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We Care



Newly Elected
Directors





Sarah F. Ward

Dear Reader,

In this issue we have included some more World Convention news and introductions to new World Officers and Department Directors.

We want to acknowledge and thank three World Directors: Dawn Giddings, who has also served as World Vice President and Field Worker for the Pacific, led the Education Department for the past three years. She is now going to concentrate her time on South Australia where she continues as President. Dr. Yetunde Odeymi from Kenya directed the Youth Department for the past three years and we appreciate her interest. Desiree Lanigan served as Home Protection Director these past three years and is now World Organization Secretary. You may read about some of her new experiences on page 6.

Our current World Directors are pictures on the front cover. They are busy preparing material for the next Program Kit which will be mailed to each country in the beginning of October. We hope that each country will have appointed a National Director for each Department by then and that most local unions will also have a director for each department so that the work can be promoted everywhere. There is so much **each member** can do and we hope to direct your efforts through the department work which covers our mission and goals.

Plan activities to promote the following upcoming dates!

DATES to OBSERVE

- International FASD Awareness Day - September 9 at 9:09
- WCTU World Day of Prayer - September 28
(Frances Willard's birthday)
- October 2 - World No Alcohol Day (promoted by WWCTU)

Sarah

Front cover photo

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Front row (left to right): Pastor Irja Eskelinen (Finland), World Christian Outreach Director; Reena Kumar (India), World Education Director; and Florence Einwechter (Canada), World Home Protection Director.

Second row (left to right): Hyun Sook Lee (Indonesia), World Social Service Director; Dr. Elsa Masuku (Zimbabwe), World Youth Director, and Glenda Amos (Australia) World Children's Director.

President's Message



Dear White Ribbon Sister,

Every day we see and hear news of universal unrest and violent demonstrations as well as natural disaster devastation which result in the loss of precious lives. We are appalled, grieved and feel so helpless. We turn to prayer and give thanks to God for His promise in Phil. 4:13.

However, alcohol and drug addiction cost lives every single day! Do people react in the same way at this loss of life and family destruction? Needing information, I decided to Google for statistics for death due to alcohol and this is what I found today for Great Britain. www.dailymail.co.uk/news

"People are dying because alcohol is way too cheap. They're dying because alcohol is available on nearly every street corner at all hours of the day and night."

"They're dying because alcohol is also far too heavily promoted."

"The alcohol industry spends something like £800m a year on marketing which is having a huge impact on recruiting the next generation of problem drinkers from amongst our children."

"We need to turn back the rising tide of alcohol related deaths by introducing a range of measures which include greater restrictions on alcohol marketing and a minimum price per unit of alcohol."

What are the statistics in your country? All around the world the problem is still the same, only more so! How far we have come from our beginnings! We know so much more – unborn babies drink alcohol if their mother drinks alcohol! We now know that their tiny bodies cannot deal with this poison. (**INTERNATIONAL FASD AWARENESS Day, September 9 at 9:09 a.m.**)

I implore you – get someone to join you and do what you can wherever you live to **educate** about the dangers, **legislate** for change and, instead of "agitating" (which these days will get us nowhere), speak your truth quietly but firmly while stating what our life choice is - "**total abstinence.**" Never underestimate your contribution – with God's guidance, it will change someone's life – maybe someone close to you!

I am pleased to announce that Canada WCTU has extended an invitation to host the 2016 World Convention and we have accepted with our thanks.

God bless us all! Love and prayers.



Margaret Ostenstad

Margaret



Brita Nilssen

Team Work

«Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.” I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, “Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work.» Nehemiah 2:17-18

In Norway people take pride in doing many things. One of them is doing voluntary work in sports clubs as well as in churches and mission societies.

When reading the Bible you will find many examples of successful volunteer team work. One which amazes me every time I read it, is **Nehemiah** rebuilding the walls and gates surrounding Jerusalem. He did it by using volunteer workers and, as far as I can figure out, many of the volunteers were not even skilled at this kind of work. They were goldsmiths, priests, perfume-makers, and temple servants, rulers of land districts and merchants! But they repaired and rebuilt the walls and the gates and their sons and their daughters worked together with them. They struggled side by side!

In chapter three you can read how they organized the work: “and next to him – and next to him- and next to him!” – They got the job done even when some mocked and ridiculed them. Nehemiah succeeded for one reason as recorded in Neh. 1: 4: “When I heard these things - I fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.”

In every country and every society in the entire world you will find families in ruin, youth in trouble, and children living in agony and fear, suffering because of alcohol and drug abuse! In our organization we need to stand “next to each other” and rebuild what is broken down in many peoples’ lives!

Let us therefore continue **the good work** in WWCTU! Let us do it in God’s name! And always, at all times, give thanks!



Noontide prayer - Matthew 11:28

Prayer changes not only situations, but also those who pray.

Recording Secretary



I was introduced to WCTU by my dear mother-in-law, Muriel Curry, after marrying her son, Cleve, and moving to Illinois (USA). In 1989 I became YTC Director in Illinois; then I became Illinois Promotion Director, Illinois Vice-President, and finally State President in 2009, the position I still hold.

I grew up on a farm and graduated from high school in Independence, Kansas. Playing the piano has been a great enjoyment for me, and I have been privileged to be convention pianist at several National WCTU Conventions and three World Conventions.

My husband Cleve plays piano and violin, and our four children each played a stringed instrument growing up. In 1983, Muriel Curry and I took our Pike County Young Musicians LTL Orchestra to World Convention in Itasca, Illinois. That was my first exposure to the WCTU World Convention, and I was quite impressed.

It is an honor to serve the Lord in WCTU, and to follow in the footsteps of others who have served so faithfully.



Susanne Curry

3rd Vice President



I have served as President of Korea WCTU since 2006. KWCTU emphasizes education about the harmful effects of alcohol and tobacco. We Christians want to help prevent all kinds of addictions whether to drugs or pornography.

Since 2011, KWCTU has provided internet on-line education about alcohol and tobacco for all the teachers in Korea. KWCTU also supports research on FAS. KWCTU recently produced a movie, Frezi, and power point materials on drinking, smoking, and FAS which was shared at the 39th World Convention. KWCTU also publishes books for adults and children about the harm of alcohol, tobacco, and pornography.



Young Joo Kim

KWCTU especially emphasizes supporting Korean missionaries overseas to plant new temperance Unions all over the world. May the Lord bless our united efforts to promote the temperance work for God, Home, and Every Land.

My husband is a physician. Our daughter, Jung Hee, is writing her doctoral thesis at the Yonsei University Law School. Our son, Myung Chul, is a venture capitalist. With his wife, Grace, and their daughter, Onue (Gentleness), he is going to Yale University for five months, having been chosen as a World Fellow. My whole family participates in temperance work very actively.

Having majored in fine arts, it is my great joy to give glory to God through my gifts of paintings. I prepare the paintings for yearly calendars for the Daesung Group where I serve as Vice Chairwoman.



Desiree Lanigan

A NEW JOB!!! As we walk through life serving the Lord, new opportunities come along our way. New doors open and prayerfully we walk through them. I thank the Lord for my new position as World Organization Secretary – a new opportunity to serve after being Home Protection Director for three years. Every position on every level of the WCTU is an opportunity to serve, to learn and to get a better understanding of how our organization works and what it takes to reach and uphold the WWCTU mission statement.

As Organization secretary my first “assignment” was to compile the 2013 World Directory and forward it to all the World Officers, Directors, Field Workers, National Presidents and country contacts. I felt a bit over-whelmed with the task, even where to begin, but with everyone working together I never felt alone. In fact I enjoyed it! I even enjoyed ALL the corrections I had to make. I enjoyed it because it was so encouraging to hear back from different ones with words of thanks, words of encouragement and appreciation, words of greeting and even a few questions. So THANK YOU for your communications! Please continue to use the Directory to keep in touch and encourage one another. I am looking forward to hearing from you with good reports of the temperance work being done in your country.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Solomon Islands is a country consisting of a large number of islands in Oceania lying to the east of Papua New Guinea. This is another country on the move in the fight against tobacco. In this photo the WCTU members of Solomon Islands are taking part in a march against tobacco. Their National WCTU president, Mrs. Muriel Buga, is on the right behind the one carrying the banner.



May the Lord encourage them and lead them in the temperance work in their country.



Our thanks to Dawn Giddings, former World Education Director, for sending the reports and photos from Solomon Islands and Tuvalu which she received as Education Director. She also served several years as Field Worker for this area of the world

TUVALU

Tuvalu, formerly known as the Ellice Islands, is a Polynesian island nation located in the Pacific Ocean, midway between Hawaii and Australia. Here is a photo of our white ribbon sisters in Tuvalu presenting a skit on the dangers of tobacco at a women's meeting. The leader is Mrs. Losalina Taeka. "The World Health Organization reports that tobacco use kills 5.4 million people each year. That means that unless steps are taken to curb this problem, one billion people worldwide will die in this century as a result of using tobacco products." As we do our part in curbing this problem in our own country, let us also lift our white ribbon sisters in Tuvalu as they spread the temperance message there.



Organization Secretary

MYANMAR

The photo below shows a group of young people who attended the Myanmar WCTU Unity In Christ Camp at Chaug Tha Beach Village which was held March 7-10, 2013. The WCTU president is Mrs. ThanThan Nwe (standing at the podium).

She reports that the Myanmar WCTU had made efforts of Christian outreach to different states in their country. Many in the locations visited have drug and alcohol problems. Preaching and testimonies from those who have overcome addictions were shared. Other types of educational techniques used were lectures and Power Point. They were privileged to have doctors who explained from the medical point of view how bodies and organs can be damaged by using alcohol and other drugs. In their Christian Outreach they make a special effort to promote the Christian family. In the month of July they hold a Children's Education Program. Myanmar white ribbon sisters express joy in serving in their country. Let's remember to pray for them.



Education



My connection with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union's vision of a drug-free world has existed for the past three generations. My grand-aunt, Mrs. W S Sagar, has been a tireless crusader for the cause of Temperance and my mother, Mrs. Vimla Kumar, a former teacher, is a Temperance worker as well. I am proud to have been born into this legacy. I was a little white ribboner and later participated in various activities.

In 2006 I was appointed State Secretary for Delhi and became active on the national level. This was followed by being appointed National Editor at the National Convention in 2012.

I am a Post Graduate in English Literature and am currently teaching English to 11 and 12th graders. My work involves spending time with youth and I utilize it by involving them not only academically but also by educating them on how not to give in to peer pressure or any kind of temptation, be it alcohol, smoking, or promiscuous behavior. I am a member of the Pastorate committee of my church and that keeps me involved in various church activities as well.

I love playing with my lovely Labrador, Misty and do volunteer work for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. I work with homeless children living in shelters as these children are more prone to getting addicted to harmful substances at a very early age. It is a team effort as other WCTU workers have been very supportive. I do my best and trust that God will work in my life as well as in those with whom I serve.



Reena Kumar

Home Protection



I have been associated with the WCTU for about 35 years. I remember my parents taking my little boy to WCTU meetings during the day while I was working. When my second and third child came along, I was able to attend the local meetings.

Over the years I became more involved by being secretary, treasurer, and local president at different times. I am currently local and national secretary.

My husband and I have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. We are excited for our middle child to be married this summer. I work part-time as our church administrator and occasionally for Canada Post delivering mail.

With anticipation I look forward to learning and working in the position of World Home Protection Director. The Canadian WCTU is excited to host the World Convention in 2016.



Florence Einwechter



Elsa Masauku

Elisa Masuku is a veteran educator from the southern African nation of Zimbabwe. Elisa holds a B.Ed (Secondary Education) degree from the Philippine Christian University, an M.Ed (Educational Management) degree from the University of Stellenbosch, and a Ph.D (Education Policy Studies) from the University of Stellenbosch.

Elisa's career began in 1968 following the completion of her teacher training at St Patrick's Teachers College, Zimbabwe (known as Rhodesia at the time). Elsa spent the next twenty eight years as a teacher at five different primary schools and as a head teacher and school principal in a further two schools across Zimbabwe.

In 1997 she joined Solusi University, a private faith-based university located close to the city of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, as a lecturer in the Department of Education. She is currently serving as Director of Graduate Studies in the Faculty of Education at Solusi University, having previously held other positions including Dean for the Faculty of Education and briefly as Pro-Vice Chancellor.

Elsa is married to Leonard, a fellow academic and minister of religion. She is also the mother of three adult sons and is the proud grandmother of a set of twins (a boy and a girl). Elsa loves to garden, walk, read, and enjoys traveling extensively.

CONVENTION VISIT to PARLIAMENT HOUSE



Frances Bedford, Member of South Australia's Parliament, entertained the World Convention at Parliament House on Tuesday morning, May 7th, with a Morning Tea and tour of Parliament House. She is pictured second from the right with members of her staff who assisted. It was a lovely outing.

The booklet, *The Suffrage Movement and the WCTU*, written by Sarah F. Ward, was introduced. It includes a section about Muriel Matters (picture behind the group) about whom Ms. Bedford is continuing to research.

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