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WCTU SCOTTSDALE, TASMANIA AUSTRALIA



Congratulations Olive Edwards!






Sarah F. Ward

YOUTH TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK (YTE)

The first observance of this week in the United States occurred in 1945 when the mayor of Richmond, Virginia designated a week in April for YTE. Then the Richmond Ministerial Union cooperated by encouraging sermons to be given on the “Evil Effects of Alcoholic Beverages on Youth.” The Virginia Governor issued a proclamation for the week and so began this yearly observance. In 1967, after years of letter writing by WCTU members, US President Lyndon Johnson proclaimed the week nationally. The following information was distributed as part of this year’s observance.

KEY BENEFITS OF DRUG-FREE LIVING

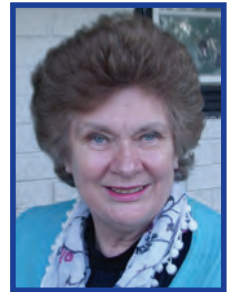
-  **NO Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)** when pregnant women do not drink. FAS is the 3rd leading cause of mental retardation. It is 100% preventable.
-  **LESS Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), and fewer miscarriages** when pregnant women do not smoke.
-  **NO arrests or deaths** for Driving While Intoxicated.
-  **NO alcoholics** when people never take the 1st drink.
-  **LESS loss of cognitive ability, intelligence, and memory** when marijuana is not inhaled or ingested.
-  **LESS date rapes and less assaults** when drugs are not used.
-  **NO deaths from overdose of alcohol or illegal drugs.**

President's Message



Dear all,

Greetings from Norway! After two successful hip surgeries, I have had the opportunity to travel quite a lot. A personal visit to my birthplace in Launceston, Tasmania, (AUS), on the occasion of my 50 year Class Reunion, also allowed me time to visit the **Scottsdale WCTU**. This group of faithful members are the last of the Tasmanian WCTU and a photo of them on the front cover is to inspire others to **NEVER GIVE UP! Congratulations ladies!**



Margaret Ostenstad

Former World Corresponding Secretary, **Olive Edwards** was honoured with a World Continuing Membership given by the Australian National WCTU. She was surprised and delighted. I was pleased to present the diploma to Olive on behalf of the Australian National President, Mrs. Anne Bergen (World 1st Vice President).

During a visit to GUATEMALA in April, I had the opportunity to speak about the World WCTU in an hour-long radio interview, as well as on a Christian TV Station - see photos on the back cover. I had interviews with two Christian magazines and a major newspaper - all profiling the importance of temperance work. Questions were asked about how to combat domestic violence, how to empower women in a male dominated society, and how to turn youth from alcohol/ drug addiction and gangs.

Welcome to Mrs. Mary Ayres (UK) and Mrs. Frances Wood (USA) as our United Nations representatives.

In Christ's love,
Margaret



40th WCTU World Convention

18-24 August 2016

*Fairmont Chateau
Laurier Hotel*

Ottawa, CANADA

Make preparations now to attend our next World Convention. An inspiring program is being planned but it won't be the same without your attendance.



Linda Bartlett

Where Do You Put Your Trust?

“It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in man.” Psalm 118:8

Aren't we all tempted to trust in the things and the people that we can see, instead of trusting in the Lord to be our foundation? Since recently celebrating Easter, we are reminded that even Thomas, a disciple of Jesus, doubted and lacked trust so we are in good company.

But Jesus admonished Thomas, as He would admonish us, in John's gospel, 20:27-29. “Then He said to Thomas, ‘Reach here with your finger, and see my hands; and reach here your hand and put it in my side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Because you have seen me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.’”

We Christians too often look to man for help and counsel, and we forget to rely on God. It is written, “Cast thy burden upon the Lord.” “Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication make known your wants unto God.” God does answer prayer. It may not always be the answer that we, with our limited wisdom, hope for, but it is answered when we but ask.

God is enough for your needs. He sees every wish of your heart and invites you to speak it to Him. God's heart is not faint. God's arms are strong. He is infinite, faithful, and true to His children. We do not need to look for another arm to lean on, another ear to listen, or another voice to speak to us.

God is only invisible to those who choose not to see Him. If you put your trust in man, you will find disappointment. If you put your trust in God, you will be rewarded with your soul's redemption.

God is all you need, so open your eyes and your heart and receive His peace.

Evening prayer: Lord God, You are my rock and my foundation. Grant me rest and peace. In Christ's name, Amen.

PRAYER PAGE

WCTU is an organization that is upheld by prayer. We are in a spiritual battle and, in our own strength, we cannot make an impact on the problems caused by alcohol and other drugs in our communities. Noontide is the traditional time for prayer for WCTU but if that is not the best time for you to pray, make prayer for WCTU part of your daily devotional time whenever that may be. Cut out this page and put it with your Bible.



Anne Bergen

Prayer suggestions:

- Pray for courage and protection for our members in Kenya and other parts of Africa who face the possibility of terrorist attacks and comfort those affected by the recent university massacre.
- Pray for Canada WCTU as they work on plans for the next World Convention to be held in Ottawa next August.
- Pray for inspiration for our World President, Margaret Ostenstad, as she works on the program for the convention.
- Pray for people in the Philippines as well as Vanuatu, Tuvalu, and other Pacific Island countries who are recovering from devastating tropical cyclones.
- Pray for protection for our members in India where persecution of Christians is increasing. Prosper them and their efforts for the WCTU.
- Pray for children who will use the resources provided by Glenda Amos, our Children's Director, that these will have a permanent impact on their lives.
- Pray for each member, that they will look for opportunities to share the temperance message and the love of God with those they meet.

Anne
1st Vice President



Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love and care for us. May we live so that others around us will see your love through us and come to experience your presence in their lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Desiree Lanigan

Life happens. Every day is a new day. So great is our Lord's faithfulness, His mercies are new every morning. His great faithfulness is a reminder to us each day of our responsibility to live our lives in a way that reflects Him and His love. I believe the work of our World WCTU departments and the work of our World WCTU field workers are wonderful examples of this life style. Recent reports and updates from our World field workers have been a rich source of encouragement. Let me share some of those reports.

World field worker Dr. Jung-Joo Kim has shared the good news of growth. The newly organized Cambodia WCTU has grown and is now holding monthly temperance seminars in High Schools. In February the Sesowat High School had almost 300 students attend one of these temperance seminars. She reports that the New Zealand KWCTU is also meeting monthly and involved in temperance seminars in churches and youth groups. This is wonderful news. I pray that more unions will be able to report this kind of growth and investment into so many young lives.

Here is a WCTU project that the Korean WCTU has endeavored to undertake with great success. Three years ago they launched an on-line course "No Smoking and No drinking Education Guide" for the education of school teachers. 800 teachers have taken the course in the last three years. The course consists of 30 lectures with a quiz and exams. A diploma for Temperance Education is offered at the conclusion of the course. This is a great idea for all countries to offer. It's a great WCTU project idea.

World field worker for Africa and Papua New Guinea, Joy Butler, writes "...I was able to speak to the 23 nurses in the Highlands of PNG who signed the pledge last year. They are still enthusiastic and willing to teach mothers and children to abstain from drugs, alcohol and tobacco..." She also writes of West Africa "...it is good to know that Ebola is being almost eradicated from those few countries in West Africa and we rejoice with the WCTU members that this is so. But we need to continue to pray for this situation...."



In February, Lori Osborne, Past President of the Frances Willard Historical Association and current Archives Consultant at the Willard Memorial Archives(US) with her friend, Dr. Cate Whitcomb, visited Temperance House, the headquarters of the India WCTU in New Delhi. Lori was interested in learning more about the beginnings and growth of the India WCTU.

Vandna Charan, President of the India WCTU, arranged a meeting of members and officers from all over northern India including older members who shared stories of the past. Copies of historic records were given to Lori for the WCTU archives in Evanston, Illinois. The India WCTU provided a lovely luncheon, gifts, and a tour of their Headquarters. Lori was very appreciative of the wonderful hospitality provided by the India WCTU and the opportunity to learn more of their heritage!

What encouraging news this is for WCTU sisters around the world, news of growth in our temperance work. Our Lord is faithful, may each of us be faithful to our God given responsibilities.

Here in Canada plans for the 2016 WWCTU convention are underway. Please keep the Canadian WCTU in your noontide prayers as tasks are carried out in preparation for the upcoming event. May the Lord be glorified in our lives, in our unions, in our organization.

Blessings,
Desiree



Home Protection



Florence Einwechter

Hello White Ribbon Sisters:

We are already well into 2015. I hope you have many things to be excited about for the rest of the year.

I would be interested to hear from you if there are things in the Home Protection part of the Program Kit that you found helpful and useful. Did any of the articles spark new ideas for your Union? That is, have you used the “white blanket campaign,” have you made any progress promoting internet safety or in dealing with the problem of gambling in your area? Have you been promoting alcohol-free drinks?

The home should be a place of refuge and peace where our children learn about God and His great love for them. The secular world is trying to tear down those walls of protection and security around the home. Proverbs says people turn from right ways to walk down dark and evil paths. They rejoice in doing wrong and they enjoy evil as it turns things upside down (Proverbs 2:13-14). Isn't the world in an upside down state! Right now, in the province where I live, we are feeling the effects of “turning things upside down.” Our premier, who is openly homosexual, is pushing through a new curriculum in the schools that will teach sex education starting in grade one. Proverbs 28:2 states: “When there is moral rot within a nation, its government topples easily. But with wise and knowledgeable leaders, there is stability.”

I present the gloom to remind us of the importance of a home where parents are actively involved in their children's lives. Children crave the attention of Mom and Dad. Unfortunately, there is something taking that attention away from children. I read an article that was reprimanding parents to “get off their smartphones and start parenting.” The article, written by a pediatrician, remarks how inattention by parents affects children. It's sad to see when parents are more engaged with their devices than with their child. What are we saying to our children - that online relationships are more important than real life ones? Here is a good challenge for parents - not to use their devices for one day and spend that time with their children! Let me know how it goes

Mother's Day is coming. What are you planning with your Little White Ribboners? How about a picnic when the weather is good? Remember birthdays and other special occasions. Use children's tracts or coloring sheets.

Looking forward to seeing you right here in Canada in August 2016.

Florence

BUILDING OUR FUTURE!

I am inspired by the stories of women who have made a difference in the lives of children - people like Australian aid worker Irene Gleeson who dedicated more than 20 years of her life to helping an estimated 6000 orphans in Uganda or Katie Davis, a young woman from Tennessee, who started an Education Sponsorship Outreach matching orphaned and vulnerable children who are unable to afford schooling with sponsors anywhere in the world - a program which now sponsors over 700 children. She established a number of programs in Uganda to aid the children and women of the area to have a meaningful life and personally adopted 13 children to care for.



Glenda Amos

What is so important about the ministry that these ladies had? They saw that without hope these children would die, be held as captives or trained by evil people to bring an evil future to their country. They were prepared to step in and do something - to turn around the situation, to give care, love and education to those who had nothing and give them hope for a future - a future that would help them to contribute in a positive way to their communities, their country and their peoples.

Psalm 78:1-7 offers great counsel as to how we can prepare our children for the future - the world in which they will need to live. Take the time to read the Bible passage and meditate on its message. In summary, it instructs us to:

- 1) Tell the past stories to our children. Tell the stories of God's leading, stories of faithfulness and clean living. Tell your story, your involvement in WCTU, stories of people who have been addicts and been freed.
- 2) Tell of the deeds of the Lord – His power and wonders. Highlight to the children that living in a right way is not based on what we do, but on the grace of God and that we need His help to make right choices and be free.
- 3) Explain the laws of God to our children. Instruct them in the laws of God and of health so that they will make good and right choices and be the men and women that God can use to stand for him.

The passage then shares with us the results of this work and the outcome for the future.

- 1) Our children can then pass them on to their children.
 - 2) The next generations will put their trust in God and follow Him.
- We have a lot of work to do to build a future for our children

Glenda



ENCOURAGEMENT QUOTES

Made by World President in Guatemala 2015

LOOK FOR LIGHT IN THE DARKEST OF PLACES, EVEN WHEN IT LOOKS IMPOSSIBLE.

Get to the place where change can happen. Change has to come from within.

It gives **MEANING TO LIFE** when people are able to see worth in small things. In appreciating these, dopamine allows a feeling of happiness which use of drugs such as methamphetamine take away from users. We in the WCTU have the only safe answer for questions on alcohol and other drug use - **NEVER START!**

One thing is for sure, no-one who drinks does it with the goal to become an alcoholic and the same goes for other addictive substances.

For women who are oppressed: Proverbs 31:25 “She is clothed in STRENGTH and DIGNITY and she LAUGHS without FEAR OF THE FUTURE.”

“A woman’s heart should be so hidden in God that a man has to seek Him just to find her.” *Max Lucado*

If things happen in your life and you feel incomplete...know that if you believe, you ARE complete in Christ Jesus. **YOU CAN HAVE CONFIDENCE IN WHO YOU ARE IN HIM!**

PHOTOS ON BACK COVER (from left to right):

- 1.) Direct TV program
- 2.) Women showing their culinary skills
- 3.) Artistic talent among the students
- 4.) Beautician teacher and students
- 5.) Children perform for visitors
- 6.) Fundacion Debora PROJECT

This project makes a difference to the lives of women in a violent impoverished area on the outskirts of Guatemala City. It is supported by Norway, South Korea, Australia and USA.

Pray for external sponsorship IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THIS WONDERFUL WORK. We must never forget what God has done for us. AMEN!

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