



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



Dear KOWIN DC Members
 and Friends,

Our KOWIN DC sisters
 have been busy since last
 spring, traveling, lecturing,
 publishing, and organizing
 impressively varied public
 activities as usual.

We were happy to exchange notes and to discuss future plans during our recent regular Fall meeting in a relaxed environment at my home in McLean, VA. At that meeting, I mentioned two recent talks by two women leaders, which I found both inspiring and comforting. They are power ladies, a famous literary agent and a lawyer, Gail Ross, President of the Ross Yoon Agency, and Debora L. Spar, President of Barnard College. Ross shared her insights on how authors can get help from a literary agent at a luncheon talk given at the Cosmos Club. Spar offered a penetrating look at women's roles in America at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Gail Ross said that making "publishing success" as the goal is a sure way to fail. Debora Spar opened her talk by saying that women should drop the "super-woman that has got everything" obsession, for this is a sure cause of unhappiness.

Eventually, what seemed important in both cases were the words "choice" and "management." There is, indeed, no way that every woman can do and be everything. Men don't feel the need to be a "superman" carrying the image of perfection as a professional, husband, father, friend, and colleague. And why is it a shame if women don't?! When we make choices according to our own ability and taste, set some modest, reachable goals, so we can then see meaning in what we do, and enjoy the process, even if we may not get the desired results immediately. We should know how to appreciate what others have done, learn from

them, and be proud to contribute to society, which of course includes our families, even in a very small way.

As the current President of KOWIN DC, it is my wish to create an atmosphere in which our members learn from each other, encourage each other, praise good deeds, and show magnanimity and offer solace when some of us need them, like true friends. Dignity and respect should not be demanded of others but must be self-generating, and I could feel such a positive ambiance at our Fall gathering. KOWIN sisters are a stylish bunch, and I am so proud to be a member of this organization.

Best Regards,

Young-Key Kim-Renaud
 President, KOWIN DC Chapter

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The 4th KOWINNER Convention in Vienna, Austria

May 24-26, 2013



Approximately 90 Korean female leaders representing 20 different countries gathered in Vienna, Austria from May 24 through 26 for the 4th International KOWINNER Convention. The theme of the convention was "New Challenge: Beyond Culture to Social Welfare." The program started with a reception and viewing of the arts on display at the Korean Cultural Center ("Korea Kulturhaus"), followed by a buffet dinner that included competitive performances by Korean music students who are studying in Vienna. It was an evening of art and culture, a glimpse of what the city Vienna represents. A silent auction was also held, with auction items donated by the seminar participants, to raise funds to aid underprivileged Korean women around the world.

From the KOWIN DC Chapter, Judi Rhee Alloway, Sungcha Hong Cha, Myung Ja Lee, Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, and Sue-Kyong (Sue) Shin Vittas attended the convention. KOWIN DC members made contributions, with Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas delivering welcoming remarks to the seminar participants, Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam serving as the Master of Ceremony during the seminar sessions, and Judi Rhee Alloway giving a presentation on community leadership. At the break-out session by subject matters, Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam served as a moderator on issues related to social welfare and Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas served as a moderator on issues dealing with the next generation young Korean women and both of them presented to the seminar participants summaries of the discussions in their respective groups.

KOWIN DC Chapter members enjoyed camaraderie with other KOWINNERS around the world. We had a good time participating in the talent show and a city tour of Vienna. There was also a very special tour of the

Office of the Federal President at the Vienna Imperial Palace ("Wiener Hofburg"). This visit was arranged specially for the KOWINNER group as it is not open to the public; however, only Ms. Vittas, was able to stay in Vienna long enough to enjoy this wonderful event.

Thanks to the KOWINNER organization and KOWIN representatives from Vienna, the convention was a huge success in providing a good forum for building networks and fostering friendships among Korean women leaders as well as raising funds to be deployed for the purpose of social welfare. It was proposed that the 5th KOWINNER convention be held in Washington, DC in 2015. KOWIN DC Chapter members, be prepared to host the convention!

KOWIN Eastern Region Conference 2013

June 1, 2013



The Korean Women's International Network (KOWIN)'s Eastern Region Conference 2013 was held on June 1, 2013 at Club 101 in New York City. The theme of this daylong conference was, "Imagine the Power: Expanding our Horizons." More than 200 members and guests attended the event, including KOWIN DC members: Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, Younghee Jamie Sheen and Helen Won. The conference brought together 17 insightful and engaging speakers from diverse career and occupational backgrounds. They inspired the audience by sharing their strategies for success. There were four panel discussions of "imagining the power," as well as two plenary speeches by Kyung H. Yoon, Founder & CEO of Talent Age Associates, and Marie Myung-Ok Lee, Novelist and Professor of Writing at Columbia University.



The four panel discussions explored the power of 1) incorporating “who we are”--our identity, values, faith, passions--into what we do; 2) breaking through for career advancement: how to navigate as a Korean American in a job environment that is increasingly competitive; 3) risk-taking, entrepreneurial spirit, and strategies to successfully start up an enterprise on one’s own; and 4) communication skills to promote one’s brand, grow a following from fiction writing and journalism to PR & Marketing in this era of ever-expanding storytelling platforms. Included in the last panel was Juju Chang, an ABC news anchor. The successfully held conference ended with a cocktail reception at Barn Joo, a Korean restaurant.

The 2nd Membership Meeting

June 15, 2013



The 2nd membership meeting was held at a nice waterfront house in King George County on June 15, 2013 thanks to Yoo-suk Im-Lund.

First, we reported past events that occurred after the first membership meeting in March. The events included: 1) Benefit concert 2) KOWINNER convention, and 3) NY KOWIN Eastern Regional leadership seminar. The financial report from January to June 2013 was also provided. Then, we discussed and planned for upcoming events such as the KOWIN International Convention in Daejeon, Korea.

Our fellow, Susie Won received a certificate for her successful fellowship for a year and our new fellow, Kang-Eun Jeong Olson, was introduced. Prof. Young-Key Kim-Renaud delivered impressive remarks as the new President of KOWIN DC. We also gave a round of applause to Dr. Lucy Nam for her hard work as KOWIN President during the past three years. More

than 20 members attended and enjoyed the retreat-like meeting.

KOWIN International Convention in Daejeon, Korea

Aug. 27-30, 2013



The 13th Korean Women’s International Network Convention, co-sponsored by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, Daejeon Metropolitan City, Maeil Economic Daily Newspaper, and KOWINNER (KOWIN Foundation), was held in Daejeon, Korea from August 27 through August 30, 2013. The opening ceremony and the first day sessions were held at the Daejeon Convention Center and the rest of the programs were carried out in the ballrooms of the Hotel Riviera Yuseong, the designated hotel for the conference participants. There were approximately 500 attendees representing 40 countries and including women leaders from Korea. The attendees from the DC Chapter were Sue-Kyong (Sue) Shin Vittas, Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, Jungsil Lee, Sung Hee Rhee, and Young-ju (Adela) Kim.

The theme of the convention was the “Role of Korean Women in the Development of Global Women Leaders.” Interesting and inspiring lectures were followed by breakout sessions on different but related subject matters and network activities. Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas served as a Team Leader in the “Role of Women in the Creative Economy” and made a presentation on the summary of the discussion in this breakout session. She was also a moderator in the networking session on “Trade and Tourism.” Jungsil Lee served as a Team Leader in presenting the summary of the discussion for the breakout session, “Competitive Edge of the Cultural



Activities in 21st Century Korea,” and Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam acted as a moderator for this session.

The theme emphasized the great potential of women in leading Korea’s competitive future and that anything is possible in this day and age when we have the first female president leading our nation. The immediate past President of the KOWIN DC Chapter, Dr. Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, was appointed as the 6th KOWIN US Eastern Regional Director by Yoon-sun Cho, Minister of the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family. The convention included a special session on better understanding “comfort women” issues. The attendees had a chance to enjoy local cultural visits showcasing the development of Daejeon and Sejong City, not to mention the camaraderie of making new friends, renewing old friendships and, importantly, networking activities.

Adela Kim

The theme, “Role of Korean Women in the Development of Global Women Leaders” reflected many different roles and talents that we can share together through KOWIN. We women will continue to do what we do best in all of our talents for gender equality and realizing our full potential. We are truly proud women of Korea!

Jungsil Lee

The convention’s special session was about comfort women, who were forced into sexual slavery for the Japanese military during the Second World War. As I am actively involved in the Washington Coalition for Comfort Women Issues (WCCW), I was very impressed by the visual presentation and message by the film maker, Junki Kim and was glad to meet him in person. The only two Korean organizations in the U.S. that I want to contribute to are KOWIN and WCCW. I always wondered why KOWIN hadn’t yet taken up this issue. Now KOWIN and Minister Cho proclaimed the statement and the dedication for these women’s rights. I hope that I could witness the same type of cooperation between these two groups here in Washington, DC.

Overall, although it was hot and humid during the convention and there were too many congratulatory remarks right before each meal, the abundant food and passionate women and their inspiration kept me very festive and joyful.

The 3rd Membership Meeting

Sep. 29, 2013



The 3rd membership meeting was held at KOWIN DC President Young-Key Kim-Renaud’s beautiful house in McLean, VA, on September 29, 2013. First, the financial report from July to September 2013 was provided. Then we reported on past events such as the KOWIN International Convention held on August 27-30 in Daejeon, Korea. We also discussed an amendment to the KOWIN DC bylaws because the current statement on the eligibility to become a KOWIN member is too restrictive. Lastly, we discussed and planned for upcoming events such as the 4th KOWIN DC Leadership Seminar in November and the annual Holiday Gala in December. In this meeting, we were pleased to have several special guests from Korea: Madame Lee Seon Hwa, wife of the Korean ambassador to the US; Keum-jin Yoon, Director of the Korea Foundation-DC Office; and Jinsook Lee, Director of MBC’s Washington Office. There were 33 attendees at our meeting including members and guests.

2013 REMAINING EVENTS CALENDAR

November 16	The 4th KOWIN DC Leadership Seminar
December 7	The 2013 KOWIN DC Holiday Gala



MEMBER NEWS

Judi Rhee Alloway



KOWIN Member Judi Rhee Alloway Speaks in Europe and Asia

“Judi Rhee Alloway, member of KOWIN DC and President at Imagine Leadership LLC met with Korean Assemblymen about single women's and adoptee issues.”

After speaking at the 4th KOWINNER Convention and visiting 7 cities in Austria (Vienna, Halstadt,

and Salzburg) and Germany (Munich, Rothenburg, Neckarsulnm and Frankfurt) with fellow KOWIN members, Judi Rhee Alloway jet setted back to the U.S. to a talk in Philadelphia concerning women's business resources. After her lecture, she was invited to the International Korean Adoptee Service (InKAS) Annual Summer Camp in Korea to present on motivation and behavior for 40 adoptees from 9 countries.

The next day Ms. Alloway met with members of the Korean National Assembly to discuss education reform, single motherhood and adoptee policy. Later, she enjoyed a meeting at COEX on international trade. That evening, Judi opened the Farewell Reception with a “Welcoming Speech” for representatives of Korean Airlines and the Korean government.

Su Kwak



Su Kwak has authored a book “Healing Words,” published by the Pauline Press, Seoul, Korea (2013).

Younghee Jamie Sheen



KOWIN DC member, Younghee Jamie Sheen, a professor at American University, Washington, DC, was invited as a featured speaker at an international conference held in Jakarta, Indonesia from August 26th to 29th. Her talk focused on the past, present and future of language teacher education in Asia and discussed a number of implications of these developments for language learning and teaching. She has also accepted a one-year visiting professorship at Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul for the 2013-14 academic year. She will teach graduate seminars in the Department of English Literature, as well as in the Graduate School of Translation and TESOL.

Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam



Lucy Nam is the third from the left (First row)



Immediate past KOWIN DC President, Dr. Lucy Nam, was appointed to be the 6th KOWIN USA Eastern Regional Director by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family for a two-year term from 8/28/2013 till 8/27/2015.

This was the first time that the Regional Director was appointed from the KOWIN DC chapter, since the establishment of KOWIN in 2001. Until now, Regional Directors had only been appointed from the New York and Chicago KOWIN chapters.

The Regional Director's responsibilities include coordinating the activities of 5 chapters (Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, New York and Washington, DC), conveying the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family's plans to the 5 chapter presidents, encouraging member networking among the 5 chapters, and acting as a bridge between the KOWIN chapters and the Ministry.

The Regional Director also serves as a "Managing Board Member" for the KOWINNER Foundation, and serves as a voting member for the Foundation's programs and business plans.

Young-Key Kim-Renaud

Dr. Kim-Renaud published two articles:

(1) "Quest for Identity: Korea's Language and Culture on the World Stage," a Festschrift for Homin Sohn, 2013, Seoul: Korea University Press. Pp. 286-298;

(2) "The Vowel System and Vowel Harmony in 15th-Century Korean: Alay-a (·) Revisited," in Bjarke Frellesvig and Peter Sells (eds.), Japanese/Korean Linguistics, Vol. 2. 2013. Stanford: CSLI (Center for the Study of Language and Information). Pp. 131-150.



Dr. Kim-Renaud delivered a lecture entitled, "Current Status of Korean Linguistics and Korean Studies in the United States," in Nanjing University, China, June 5, 2013.



July 27, 2013.

Dr. Kim-Renaud recited a poem she composed entitled, "I Remember," during the pre-ceremony program of a ceremony to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended the Korean War, which was attended by President Barack Obama and more than 7,000 Korean War veterans and their families, friends, and supporters, at the Korean War Memorial on the National Mall, Washington, DC,

Young-Key Kim-Renaud and Miok Pak



Dr. Kim-Renaud and Dr. Miok Pak organized the Second Professional Development Seminar for Korean Instructors, "Teaching Business Korean in the 21st Century," May 3, 2013. They presented on the GW Business Korean project and invited prominent guest speakers including Gheewhan Kim, Minister for Economic Affairs, Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Washington, DC, Andrew Chanho Sonu, Attorney at Law, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP, Chang Ho Ahn, Chairman, Rexahn Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Jong-Won Yoon, Executive Director, Asia and the Pacific Constituency, IMF.

(<http://atthecenterofitall.business.gwu.edu/2013/05/21/ci-ber-hosts-business-korean-seminar/>).



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