

WGC UPDATE

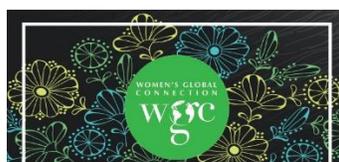
First Quarter | 2017 | January-March

Presentations

- WGC was part of a coalition of San Antonio women who presented at the United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women in New York City on March 15, 2017. They presented "Women's Empowerment through Local Leadership" on day four of the 12-day conference, and Dr. Jessica Kimmel, UIW professor emeritus and president of the World Council of Curriculum and Instruction, gave a keynote speech.
- The collaborative included Family Violence Prevention Services CEO Marta B. Peláez; Women's Global Connection Executive Director Dr. Lisa Uribe; and CCVI Sr. Martha Ann Kirk, University of the Incarnate Word professor of religious studies. The session was organized and moderated by Dr. Fatma Arslan Korkmaz from the Dialogue Institute of the Southwest, and Sumeyra Tek from the Commission of Women for Humanity, a working group under the Dialogue Institute.
- WGC participated in several UIW campus events, including the Holi Festival of Colors and the HEB School of Business Administration Internship Fair. As part of Women's History Month, we cosponsored the session on Women Leaders in Peacebuilding and, with the SoL Center, a panel discussion entitled Fostering the Full Dignity for Women in Different Faith Traditions. Our long-term volunteer Elaine Talarski represented WGC at the UIW Research Week with poster presentation.
- WGC hosted a group of women through the U.S. Department of State International Visitor Leadership program.

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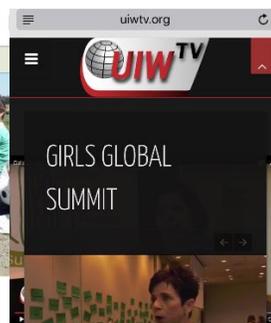
- New loans in 1st quarter: 1
- loans paid off: 1



SAVE THE DATE!

Women's Global Connection
2017 Gala

6 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 12
UIW Rosenberg Skyroom
Stay Tuned For More Details



Left: WGC 2017 Gala to be held on Oct. 12, 2017

Middle: Fundraiser to help Flooding and heavy raining victims in Peru

Right: Girls Global Summit event on UIW TV

Girls Leadership

The Hekima Girls Secondary School outside Bukoba, Tanzania is continuing to rebuild from last fall's earthquake as are many BUWEA members. The new women's group of Hekima students' mothers is developing. Both the moms and teachers are looking forward to WGC training during this summer's immersion trip.

The Girls Global Summit was an enormous success with 250 attendees who left motivated to get involved with their community. A UIW TV Video news report on the Girls Global Summit was made by WGC Communications intern Josh Owen. Watch at: <http://uiwtv.org/girls-global-summit/>

Grant Update

Pending 2016

Christus Health Foundation – Tanzania women's empowerment project

Submitted in 2017

San Antonio Area Foundation Strengthening Non-Profits Phase II - WGC fundraising and professional development

Weyerhaeuser Foundation – Peru Women's Economic Development Project

Development

Gala Planning-Mark your calendars for Oct. 12 - things are underway for our 2017 Annual Gala! Board Co-Chairs are Tracy Tylman and Pamela Kirlin – THANK YOU! The emerging theme of "Women in the Changing World of Work" tracks with the UN Conference that WGC attended in March.

Peru Flooding Campaign -Our friends in Peru, where the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word have been working in mission for over 50 years, are struggling amid heavy rain and resulting flooding – the worst to hit there within the last 20 years. WGC, in partnership with the Incarnate Word Sisters, has helped design an ongoing fundraising campaign to help those involved with either our or CCVI projects there. Please consider supporting them with your donations and your prayers. Between the online and offline campaigns, about \$16,000 has been raised so far.

Development Cont.

Bows for Bethlie Campaign for Haiti-

Our Girls Global Summit “flash mob service project” at the event was the Bows for Bethlie campaign. Bethlie Paul, survivor of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, spoke to summit participants about how she is raising money for her former school there. She wants to provide girl students in Leogane who wear green uniforms to school with green bows bought by school students here. Over \$150 was raised at the summit and 2-3 other schools in San Antonio expressed interest in running the fundraiser at their own school for Bows for Bethlie.

Big Give prep-Get ready for the Big Give – South Texas’ one day of online fundraising for nonprofits – on May 4! This year is a bit different after last year’s Big Glitch – there is a new software provider and nonprofits must pay a \$200 fee to participate. The PR/Development Committee has set a goal for 2017 of \$5,000 raised from 60 donors. All proceeds will go to our Girls Leadership / Education program.

WED

The Pushaq Warmi group in Peru has integrated 12 new members from a women’s group in Cambio Puente known as Pushaq Warmi – Cambio Puente. The integrated group is working on implementing a plan for shared learning and activities. At least two of the new members can assist with the expanding Pushaq Warmi crafts business. The women continue with their own capacity building in business and other areas and reaching out to other women through training and social justice activities.

Kenya – WE-CAN: the group has completed the 3 pit latrines and the rainwater harvester funded through donations to WGC. WGC is mentoring BUWEA women to assist with providing training to several women’s groups.



Left: L to R: Monica Cruz, CCVI Alice Holden, Yvonne Dilling, CCVI MariChui Bringas. Seated: Mary T Phelan, CCVI. Not pictured: Sara Garcia
Right: Girls at Bethlie Paul’s former school wearing bows from the Bows for Bethlie campaign.

WED Cont.

TZ – The BUWEA Day Care Center is having a clinic day every month. A team of health attendants from St Thereza Health Center conducts medical examinations, measures the children, and provides Vitamin A and worm treatment free of charge. Children from the neighborhood are also invited and adults receive HIV testing. WGC grant funds through Christus have helped to provide play equipment, furniture, and training. BUWEA members continue to use the training they have received.

Immersion Trips cont.

Tanzania – July 12-25

Leader: Dr. Tere Dresner-Salinas, former Executive Director of WGC and active WGC volunteer. Participants – 2 so far – more are welcome!

Incarnate Word Missionaries

IWM retreat was held for five IWMs in Lima Peru on Jan 2-9th by Sister Katy Huananco. The San Antonio IWMs held their mid-year retreat with Sister Alice Holden in December at the Denman Estates.

Advisory committee meeting was held March 21, 2017, and two members have agreed to serve a second three year term- Yvonne Dilling, Maryknoll, Mission Educator/Promoter, and Sara Garcia, San Antonio Diocesan Mission Coordinator.

IWM inquiries:10 Applicants: 5 Position openings for upcoming year: 3
IWM accepted: 5

Public Relations

“...One nonprofit at the fair, Women's Global Connection, is a ministry of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, which works to promote education of women locally and globally...”-K-SAT TV by Stephanie Serna. Watch full story at: <http://www.ksat.com/news/san-antonio-groups-celebrate-international-womens-day>

“...Lisa Uribe, a San Antonian who devotes a lot of time to seeing local issues through a global lens, got a seat at an international table last week at the United Nations, where the 61st Commission on the Status of Women conference was in session...”-San Antonio Express-News article by Elaine Ayala. Read full story at: http://www.expressnews.com/news/news_columnists/elaine_ayala/article/S-A-women-s-group-speaks-at-the-U-N-11013144.php

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