Your surname and initials)

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I want a single room - I need help to find a room mate

I want to share a "two bed" room with _____

I want to share a "three bed" room with _____ and _____

I require special dietary meals: (please give details) _____

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(Room and Breakfast only - Single AUD\$210 per night ; Double/ AUD\$113 (per night)

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