

WGC UPDATE

Fourth Quarter | 2017 | October-December

Gala

- WGC thanks all volunteers, donors, and participants for supporting our annual Gala held this past 12th of October. We reached our goal of filling over 45 gala tables, had 360 attendees, and were able to sponsor the President of BUWEA as our guest speaker.

Girls Leadership

- We invite you to mark your calendars for our upcoming Girls Global Summit, an official Tricentennial event! Participate in this fun and eye-opening occasion the 17th of February, from 9 am - 1 pm at the UIW McCombs Center Rosenberg Sky Room. This is a free event and lunch is provided. [Please register on our web page under Events.](#)
- GLSA held this cohort's first seminar; Women in Communication and Influence, the 7th of October at KSAT.

Presentations

- Women's Global Connection was honored to co-present "A Case Study of a Transformative Educator: The Joy of the Dance" at the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education in Memphis in November. The presenters were: UIW PhD graduate/Etting Center liaison Dr. Wanita Mercer, WGC staff Dr. Alison Buck, and UIW Faculty Dr. Sherry Herbers and Dr. Norm St. Clair. The session included video stories of Sister Dot's legacy, a panel, and a participant exercise on legacy. We hope to do more with this topic!
- WGC worked on a new conference proposal with the amazing young women at Raindrop Turkish House. We will present together in 2018.



Left: WGC Staff Alison Buck presenting "A Case Study of a Transformative Educator: The Joy of the Dance" with UIW community.

Right: WGC Staff Tamarra with BUWEA Regina and Selva Majaliwa at St. Anthony High School Chapel.

Women's Economic Development

BUWEA collective in Tanzania has made countless strides in serving and building up their community:

- They have added 2 more fish ponds to harvest fish for children and for market purposes.
- Developed new markets for soy products. Improving soy yogurt by giving it prolonged shelf life and increasing sales.
- Marketed solar equipment to members on a loan basis to provide light, phone charging, and to help their neighbors
- Made charcoal and has been able to bag and sell it for cooking use, rather than the more time-consuming firewood.
- Their milling machine ground 77,000 kilos of maize compared to the 64,000 ground in 2016.
- Liters of milk produced per week has increased to 350, compared to the 298 liters in 2016.
- Their cassava flour product sold 10,775 packets this year, while 3,530 were sold in 2016.
- Their soy farm has newfound success with terraced cassava plantings to meet rising demand in the area and neighboring countries.
- Their biosand filters have increased by 5 this year and now total 29.

Public Relations

A Celebration of the Lieveld Rainwater Harvester Project in Tanzania

During BUWEA Regina and Selva Majaliwa's visit in October, we thanked the students at St. Anthony Catholic High School for raising funds for rainwater harvesters in Tanzania and encourage the class of 2020 as they begin raising funds for the 3rd rainwater harvester! Dr. Samuels, Rosi Cortez, and our high school Girls Leadership Intern Alma were our hosts.

Early Childhood Education (ECE)

- BUWEA Child Care Center which has increase from 19 to 35 children between the ages 11/2 to 6, is providing preschool learning for children 3 to 5. WGC has linked the center with the local health clinic to monitor child measurements and provide methods for increasing Vitamin A intake.

Women's Economic Development Cont.

- From WGC's initial training of women in Kenya and Tanzania, BUWEA and WE-CAN (Kenya) have trained more women on how to make reusable sanitary towels.
- Thanks to knowledge gained from WGC workshops, child malnutrition is being reduced in both countries.
- The initial seeding of microloan funds by WGC has resulted in granting 3 new microloans to women business owners in Kenya.

Alternative Giving

- We thank our supporters from Universal City United Methodist Church for conducting an Alternative Giving Market in December on our behalf. They featured livestock to benefit women owned businesses in Tanzania and raised enough funds for a rainwater harvester, providing clean water access for up to 50 people. They are raising funds in 2018 toward a rainwater harvester for Kenya.
- 2017 Gifts Given: 59

Grant Update

- Total of 7 grants submitted in 2017.
- Kronkosky Grant for GLSA in progress for January.

Public Relations Cont. /Immersion Trips

Roshnic's Fashion Show

WGC invites you to a 2018 fashion show by designer Roshnic Latif! Her annual event empowers women through fashion and entertainment. WGC is so honored that she's chosen to support our mission this year with event proceeds. Her designs incorporate both eastern and western textile influences. She uses a variety of styles and techniques - such as hand painted cloth, block-print technique, and handmade thread work with embellishments on rich, superior quality fabrics such as silks and chiffons. Tickets are can be purchased online!



Please save the date: Sunday, March 4, 2018. Event runs from 2 pm to 6 pm. Location: McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom

Immersion Trips

The Immersion Trips 2018 Information Meeting is on Wednesday, January 31 at 4:30pm. In the UIW Nursing Bldg, Room 214. Approximate trip dates are May 27–June 11 (Peru) and July 7–27 (Tanzania/Kenya).

Development

Welcoming new members to WGC

We are excited to welcome three new board members: Christi Rohmer, Laura Muñoz, and Sharon Welkey. Sharon Welkey will likewise be on our Development/Marketing Committee, alongside new committee member Andrea Guajardo. Laura Muñoz is joining the Governance Committee.



Donation from The Village

We received a gracious donation of \$2,480.00 from the Village at Incarnate Word Thrift Shop at their Fall Luncheon & Fashion Show this past October. We are excited to use these funds to support our projects.

From left to right: Executive Director Steve Fuller, WGC Staff Alison Buck, Executive Director Lisa Uribe, and Incarnate Word Village staff.

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- Active loans at end of 2017: 21
- New 2017 loans: 15