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Sarah F. Ward



Dear White Ribbon Sister,

World Convention plans are just about completed except for your attendance. We look forward to a wonderful time of learning, sharing, and fellowship. There was an error in the last Bulletin - South Australia WCTU is generously providing for our trip to the Cleland Wildlife Park on Saturday afternoon rather than Australia.

Thank you to each one who has contributed articles for the Bulletin throughout the time I have edited the magazine. Your contributions have given excellent promotion to the work. A special thanks to World Organization Secretary, Margaret Ostenstad, for reporting each time on WCTU activities around the world.

As I complete my final year as World President, I cannot adequately express my thanks to you for giving me the privilege and opportunity to serve. The experiences and friendships I have enjoyed in so many of your countries will not be forgotten. The desire to make this world a better place by the elimination of alcohol and other drugs has been forcefully expressed through your many efforts, and often in challenging circumstances.

Thank you, World Officers, for fulfilling the responsibilities of your roles and for your support in our endeavors. You have made my job easier.

Through the work of our World Department Directors, a good foundation has been laid for stronger emphasis on department activities and projects. **Each member** needs to **participate** in our work. Thank you, World Directors, for your creative ideas and promotion of your department goals. A reminder of those goals is presented on page 8.

There are always opportunities to present our message of total abstinence. We need to look for them, be prepared, and then take advantage of them. This is a reminder that no one needs an "official title" to work for the WCTU cause. Be assured that I will continue to be actively involved and I am counting on you to do the same. Remember to pray for our members and our work. May God bless you and the WCTU.

Our Hope - Our Vision - a Drug-free World!
39th World WCTU Convention - May 3-8, 2013
Adelaide, South Australia



Rev. Henrietta M. Griffith

Our HOPE, our VISION, a Drug-free World

“For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord . . . To give you a FUTURE and a HOPE.”

Jeremiah 29:11

A vision is a promise of what will be! It is the act of seeing the invisible! It is a clear understanding of what you want to do. The Lord said, “without a vision the people perish.” If you do not know where you are going, any road will get you there.

Your vision is a promise of what some day will be. A vision is an appeal to improve. It is an appeal to desire better. The World Woman’s Christian Temperance Movement has always had clear goals. The World Woman’s Christian Temperance Movement, with wisdom and understanding, has always seen what is invisible to others. The World WCTU has a vision for a Drug-free World.

A Japanese proverb says: *A vision without action is a daydream. But an action without vision is a nightmare.* A vision is more than a mental picture. It is an appeal to do something! Vision with action will change the world!

To realize such a hope or vision will take supernatural power. God told us in Acts 1:8 that we would receive power by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. Zachariah 4:6 states: *It is not by might nor by power but by my Spirit.* Paul wrote to the Roman church: *Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer* (Rom. 12:12). God said, For the evil man has no future, the lamp of the wicked will be put out (Prov. 24:20). The man with wisdom has . . . *a future, and his hope will not be cut off* (Prov. 24:14). We have a work to do. Let us be up and at it.

If we see farther than others, it is because we stand on the shoulders of giants. Giants of the faith and the WCTU - Annie Wittenmyer, (first US President of the WCTU), Frances E. Willard, Anna Gordon, Ella Boole (former World Presidents) - to name a few. Many others can be added. Will your persistent actions continue the vision?

Peter wrote that God has given us a “living hope” (I Peter 1:3). It is a hope that knows no end. *It is a hope with a future because it is an eternal hope.* Jeremiah wrote: *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.* (Jeremiah 29:11) The challenge is that the WWCTU will continue to make its presence felt world-wide for a drug-free world



Organization Secretary

Margaret Ostenstad

I am honoured to have served 9 years as World Organization Secretary after first being elected to the office in New Zealand in 2004. The position is both challenging and rewarding. I have always had the vision of the importance of each individual member.

This vision was enhanced when World President, Sarah Ward, became the Convenor for the Department work, guiding and mentoring the Department Directors who sent in their suggestions. Sarah then forwarded letters of encouragement to every National President along with the compiled Program Kits which contained ideas and suggestions for projects within each Department: Christian Outreach, Education, Home Protection, Social Service as well as the Children and Youth Departments.

What a wonderful way to give every single member an opportunity to contribute! The importance of one can never be underestimated. I earnestly believe that these endeavours have given the WWCTU the “backbone” needed for work in the 21st century. The seeds are sown, the roots have taken hold in many countries, including my own, and God will give the harvest.

It has been an absolute privilege to make the acquaintance of many incredible women in member countries who strive against formidable odds to bring the temperance message to their people. I have heard of prayer walks at 4:30 a.m. and people buying sewing machines to enable women to earn money instead of making and selling alcoholic beverages. Natural disasters have abounded and everywhere WCTU members have rallied to help wherever possible. It is both heart-rendering and heart-breaking. I am so proud to be part of this wonderful organization.

We **can** inspire each other. For example, in the last World Bulletin I wrote about the “Care Packages” given by the members of the WCTU of South Australia. Then when making a new website for the Norwegian WCTU, I thought and prayed for a symbol which could be used to sum up the essence of our work for a drug-free world. Something that would entice some ONE to read further. Why not a heart with “WE CARE” over actual graphics and photos? Yes, this is MY heart, it is YOUR heart, it is the heart of **anyone** and **everyone** who has ever felt the pain of loved one succumbing to addictions. It is the HEART of ONE NEWBORN BABY who does NOT have FASD because ONE mother heard our health warning. Every time we are able to do something, **the heart beat** of the **organization** gets stronger. Wonderful women have gone before us, wonderful women will come after us, wonderful women are serving NOW! My deepest thanks to all of you for your endeavours. To God be the Glory! Amen.



Recording Secretary

Anne Bergen

In 2004, prior to the World WCTU Convention in Auckland, the then World WCTU President, Margaret Jackson, asked me to take the minutes for the convention, as the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Pearl Loe from USA was not well enough to attend. I agreed to do this job, not realizing that it also involved being responsible for compiling and printing the World Report Book.

I was honoured to be elected as Recording Secretary at the 2004, 2007, and 2010 World Conventions, giving me the maximum term of nine years in that office. Getting the minutes just right has been made easier with the use of a computer to take minutes as events unfold and to edit them. Email also makes communication and editing relatively easy. Taking minutes requires constant attention and concentration and the ability to identify those who are speaking or moving motions and a good command of the English language.

Putting the Report Book together has taken many hours of work after conventions to get all the necessary reports, as well as formatting and editing them. I was grateful for Margaret Jackson's help with the lists of Special Memberships and other records that have to be included. She was able to email the necessary files which I have then had to format and update each time. I will provide my successor with the latest files on a USB stick after I have prepared the next book. Because I was initially doing the Recording Secretary's job without being elected, I will have prepared four Report Books instead of the usual three.

As part of the World Officers' team it has been a privilege to work with the other officers and get to know them as people in a way that is not possible by just attending a convention. Sarah Ward and Margaret Ostenstad were elected in Auckland when I was, so I have worked with them for the whole nine years. Relationships are developed at the triennial officers' meetings following conventions that were held in Melbourne, Australia, then Atlanta and Los Angeles in USA.

My time as Recording Secretary has given me a greater knowledge and understanding of the extent, variety and complexity of WCTU work throughout the world. It has broadened my appreciation for the wonderful work that this organization is doing around the world and has enabled me to get to know many people who make a great contribution to WCTU.



1st Vice President

Dr. Jung Joo Kim

The Humble Faith of the Canaanite Woman

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment. (Mat 15:21-28 NIV)

We live in a world of addiction. Alcohol and nicotine, illegal drugs, pornography, and vicious games of the Internet lead young and old alike to addictions. Once addicted, all kinds of crimes follow. Who will prevent addiction and also deliver the addicts today from such bondages? The Canaanite woman believed that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, alone, is able to deliver this world from the power of sin and death. When she cried out for mercy, Jesus Christ seemed to ignore her request. Nevertheless, she was persistent in faith that Jesus would save her daughter from the demon-possession. Jesus Christ, praising her faith, delivered her daughter that very moment.

Our temperance work is needed today more than ever before. Today White Ribbon Sisters are called to intercede for the deliverance of the elect of God, who are under severe attacks from demonic powers. We should pray so persistently as the Canaanite woman that we may witness the power of Jesus Christ to deliver the human race from addictions to all kinds of vices in society.

Instead of feeling despair, let us be more encouraged and exhorted by the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ. Let us humbly kneel before Christ, the Lord of heaven and earth, and intercede persistently for the deliverance of our homes and our nations from all drugs today for the glory of God, the Trinity. Then the Lord will answer all our prayers so that this generation may see the power of the Word of God working through women of faith. The Good News is that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, as He reigns with all authorities above the heavens and the earth. The darker the world may become, the brighter, the light of the Gospel will shine. We White Ribbon Sisters should go forth in faith so the world will become our Lord's Kingdom.

I want to express my gratitude to the Lord and also to the White Ribbon Sisters worldwide for helping me to complete three terms as World Vice President. May the Glory be alone to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever, Amen.

Review the goal of each Department and discuss with your members how to implement activities and projects for your members to accomplish in each department.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

The **purpose** of the **Christian Outreach Department** is to encourage the Christian walk of the members, emphasizing “*Ye are the salt of the earth . . . Ye are the light of the world*” (Matthew 5:13a, 14a) and to reach out to the faith community with the WCTU total abstinence message.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The **purpose** of the **Education Department** is to make the facts about alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs known to everyone and to offer contests to further this effort.

HOME PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

The **purpose** of the **Home Protection Department** is to strengthen Christian family values, to encourage family members to help toddlers and pre-schoolers to develop a lifetime commitment to total abstinence through the WCTU program, and to promote non-alcoholic drinks for entertaining.

SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The **purpose** of the **Social Service Department** is to reach out to the community and individuals who are neglected, suffering, or in need, without any prejudice of race, religion, age, or gender by sharing the love of Christ Jesus through giving our love and support.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

The **purpose** of the **Children's Department** is to promote Christian values and encourage children to make choices that will lead to a drug-free life (ages 6 through 12).

website: www.drug-freekids.com or www.wwctu.org and then go to children

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

The **purpose** of the **Youth Department** is to promote a healthy lifestyle and encourage youth to be drug-free. (ages: teens and early twenties) **website:** www.drug-freeyouth.org

WORLD CONVENTION PROGRAM (concluded)

Sunday, May 5, 2013

- 7:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast
- 8:15 am Prayer and Praise Service - Ballroom
- 9:00 am Morning Session - Ballroom
- Minutes and
First reading of Bylaw changes - Anne Bergen, Rec. Sec.
- Memorial Service
- Asian country reports
- Morning tea
- African country reports
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm European Country reports
- North and Central America country reports
- 2:30 pm Church service at St. Andrew's Uniting Church
- Devotional talks by Elsie Masuku and Desiree Lanigan
- Communion service conducted by Anne Bergen
- 4:00 pm Continent meetings
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:30 pm Oceania country reports

Monday, May 6, 2013

- 7:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast

(Convention Program continued)

- 8:15 am Prayer and Praise Service - Ballroom
- 9:00 am Morning Session - Ballroom
- Reading of the Minutes - Anne Bergen
- Election of World Officers
- Voting on Constitution and Bylaw changes
- Resolutions - Joy Butler, Chairman
- Presentation of President's Honor Roll recipients
- 10:15 am Morning tea
- 10:45 am Interview of World Department Directors: Christian Outreach, Irja Eskelinen; Education, Dawn Giddings; Home Protection, Desiree Lanigan; Social Service, Hyun Sook Lee; Children, Glenda Amos, and Youth, Dr. Yetunde Odeyemi
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm "The Great Australian Challenge" - a time of enjoyment and involvement for everyone!
Ellen Chandler, Australian President, in charge
Displays will include: each WCTU Department, Australian history, Women's Suffrage, Mocktails, Water Project, and the following visiting exhibitors: Fair Trade, Genesis Pregnancy, World Federation against Drugs
- Every one will be given a PASSPORT to guide their travel from place to place. Samples to eat and drink will be offered as well as the opportunity to purchase souvenirs.
- 4:00 Workshop by Daron Pratt, the Balloon Man
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:30 pm Children's Program - Glenda Amos, World Director
- Youth Program - Dr. Yetunde A. Odeyemi, World Director

Tuesday, May 7

- 8:30 am Depart for Parliament House
- Morning tea will be provided—sponsored by the Honorable Frances Bedford, Member of Parliament for Florey and the Honorable Steph Key, Member of Parliament for Ashford
- Presentation of “Suffragettes and the WCTU”
- 12:00 pm Lunch - Ballroom
- 1:30 pm Workshops (choose one of three — three sessions)
- Alcohol and Tobacco - Anne Bergen
- Organizing new Unions and increasing membership - Margaret Oestenstad, Moderator with Field Workers: Dr. Dora J. Coloma de Barrientos, Joy Butler, Dawn Giddings, Sameera Girgis, and Dr. Kyung Il Park
- Public Speaking - Sarah F. Ward
- 2:45 pm FASD - Dr. Kyung Il Park
- Tips for Officers and potential leaders - Sarah F. Ward
- Public Speaking - Joy Butler and Margaret Ostenstad
- 4:00 pm Illegal Drugs - Anne Bergen
- Basic suggestions for computer use - Joy Butler and Glenda Amos
- Public Speaking - Margaret Ostenstad & Sarah F. Ward
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:30 Installation Service
- Motivational Speech - Shane Varcoe
- Supper and Closing



Interior of St. Andrew's
Uniting Church -
Site of Sunday
afternoon church
service

Stained glass window in the
WCTU Headquarters of
South Australia



Parliament House of South Australia—site of Tuesday morning Tea