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35th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL ISSUE



KIM RIEDEL
WCI PRESIDENT
2019 - 2021

CELEBRATING 35TH Anniversary

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SPECIAL ISSUE

FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

We recently celebrated an organizational milestone of 35 years of global friendship between women, which is an achievement. It is important that we acknowledge an enduring idea that promotes global peace by focusing on women, a unique and sustainable strategy. The milestone also demonstrates that when we focus our energies, we can achieve lofty goals. Looking over the history of WCI from its inception, its successive growth throughout the years, its members and administrations, what emerges is the journey has involved many to achieve our accomplishments. So many have devoted their skills, talents, ideas and time because they are propelled by an idea they believe in and are deeply committed to. The journey is not always easy, and there are always challenges, but the rewards are not only increased global peace, but memorable, life-changing friendships.

My own journey with WCI began in the Spring of 2012. As a newly elected club President, I responded to an invitation from the then WCI President, Julia Banks, to attend the Biennial Conference in Denver, Colorado. In a café on the Alster lake, IWC Hamburg Liaison, Lizzie Baars, showed me a copy of the Link and introduced me to WCI over "kaffee und kuchen." As instructed, I wrote to Julia to inform her of my new role, to which she responded with an invitation to attend the Denver Conference. She promised, 'an experience I would not forget' and I was intrigued. Six weeks later, accompanied by my husband and two young sons, I arrived in Denver where I began my WCI journey. I met women from all over the world, and all had a similar goal, - to understand and embrace our different cultural perspectives with the view towards better understanding of one another. I met many who I still know, such as the then WCI incoming President, Caroline Adair Dimmers.

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I returned to Hamburg with a mission; - to convince our 240 members to consider hosting the 2014 WCI Biennial Conference in our city. 'Could we host such an event?', some asked, 'Who would pay for such an affair?', others commented. After many meetings, much convincing, and a vote, the club agreed to be WCI's official host for the 2014 Biennial Conference. On a crisp, sunny day in May 2014, the IWC Hamburg Club welcomed President Caroline Dimmers, the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and WCI international guests to our city. The event was not only well executed thanks to the hard work and organization of club committees and members, but it brought our club together in a very definite and meaningful way. I will forever be grateful to IWC Hamburg members who took a chance on a big, bold idea to welcome and host WCI members and international guests in friendship.

Later, the 2016 Prague conference came and my good friend, Ulrike Westermann, invited me to accompany her as her travel companion to the WCI Biennial Conference in Prague. On a cold, grey, Sunday morning, we boarded a train from Hamburg to Prague. The 8-hour trip flew by over coffee and conversation on politics, family and life in general. It was where outgoing President, Pam Bansbach, whom I had met in Denver and in Hamburg, presided. Incoming WCI President, Maria Fernanda, whom I met in Prague for the first time, was sworn in. During the Prague Conference, I was invited by Maria Fernanda to join the Executive Committee as the Liaison to the Link magazine, and for 3 years, I served under her leadership where we adopted the Education Initiative and applied to become a member of the UN and ECOSOC. My journey took an unexpected turn when I was offered to run for president of WCI.

As I complete this term, I leave with high hopes and with deepest gratitude to the entire WCI community. The calibre of women in the organization leaves me optimistic of our future and our continued development. I offer my heartfelt appreciation to all on the Executive Committee who have invested their talents, skills and time to consistently work towards the organization's goals and through a global pandemic. Thank you also to the Board of Directors and leaders who were open to participating and engaging with the organization in novel ways, and for your support throughout. I extend warmest wishes and gratitude to WCI members and look forward to your continued participation and contribution as we continue to work towards our common goals. I welcome new President, Linda Anderson and the incoming Executive Committee, and wish the organization much success. May we continue to move forward, upward and onward on behalf of women globally.

In gratitude,

Kim



At the 2014 WCI Conference in Hamburg
(L-R) *Nijole Rasmussen, Yanti Pramono, Kim Riedel, Caroline Adair Dimmers, Kathy Adair Dimmers, Vera Chang*



At the 2016 WCI Conference in Prague
(Seated L-R) *Aida Armaly, Kim Riedel, Ulrike Westermann* (Standing L-R) *Lamia Kawar, guest, Rihab Ouri, guest*



At the 2017 Executive Committee Meeting in Cyprus



May 16, 2019 - BOD Meeting Gala & Swearing-In Ceremony in Galway, Ireland
Kim at left, being sworn in as WCI President 2019-21 by Pres. Maria Fernanda Arduino



At the 2019 BOD Post-Meeting Trip in Dublin
(L-R) *Dr. Jungsook Kim and Kim*

MEET WCI's NEW PRESIDENT 2021-2023



LINDA LANDRY ANDERSON

International Women's Club of New England

When friends and family ask me what WCI is all about, I answer with one word. Friendship. What a beautifully simple and meaningful concept. Marian Adair knew from the start that each of us is in it for the same reason – we enjoy each other immensely.

Through a focus on relationships, Welcome Clubs International has grown to where we are today. The United Nations has seen it in us. We have much to share with the world, and after a long, venerable history, it feels in some ways like we are just getting started.

Now we are at an exciting crossroad. It will be up to us to decide how we develop our relationship with the UN over the coming years. Our organizational values of friendship and understanding will guide us. There will be new educational opportunities for our members, new partnerships with organizations similar to ours in their worldview of cultural understanding. There is much to look forward to. Our future is bright.

Over the last months I've had the privilege to be mentored by several past WCI presidents. Their advice to me? Build on the work of previous presidents and keep moving forward one small step at a time.

It is a great honor to take on the presidency of an organization that has given me so much. I am looking very much forward to being part of WCI's history and working together with you to create our shared future.

In Friendship,
Linda Anderson

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Graduate Certificate, Executive Coaching, University of New Hampshire

Graduate Certificate, Human Resources Management, University of New Hampshire

Master of Arts, International Education, Lesley University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Bachelor of Science, Journalism, Boston University, Boston Massachusetts

OTHER EDUCATION

Fellow, Leadership Seacoast, Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Fellow, Hoffman-Haas Board Leadership Program, New Hampshire Center for Non-Profits

Professional Certificate, Culinary Arts/Artisan Breads, York Community College, Wells, Maine

HONORS

American Association for Talent Development, BEST Award, Distance Learning, 2010

Corporate Learning Officer Magazine, Leadership Vanguard Award, 2007

Book Author, *"Classic New Hampshire: Preserving the Granite State in Changing Times;" University Press of New England, published 2003*

WORK EXPERIENCE

Nuance Communications, Vice President, Global Learning and Organizational Development, Burlington, Massachusetts

Microsoft Corp., Senior Managing Editor, Microsoft Learning, Seattle, Washington

LM Landry (Anderson) & Associates, Principal, Leadership and Organizational Development Consultancy

IBM Europe, Global Projects Editorial Manager, Copenhagen, Denmark; Amsterdam, Netherlands

WCI NEWS

On May 4, 2021, members and guests all over the world celebrated WCI's 35th Anniversary. Many donned their party hats as WCI hosted a fun virtual party for all. Highlights of the event included a moving WCI video that chronicled WCI's beginnings, our founder Marian Adair's vision, and WCI's journey; Dr. Jungsook Kim's keynote speech on WCI's new Consultative Status, UN ECOSOC and more; the Awardees of the Spirit of Marian Adair; Sister Club highlights; Caroline Adair Dimmers' tribute; and special messages.

WCI gives special thanks to the members who worked so hard to make the momentous celebration happen! See Acknowledgements on pages 35-36.

Incoming President Linda Anderson was sworn in by President Riedel at a historic, first ever, virtual Swearing-In Ceremony at the Annual Board of Directors' Meeting held on June 14, 2021. Linda's term begins on July 1st.

Congratulations and best wishes to Linda and the Executive Committee 2021-2023!





Congratulations to these Member Clubs that celebrated a milestone in 2021!

The Women's League – Beirut
(102nd year Anniversary)

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Anglo-German Int'l Women's Association e.V.
(55th year Anniversary)

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Federation of Int'l Women's Associations in London
(35th year Anniversary)

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Welcome to Florida Int'l Club
(35th year Anniversary)

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Welcome to Taipei Int'l Club
(35th year Anniversary)

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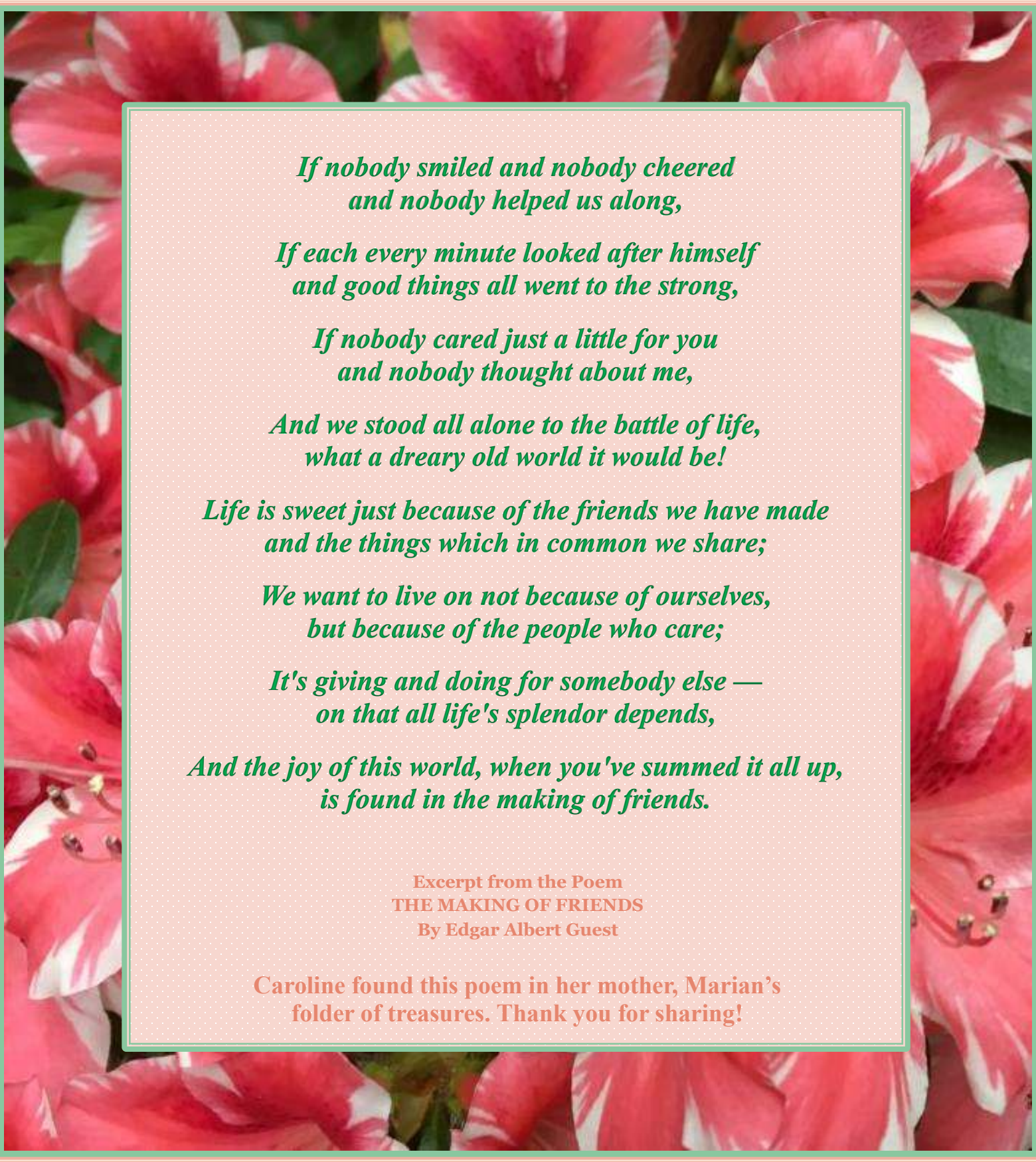
Int'l Women's Club of Hamburg
(30th year Anniversary)

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WCI 35th ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM
May 4, 2021

WELCOME	**KIM RIEDEL** Master of Ceremonies
INSPIRATIONAL & TRIBUTE	**CAROLINE ADAIR DIMMERS** WCI Founder's Representative
VIDEO	**WCI VIDEO: OUR STORY**
INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER	**ESHRAT DEMOUGEOT** WCI Founder's Representative
KEYNOTE SPEAKER	**DR. JUNGSOOK KIM** President, Int'l Council of Women President, Welcome to Korea Int'l Club
VIDEO MESSAGE	**JULIE CHIEN** Founder & Past President, Welcome to Taipei Int'l Club
VIDEO	**SISTER CLUBS 2021**
VIDEO MESSAGE	**HAIFA AL KAYLANI** President & Founder, Arab Int'l Women's Forum (AIWF) Former WCI Executive Committee Member
VIDEO	**AWARDEES - MARIAN ADAIR SPIRIT AWARD**
VIDEO MESSAGE	**SIOBHAN HAMILTON-PHILLIPS** President, Federation of Int'l Women's Association London
PRESENTATION to OUTGOING PRESIDENT	**CAROLINE ADAIR DIMMERS** WCI Founder's Representative
CLOSING INSPIRATIONAL	**FAYE WICKERSHAM** WCI Founder's Representative
WRAP-UP and THANKS	**KIM RIEDEL** WCI President
CLOSING MUSIC	'We Are Family' by the Sister Sledge



If nobody smiled and nobody cheered
and nobody helped us along,

If each every minute looked after himself
and good things all went to the strong,

If nobody cared just a little for you
and nobody thought about me,

And we stood all alone to the battle of life,
what a dreary old world it would be!

Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made
and the things which in common we share;

We want to live on not because of ourselves,
but because of the people who care;

It's giving and doing for somebody else —
on that all life's splendor depends,

And the joy of this world, when you've summed it all up,
is found in the making of friends.

Excerpt from the Poem
THE MAKING OF FRIENDS
By Edgar Albert Guest

Caroline found this poem in her mother, Marian's folder of treasures. Thank you for sharing!

A TRIBUTE by CAROLINE ADAIR DIMMERS



Marian Adair, WCI Founder



Caroline Adair Dimmers, representing her Mom, Marian, at Welcome to Washington's 60th Anniversary event

Thirty-five years ago, my mother, Marian Adair, saw a need for an additional organization for the Welcome Clubs.

In the 1950s, Mother and eight other women had started Neighborhood Clubs in Washington, DC. The clubs of thirty women gathered to share friendship and cultural exchanges. In eight years, eight clubs had been formed. The founders felt that the women of these clubs would enjoy knowing each other. The blending of the Neighborhood Clubs became Welcome to Washington.

Women found great enjoyment in learning about different cultures. Friendships grew. Women began to return to their homes in the United States and to their homes around the world. Before the women left Washington, they asked mom if they could take the club structure home to start a club where each on lived. Mother was thrilled. Her idea of global friendship was beginning to blossom.

The women who had known each other in Washington and were now scattered around the world, wanted to keep in touch with each other. Mother saw the need for an organization to help the women keep connected with each other and for the clubs to share their cultures and activities. Mother thought that a group of women, an Executive Committee, might work together to keep in touch with the global clubs. Mother served as President with capable women filling different roles in this new organization known as, Welcome Clubs International.

Welcome Clubs International, WCI, has served as the network for communication for these 35 years. We have grown, we have changed, we have survived. Mother would be thrilled to know that we are celebrating 35 years of Friendship and Understanding.

Caroline Adair Dimmers is a WCI Founder's Representative

and Past WCI President

WCI PRESIDENTS
1986 - 2021

Marian Wood Adair
Chair
1986 – 1990
Welcome to Washington
International Club



Founder
Welcome Clubs International
Welcome to Washington
Welcome to Florida



Ruth Munn
Chair
1990 – 1996
Welcome to Washington
International Club

Faye Wickersham
Chair
1996 – 2000
Welcome to Washington
International Club



Eshrat Demougeot
Chair
2000 – 2003
Welcome to Florida
International Club





Donna Suddeth
President
2003 – 2005
Welcome to Florida
International Club



Lise McCartney
President
2005 – 2008
Welcome to Washington
International Club

Padmini Durr
President
2008 – 2009
Welcome to Tampa Bay
International Club





Elizabeth Lamb

President

2009 – 2010

Welcome to Taipei International Club

Julia Banks

President

2010 – 2012

Welcome to Colorado International Club



Caroline Adair Dimmers

President

2012 – 2014

Welcome to Washington International Club





Pam Bansbach

President

2014 – 2016

Welcome to Colorado International Club



Maria Fernanda Arduino

President

2016 – 2019

International Women's Club

Porto Alegre

Kim Riedel

President

2019 – 2021

International Women's Club of Hamburg

Anglo-German International Women's Association



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INTRODUCTION of KEYNOTE SPEAKER
By ESHRAT DEMOUGEOT



WCI Founder's Representative
Eshrat Demougeot

It is my privilege and honour to have been invited to introduce Dr. Jungsook Kim, a lady who has all the aptitudes of a great and gracious leader. A leader who combines confidence with humility.

The list of her accomplishments and educational achievements is beyond exemplary and awe-inspiring.

She attained her Bachelors and Master degrees in Education from the University of Seoul and EWHA Women's University in Seoul, Korea. A degree in Higher Education was achieved from George Washington University in Washington DC and she also received an Honorary Doctorate in Political Science from Dankook University in Seoul, Korea.

Her experiences have been many. Following are a few of her numerous credentials:

* Served as Congresswoman of the National Assembly of Korea for 3 consecutive terms
* President of the International Council of Women
* President of Welcome to Korea International Club
* Visiting Scholar at Harvard University
* Vice Minister of Political Affairs of the Republic of Korea
* President of Girl Scouts of Korea

Most importantly, she paved the way and founded the Korean Institution for Gender Equality. She received several Awards for all the time and effort she devoted over the years to enhance Women's Social Leadership:

* Order of Civil Merit by the Korean Government and an
* Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement from George Washington University

Personally, I became acquainted with Dr. Kim through an introduction from a dear friend Athenia Kuo, Past President of Welcome to Taipei, who accompanied Dr. Kim's delegation to the United Nations in March of 2015. This information triggered my thoughts of a long-held vision for taking WCI's "Friendship & Understanding" onto the World Stage where it belonged. Dr. Kim and I spoke by telephone during both her visits to New York in March 2015 and 2016. I shared my 2 goals with her and mailed her a package of WCI literature. She welcomed my proposal in establishing a club in Korea but needed some time to reflect on it.

My second goal was discussed in Seoul during the celebration of Welcome to Korea International Club in November of 2016, between Maria Fernanda Arduino (who had just assumed the Presidency of WCI) and Dr. Kim. With Dr. Kim's valuable assistance and advice, we now are members on a Special Consultative Status

of the ECOSOC in the United Nations. We owe Dr. Kim our deep and sincere gratitude and look upon her as our Mentor and Friend.

My impression of Dr. Kim over the phone was of a lady who was professional, personal, a good listener and open to new ideas and proposals.

Having met her at the UN in person and then again in Galway I soon discovered that she was not all work and no play. In Galway, an Irish singer and Ceilidh dancer entertained us with Irish folklore and music. In the midst of fun and laughter, Dr. Kim asked to have the microphone and she together with Sunny and Dr. Youngsoon Lee started singing "Oh Danny Boy." Here we see amongst us a distinguished and accomplished lady who has a sense of humor and is multi-talented. Now I welcome Dr. Jungsook Kim.



L - R: Dr. Jungsook Kim, Eshrat Demougeot, Maria Fernanda Arduino at the UN Plaza Hotel, NY in November 2017



Dr. Kim was the keynote speaker at WCI's Board of Directors' Meeting held in Galway, Ireland in May 2019



At the fun Dinner Cruise in Galway, Ireland:
Dr. Kim sang a beautiful rendition of the famous folk song "Danny Boy" with Dr. Youngsoon Lee at left and Sunny Shin at right

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Keynote Speaker:

DR. JUNGSOOK KIM

President, International Council of Women
President, Welcome to Korea Int'l Club



Dear Sisters of Welcome Clubs International,

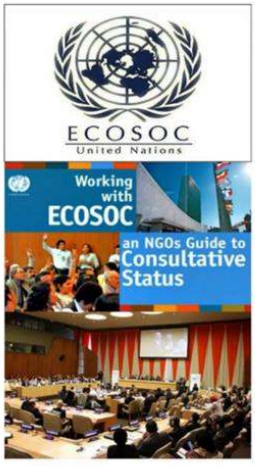
Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening! It is a great pleasure for me to join you in celebrating the 35th Virtual Anniversary of Welcome Clubs International. I would like to sincerely extend my congratulations to WCI's 35th Anniversary. I also appreciate President Kim Riedel and her team for making this virtual celebration successful. In addition, I heartily congratulate WCI on its accreditation as special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (abbreviated to ECOSOC).

Please let me begin with speaking to you about a few basic facts and benefits regarding ECOSOC status. ECOSOC is the only UN body with a framework for Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) participation. The accreditation framework benefits both the United Nations and the Non-Governmental Organizations. While ECOSOC has the opportunity to draw on valuable advice from NGOs, the NGOs in turn also have the opportunity to express their views and to influence the work of the Council.

Basic Facts about ECOSOC Status

An NGO with Consultative status can:

- Attend international conferences and events
- Make written and oral statements at these events
- Organize side and parallel events
- Enter United Nations premises
- Have opportunities to network and lobby



Consultative status provides accredited NGOs with access to not only ECOSOC, but also its many subsidiary bodies, to the various human rights mechanisms of the United Nations, and to special events organized by the President of the General Assembly. Accredited NGOs can also work with UN entities such as United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (abbreviated to UNESCO), Economic and Social Commissions for Asia and the Pacific (abbreviated to ESCAP), World Health Organization (abbreviated to WHO), UNICEF, and others by sending their representatives.

As an accredited NGO with Consultative status, we, WCI, will be invited to most UN conferences and events organized by ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies. We can attend official meetings and participate in debates, interactive dialogues, panel discussions and informal meetings of the UN events.

In addition to simply attending the conferences and events, as an accredited NGO, we, WCI, can also organize and attend side and parallel events which include seminars, workshops, and exhibitions.

Furthermore, we can present written and oral statements prior to and during the sessions of UN conferences and events. We also have many opportunities to network with government delegations and other NGO representatives.

We are, however, required to submit a quadrennial activity report every four years. The report is reviewed by the Committee on NGOs. Guidelines and information pertinent to the quadrennial report are posted on the UN website.

Each NGO with consultative status with ECOSOC can also designate its representatives to obtain annual passes which grant them access to UN premises. These passes are valid until the end of December of each year. Each NGO can request up to seven annual passes for its representatives in UN New York, seven for UN Geneva, and seven for UN Vienna. All requests for passes must be made online. Short-term passes for one day up to three months are also available. Detailed guidelines to apply for the ground pass is found on the ECOSOC website.

I believe it may be a good idea for us to take full advantage of our new status by increased appearance at the various venues. We'd better start right now designating our representatives to the UN agencies such as UN New York, UN Geneva, UN Vienna, UNESCO, and others.

Please let me introduce you to some experiences of the International Council of Women (ICW) which is one of the first women NGOs to obtain general consultative status with UN ECOSOC. Status was granted in 1947.

We, ICW, are now sending 35 permanent representatives to UN agencies, including UN New York, UN Geneva, UN Vienna, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Labor Organization (ILO), UN Human Settlement Program (UN HABITAT), UNESCO, UNIDO, and others.

UN Agencies

United Nations In New York, Geneva, Vienna	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (**FAO**)	UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**)	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (**UNICEF**)
United Nations Human Settlements Programme (**UN Habitat**)	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (**UNIDO**)	World Health Organization (**WHO**)	International Labor Organization (**ILO**)

ICW also sent 70 delegates to the CSW65 held in March in New York this year. The CSW65 was held virtually this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

We in ICW, as usual, conducted virtual side and parallel events with the themes related to the CSW65's theme, "Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, and the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls." And, we also released written statement for the CSW65.

As I know, many of WCI members also attended the sixty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women organized by UN Women from the 15th to 26th of March this year. The Commission on the Status of Women (abbreviated to CSW) was founded in 1946 as one of the ECOSOC Functional Commissions.

The 65th session of the Commission on the Status of Women



- **Priority theme**: Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls;
- **Review theme**: Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development (agreed conclusions of the sixtieth session)

The CSW is the principal global intergovernmental body dedicated exclusively to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

It is composed of 45 Member States elected by ECOSOC on the basis of equitable geographical distribution. The CSW meets annually for two weeks in New York to evaluate progress on gender equality, to identify challenges, to set global standards, and to formulate concrete policies to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women worldwide. Results and recommendations of each session are forwarded to ECOSOC for possible follow-up.

UN Women, as Secretariat of CSW, organizes the Conference of the Commission on the Status of Women every March in New York and supports all aspects of the Commission's work.

Now, I'd like to briefly discuss UN Women and Sustainable Development Goals for your better understanding.

UN Women, created by the UN General Assembly in 2010, is the United Nations entity dedicated to the advancement of gender equality and the empowerment of women. Earlier, somewhat fragmented divisions and institutes such as Division for the Advancement of Women (abbreviated to DAW) and United Nations Development Fund for Women (known as UNIFEM) were unified to form UN Women as part of the UN reform agenda.

UN Women also helps to coordinate and promote the UN system's work in advancing gender equality and empowerment of women, specifically, focusing on strategic priorities such as leadership and political participation, economic empowerment and ending violence against women and girls. As such, UN Women works diligently to position gender equality as fundamental to the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Sustainable development goals (abbreviated to SDGs) are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for people and the planet. The SDGs were adopted in 2015 by the UN General Assembly and intended to be achieved by the year of 2030. This agenda and the results will be carefully evaluated in 2030.

At the core are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, an urgent call for action by all countries working in global partnership.

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals are:



Today, the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (abbreviated to DSDGs) in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (abbreviated to DESA) provides substantive support and capacity-building to accomplish the SDGs and their related thematic issues including water energy, climate, oceans, urbanization, transport, science & technology, and others. DSDGs also plays a key role in evaluating UN system-wide implementation of the 2030 Agenda for the Sustainable Development Goals.

Dear WCI sisters and friends, the year of 2021 marks the 35th anniversary of WCI's founding. For 35 years, WCI has remained an active pioneer and a leader in promoting international peace, friendship, and empowerment of women.

Now, as an accredited NGO, we, WCI, should continue to build onto our tradition and redouble our efforts to contribute far more to meeting the needs of our society with regard to women.

As an accredited NGO, we, WCI, also need to work together with the UN and other organizations to present our views at national, regional, and international levels, to more meaningfully impact world public opinion, and to lend our weight to the accomplishment of UN Sustainable Development Goals through our programs and activities.

I hope that we will have an enjoyable and fruitful experience during this virtual anniversary, and I so strongly hope that we will be able to meet in-person next year.

Thank you so much for your attention.

~ Dr. Jungsook Kim

MESSAGE from JULIE CHIEN

Julie Chien
Founder and Past President
Welcome to Taipei International Club



On behalf of the Welcome to Taipei International Club, I wish to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Welcome Clubs International on this auspicious day, celebrating WCI's 35th anniversary.

Under the able leadership of President Kim Riedel and her hard-working team, WCI has successfully accomplished our mutual goal of promoting friendship, cultural exchange, and educational programs among women from all over the world.

May I express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to you all. We are very proud to be a part of the happy WCI family.

Congratulations and Happy 35th Anniversary to WCI!

SISTER CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



ANGLO-GERMAN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
AGIWA is 55 years old this year and going strong!



BROWARD INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB
Our cause: "Changing the World, One Woman at a Time"



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF BAKU
We support charities through our Christmas and Novruz Bazaars



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF HAMBURG
We are celebrating our 30th Anniversary this year!



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND
IWCNE celebrates International Women's Day featuring flags of the many countries our club represents



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA
Fun 25th Anniversary memories – a Trolley Tour and Lunch at the Meridien



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB – PORTO ALEGRE

The 11th WCI Conference was hosted by IWC Porto Alegre



THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE – BEIRUT

The Women's League celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2020!



VIA LEBANON INTERNATIONAL CLUB
(Vision of International Awareness)

In 2020, VIA received its NGO designation in Lebanon

WCI 2012 International Conference
Denver, Colorado | USA

Two Hundred and Seventy-Three women from around the world were greeted by the Governor of the State of Colorado with a Proclamation declaring

"June 19-26, 2012
Welcome Clubs International Week"



WELCOME TO COLORADO INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Welcome to Colorado hosted WCI's 12th International Conference



WELCOME TO FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Welcome to Florida celebrated its 35th Anniversary this year!

L-R: WFLIC Immediate Past President Reem Iversen, members Susan Bourdon Khoury, Diana Khabbaz, Akiko Bultman, and Donna Suddeth, First Vice President, and past WFLIC and WCI President



WELCOME TO KOREA INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Our motto:

Lifelong Education - Cornerstone toward Empowerment



May 1990
WL President Jocelyn Jones greeting WCI members at a cocktail reception

Past President and WL Liaison to WCI Dee Phillips Medawar (2nd from left) and WL members





WELCOME TO LONDON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB
WL hosted WCI's 1st International Conference in 1990!

WELCOME TO TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL CLUB
WTIC shared a 35th Anniversary with WCI this year!





WELCOME TO TURKISH CYPRUS CLUB
WTCC hosted WCI's BOD Meeting in 2017
A WCI banner was presented to President Arduino at the Farewell Dinner

WELCOME TO WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL CLUB
A Defining Moment: WTW successfully shifted to virtual platform by sheer force of will and doggedness! And we did it the WTW way, with a lot of smiles and fancy hats.





WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL BORDER CLUB
Our 10th Anniversary celebration

L-R: Rosemary Robertson, Mary Saavedra, Afsaneth Baha-ka-jeth, Mercedes Carpuso, Damasa Williamson, Lori Collier, Vilma Boettcher (Founder), Maryam Tavakoli, Elizabeth Long, Maria Walker, Helena Anderson, Irma Tarr

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB – JAKARTA

"We cannot provide for everyone but we try our best to at least lend a helping hand"

Associate Member FIWAL, is an umbrella organization with 30+ member clubs



WCI MEMBER CLUBS OVER THE YEARS

MESSAGE from HAIFA AL KAYLANI



Haifa Al Kaylani
President and Founder
Arab International Women's Forum

It gives me great pleasure to personally and as President and Founder of the Arab International Women's Forum, to extend my heartfelt congratulations to WCI on its 35th anniversary.

As a former WCI Executive Committee member, Vice President, and lifelong friend, I have always had the utmost respect and admiration for this exemplary organization which promotes friendship through understanding and understanding through education and friendship.

WCI is to be commended for its valuable work over 35 years – as a nonprofit, apolitical organization, dedicated to promoting understanding, education, and friendship amongst women in their local communities as well as globally.

Indeed, my work with WCI and my appreciation of its vision to build a peaceful world through a global focus on women to enact real change, greatly inspired me to launch in 2001 the Arab International Women's Forum in London. AIWF as a development organization is committed to the advancement of women in the MENA region and globally. And we celebrate an important milestone this year like WCI - our 20th anniversary.

I am proud to share that over the last two decades, AIWF has become an internationally-renowned advocacy platform for the inclusive growth, empowerment, and sustainability for women and youth in the MENA region and globally.

As we all look ahead to a future after COVID which greatly exasperated deep-rooted challenges for women in every corner of the planet, we hope and we pray that the years of recovery will herald a new era for women, one that is marked by inclusion, equality, fairness, and opportunity and where women can be empowered to play the rightful roles in all sectors. I am certain that both WCI and AIWF will continue their important work in this journey.

I reiterate my warmest congratulations to WCI - 35 years is an extraordinary achievement for any organization! I also look forward to continuing to support WCI in the future and to honoring its tireless work to advance and support women worldwide.

AWARDEES

MARIAN ADAIR SPIRIT AWARD

JANET BRADY
Broward International Women's Club



Janet is the past President of the Broward International Women's Club and is currently serving as Vice President of Membership. However, she works as hard today as she did when she was President.

During the Covid pandemic, in her position as Vice President of Membership, Janet reached out to all members, checked on their well-being, and offered to pick up medication, groceries, etc. for our elderly members.

Janet is the Student Liaison for our international scholarship recipients attending Nova Southeastern University. Since many students are away from their families, Janet just about adopt these students during their scholarship period, inviting them to her home for holiday dinners and other events, also providing transportation for them as needed.

Janet also volunteers to sit on most of our committees to help in any way she can. As you can see, Janet is very deserving of this award.



ELMIRA RAGIMOVA
International Women's Club of Baku

Elmira Ragimova or Mira khanum has been a very active member of IWC Baku and has done justice to whatever post she was elected to right up to being the Vice President of the Club. Amongst her striking features are her hàrdworking, friendly nature, humility and ability to patiently listen to friends and critics alike.

LUCILLE GENTSCH
International Women's Club of New England



Lucille has been keeping the IWCNE's name, purpose, and mission in front of our club during the pandemic with weekly resourceful up-dates by e-mail in addition to our monthly Newsletters. She was also recently instrumental in arranging our Holiday and St. Patrick parties. Her enthusiasm, dedication, and hard work has helped us stay together and raise more money than expected during last year. She always keeps in mind what is best for the Club. She is open-minded, friendly and has shown perseverance through adversity.

Our thanks go out to Lucille for supporting and promoting International Women's Club for over 20 years!

Lucille served as President 2005-2006, and 2016-2018.



HELGA RUUS-NEUBERT
International Women's Club of Philadelphia

Helga joined The IWCP in 2000 and was the Club's Secretary for 5 years. Since 2005 she has been responsible for the Club's Directory; was Newsletter Editor in 2010/2011 and has been an ongoing support to all the subsequent newsletter editor/s. Helga recently created our current newsletter format.

Helga's term of presidency was from 2012 – 2019. During this period our membership saw steady growth. Over the years Helga has also been actively involved in the planning, hosting and attending of our many club events which continue to see long term friendships thrive and many new friendships formed.
We are very thankful for Helga's ongoing support and friendship.

MARIA HELENA PILLA DO VALLE
International Women's Club – Porto Alegre



It has been with great joy that the International Women's Club of Porto Alegre, through a general assembly has elected Ms. MARIA HELENA PILLA DO VALLE as the winner of the Espírito Marian Adair Award in the unprecedented year of 2021. The choice of Maria Helena was natural and had unanimous support for several reasons.

She has been in charge of our club as its President for four turns. She led the organization of the 2010 WCI Conference in Porto Alegre, and she also led the XXXIV Brazilian Meeting of Women Clubs, which took place in 2019 in Porto Alegre. The events coordinated by her were successful and became unforgettable. In addition, beyond the above-mentioned facts, Maria Helena is always an inspiration to all the IWCPA members, she does a lot of volunteer work, and her leadership comes hand in hand with friendship and understanding.



SUAD SHEHADI
The Women's League – Beirut

Mrs. Suad Shehadi was chosen by the Women's League as the Marian Adair Spirit Awardee, first because she is one of the oldest members and is still very active. Mrs. Shehadi was chosen twice as President, the first time for the years 1971-1973 and the second between 1981 to 1983. Her second time was during the Lebanese Civil War and it was very important for her to keep the meetings going and to keep the members interested in the aims of the League. During both her terms there were members from about twenty-five different nationalities and so she gained a lot of experience by learning how to work with others in a multi-cultural group. She is still our advisor in many things and a member of the nominating committee when a new board is elected. The Women's League was founded in 1919 and is 102 years young this year!

RIHAB OURI
VIA Lebanon International Club
(Vision of International Awareness)



Rihab Al Ouri embodies all the qualifications for the Marian Adair Spirit Award and more. She is a board member, mentor, guide, our right hand and the most valuable person in our club.

She is the WCI Liaison for both VIA Lebanon Int'l Club and the Women's League of Beirut. In addition, she is in charge of a huge yearly funding-raising campaign for the American University in Beirut where alumni doctors come from all over the world to meet, and help donate money to help new medical students at AUB, who could not afford their education.

All of us at VIA Lebanon know that it is here, in this club, that she helped create, that Rihab outshines herself in every possible way. Her greatest work that goes above and beyond all she has previously done. The whole board agree that Rihab is the glue that keeps this club together and still standing despite everything. VIA is her baby, as well as ours.

Her insight, advise, patience, and hard work helped us start in 2017. Thanks to her, we quickly began to be recognized in the country for our desire to bring people together. She even helped us connect with you! She prepares our newsletters, connects with all the board and informs us of what is happening. She's in constant contact with the members. When any of us on the board is depressed or rattled by the situation we are all facing, she's the one who quietly calms us down and brings our hopes up.

Lebanon has been going through political and devastating economic turmoil since the fall of 2019 exacerbated by the pandemic and the Port of Beirut explosion last August that devastated a quarter of Beirut. Foreigners have left, Lebanese are leaving in droves. How do you hold a social club in the midst of these chaotic circumstances? All clubs we know have closed their programs until the situation gets better. I felt that we needed to stay open even if it meant relying exclusively on social media. Our newsletters published by Rihab have become a life-line of encouragement for our members. Many wanted to close the club, but Rihab stood by me and practically on her own helped me keep the club active. We don't have any public outings, but we are all connecting with our members online. Most of our board is outside the country and work online when we need them. The one holding this club together in Lebanon today, literally is Rihab!

Rihab, is our angel. I am sure you know of some spectacular ladies ready to receive this honorable award, but for all of us at VIA, she is our Marian Adair Spirit nominee and in our hearts, the sole winner.



URSULA KAFADAR
Welcome to Colorado International Club

Ursula Kafadar joined Welcome to Colorado International Club (WTC) in 1996 as a member from Germany. Since joining the club, Ursula has been an Interest Group Chair hosting cultural events such as Opera Lunches and Dinners as a gracious hostess in her home along with her husband, Charles. She also holds regular beading sessions, which bring WTC members together in friendship and are beloved by our membership. Ursula has always displayed a can-do attitude and an upbeat, warm temperament. She has a passion for making people welcome and interested in her programs.

Continuing her longtime service to our club, Ursula served as President of Welcome to Colorado from 2006-2008. She has enriched the lives of WTC members with her generosity, exemplifying the ideals of Marian Adair. Welcome to Colorado was honored to choose Ursula for the 2021 Marian Adair Spirit Award for WTC.

LIBBY COTTINGHAM
Welcome to Florida International Club

Welcome to Florida International Club (WFLIC) owes Libby a debt of gratitude for being a passionate member and leader committed to making our club a successful organization.

As past President of WFLIC, Libby was an inspiring, gracious, and pragmatic leader with a clear vision, creative ideas, and excellent communication skills. Libby has traveled extensively worldwide and has a great understanding of countries and cultures, a valuable experience she has always shared with WFLIC's members. Libby established robust international programs and interest groups that continue to thrive in our organization.

We are thrilled for the opportunity to endow Libby with the prestigious Marian Adair Spirit Award to recognize her tireless dedication to friendship and understanding among international women in our club and beyond.





YOUNGBOK LEE
Welcome to Korea International Club

She is known to be a very capable businesswoman, and also known as a person with warm heart and humility. She owns and runs one of the most beautiful hotels in Korea, and still never stops learning new things.

Even with her busy schedule, she attends most of the classes and programs offered by Welcome to Korea International Club and sets a wonderful role model for other members. She's punctual, passionate, and organized to get things done with great detail. She is indispensable!

DEE PHILLIPS MEDAWAR
Welcome to London International Women's Club



Dee has been the glue that has kept club members together during these difficult times, putting a smile on members faces with phone calls, lovely poems and messages to keep everyone positive and engaged. She is an energetic, warm, kind-hearted and generous individual.

She is the master organizer, having hosted many clubs and organizational events using her charm together with her keen negotiating skills. She is also the motivator, the cheerleader that rallies club members to remain positive. She reminds everyone to hold their chins up, and keeps the club spirit alive, planning and organizing events, often single-handedly.

Welcome to London salutes Dee Medawar as its Marian Adair Spirit Awardee.



JULIE CHIEN
Welcome to Taipei International Club

Madam Julie Chien is the key person to initiate the founding of Welcome to Taipei International Club in 1986. Since then, she is the beacon light guiding members to be the core supporters of international friendship. Moreover, Madam Julie Chien devotes her life to embrace the well-being of all others.

She advocates positive social values and dedicates herself to various women's groups to give support to those disadvantaged to build a better life. Madam Julie Chien is a noble woman with fine virtues of patriotism, love, kindness and delicacy.

She has set up a legendary role model for her generation as well as for women in the coming era.

ISIN RAMADAN CECIL
Welcome to Turkish Cyprus Club



Upon receiving the letter about Marian Adair Sprit Award Program, it was clear among the members of Welcome to Turkish Cyprus Club, and a consensus that the person most deserving of the award is Isin Ramadan Cecil.

Isin is the founding president of our club and the one who has devoted an incredible amount of time and energy to the club. The club would never have become what it is today without her. She is the one that inspires us to do new things and find a better place for our club both nationally and internationally. These are only a few of the reasons we picked our candidate.



GINA D. ALAMSJAH
Women's International Club - Jakarta

Gina has always been 'the rock' of WIC Jakarta. She is the Chairperson of Ways and Means Committee 2020 - 2022. She is a Past President and member of the Supervisory Committee 2020 - 2022. She was also the Chairperson of Social Welfare. She has been a member in a lot of committees, generously contributed her time, and always put the club's aim in the best interest.

MONA BEIZAI
Women's International Border Club

Mrs. Beizai was our Club President for many years. She has been an indefatigable help for the organization of the club's events during and after her term as president. More importantly by way of a legacy, Mrs. Beizai managed to expand and keep the club alive with the high sense of cooperation and dedication, attributes that we enjoy in the club to this day.





NANCY MARSHALL

Welcome to Washington International Club

Many in WTW deserve a medal... and a salary! ...for all the time and energy they have contributed to our Club. However, one extraordinary woman stood out for whom this award seems to have been written. Perhaps knowing Marian first-hand in the early years allowed that spirit to blossom!

Nancy has selflessly given to both WTW and WCI for over 30 years. Among the many positions she has held are: Interest Group Chair, Parliamentarian, Historian, and President from 1996-1998. She contributed to the WTW 50th Anniversary celebration and authored our treasured 50th Anniversary History Book, Chaired the 60th Anniversary celebration, and rewrote the 2004 version of the WTW Bylaws. She also contributed greatly to WCI within a few Executive Committees in the '90s, and to the 2004 and 2018 WCI Biennial Conferences that were held in Washington, DC. And she continues ... Nancy is a problem solver, stepping in to complete a project whenever necessary. Her ideas and creativity have turned programs from "nice" to "wow!", enjoyed by all WTW and WCI members for many years. She endured a great personal tragedy just before starting her tenure as President but carried out her duties flawlessly. Her home has been the warm and caring location of so many WTW and WCI programs and meetings. We have been delighted with her decorations - for each holiday! - and filled with her wonderful meals. Everyone would agree that Nancy is gracious and competent as well as enthusiastic and full of fun. She always "takes the high road" and treats all members with respect. She has given enormously to our WTW and WCI.

MESSAGE from SIOBHAN HAMILTON-PHILLIPS

Siobhan Hamilton-Phillips
President of FIWAL
The Federation of International Women's Associations in London

FIWAL is an umbrella organization for 30+ clubs in and around London and an Associate Member of WCI



Congratulations to Welcome Clubs International on your 35th anniversary!

I'm delighted to join you today in commemorating your success over many years in reaching out to women worldwide.

Your commitment to fostering cross-cultural friendships is laudable, and in particular, through celebrating the differences we have across the globe leading to greater understanding.

Your 35-year legacy has drawn us closer in all our efforts to make changes for generations of women to come. Appropriately, there are more women in influential positions than ever before. Many women have made beneficial changes through many channels such as Science, Education, Politics, the Military, and Health.

You are already making a notable contribution to a better world through your networks of information, your support and understanding, particularly with your excellent online events, many of which I've enjoyed.

You have played a significant role in taking Welcome Clubs International forward. Your recent affiliation to a non-governmental organization of the United Nations in 2020 is a splendid accomplishment and a tribute to your dedication and drive in setting the higher standards.

In handing the baton to the next generation, women will continue to positively influence the most challenging problems facing us - in particular, poverty, climate change, health, and education.

FIWAL is honored to have Welcome Clubs International as a member and from all of us here, we wish you continued success as a force of influence across the globe.

PRESENTATION of GIFT and CERTIFICATE to WCI PRESIDENT KIM RIEDEL

Presented by

WCI Founder's Representative Caroline Adair Dimmers

It is my privilege and honor to thank Kim Riedel for her service as WCI President for the past two years.

Kim lived in Hamburg and stepped into a well-defined job. Kim followed Maria Fernanda who had WCI moving smoothly. The future looked predictable--then we all know what happened – Covid hit! Kim took things in hand – using her technological skills, Kim propelled WCI into a new world.

In this new world, Kim developed our digital skills so that WCI is reaching more women than we had thought possible. Kim and her team have astonished us with webinars with terrific speakers. The webinars were produced with a professional quality. With the same professionalism, Kim's team updated our website giving us new information and useful tools. All this has happened at breath-taking speed.

Kim has used her people skills to invite global members and guests to join our webinars. We anticipate continuing with the high-quality events in the future to inspire and to teach all those who join us.

Kim, thank you. You were the exact President we needed at this time. Your dedication, your development of the digital programming, your creative webinars, your hours of service have been a great gift to WCI and to the global members. We are grateful and give you our heartfelt thanks.

We wish you joy and success in all that you do in the future!



Kim Riedel



Caroline Adair Dimmers





CLOSING THOUGHTS from FAYE WICKERSHAM



WCI Founder's Representative Faye Wickersham

As we all know, Marian Adair was an extraordinary person. She knew instinctively how to organize and whom she needed to help her make it happen. She was fun-loving and friendly, was genuinely interested in what you had to say.... and oh yes, she loved hot fudge ice cream sundaes.

More importantly, she was reverent... and gave the Almighty credit for everything accomplished. At the beginning of every board meeting, she insured that a prayer of guidance and thanks was offered by one of the members.

She loved people, and lived a long life watching women from all over the world understand one another a little better because of her work.











WCI Founder Marian Adair flanked by daughter Caroline Adair Dimmers (left) and granddaughter Amy Adair Horton (right)

CLOSING REMARKS by WCI PRESIDENT KIM RIEDEL

We have paid tribute to an idea envisioned by WCI founder Marian Adair and what a journey we have embarked on and celebrated today. Thirty-five years of friendship between global women is an important catalyst to celebrate and build on. When we link our voices and talents, we forge a way forward where all women can benefit, and generations who come after us can continue to build on.

We have been partnering with many clubs over the years, some of whom are no longer with us but are part of us nonetheless. They have helped to build WCI and who we are today. We acknowledge their presence today. I want to thank all of you for joining us on this momentous occasion. We continue on our global journey towards more peace and understanding.

Sisters, please raise your glasses and let us toast to thirty-five years of friendship!







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Welcome Clubs International's founder excited about this week's conference at Naples resort

By KARA VICK
Staff Writer

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Inside the Beltway of Washington, D.C., what club you belonged to

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In 1959, Marian W. Adair founded the forerunner of Welcome Clubs International, a group that helps to make women from around the world feel more welcome when they have moved to a new area. This week, the group is holding its conference in Naples. *Photo by Jamie Rector*

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Inside the Beltway of Washington, D.C., what club you belonged to often reflected the political position of your husband in those days. Adair wanted to have a club that was unique and did the reverse of the other clubs so she invented the four "Ps" for the Welcome to Washington group: no protocol, no projects (fund-raising), no publicity and no politics. There was no limit on membership.

The members, some of whom were wives of important dignitaries, called each other by their first names and sat anywhere they wanted at meetings. Half the club's membership was American and half were foreigners.

"We wanted to know people as people, not by their positions," said Adair, who will turn 90 in August. "It was brilliant. I don't know how we pulled it off."

Over the years, as members of the Washington group moved away to other U.S. cities or abroad, clubs were formed across the globe. Thousands of women have been members of welcome clubs, Adair estimates.

Over the years, the group has changed as the organization has grown. Now a council is elected and some members can't help but sneak a little shop talk on politics into conversations. The concept of the group, however, has stayed the same — to form bonds of friendship with people of different cultures. The Welcome to Florida Club's membership, which includes residents of Naples, Bonita Springs, and Marco Island, has been busy for the last year planning the conference, which will be chaired by club member Ruth Prater.

Eshrat Demougeot, also a part-time resident of Bonita Springs, first became a member of Welcome Clubs International, 10 years ago when she lived in London.

"It opens up all kinds of horizons," she said of the club. "How would you meet all these people otherwise?"

Frances Luessenhop, who lives part of the year in Maryland, joined the local club two years ago, "I enjoyed it because it's a very special sisterhood. It's instant friendship."

Adair said the conference is good for Southwest Florida because many people around the world will become familiar with Naples and the surrounding area.

"This is very important," she said. "People all over will be taking home a bit of Naples with them."



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Article courtesy of Welcome to Florida International Club's

Immediate Past President and WCI Liaison Reem Iversen and member Phyllis Liebman.

Thank you for sharing!

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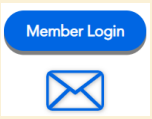
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- Commonwealth Girls' Education Fund
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- Hampstead Women's Club
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- New Zealand Women's Association
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- Rwandan Sisterhood Association
- South East Asian Women's Club
- S.O.S. Children's Villages of Pakistan
- Turkish Women's Philanthropic Association (TWPA)
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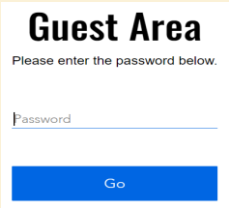
Visit WCI's website at www.wciclubs.org to learn more about our organization. The public site introduces our founder, Marian Adair, recounts our beginnings, offers information on Membership, highlights new announcements, and more. The wonderful Worldwide Link magazines, now called *the*LINK, are also available for everyone to enjoy on the public site.

To view the recording of WCI's 35th Anniversary Event and other webinars, members will need to access the **Member Only part of the website** by following these steps:

- **After logging into www.wciclubs.org, click on the blue Member Login button at the upper right-hand corner of your screen (see image at right)**



- **A new screen opens (see image at right). Type in the password then click on the blue Go button.**
  - **The current password is** ***(Note: the password is case-sensitive)***



- **OR, log into www.members.wciclubs.org to take you directly to the password screen**

The videos for WCI's 35th Anniversary event and other webinars are in Meetings/Virtual Meetings page. Make sure to check out all the other pages in the member site including articles and photos from past Conferences and Meetings, UN ECOSOC, Education Initiative, interviews with current and past leaders in the WCI Today page, Sister Club News e-magazines, and so much more.

Members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors will find a wealth of information within their respective Resources page.

We strive to keep our website informative, enjoyable, and up-to-date. We encourage you to visit!

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