

WGC UPDATE

First Quarter | 2016 | January - March

Girls Leadership

- Six High school interns and UIW intern, Bianca Ponce, have been coordinating the Girls Global Summit/Girls Leadership Program since September 2015, which was held on March 5, 2016. About 200 middle school and high school girls learned about empowerment, dignity and standing up for oneself and others.
- On March 5, during our Girls Global Summit, we had a social media firestorm and reached 3,521 people (because of shares and tags)!!!
- Toni Lee Jimenez, founder of Chica Girl Magazine, talked to the girls and encouraged the next generation of leaders. Patricia Castillo, Executive Director of PEACE Initiative received our Globally Awesome Girl Award.

Women's Economic Development (WED)

- The women group BUWEA in Tanzania is building 8 rain harvesters that WGC donors recently funded. WGC is consulting with BUWEA as they implement a new Flora Family Foundation grant, seek new markets for soy products, and prepare to start a child care center for 1-5 year old children of BUWEA employees.
- WGC is also in communication with WE-CAN, a Kenya based women's non-profit, to share resources and conduct a scouting trip as part of the summer immersion trip.

Left: The girls having fun learning at the 2016 Women's Global Connection Girls Global Summit.
Right: Executive Director, Lisa Uribe at the WGC Empowerment Luncheon held at Strategic Partner Siew Pang's Sunshine Distributors.



Women's Economic Development (WED)

- Pushaq Warmi completed its Global Business Partner program plan and received its first global business partners from WGC supporters. WGC is consulting with the women to narrow and improve their crafts business product line, complete several new custom orders, and implement their plan for the radio show and training of other women's groups for the year.

Board Leadership

At the January retreat meeting the board members met to approve the executive committee, including a new chair of the board.

Board Chair - Dr. Caroline Goulet

Vice Chair - Sr. Teresa Stanley

Treasurer - Letty Estrada

Secretary - Dr. Sara Williams

We welcomed 2 new board members, Ana DeHoyos-O'Connor and Tracy Tylman. We also met Board Nominee Pamela Kirlin.

Dr. Denise Doyle of the CCVI Heritage Center presented to the board a short session about the role of ministries in the mission and structure of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. Out going chair, Dr. Carolin Sinkfeld, followed with a short session about the role of a governing board and the role of board members related to the mission of WGC.

Emergency Micro Loan Fund (EMLF)

- In this quarter loans increased by 6, adding up to 20 loans in the 2015-2016 period
- First quarter: 6
- Loans paid off this quarter: 3
- Total repaid loans in 2015-2016: 14

WGC in the News

- The media spotlight has been on the empowering work of WGC and the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.
- The San Antonio Express-News carried two articles about the March WGC Girls Global Summit, which SA2020 endorsed as one of its top community events to attend.
- Also, the December WGC Immersion Trip to Peru was highlighted in an Express-News column by Sr. Martha Ann Kirk on the history and work of the CCVI sisters in Chimbote.
- In addition, several recent articles on WGC's work have appeared in UIW Logos newspaper, written by WGC Communications Intern Karissa Rangel!

Presentations/ Conferences

- Staff presented to Keystone School's 7th graders about the joys and challenges of working with the poor in Peru. A particular focus was on the history of colonization in the country, and how it has contributed to current-day issues.
- The recent immersion trip group to Peru, including WGC volunteers, faculty, staff and students from UIW and the Ettling Center for Civic Leadership, presented about its work to a packed house at The Village at Incarnate Word.
- Two WGC staffers—Lisa Uribe and Nicole Foy – recently returned from a conference in Boston centered on fundraising for nonprofits. The American Fundraising Professionals event taught us more about cultivating and keeping donors.

WGC also participated in a presentation at UIW for Women's History Month, the Festival of Colors, the Red Dress Event, and the International Fair.



Left: Incarnate Word Missionary Juan Pina with Ada Gonzalez at the Empowerment Luncheon
Right: The girls learning while having fun at the WGC 2016 Girls Global Summit

Development

About 40 WGC friends went to the WGC Empowerment Luncheon on February 18, 2016, where WGC Executive Director, Lisa Uribe, gave an update on the impact of our programs last year. Siew Pang, a WGC Strategic Partner, hosted the event at her Sunshine Distributors medical uniform business. She showed some great fashions in healthcare in a mini-style show. Patti Radle of the local Inner City Development then reported the new collaboration placing an Incarnate Word Missionary to work with her great community organization serving San Antonio's West Side.

Immersion Trips

The travelers who went on the immersion trip to Peru in December 2015 talked about their experiences in a gathering on ...

On January 27, there was an immersion trip information session to which 14 people attended. Groups have started to prepare for future immersion trips.

The people going on the immersion trip to Peru this May have started preparing by getting a tour of the Mother House Chapel by Sister Mary T. Phelan on February 3rd.

Incarnate Word Missionaries

- Total of IWM applicants: 10
- Total placements to date: 6; 4 in Peru, 1 in México and 1 in U.S. Two are pending placement.
- Re-Entry dates: July 26 to July 31, 2016
- Orientation dates: July 30 to August 9, 2016
- Advisory Committee meeting held Jan 27, 2016