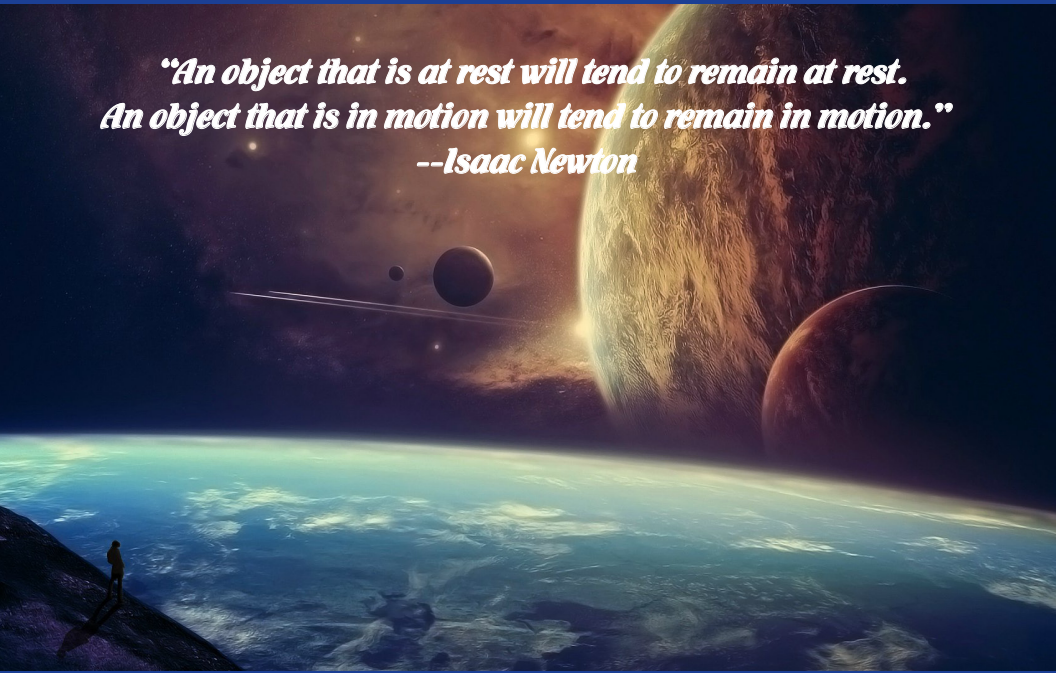




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***"An object that is at rest will tend to remain at rest.  
An object that is in motion will tend to remain in motion."  
--Isaac Newton***

**WCTU WORLD CONVENTION  
18-24 AUGUST, 2016**

***We are on the move for the World Convention in Canada!***



Sarah F. Ward

## THE FRANCES WILLARD HOUSE - 150 YEARS

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Frances Willard House. Many of you have had the opportunity to visit it and over the years countries have contributed to it. Thank you to **Mary B. McWilliams**, FWHA Docent Coordinator for the following brief history:

*In 1865, Frances Willard's father, Josiah, built an eight-room house in Evanston, Illinois. After the death of Frances' brother, Oliver, his widow, built an eight-room addition to the house for her and her children.*

*This side of the house later became known as the Annex.*

*WCTU workers lived and worked in the Annex between 1885 and 1892. Willard named the house, Rest Cottage, where she found rest from her travels. Willard described life in the house in the Union Signal. "Rest Cottage changed its interior aspect, becoming a double house in one, the additional rooms furnishing office rooms for secretaries and type-writers." She wrote a series called "The Work Shop Letters," and in a February 1885 issue, described her work day at Rest Cottage: "Rise at 7; breakfast at 8; prayers at 8:30; 9 to 12, writing articles; 1 to 6, writing letters; 7 to 8, reading; this makes the routine which is followed as steadily as possible, and varied only by an occasional special engagement."*

*After the death of her mother in 1892, Frances Willard left Rest Cottage. She lived alternately in England as a guest of Lady Henry Somerset, head of the British Woman's Temperance Association, and in America with friends.*

*Frances Willard willed her house to the WCTU. In 1899 the WCTU board voted to move their headquarters from the Woman's Temple in Chicago to the Annex and to open Rest Cottage as a museum honoring the life work of Frances Willard; both events took place in 1900. Anna Gordon was the museum curator. After the WCTU moved its offices into the newly enlarged Administration Building behind the house in 1922, the first floor of the Annex became a museum to honor the work of the WCTU, and the second floor rooms were again bedrooms for WCTU department heads, who lived in the house until the mid-1990s.*

*In 1965 the National Park Service declared the Willard House a National Historic Landmark. The entire campus, including the Administration Building, the Willard House and the house on either side of it was designated a local historic district in 2010.*

*The Frances Willard Historical Association manages the property and supervises the restoration of the rooms. They are planning special events to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the house.*

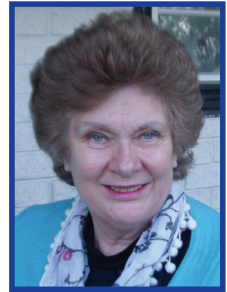
Sarah

# President's Message



Dear all,

Greetings from Norway! I have newly returned from a visit to Ottawa, Canada, where I met with Jean Freeman, Desiree Lanigan, Ruth Estelle and Gina Torres from the Canadian National WCTU Executive who are proudly hosting the 40th World WCTU. Together we met with the Conference Director at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier hotel to finalize costs and arrangements - (see page 10).



Margaret Ostenstad

People coming to World Convention have a great deal to look forward to! A beautiful Capital city, a majestic hotel with friendly, helpful staff, on Canada's Day (back cover) seeing the changing of the guard, the Famous 5 statues where two of the women were WCTU members, and much, much more! The airport is not too large - I actually got through Immigration and Customs in 15 minutes!

World gives sponsorship to many of the attending delegates and this gesture must never be taken for granted - World Officers see it as a reward and an investment in our future. We come together to share at every level - spiritually, emotionally and physically in the sense that we come as we are - to give and receive what the Lord has given us. We will participate in a time of Reflection at the end of each day. In this way, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, we learn from each other and take this knowledge home with us to inspire others to go out and serve Him in our mission work.

Mother Teresa said: ***I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love.*** A dear friend wrote today that she had read again the Love Chapter -1 Cor. 13. I do so agree with her comments: ***"O, if such love would truly fill Christian hearts and guide our thoughts, reactions, and relationships! Amen! How God would be glorified!"***

At this Convention, the **PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE** will be profiled. Gandhi said: ***"The future depends upon what you do in the present!"*** We are in **motion** - we are building from the inside out so **our past** is very important. We want to make sure that all members are committed and passionate about what we stand for and embody it wherever possible. The reward and members will follow. *Thank you, Jesus!*

Please pray for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit at this World Convention.

In Christ's love,

Margaret



*Irja Eskelinen*

## TOGETHER TOWARDS THE GOAL

This year, as in previous years, the Finnish White Ribbon Union has seen several of our sisters depart from this world to eternity. For those of us still here, the passing away of others serves as a reminder of the realities of life.

What would my legacy be if I died today? Has my faith in God and the eternal life He has promised been an important part of my life? Occasionally, I receive an e-mail from a person who concludes each message with the words: “Yours are the hands that God uses to bless people today.”

Death is always lurking around the corner, and we must never assume we can escape it. Rather, we must realize that death has no power over the fate of our souls; that power belongs to our Heavenly Father alone. Furthermore, we should ask ourselves what we should do with the time we have left so as to leave behind a legacy that reflects God’s love.

The Bible contains many examples of sinful living that has spanned several generations, reminding us of the importance of rejecting sin and passing on a culture of good works to those who remain when we have left this world. Our behavior matters, and this we should take into account whenever we interact with other people.

This year is the 110th year in the history of the Finnish White Ribbon Union. This period, spanning several generations, has contained many struggles and challenges. Our organization has been a significant force in the battle against the misery brought by poverty, alcoholism and drug abuse. Although Finnish society has developed a great deal in the last 110 years, these problems have by no means been eradicated. We White Ribbon Sisters want to remain true to the example set not only by previous generations of Sisters, but by Christ Himself. The work of the White Ribbon Union is needed as much today as it was a century ago.

Keeping close watch of the time, “chronos” in Greek, can become an obsession that diverts our attention from tasks at hand. When worrying about how time flies, we are thinking chronologically, recognizing the limits of earthly life. God, who is eternal, has a different perspective; The time granted to us, “kairos”, is an opportunity for us to receive God’s love. Time is not about counting seconds, minutes, hours, days, or even years, but an opportunity to receive God in our lives.

Today, like every day, we can come to the Cross, this most wonderful of symbols – a symbol of death and life, suffering and joy, humiliation and glory. Let us become friends in need – friends indeed – of those struggling with various problems. Let us share their tears of agony and joy on the road paved by the blood of Jesus Christ!

Irja

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. Cut out this page and put it with your Bible.



Anne Bergen  
1st Vice President

Please pray for:

- Pray for wisdom, vision, energy, and good health for the WWCTU Officers, especially our President, Margaret Ostenstad and the Organization Secretary, Desiree Lanigan, as they work on plans for the next World Convention in Ottawa, Canada in August 2016.
- Pray that efforts by WCTU around the world on FAS Day, September 9th, to publicise the dangers of drinking during pregnancy, will be creative and effective.
- Continue to pray that the wonderful work being done by our 2nd Vice President, Dr Dora de Barrientos through Fundacion Debora in Guatemala City will receive sufficient funding, and find favour with the government of Guatemala.
- Pray that the traditional definition of marriage as between one man and one woman will be retained in countries such as Australia despite efforts of the homosexual lobby to change it.
- Pray that we will find ways to recruit more young women as active WCTU members.

*We have courage in God's presence because we are sure that he hears us if we ask him for anything that is according to his will. 1 John 5: 14*

Anne



**Heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great love and power. We thank you that we can bring these needs of WCTU before you and that you hear and answer according to your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**



*Desiree Lanigan*

Do you like to face your fears or do you always run from them? In 2 Timothy 1:7 it says “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” If you face your fears you will be blessed because of your willingness to live courageously. Paul was reminding his student, Timothy, that the God they served was a bold God, and God’s spirit empowers His children with boldness. I believe it was with this same boldness and spirit empowerment that the Yonsei YTC of Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea held the annual the Green Café Campaign on June 2, 2015.

The Green Café Campaign was started to promote no consumption of alcohol and other addictive substances and to inform fellow university students of the harm of drinking alcohol. This year the Yonsei YTC prepared food and games, including Drinking Goggle Activities and No-drinking Mentoring service for all who wanted to hear the message. In this mentoring service students were educated about the harms of alcohol and smoking and encouraged to refrain from drinking and smoking.

Two hundred students responded to the invitation to hear the temperance message and one hundred students sat down to listen to three mentors’ advice on the harm of alcohol. Yonsei YTC president, Mr. Chang Choon Kong said, “I was most blessed to see the 12 YTC members, who were so eager to prepare the event filled with God’s grace.”

Dr. Jung Joo Kim reports “During the 20 years of my teaching ministry at Yonsei, I always put much emphasis on YTC activities at Yonsei. My class students and the Christian Union member students at Yonsei University participated annually in YTC campaign and regular temperance lectures



on campus. One of the events was Green Cafe.” May the Lord bless these YTC members with His boldness and may the Lord bless this campus to go drug-free

On June 15, 2015, a new YTC chapter opened at Ewha Women’s University, Seoul Korea the largest and most competitive university in Asia. It was a beautiful beginning. This photo is of the Ewha YTC Foundation



Meeting. Three Christian professors attended the meetings, two of them giving warm speeches on the importance of the temperance work on campus. Twelve Christian alumni also came to support the students. Four students in the front row on the left are students from Ewha Women’s University. Praise the Lord for the new generation of WCTU.

The “Green Café Campaign” is a wonderful project for each WCTU to consider undertaking in the new year. Plan now to promote this idea in your country and then report back your results to encourage us all around the world.

Plans are being made now for a wonderful World Convention and we need you there. Please remember to pray for the Canadian WCTU as they do their part in preparation for this event.

As we face times of uncertainty and fears like Timothy did, God’s message is the same for us today. We can live boldly because the spirit of God resides in us. So today as you face the challenge of everyday living with a temperance lifestyle, remember God’s Word and His promise to be with us.

Blessings,  
Desiree



Hyun Sook Lee

## THE HEALING WORD

While living in Indonesia, I have many opportunities to visit victims living in refugee camps who have been severely wounded and in conditions to horrifying to mention due to earthquakes, volcano eruptions, and other disasters. But there are moments when I am taken aback because I don't know what words to say in order to comfort and encourage them.

We live each day saying many different things. We speak when we are among our family members or community and even when we meet someone for the first time. The words that we speak can make us happy but also sad. They can make our relationships more beautiful. Relationships can turn out both good and bad because of what we say.

It is especially hard to visit those who are sick or those who are going through a tragic or heartbreaking event in their lives and say words of encouragement and comfort. A slip of the tongue can cause more pain than good. Proverbs 16:24 says the following: "Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."

Not too long ago, I was diagnosed with shingles. Many people showed concern and encouraged me. But there were those who said things that made me hesitant. They were words that would make a sick person even more scared and discouraged. Words such as "It must really hurt," "I hope that you will heal quickly," "We will pray for you," comforted and encouraged me. There is great strength in our words. Wouldn't it be nice if we could say only beautiful words?

Isaiah 50:4 says: "The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary." As I remembered this verse, I prayed that I would become a person who will encourage and comfort those around me. We should help those who need our help but in the process words are exchanged.

Proverbs 25:11 says: "A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." Beautiful words are more precious than jewels. Proverbs 15:4 says that "the tongue that brings healing is a tree of life." I pray that the words that come from our mouths may become healing to those who are in need of Jesus' love today.

Hyun

## Influencing Youth and Implications of Their Risk-Taking Behaviors

Research was conducted among young adults, ages 18 - 24 years, from 26 countries worldwide. The study covered a variety of issues. I have selected two that are pertinent and central to our WCTU message: the power of youth influence over their peers and the implications of their risk-taking behaviors.



*Elsa Masauku*

The young people in the study reported that they had confidence in their ability to influence others, and 33% saw themselves as influencers, especially with the use of mobile phones. The study showed massive mobile contact among youth worldwide. A huge 92% owned a cell phone and spent \$26 a week on their mobile bill. This was their second largest expenditure. The message to all White Ribboners is that we do not have an effective and influential group to promote our message to the most vulnerable group of young adults in our communities. Most effective churches invest in their youth and commit themselves to their support.

Behaviours of youth such as smoking, drinking, overeating, and sexual behaviours have long-term implications for their health. Each of these activities carries some degree of risk. Experimentation and exploration are valuable parts of growing up and risk-taking is considered to be a characteristic of youth. However, youth commonly underestimate their risk of diseases and they lack knowledge about the consequences of their actions thereby exposing themselves to serious health problems. Short-sightedness regarding the health effects of behavior lies behind smoking and alcohol use by youth. It has been noted that smoking rates are high where income levels rise and smoking rates among male students are double those of female students, 15% and 7% respectively.

Again, our youth could influence other youth against such behaviours by using the numerous contacts available on their mobile phones. The mobile phone is one of the subjects on which 31% of the youth argued that they were most informed and most influential. Let us all support and encourage our youth to make the most use of their mobile phones to promote abstinence.

Encourage your youth to visit our webpage [www.drug-freeyouth.org](http://www.drug-freeyouth.org)  
Elsa



## **WCTU WORLD CONVENTION 18-24 August, 2016:**

**“Preserving the Past, Reflecting the Present and Shaping the Future.”**

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### **Preliminary program:**

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Allan Handysides M.B., Ch.B., FRCPC, FRCSC, FACOG - “FASD”

Workshop Speakers:

Dr. Peter Landless, - “Alcohol and its effects on Youth/Students”

Heather-Dawn Small “Domestic Violence - END IT NOW”

Dr. Kiti Freier - “Drug-endangered children”

Joy Marie Butler - “Leadership”

Dr. Dora de Barrientos - “Poverty - Feeding the children of the future”

Professor Sharon Cook - “WCTU”

***We are looking forward to your participation in this World Convention for you are valuable, you are unique and you have much to give! As we honour God in all we do, He will bless us as we give thanks Amen!***

**PLAN AHEAD:** “*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.*” ~Winston Churchill

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**All will be given a new Life Member pin and a Life Member certificate, complete with World seal.**



**Noontide prayer - Matthew 11:28**

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

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