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The President's Page . . .

Sarah F. Ward

Dear White Ribboner,

Plans for the next World Convention - May 12 - 17, 2010 in Stavanger, Norway are just about complete. Margaret Ostenstad, World Organization Secretary, has been working hard to carry out the plans of her committee. I hope you are planning to be with us for this special time of fellowship and instruction. Here are a few of the features we will enjoy.

On Wednesday evening the Convention will open with the parade of flags and official welcome. Thursday will be devoted to presentations by the World Department Directors. Several countries have made a good start in introducing department work to their members. We want to enhance that endeavor. Every WCTU member needs to be involved in department projects to increase the effectiveness of our work as well as the promotion of our organization. Friday afternoon Dr. Tore Sanner, Ph.D, Professor in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Cancer, Institute for Cancer Research at the Norwegian Radium Hospital, will speak on the broad topic of tobacco. He will cover many aspects of the problem as well as alcohol and cancer.

On Friday and Saturday each country will have the opportunity to give a power point presentation of their work. On Saturday afternoon the work of the Riisby Institute, a drug rehabilitation center founded by the Norwegian WCTU in 1960, will be presented. In the evening, a renowned Norwegian musical artist, Rune Larsen, will present a program. He is a strong advocate for total abstinence and has, on numerous occasions, called on Christians to take their responsibility in this matter and be total abstainers.

On Sunday morning we will conduct the election and other business as required by the Constitution. We will attend a church service in the afternoon at the nearby Stavanger Domkirke. In the evening, the attendees will display their talents for our enjoyment. On Monday, the 17th of May, the Norwegians will celebrate their Constitution Day. Colorful parades will begin early in the morning and pass right by our Convention Hotel. We will enjoy a 20-minute boat trip on a fjord, tour a beautiful island garden, and have the Convention Banquet. Later in the day we will have the opportunity to enjoy another parade with Norwegian costumes (bunads) and some will participate in this parade as a wonderful advertisement for our organization.



Meet the President's Dog (Ed.)

Sarah F. Ward

**Remember May 31
World No Tobacco Day**



Home Protection Dept.
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HOSPITALITY WITHOUT ALCOHOL

The headlines in a local paper “Young Teens learn to drink at home”. A survey had shown that young teenagers, unknown to parents, were taking their first drink of alcohol from a bottle or bottles from the family cupboard. This was not at a family party or meal but when adults were out of the house; they had fossicked around to find alcohol hidden away in the back of a cupboard, often superfluous to household needs. The moral is – “Don’t stock anything you do not recommend using”. That unwanted gift of wine must be dealt with immediately – do not put it away as tomorrow’s problem.

As committed members of the WCTU we have a particular stance on hospitality and I believe that we have no reason to explain or apologize for this. In the true sense of the gospels, we offer hospitality to those around us - to friends and sometimes to strangers - a drink or a meal which will be pleasurable and tasty with no alcohol in the contents. We must stand tall and confidently live out our beliefs so that our guests will know that whatever we offer it will be of a high standard, served in love. Beverages will be non-alcoholic and, in cooking, fruit juice or carbonated drinks will be substituted for alcohol.

Society has put us in the mould that anything without alcohol is second rate and we must clear ourselves of that image. Meals and beverages without alcohol are first class and it is a pleasure to consume them. There will be no after affects and the time together will be remembered without trauma. We must never imply an apology or actually apologize for not serving alcohol. No alcohol is not our problem. If a guest takes offence, it is their problem, not ours. Never feel that as a good hostess you must serve alcohol because some guests claim to prefer alcoholic drinks.

Some points to remember –

- Always use attractive glasses and tableware suitable to the age group.
- Use high quality fruit juices and mixes – and if possible pure juice – the better the juice, the better the drink
- Ice will dilute the drink and the flavour.
- Remember that young people have different tastes to our contemporaries.
- Experiment with mix of juice and carbonated drinks over ice.
- Add cream or ice cream on occasions.
- Garnish the drink with slices of fruit, decorate with straws and pick.

Finally, there are many non-alcoholic wines, beers and cocktails on the market now. Sample and assess these when you can.

Recipe for Children

Into a large tumbler put ice cubes –
½ fill with red pure fruit juice
Top up with lemonade
Add small scoop ice cream
Cover lightly with pink sprinkles
Serve with a glitter straw & long spoon

Recipe for Young Adults

Large Tumbler with ice cubes
Nearly fill with Cola
Add a spoonful Grenadine
Using canned cream, squirt
generously on top
Pour over chocolate syrup
-Garnish with chocolate wafer stick
Add straw and long handled spoon

For Adults Try

An attractive glass, ice chips
Half fill with Green Citrus Tea
Top up with pure apple juice

or appealing to all-

SUNSET

Ice cubes in tall glass
Half fill with Apricot Nectar
Top up with Lemonade
Gently pour from spoon down side of glass Grenadine.
Do not stir and you will have the Sunset effect.
Add straw and decorate with fruit



*"It is always noontime somewhere.
And across the awakening continents
From shore to shore, somewhere,
Our prayers are rising evermore."*

NEWS FLASHES FROM



Organization Secretary

Margaret Ostenstad, NORWAY

AFRICA Kenya

Wonderful news from Joy Butler, Field Worker for Africa. I was so moved when I read what she wrote: "We explained the purpose and meaning of the pledge, prayed before signing, handed out the cards and 95 kids signed. We prayed again and committed these precious children to God."



95 beautiful children signed the pledge! Praise God! Everyone, go out, find some children and tell them God loves them. What you say next is then under His almighty hand! Amen!



EAST TIMOR

Mrs. Hyun Ok Kim, a life member and missionary in Indonesia for the past 10 years sent this lovely photo and told of the work. She shared her gratitude for God's help and is looking forward to His guidance in the future.

INDONESIA

Great news from Mrs. Hyun Sook Lee. Their diligence is paying off and they are gaining new members opening new unions. WCTU-I are truly Angels of Mercy in their country, caring for the elderly and infirm, collecting clothes, food and daily supplies to give to those suffering because of the floods, and educating street children on the dangers of smoking. Mrs. Hyun Sook Lee asks for prayer that no obstacles hinder them in carrying out their ministry.



AROUND THE WORLD

INDIA

Dr. Mrs. Sheela Lall tells of the continuing work in India. It is amazing to hear how creative our members are! Inspired by the latest kit, Sheela had the idea to make a care and prayer kit. They made bright red packages containing fruit juice, cookies and bananas and WCTU message in the form of a bible temperance book mark tied with a white ribbon. They went to different homes and gave them the message and benefits of a temperate life style. They then prayed with the whole family and asked all to take the pledge for healthy minds, bodies and souls. She writes that she was a bit apprehensive but got a great response for which they praised God! She encourages everyone to do the same. A challenge to each of us!



GUATEMALA

Sad news from Dr. Dora de Barrientos, Field Worker for Central and South America. A young boy who had given his life to Christ six months ago, was gunned down when he went to buy coffee for his mother's (a student at the WCTU project) birthday celebration. He was the victim of aimless gang violence carried out under the influence of drugs. She asks for prayer for the mother and her four sons who are all Christians.

KOREA Field Worker for Asia, Dr. Kyung il Park has been in Thailand attending the International Nursing Academic Society where five Asian countries were represented: Korea, Japan, China, Indonesia, and Thailand. Dr. Park read her thesis on FAS is very excited about the prospect of her thesis awakening leading professors in Asia to be aware of the problem of drinking alcohol during pregnancy. She had with her 50 copies of the Book of Proverbs in four languages (Korean, Japanese, English, and Chinese) which she distributed as her Christian witness while there.

These countries do not require a visa to visit Norway:

EUROPE: England, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia & Sweden

ASIA: Japan, Korean Republic

AFRICA:

NORTH AMERICA: Canada & United States of America

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA: Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala & Nicaragua

OCEANIA: Australia & New Zealand



Devotional

Maria Molvik, Norway

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU!

Through the prophet Jeremiah, God gives us a wonderful promise: 29,11: "For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Some translations use the term "plans" instead of thoughts. To me plans seems more accurate!

Yes, God has definite plans for each one of us and also for our organization. Corrie ten Boom says in one of her books that the Lord has a maximum as well as a minimum plan for our lives. Many of us have had the privilege of finding and following those plans throughout a long life and can testify that they indeed have been very good. Truly much better than any plans we might have come up with on our own.

God also has definite plans for our WCTU and our success on every level depends on how closely we follow His guidance. Prayer has played an important role in our work from the very beginning and must always be kept in focus.

Jesus himself gave the promise: "Ask, and you will be given what you ask for. For everyone who asks, receives." Do we act according to his word when we make plans for 2009? We desperately need his wisdom and guidance in our permissive society.

When I grew up, all the Christians I knew were total abstainers. What has happened to our churches in the different denominations? Moderate drinking seems to be a regular practice all over.... We need a revival and I consider the churches as a much needed "mission field". The late Dr. Samuele Bacciocchi's book "Wine in the Bible" could be an eye-opener and of great help for many people who are ignorant of the great benefits of total abstinence.

May the Lord grant us wisdom, courage and enthusiasm as we carry on with our God-given tasks during 2009.

HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU NEXT YEAR IN NORWAY FOR OUR WORLD CONVENTION!



Please pray for . . .

- World Convention - May 12-17, 2010
- Temperance Work around the world
- Economic Trouble around the world



Social Service Dept.

Hyun Sook Lee, Indonesia

Who is your neighbor?

Recently I remembered the tsunami that took place in Aceh during December of 2005. Almost 2500 people were casualties of the tragic incident! A 100 meter long 30 meter wide electric-powered production iron ship was carried 4 kilometers from the sea and into the shore by of the humongous wave. How could people survive from the tsunami? In 2006, there was an earthquake that killed about 6000 people in Yogyakarta, which is the city that I am living in. And in 2007, another horrible accident took place when an oil tank ship collided in the West Sea (next to Korea) and there was terrible oil pollution in the sea. Many experts predicted that restoration of the area would take many years, if it was at all possible. But after only 1 year, the part of the sea covered by oil is being restored at a very high speed. And 2 years after the tsunami and earthquakes, most of the houses that were destroyed have been rebuilt.

As I look back these incidents, I think to myself that a lot of people have helped so much. They have cried with them and comforted the people who went through such tragedies. And there were probably those who didn't know Jesus. But we know that a lot of Christians were involved in these efforts to help them. Even though their own lives were busy, they laid down what they had and they shared and gave with all their heart and body. Their names won't be written down anywhere, but their good deeds will always be remembered. They didn't work to show off their names. They only knew that they had to do what was right. That is the will of God the Creator. Ephesians 2:10 says "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

We read about many beautiful lives in the Bible. And as we look at those lives, we take after them. In Mark chapter 2, the friends of the paralytic couldn't just watch their friend who was in pain. They opened up the ceiling and placed their friend in front of Jesus. The paralytic's friends did all they could for him. And Jesus considered their faith and service as something beautiful and he performs a miracle. In Luke chapter 10, a young man asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus tells him about the parable of the Good Samaritan. And Jesus asked him again "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

I believe that Jesus is asking us this same question regarding who would the neighbors to the people in help and in need. Even though our good deeds might seem small, with Jesus' heart and with the mindset of WCTU, I believe that our good deeds can and will change the world wherever we are. People receive the love the Jesus Christ through our good deeds. Therefore, what we do should not be considered small. And it is something that we must do. This year, the place I live in Indonesia is going through a tough situation with so much flooding. Mountains are collapsing and railroads are broken which results in tens of thousands of victims. Today the members of WCTU Indonesia are praying for them with the love that God has given us and we are sharing with them all that is ours. My fellow sisters of WCTU, don't be discouraged from doing what is good. Let us carry out the responsibility given to us with God's love.



Youth

Sheela Lall, India

Let's have fun & joy that lasts forever

Youth of every generation and country want to have “fun” and a reason to “party” knowing these days of carefree exhilaration may not last too long time. That is one of the reasons youth often will try any or every thing that looks desirable.

Ahh---- but what may surprise you is that God has created us to have fun and joy that lasts forever when we stay within his boundaries (the word many of you may not like). We can have every thinkable and even unimaginable fun but, when we cross that boundary by disobeying Him, we risk losing the abundant life He planned for us. We may destroy our health, relationships, and future. We may lose our honor and credibility forever. Realizing the importance of making wise decisions in our youth, the Youth Temperance Council (YTC) of India has been given a wonderful theme which is the heading for this article – “Let's have fun & joy that lasts forever.”

Do you wonder how it is possible to have fun and please God at the same time? It's very simple. God has created you to do good things. God wants you to glorify Him in whatever you do. Firstly, our youth are now spending more time in group Bible studies and discussions with a mentor. You may think that sounds old fashion but think again. Are all the technological advancements you enjoy taking you to a higher level morally, spiritually, and socially or are they isolating you, spoiling you, causing you to lose sight of worthwhile goals, and causing division within your family?

Secondly, our youth are actively involved with members of the WCTU in distributing “care and prayer kits” for healthy bodies, minds and souls. The kits contain fruit juice, cookies, bananas (because they are found everywhere in the world) and Bible verse book marks or prayer reminders. When youth take them to different homes, they pray for the family and remind them of 1Corinthians 6:13.

Thirdly, our YTCers are not just pledging to be total abstainers but they are holding tri-monthly whole days of prayer of repentance for the whole Christian community of the world who have gone astray and are reaping the consequences. You may think this is not cool or it is the job of old people. May I ask why it is not your responsibility when you are the ones who may most suffer? It is your opportunity to take a step in the right direction to make things right.

Fourthly, our youth play games with children who call them “big brothers and big sisters.” The YTCers treat them with candy, take them to parks or on rides, and spend time with them teaching them how to have fun and where and when they should say “NO.” It's a great time for the youth and children.

Don't look at these ideas as boring. Enjoy doing good for others and you will find joy. You will never know what a difference your influence may make in the lives of others. Be creative and come up with other ideas, too. Be a shining star in this dark world. Actually, it is quite refreshing and rewarding.

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