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## Future

School girls in Kenya  
signing the pledge.



Preserving the **PAST**  
Reflecting the **PRESENT**  
Shaping the **FUTURE**





*Sarah F. Ward*

Hello,

In continuing with our observance of the 175th anniversary of Frances Willard's birth, three well-known childhood experiences which preview aspects of her work as an adult, will be told.

## **Glimpses of Frances Willard's Childhood**

When Frances' brother, Oliver, went with his father to vote, Frances was in tears. She exclaimed to her sister, "Wouldn't you like to vote as well as Oliver? Don't you and I love the country just as well as he, and doesn't the country need our ballots?" Here is the beginning of her interest in suffrage for women.

Frances wanted a private place where she could read and write so she selected a tall black oak tree near the front gate. She built a seat in the tree quite hidden from view. A board nailed to the tree warned: "The Eagle's Nest, Beware!" She kept her books and writing material in a wooden box which is still on display at the Willard House. She became a prolific writer.

With her younger sister, Mary, and older brother, Oliver, Frances created a make-believe town which they called Fort City. Since they quickly decided the town would have no saloons or billiard halls, they would have no need of a jail.

When Frances was seventeen, she cut out a temperance pledge from her favorite magazine, *Youth's Cabinet*, pasted it in the front of their family Bible, and insisted that each member of the family sign it. This is what the pledge said:

A pledge we make no wine to take,  
Nor brandy red that turns the head,  
Nor fiery rum that ruins home,  
Nor brewers' beer, for that we fear,  
And cider, too, will never do.  
To quench our thirst, we'll always bring,  
Cold water from the well or spring;  
So here we pledge perpetual hate,  
To all that can intoxicate.

Frances declared that her "dry" work began at this time. This early interest in temperance blossomed into the life work of Frances E. Willard. May we be encouraged to gain pledge-signers!

Yours for total abstinence,

Sarah

# President's Message



Dear All,

I recently had the privilege of addressing the Mid-Year meeting of the Indiana WCTU where there were 60 attendees. I spoke on the topic "Facing the Future with optimism."



*Margaret Ostenstad*

People say: "Why should we be optimistic for the future when everything seems so bleak?" Winston Churchill, the great UK wartime leader, is often remembered for this motivational quotation: **"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."** We need to visualize success - not failure.

The WCTU has always stood for three things without question - we are Christian, we practice total abstinence, and women are in charge. If we are to move forward to accomplish that which the Lord expects of us, we must walk by faith. We are ONE - in Christ's love, and how we behave toward others, reflects our organization.

If you are facing a new challenge or being asked to do something that you have never done before, don't be afraid to step out. You have more capability than you think you do but you will never see it unless you place a demand on yourself for more.

**"One person can make a difference, and everyone should try"**  
**President John F. Kennedy**

Believe you can do it, whatever it is you set your heart on. Opportunities will unfold and open before you. "Life's greatest gift is the opportunity to work hard at work worth doing." Theodor Roosevelt

**TEMPERANCE WORK IS WORTH DOING! We can only fail if we give up! Someone out there needs YOU!**

Love and prayers,

Margaret

To assist you in celebrating Frances Willard's 175th anniversary, check these websites: [http://www.wctu.org/frances\\_willard.html](http://www.wctu.org/frances_willard.html) and <http://www.franceswillardhouse.org/>



Joy Butler

### Words, Words, Words!

“Words, words, words, I’m so sick of words!  
Words first from him, now from you.  
Is that all you blighters can do?”

In frustration Eliza Dolittle shouts out these words in the famous “My Fair Lady” stage and theatre show. She had been practicing for hours on end and was tired and ‘fed-up’ with the effort of speaking and hearing words.

Are we, as leaders and members of the WCTU so sick of words? Are we using and speaking the right words to inspire and bless others with the temperance message? What words do others use when describing us?

There are many words used to describe the remarkable early pioneer women of the WCTU. Some words describing the intrepid **Frances Willard**, founder of the World WCTU, include - charismatic, cordial, determined, devoted, eloquent, enthusiastic, firm, gentle, honest, innovative, magnetic, organiser, peaceable, persuasive, progressive, promoter, relentless, unique, optimistic, well-dressed.

The following words describe **Lillian Stevens**, a US National president and champion of justice - active, alert, ardent, optimistic, confident, consecrated, convincing, earnest, effective, enthusiastic, forceful, gracious, honest, kind, logical, modest, unselfish, unwavering, vigilant.

The dauntless leader and World President, **Ella Boole**, is described thus - convincing, devoted, dominant, fair-minded, genius, heroic, intrepid, loving, mother-hearted, outstanding, poised, serene, tender, unwavering, vigorous, vital. In her own words, she said, “The WCTU will not lower its standard. With faith in God and firmness in the right we continue to go forward . . . The WCTU must continue to carry on.”

The WCTU did carry on and they have made a huge impact in the world. The concerns of these times are very much the same and if we look carefully, we find that history repeats itself.

Those women were concerned for their families and went forth with faith in God plus determination and courage to change the world. Nowadays we are concerned for women and children who are being ruined by alcohol and other drugs at an amazing and horrific rate. We must carry on determinedly and persuasively like our foremothers.

Jesus said “The words that I speak to you - they are spirit and they are life.” John 6:63. Let us never get tired of bringing words that are spirit and life to a desperate world.

Joy

## Recording Secretary



"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." - Martin Luther

Having been involved in churches where music was an integral part of worship, I have often experienced the joy of a hymn, chorus, or stately anthem sung by the congregation or choir.

Consider the hymn, "It Is Well With My Soul." Horatio Spafford was beset by many trials and losses, including financial investments in the great Chicago fire, the death of his son due to an illness, and finally the loss of his daughters in a ship disaster on the Atlantic Ocean. These words came to him. "When peace like a river attendeth my way; when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, 'It is well, it is well, with my soul.'"

This song of testimony shows that one's journey of grief can give way to the peace and presence of the Holy Spirit. What an encouragement this song has been to thousands, perhaps millions of people.

The ministry of music can comfort, sustain, convict, encourage, energize, and inspire individuals to live a life that is devoted to God. Yes, music is a great treasure from God.



*Susanne Curry*

Susanne

## Treasurer



Greetings!

I am so impressed with the new covers on this publication! Margaret Ostenstad does a wonderful job creating the cover and back page. The World Bulletin is a great source of information that you can use at your local meetings.

The subscription price for the World Bulletin is now \$10 per year for four issues. It is well worth it. It is a great tool for your work.

Is your subscription up-to-date? Check the date on the front of the envelope by your name. If it is expired, you need to send your renewal payment to me. If you are looking for a gift for someone, why not give them a gift subscription to the World Bulletin? Do you know of someone new to the WCTU? Give them a gift subscription. The Bulletin is valuable for anyone doing WCTU work.

God Bless!



*Dorothy Russell*

Dorothy

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## Organization Secretary



*Desiree Lanigan*

At our World Officer's meeting in Greenfield, Indiana, in April, Dora de Barrientos, 2nd Vice President shared some of the highlights of recent activities of the Debora Foundation in Guatemala. They hosted a concert where the children from the Debora Foundation sang for over a thousand people, including members of the government. This was an activity to commemorate the White Ribbon Sisters Campaign to help the unfortunate and needy in **Guatemala** and to promote WWCTU as forerunners for peace in their country. The celebration and concert was held in the National Conservatory of Guatemala. The children of the Debora Foundation proclaimed a message of life without drugs and violence through songs to the Guatemalan people.

The Guatemala WCTU has taught about temperance and Christianity in 18 schools and in 2013 **two thousand young people** signed the **temperance pledge**. Dora reports that Guatemala is now working on a health fair that includes information about nutrition, healthy life-style choices, addictions, violence, and other problems. **Dora encourages WCTU in other countries to do like-minded projects.**



Amazing news has just been received from Dr. Jung Joo Kim, Field Worker for Korean Missionaries! She heard from Missionary Ji Chul Jung who reported that on March 13th the first Cambodian WCTU meeting was held in the form of a Temperance Seminar at the Royal University in Cambodia. Over 360 students attended the seminar.

They listened to the lectures of a medical doctor and other speakers on the harms of alcohol, nicotine, and other drugs. The Cambodia WCTU also prepared a beautiful music program and gave lunch to all who attended the seminar. (See additional photograph on back outside cover.)



President of the **New Zealand** WCTU, Annette Paterson, shares the news of a new Suffrage memorial that was unveiled at Mt. Roskill, Auckland. She was one of the speakers and represented the New Zealand WCTU at the unveiling of the memorial. The WCTU was the leading organisation that helped women to obtain the privilege to vote.



All of these news items are exciting and encouraging. Please send your country's news to me, along with photos to share. Praise the Lord for these wonderful reports!

Desiree



*Florence Einwechter*

## **The Casino Industry – “What Harm Does It Do?”**

There is no shortage of information on the “world” of gambling. I mean literally, “world”. The fascination with “chance” and “luck” is across the globe. Of course, the casino industry would pose the question “What harm does it do?”

Thirty years ago people would travel a great distance to experience the thrill of a casino. Today you will also find them in “not-so-grand” hotels where you don’t stay overnight and you don’t eat in a fine restaurant.

There is no shortage of venues. There’s card room gambling, race wagering, sports betting, commercial bingo, lotteries, charitable gaming and most recently, on-line gambling.

A common argument in favour of casinos is that it will bring vast amounts of money into the local economy and create jobs. Unfortunately, much to the dismay of the local merchants, that doesn’t happen. It only increases the number of liquor stores and places to get cash for your gold jewelry. The National Association of Realtors will tell you about the negative impact casinos have on property values. It is not surprising those communities with casinos suffer higher rates of home foreclosures, financial distress, and domestic violence. According to Police Reports the incidences of crime double and triple in communities within three years of the opening of a casino.

It is the addicted gambler that keeps the casino in business. It is apparent that low income and retirees are the ones that frequent casinos the most. Obviously those that can least afford it are the ones caught in this strangling web.

According to the Institute for American Values (CNN, Sept. 2013) modern slot machines are highly addictive and provide a psychological experience that puts the person into a trance-like state. It is in this state of mind that a person keeps playing until running out of money.

Unfortunately, governments have shirked their duty in studying the effects of gambling by funding the casino industry to do the studies. However, studies have been funded by governments in Britain and Canada.

This is just a very small glimpse into a very large problem. Are we content to let this devastating industry continue to grow? I hope you will look at your country’s gambling situation and decide to be pro-active in fighting against it.

Finally, and most importantly, what does God say? In His Word He reminds us to trust Him for our every need.

Philippians 4:19      Psalm 145:19      Psalm 118:8      Proverbs 3:5

God bless your efforts as you work for Him.

Florence



It was an unusual morning. When I opened the curtains, I could only doubt my eyes. Had snow come down in Indonesia due to the unusual weather activity? The answer was no. The volcano that was located 500km from our house had erupted during the night and the volcanic ash had landed in the very place where we were living. The ashes had covered the entire city. Disaster had come again and we couldn't see the sunlight. No one could leave their house because once you left the house, you would be covered with the volcanic ash and even if you moved just a little bit, the ash would fly everywhere and you wouldn't be able to see what was in front of you. The ashes were 5cm deep. Schools, businesses, and all the stores closed and we had to close all the doors and windows in our home and wear masks indoors as well.



*Hyunk Sook Lee*

For a moment I thought about what it would be like to live in a place without any disasters. After a couple of days, we came out of the house and began cleaning the ashes with our neighbors. Even though it was very troublesome to clean everything, just the fact that we had someone to clean with us comforted our hearts.

We are not alone. Jesus came down to earth as a human being to share the pain with us. Jesus was with those that were in pain and He also cried with them as well. He died on the cross for our sins and He still loves us, watches over us, and takes care of us. Even though we may go through difficult and tough times, we are still not alone. The Lord has never left us nor has He ever abandoned us. He promised that He will be with us until the end of days. Jesus invites those who are weary and burdened to come to Him. We received the Lord's love and as people that live in His love, we must live by His love every day. Therefore, in order to share each other's burden, we must reach out to those who are isolated and in suffering. Even if our help may be small, Jesus' love is great and abundant. Our help will be a big encouragement and hope to those in need.

With that in mind, the Social Service Department has continued to carry out its duties. We have comforted those that are in despair, visited those that were sick, encouraged those that are in prison, and reached out to those that are isolated. Even though the world has continued to develop and flourish, there are still those around us that are in pain because they worry about the daily necessities of food and water.

**Help Nutrition** - Starting this year, the Social Service Department of WCTU Indonesia provides babies that are malnourished with powdered formula and educates the mothers about how to nurture their babies. Programs like this must be continuous, not just a one-time event.

The **"Care Boxes"** being given by various WCTUs in Australia is a good example of looking for things that we can share from our own belongings.



## Youth Department



*Elsa Masauku*

Youth are a unique and vital segment of society, and require love, care, and understanding. Their powerful ability to shape and influence our communities has long been recognised by shrewd politicians as a useful vehicle for furthering bold ambitions. With the correct support and mentorship, however, youth can achieve tremendously positive things.

Christian writers have argued that no other age group can do as much good as young men and women who are consecrated to God. They also acknowledge young people's innate ability to influence their contemporaries positively. As WCTU members, we place great value on our youth -- praying for and with them, while working tirelessly to encourage them to get involved in the work we do, and to carry the torch forward into the future.

Allow me to share a few reactions to some of the work I am personally involved in with the youth group I lead at Solusi University in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Much of what I will share is direct quotes from members of this youth group. I trust it will provide insight into their mindset.

After several group members disclosed details of their private lives in a safe, sharing session, a fellow group member wrote this response to a resolve others made to abstain from drug and alcohol use, and sex outside of marriage: "Testimonies have a great impact on other youth that may be addicted -- they are assisted to leave their habits." I continue to be amazed at how helpful and inspiring young people find honest and sincere dialogue with their peers.

Here is a young person's testimony that compels us to get real about the effects of alcohol and other drugs and to confront issues head-on: "The concerned woman drew close and started talking to me. Somehow, she learned I was taking alcohol. She counseled me and gave me true information about alcohol. She was stern (with me), and she pricked my heart." In an unprecedented show of candor, the first year Theology student who shared this testimony used his real name and has granted permission for his full, written testimony to be forwarded to anyone who cares to read it. Please contact me for the testimony at [dummasuku@gmail.com](mailto:dummasuku@gmail.com)

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# Past



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# Present



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