



## Greetings from Young-Key Kim-Renaud, President of the KOWIN DC



Dear KOWIN DC Members  
 and Friends,

Hello from Nanjing, China! I  
 am spending this fall semester  
 teaching as Visiting Professor  
 at Nanjing University School of  
 Foreign Studies.

It is my pleasure to share with  
 you the Fall 2014 issue of our  
 KOWIN-DC newsletter. Once  
 again, we have had a rich array of activities since our last  
 newsletter. The most memorable was our combined  
 second and third regular meeting, held at the lovely home  
 of one of our members, Marina Kim, and her husband,  
 Adrien Goorman in McLean, VA. On behalf of all our  
 members, I thank them for their kind hospitality. My  
 special thanks are also due to “Julie” Jungsil Lee, another  
 KOWIN-DC member, and a lecturer in Art History at the  
 George Washington University, who has a Ph.D. in art  
 history from the University of Maryland, College Park, an  
 M.A. in Art History and French Literature from the  
 Université de Nice, France, and a B.A. in French  
 Literature and Broadcasting from Ewha Womans  
 University, Seoul, Korea. Dr. Lee specializes in European  
 and American Modern Art and Contemporary Art. She  
 captivated the audience with her elegant and expert  
 presentation titled, “Modern Art, What’s Next?” The  
 lecture, in addition to being historically very informative,  
 was thought provoking and encompassed other interests  
 such as feminism, contemporary new trends, and the role  
 of decorative arts.

The gathering was great with intellectually, socially, and  
 culturally stimulating conversations. In addition, everyone  
 relaxed and enjoyed the whimsical distraction that the hat  
 fashion show added to our gathering. We truly  
 appreciated each other’s individual creativity and sense  
 of humor.

The KOWIN-DC delegation to the 14h International  
 KOWIN Convention in Korea in late August was 8-  
 member strong. This memorable meeting was held in the  
 beautiful and historical town of Kumi (Gumi) in  
 Gyeongsangbuk-do, a town famous for having produced  
 two presidents of the Republic of Korea, including the  
 current one. The cool and auspicious Geumo Mountain  
 environment offered a welcome change from our urban  
 lives. The convention was educational. It gave us a

chance to network with other participants coming from so  
 many different countries who were bringing to our  
 proceeding such varied cultural backgrounds and  
 professional experiences. We discussed seriously how to  
 help women maintain a balance between work and  
 family, and continue their career without interruption.  
 Many different country models or experiences were  
 presented. The participants all agreed that writing  
 women’s career protection into law is needed in order to  
 change both men and women’s preoccupation on hiring  
 women and keeping them. Those of us who attended the  
 convention were happy to make new friends and reaffirm  
 our bonds with our old friends. I certainly encourage other  
 members not to miss a chance to attend the international  
 convention at least once, if possible.

I hope you are enjoying as beautiful a fall as we are in  
 Nanjing.

With my warmest regards to all,

Young-Key Kim-Renaud  
 President, KOWIN-DC Chapter

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## 2014 Second/Third Regular Meeting

July 27, 2014



Marina Kim welcomed 30 KOWIN sisters and new friends to her beautiful residence in McLean, Virginia for the second/third regular meeting in July.

The meeting began with a fashion show starring all KOWIN sisters and an ensuing vote for the member with the best hat. Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas won first-place with a hat that she purchased in Los Angeles specifically for this KOWIN event. She was followed closely by Cathy Kim, who had an elegant Audrey Hepburn-style black hat.

The hat contest was followed by: 1) President Kim-Renaud's announcement that she would be teaching linguistic courses at Nanjing University in China in the fall, 2) the awarding of a certificate of appreciation to 2013-2014 KOWIN Fellow Kang-Eun Jeong Olson and welcoming of new Fellow Emily Kessel, 3) committee report backs, and 4) information about upcoming meetings and events.

The committee report backs included highlights about the appointment of Paula Park as the Gala Committee Chair for next year's gala and a reminder that the next regular meeting will take place in November. Although not announced, Yunkyong Kang will join Miok Pak as co-rapporteur. In the absence of President Kim-Renaud, Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas has agreed to lead this meeting. Additionally, the first 2015 regular KOWIN-DC meeting will be held on a date close to the Lunar New Year. In light of the holiday spirit, the dress code will be Korean traditional clothing (*hanbok*) or any other culture-representing, special attire.

Jungsil Julie Lee, Director of ArTrio Inc., USA and a Lecturer at the George Washington University, presented the great works of influential artists from various eras spanning from the Renaissance to Modernism to Post-

Modernism, as well as Pop Culture Art from more recent years. The lecture emphasized that the concept of beauty is subject to change and the definition of art is constantly being challenged.

After a delicious traditional Korean meal, the meeting concluded with an artistically crafted "hat cake." This dessert masterpiece was designed and gifted by Minjin Suk Lee, an award-winning pastry chef and food columnist, as well as the daughter-in-law of KOWIN Vice President Junghee Lee, and served to commemorate the KOWIN "Hat Party" and send well-wishes to President Young-Key Kim-Renaud, who will soon retire after returning from her semester in China.

## The 14th KOWIN Convention in Gumi

August 26-29, 2014



The 14th KOWIN Conference was held at a beautiful mountain resort called Hotel Geumosan, in the city of Gumi in North Gyeongsang Province from Tuesday, August 26 to Friday, August 29. The four-day event was co-sponsored by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, the Governor's Office of North Gyeongsang Province, the Gumi City Mayor's Office, MBN, and the Kowinner Foundation. More than 500 women attended the meeting with over 250 participants from overseas representing 35 countries.

The first evening program included an orientation for out-of-country participants, followed by a lovely dinner hosted by the Kowinner Foundation. Gumi City Mayor Yoo Chin Nam began the day by sharing welcoming remarks at the opening ceremony. Minister of Gender Equality and Family Heejung Kim gave her keynote speech on *Preventing Women's Career Interruption and Strengthening Global Partnership to Promote Work-Life Balance*. The Ministry is leading the way to implementing



an effective means to recruit, retain, restart, and represent female talent in the workforce. It also aims to successfully promote and sustain the leadership roles of women in modern-day Korean society. For instance, through “Father’s Month,” the Korean government will initiate a law in October to guarantee paid leave for new fathers to advocate for their shared responsibility in raising children. She further emphasized the foundational responsibility shared by all KOWIN participants in encouraging and empowering young Korean female leaders around the world.

Ms. Yong Soo Lee reminded all KOWIN members about the importance of women forging ahead in the global fight against sex slavery, human trafficking, and injustices unleashed against young women. While courageously standing before us as a survivor of the Japanese government during WWII that forced women to be “comfort women” and recounting her horrific experience, she advocated for us to be the voice of justice for these brave women.

The networking opportunities on various issues such as Discovering and Empowering Young Leaders and Enlarging Women’s Opportunities for Re-employment, for example, and various professional fields such as education, politics, medicine, art, etc., took place for discussion during the conference. These sessions provided a platform for women from different age groups, professions, and perspectives to share, learn, and connect with each other. Young-Key Kim-Renaud served as a Team Leader and Moderator for two of the sessions and Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas served as a Team Leader in one of the sessions.

KOWIN members were graciously allowed to visit the Samsung Electronics Precision Mold Technology Center, the manufacturing hub of all Samsung smart phones; the LG Display Center, a manufacturing center for the world’s leading flat screen maker; and Gumi’s own famous Youngdo Velvet factory. Many participants enjoyed the visit to Gumi’s number one pride, the late President Park Chung Hee’s birthplace. A beautiful day at the 650-year-old Andong Hahoe Folk Village was followed by a delicious luncheon, bringing the four-day conference to a pleasant end, with many new friendships forged and a renewed sense of empowerment for all KOWIN sisters.

KOWIN DC was represented by Dr. Young-Key Kim-Renaud, Dr. Lucy Nam, Sukza Park, Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas, Yang-Ro Yoon, Jung Ran Lim, Kang Eun Olson, and Anne Choe. The following are the participants’ reflections.

**Anne Choe:** The Gumi Conference was wonderfully enriching. I personally observed that each and every one of us had the aspiration and commitment to further promote the relevance and strength of the Korean culture. Having experienced living and working in a community somewhere in the world, we were committed to fighting to bring justice for the Korean Comfort Women, teaching Korean language in Azerbaijan, or deciding to make Seoul National University their alma mater after raising two sons in Germany. I had the privilege of meeting a 29-year old from Kazakhstan who struggled to speak Korean but forged ahead and participated in the convention. Her grandfather had immigrated to Kazakhstan many years ago. I also met a 34-year-old fifth generation Korean-Chinese person from Beijing, whose great-great-grandfather went to China in 1917. All of us moved out of our comfort zones to engage, encourage, and empower one another as women of Korean heritage.

**Yang-Ro:** The convention was full of energy and warmth that emanated from Korean women coming from all over the world. While I have visited Korea regularly over the last two decades, this convention made for a particularly special visit. Despite the diversity of our experiences, home countries, and cultures, we all share the identity of being Korean women. I enjoyed the different participants’ observations on Korea and Koreans as they challenged many of my own perceptions in a refreshing manner. The various views expressed by Koreans living in Korea about foreign countries and Korean professionals living abroad were also eye opening. In brief, the simultaneous celebration of solidarity and diversity was felt throughout the event. Despite the tight schedule, there was enough room for meeting and connecting with various participants and speakers, and I was grateful to have had the opportunity to meet people that may be able to work for the new charity that I am envisioning. I strongly recommend that new KOWIN members participate in the convention.

**President Young-Key Kim-Renaud:** The 14th KOWIN Convention was held in the beautiful and historical town of Gumi and in an inspiring setting of the auspicious Geumo Mountain. All the participants enjoyed networking with each other, along with discussing how to genuinely help women maintain the balance between work and family, all while continuing their careers without interruption. Many different countries’ models of work life balance were presented. The participants all agreed that writing women’s career protection into law is needed in order to change both men and women’s misconceptions on hiring and retaining women.

**Kang Eun Olson:** As the former KOWIN DC fellow, it was truly my honor and pleasure to attend the “2014



Korea Women's International Network" in Gumi, Korea. During the 4-day convention, I networked with many female leaders from various backgrounds who helped me broaden my perspective and knowledge on several topics. Thank you again KOWIN for this great opportunity to travel to attend the convention. I would definitely like to come again in the future.

## KOWIN US Eastern Regional Leadership Seminar

September 19-21, 2014



From September 19 through September 21, the 7th KOWIN US Eastern Regional Leadership Seminar with the theme of "Rise to Shine" was held in Dallas, Texas. The KOWIN Dallas Chapter delivered a very successful seminar, under the leadership of Dallas Chapter President, Professor Jungsoon Lee. The pre-seminar welcoming dinner was a wonderful fiesta at an Asian cuisine buffet restaurant, enabling members to have a chance to develop friendships amongst attendants. A total of 19 KOWIN members from other chapters flew in. Dr. Nam represented the KOWIN DC Chapter and gave congratulatory remarks as the regional director for this seminar.



On Saturday, September 20, whole day seminar and mentoring sessions were held at the main auditorium of the University of Texas at Dallas campus. Approximately 120 professionals, ranging between 30 and 75 years old, including male and female students from Dallas as well as Chicago, New York, Washington, D.C., and Atlanta participated. The morning panel discussion was on "Success and Leadership" and the panelists included Tina Yoo (Judge), Esther Lee (VP of Samsung Mobile), James Moon (President of L'objet Co.), Monique Wedderburn (Director of the Asian Center at UT Dallas), and Thomas Kim (President of Working Solutions, Inc.). The afternoon panel discussion was on "Navigating the Future for Success," and the panelists included Rosa Oh (CEO, the Oh group), Cathy Richardson (Federal Judicial Law Clerk), Kim Cooks (Family Court Judge) and Monica Kim (Journalist). A round-table mentoring session (art, business, education, finance, politics, government, law, medicine, science & technology) completed the seminar.

It was another excellent meeting where everybody including the panelists, mentors, and the participants all learned and became energized and motivated even at the end of a long day. On September 21, KOWIN members from other chapters were treated to a wonderful brunch overlooking a golf course, and the KOWIN sisterhood of the U.S. Eastern Region became more solidified. The next 8th KOWIN Leadership Seminar will be held in Washington, DC from May 1 through May 3, 2015 jointly sponsored by the KOWINNER Foundation, the KOWIN US Eastern Region, and the KOWIN DC Chapter.

## Member News

### Suzanne Kim Doud Galli



Dr. Suzanne Kim Doud Galli was interviewed by the Smith College Alumnae Magazine for their May 2014 issue's article on mentoring (you can read it online at <http://www.saqonline.smith.edu>). She also attended the Alumnae Volunteer conference to network with other alumnae, learn new skills, meet with the president of the college, and welcomed an ROK scholar to Smith.

Along the same lines, Dr. Doud Galli was appointed to the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Women in



Surgery Mentorship Program and will work with local women surgeons.

Dr. Doud Galli was reappointed to the Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Education Committee. She has been nominated for member at large with the Women in American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery.

In September, Dr. Doud Galli visited Orlando to speak at the Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Meeting, where she gave a course on Considerations in Asian Facial Rejuvenation. She spoke at the Vegas Cosmetic Surgery Conference as well on Brow position in establishing symmetry in Asian blepharoplasty.

### Florence Lowe-Lee



Florence Lowe-Lee, founder and president of the Global America Business Institute (GABI), was invited to attend the UN Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in Samoa. The overarching theme of the conference was “the sustainable development of SIDS through genuine and durable partnerships.” Florence wore two hats at the conference. As the GABI President, she participated in global climate and sustainable energy workshops. GABI’s work focuses mainly on Korea’s energy policy issues, including nuclear energy and renewable/clean energy ([www.thegabi.com](http://www.thegabi.com)).



As a representative of the Washington chapter of Handong Global University in Korea, she was involved in organizing workshops on the United Nations Academic Impact-Handong Samoa Forum. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon was the keynote speaker. She has a busy fall schedule speaking at the Midwest International Energy Conference in Idaho, Bucharest International Forum in Romania, Caribbean Green Conference in Aruba, Nuclear Energy workshop in Chicago, and consulting in Korea.

### Keum-jin Yoo



Vice President Dr. Keum-jin Yoon has stepped down from her role at the Korea Foundation’s Washington, D.C. office to assume the position of Executive Vice President at the Korea Foundation in Seoul. She sends her apologies for leaving Washington, D.C. without bidding her KOWIN sisters farewell in person. Her successor will arrive in Washington, D.C. in early November.

### Lucy Nam

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KOWIN U.S. Eastern Regional Director and past KOWIN DC president, Dr. Lucy Nam, attended several meetings at the Seoul National University College of Medicine (SNUCM) on August 25 and September 1, while visiting Korea for the Gumi KOWIN International Convention. For her first meeting, she met with Dean Dr. Dae Hee Kang, to engage in a discussion on students interested in participating in a clerkship in the U.S. on issues facing female alumni (e.g., M:F faculty ratio); she also received the Dean's commitment of at least 10 SNUCM faculty's participation in the 2015 Scientific Convention of SNUCM-AA-US to be held in June 2015.



Her next meeting was with Dr. Kim Hee Soo, a SNUCM professor and anesthesiologist with an interest in "Women in Medicine" and saw a need for collaboration between women physicians in Korea and the U.S. A survey titled "Issues facing Women Alumni" will be done during the next six months and common ground among women at SNUCM-AA in the U.S. and Korea will be sought. On September 1, Dr. Nam provided a lecture to the SNUCM medical students on the "US Healthcare System and Recent Changes." After the lecture, Dr. Nam met with Dr. Boongyon Kim, Director of the "Student Career Development Support Center" and discussed ideas to help medical students interested in clerkships or career training in the U.S.

**Judi Rhee Alloway**

On Saturday, October 4th, KOWIN DC teamed up with NAAAP DC (National Association of Asian American Professionals) for a special professional development seminar with our own Judi Rhee Alloway of Imagine Leadership. This event, entitled "secrets of the ten percent," was an amazing workshop for young professionals and students who sought new skills for success. Judi's research and experience have led to her

application of Sun Zhu's "The Art of War" for everyday success strategies. Participants broke into groups to role play and learn new techniques to aid in attaining their victorious goals in life.



**Sukza Park**



Sukza Park's short story "The Rising Tides" has been awarded Runner-up in the short story category of the 12th Biennial Dongsuh Literary Award Writing Competition of Seoul, Korea. The contest has been held biennially to select women writers since 1973. This year's Dongsuh Literary

Award Writing Competition attracted 18,957 entries in poetry (10,808 entries); short stories (1,768); essays (3,714); and children's literature (3,207). After the September 30, 2014 closing date, the classification and preliminary selection began. The literary award selection committee consisted of writers from the Korean Writers' Association. Sukza Park worked for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as a toxicologist before she began working as a writer since 2006. Sukza Park has received new writers' awards from various places such as The Korean Writers' Association of America in New York, The Korean Literary Society of Washington, and Korea Daily of Los Angeles.



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