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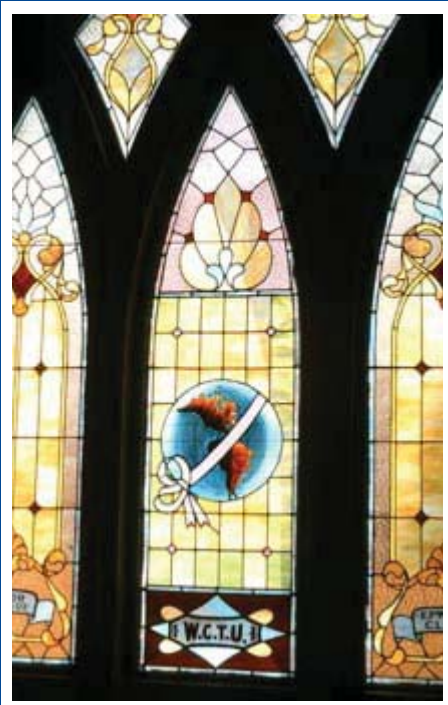


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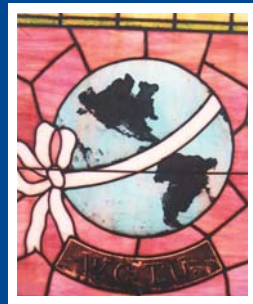
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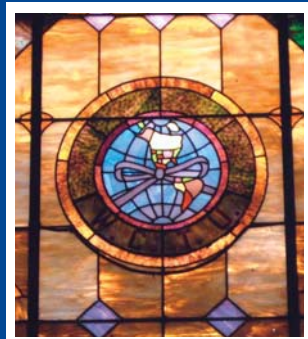
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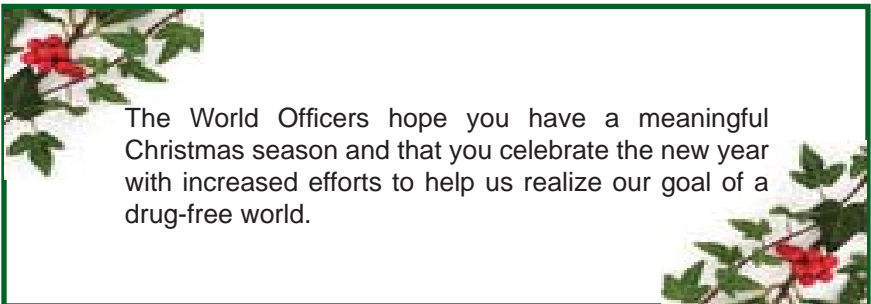


Dear White Ribbon Sister,

Final plans for the upcoming World Convention are coming together. The first meal will be lunch on Friday, May 3rd. Afternoon registration will be followed by the opening evening program. The last session will be on Tuesday evening, May 7th. Breakfast on Wednesday, morning, May 8th, will be the final meal included in the convention package. The first part of the program is included on page 12 and the remaining schedule will appear in the next issue.

Recently the Kansas WCTU became aware of the three beautiful stained glass church windows we have featured on the front cover. Kansas is in the mid-section of the United States. In September the Kansas WCTU was honored for having exhibited at their state fair for all 100 years the fair has been held. Through all those years faithful WCTUers have offered educational materials and free, ice water to those attending the fair. For many years they have also had what we call a mechanical man who rings a bell and turns the pages of a book which tells about the dangers of drinking. I was privileged to attend their fair this year.

After our National WCTU convention, three of us visited the International Peace Garden (see page 11). This part of our WCTU history has almost been lost so it was exciting to learn about it. Canada WCTU has continued to make financial gifts to the Garden. The Canadian - US border is the longest border between two countries that have never fought one another. May that always be true.



The World Officers hope you have a meaningful Christmas season and that you celebrate the new year with increased efforts to help us realize our goal of a drug-free world.

39th WWCTU Convention
May 3—8, 2013
Adelaide, South Australia



4th Vice President Field Worker for Africa Joy Butler

TIME TO REJOICE

As Christmas time draws closer most of us will be thinking, planning, and preparing for a special time with family and friends. For some it will be a time of total relaxation and joy. For others it will be a time of tension and sadness. But for all of us it is a time to reflect and remember God's goodness in our lives – it will be a time to rejoice.

We could ask 3 questions as we reflect and praise:

1 – Did we share the temperance message with as many as possible this past year?

2 – Have we seen young people make a firm decision for a drug-free life ahead?

3 – What are we going to do next year to grow WCTU in our area?

There are small steps we can take and firm decisions we can make. For instance - in some homes at Christmas, alcohol will be served. As members of the WCTU, we must remember who we are and what we stand for and use only non-alcoholic drinks and encourage those around us to do the same, without being offensive. Let's remember each other at this time and pray for each other that we will be shining lights in dark places.

A previous world leader for the WCTU shared with me a powerful lesson some years ago. She told about a teacher who had a very unruly class of children. They disrupted each other, caused havoc in the room, could not concentrate, were unkind to each other, and rejected her teaching. She didn't know what to do. Then she thought of a way to help the children turn their minds to rejoicing rather than rejection. Every day before they began school work they were to think of and share 10 things to praise God for. After only a few days the class made a great change – they were now positive, kind to each other, listened to the teacher, and were ready to learn.

After hearing this story, I decided to try it. As I walked to work through the forest near my home, I would count on my fingers 10 things to praise and thank God for. It worked wonders – soon I was rejoicing and rejecting those negative thoughts that would sometimes plague my mind. I now do this as often as I can remember, and believe that God is there to bless me and turn my mind to better things.

Paul tells us *whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.* Phil. 4:8

As faith-filled women of God, I believe this is an important part of our ministry – to show others and to teach people how to rejoice and praise God in spite of difficulties. Alcohol has become the panacea for all ills but rejoicing in God is the only panacea for trouble. It surely is a time to rejoice – let's do it with passion and power this Christmas.



Organization Secretary

Margaret Ostenstad



...Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger." Luke 2

Christmas is the ultimate example of the way our God works. He took the most significant event in man's history, the birth of His Son, and clothed him in swaddling rags. It was not with outward pomp that God revealed the importance of this birth, but by the preaching of the Gospel, His Word. Anyone who did not hear the Gospel proclaimed by the angel missed the importance entirely.

Nothing has changed. Only those who hear and believe the Gospel Word of the angel understand and experience the significance of Christmas. Only when they hear and believe that in the Christ-Child their Savior has come to redeem them from the slavery of sin and everlasting condemnation do they rightly interpret and experience Christmas. The Gospel Word of Luke 2 is the key that unlocks it all.

Without the Gospel there is no Christmas but man still tries. So determined is he to make what is important look good, he has tried to apply this principle to Christmas. Having heard that Christmas is important but not understanding why, he has tried to make the events of that first Christmas beautiful and whimsical through story and song. He has even invented new Christmas legends and myths to try to dress up the original Christmas story and make it more festive.

Thank God that we need no such window-dressing. For we, like the shepherds, have heard and believed the Gospel Word of the angel. Our Savior, Christ the Lord, has been born in the city of David. Our sins are forgiven. Heaven is ours by grace. It will be a merry Christmas.

Wishing you the Christmas blessings of Joy, Love, Hope, Happiness, Faith, Grace, Mercy, and Peace that come when we make room in our heart for Jesus.



Organization Secretary

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PHILIPPINES

To commemorate the 81st founding of the Philippine WCTU, then President Fidel V. Ramos declared the 3rd week of September of every year as "National Temperance Week." To celebrate the occasion, a FUN RUN was planned to create awareness about the dangers of using alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. The focus was particularly on youth. The runners wore a singlet embossed with the slogan - "AM GLAD I AM ANTI- SAD" (smoking, alcoholism, drugs). The run started at 5:30 am and concluded at 7:00 am. There were serious runners and others who joined the group for fun and camaraderie and walked leisurely. About 400 participated!

KOREA

During her sabbatical year in New Zealand, Dr. Jung Joo Kim has expanded the KWCTU to Koreans living in New Zealand and they now have 15 strong members who meet monthly as well as weekly Bible study. On the 12 November they are holding a fund-raiser for furthering the temperance work among youth in NZ. At one of their meetings, they invited a Korean Missionary working in Cambodia to speak. After listening to the KWCTU temperance message both in NZ and Korea, when he and his wife returned to Cambodia they started a WCTU branch in there. Praise the Lord!

KWCTU held its annual FAS Seminar on September 25. The special researcher at the National Health Institute, Dr. Won Ho Kim, concluded that his experiments show that even a drop of alcohol is harmful to the organs. Therefore, he strongly emphasized that total abstinence is the only way to prevent all the alcohol abuse today. A Christian, he attends church in a slum area in order to support the youth group which has 40 members.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA -

'Because We Care' boxes - Victims of Crime Project

State President, Dawn Giddings reports that after months of negotiating with the Commissioner for Victims of Crime and other relevant authorities, the first consignment of 60 'Because We Care' boxes are ready to distribute to 30 police stations throughout South Australia, the first of up to 420 - 500 boxes annually. This is their WCTU project to help families who have experienced a sudden family death.



The boxes contain long life milk, sugar, tea, coffee, milo, biscuits, book on grief, and a long stemmed red rose. Goods have been donated by Drake Foodland, Centennial Florist, Koorong Books and printing by Deegan Printers. A short message of condolence by the WCTU plus information from the Victims of Crime is also included.



Packing Day by much-appreciated supporters and members. Congratulations! *An idea for you?*

Prayers will be appreciated for this outreach—that hearts will be touched and people turn to Him.



Home Protection Dept.

Desiree Lanigan

ALCOHOL-FREE HOSPITALITY

With the holiday season just around the corner, what better time to promote alcohol-free hospitality! As you invite your guests in for the season of thanksgiving or the celebration of our Lord's birth, treat them to one of your delicious punch recipes.

Your fruit punch can be a healthy and safe alternative for the season's festive drink. Hot or cold, an alcohol-free drink can be the perfect welcome for guests in your home. Being prepared to share your recipe with your family and friends is just another way of showing hospitality.

Here in Canada our WCTU is working on a project of having an attractive alcohol-free punch recipe card printed and available for distribution this holiday season. A postcard size card would make it possible to share greetings and messages on the back. This recipe card will be a perfect insert for Christmas cards or church bulletins. This is a simple project that I am sure each local union could try this year.

There are many alcohol-free recipes available on-line and from your white ribbon sisters. Alcohol-free hospitality is a year round event; maybe your union could try a recipe card a month for a twelve card collection! It would also make an excellent feature in your local newspaper. This is just one of many ways to share the message of the WCTU in your community!

God's blessings to you this holiday season.

Hot Fruit Punch

- 4 cups of hot tea
- 3 cups of apple juice
- 2 cups of orange juice
- 4 cups of cranberry juice
- 1 cup of sugar
- 3/4 cup of lemon juice



Combine all ingredients together and bring to a boil. Serve hot in mugs garnished with cinnamon sticks. Enjoy!



Social Service Dept.

Hyun Sook Lee

Greetings!

I am very excited to know that soon I will be able to have fellowship with my white ribbon sisters at the upcoming convention. I am truly looking forward to spending time with all of you again.

Throughout the past three years, I believe the WCTU Social Service Department in each country has done tremendous work. You have wholeheartedly served those who were in need and aided those that needed help. But regardless of our efforts, the world still experiences many tragedies and suffering.

In October 2010, a big volcano erupted in Yogyakarta where I live, resulting in the whole city being covered in ash. Many lives were lost and even more were left homeless. In March 2011 many people died because of the tremendous earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan. To this day there are still many people who are suffering with poverty, diseases, and wars between nations and tribes.

As people who are created in God's image, are we just going to sit still and watch while feeling badly about what's happening in the world today? Of course we must go before God and pray for world peace. The Bible says that even a small mustard seed and the smallest amount of yeast are like heaven. Remembering the mustard seed and yeast, we must go forward in the knowledge that our smallest deeds and love-sharing can make this world into a better and more beautiful place. Although we may feel weak and unimportant, it is God's love that opens our eyes and makes us realize how we should live our lives.

There was a time when one of the WCTU branches in Indonesia lost its passion and only held meetings as a formality. Just as one experiences joy and depression, so does an organization or group. The other branches heard about what was going on and they came and encouraged the members of that branch. Now the members of that branch have rededicated themselves and have found their passion once again.

In the same way, it is so important that we visit those who are lonely and sick. We must share the temperance message with those around us while demonstrating the positive effects of protecting nature by saving energy and water.

I pray that God will fill our hearts with love and help us carry out those things in our daily lives. I hope that the members of the Social Service Department in each country can share their work and that we can glorify God together at the upcoming convention.



Youth Director
Dr. Yetunde A. Odeyemi

CONTINUE TO MENTOR

All of us must have noticed that engaging with young people has both its frustrating and positive side. Young people are just like every human being, the first person each one of us is likely to listen to the most is one's self. Therefore I am urging you to still continue to engage young minds in a motivational way. Remember that in stepping out to mentor young minds you need to have assessed and found the need for mentoring. If so, set a goal as to what you intend to achieve as you relate to them. Have a mission statement that is clearly defined and achievable. A set vision is also helpful. Both the mission statement and set vision serve as continuous reference points against which impact is assessed.

The whole idea of mentoring is to motivate for positive change by engaging an individual relationally. Therefore, rather than persistently lecturing, pleading, hinting, begging, warning, and nagging our youth, we should consider engaging in a consistent, dependable manner. Yes, it does take time to win their trust and it takes time to mentor. But with patience, an attitude of assurance, perseverance, and respect for the young person's point of view, we will achieve more than repeated meetings of lecturing, expressions of anger, and judgmental repetitions of the consequences of their activities.

Thus knowing that youth like to listen to themselves, let us provide guided opportunity for identifying problems and offering suggestions in areas where help is needed so that listening becomes constructive. Let us keep the focus of our mentoring centered on the positive and reiteration of the good. On our part, be honest, consistent, patience, and non-judgmental. Refrain from offering multiple solutions. Help them to think. Do not back out or abandon them when setbacks occur, but rather exhibit preparedness for setbacks, be a good listener, exhibit a good knowledge of youth strengths, provide encouragement to succeed, and gently point out weaknesses so as to motivate growth.

Thank you all for visiting WWCTU youth web page – www.drug-freeyouth.org and WWCTU Face book page – I'm Worth It. Continue to share materials on these two sites and invite more young people to visit and 'Like' our social page.

THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN

“where the people of two countries share the glories found in a lovely garden and the pleasures found in warm friendships”



The International Peace Garden is located in the Turtle Mountains on the international US-Canadian boundary between Dunseith, North Dakota and Boussevain, Manitoba. Henry J. Moore, a Canadian from Islington, Ontario, proposed the idea which led to the formation of an international committee to select a location. North Dakota donated 888 acres of land and Manitoba offered 1,451 acres.

The first construction work was a stone cairn erected in 1932 on the International Line. About 50,000 Canadians and Americans attended the dedication ceremony. Led by the Bishop of Brandon, they united in pledge:

To God in His glory, we two nations dedicate this garden and pledge ourselves that as long as men shall live, we will not take up arms against one another.

In 1955, Mrs. Grace Knight, Canadian WCTU Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Glenn G. Hays, National WCTU President of the United States, led the effort for the WCTU from the two nations to unite in a project for the gardens.

The attractive wrought iron benches (pictured above) were made in Edmonton and have proven to be very durable. They are located in the Sunken Gardens on either side of The Wishing Pond. Originally a drinking fountain of granite was also given with the water being piped from a well at the gardener's lodge. The fountain seems to no longer be in existence and the well is no longer used to provide water.

The gardens have grown to include the North American Game Warden Museum & Hall of Honors, the Prairie Rose Campgrounds, Masonic Auditorium, Legion Athletic Camp, Historic Lodge, International Music Camp, Children's Marker and 18 foot working Floral Clock. There is also a 9/11 Memorial, Formal Garden Area, Carillon Bell Tower, and Peace Chapel, the only building straddling the US and Canadian border.

WORLD CONVENTION PROGRAM

Friday, May 3

12:00 noon - Lunch

- 1:15 - 3:45 Registration - Horizon Bar, just off the lobby
- 4:00 pm Official Board - Ballroom
- 6:00 pm Opening Session - Ballroom
- Processional of World Officers and Dignitaries
- Presentation of National Flags
 Accompanied by the Salvation Army Band
- Australian National Anthem
- Dinner
- Dr. Jung Joo Kim, WWCTU 1st Vice President, Presiding
- Welcomes by Dignitaries
- Welcome by Ellen Chandler, Australian President
- Response by Margaret Ostenstad, WWCTU Organization
 Secretary and Norwegian President
- The WCTU - Who We Are and What We Do - Address
 by Sarah F. Ward, WWCTU President

Saturday, May 4, 2013

- 7:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast - Dining Room
- 8:15 am Worship Service - Joy Butler, WWCTU 4th Vice
 President, presiding
- 9:15 am Morning Session
- Roll Call and Minutes - Anne Bergen, WWCTU
 Recording Secretary
- State of the Organization Address - Margaret Ostenstad,
 WWCTU Organization Secretary
- Keynote Address: Harms of Marijuana and Medical
 Marijuana - Dr. Gregory K. Pike, Director of Southern
 Cross Bioethics Institute
- 11:00 am Lunch
- Trip to Cleland Wildlife Park and Mt. Lofty - courtesy of
 Australia WCTU
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:30 pm Talent Program

(to be continued)