

Greetings from Sue-Kyong (“Sue”) Shin Vittas, President of the KOWIN DC



Dear KOWIN DC
Members and Friends,

It is hard to believe we are already half way through the summer. I hope this newsletter finds all of you and your family in good health and enjoying the summer.

Since the New Year in 2016, we held the KOWIN DC winter retreat

in Lake Anna in Virginia at the end of February where we held our first quarterly regular meeting and had a chance to plan ahead all the activities for the rest of the year.

In April, we prepared and submitted to the KOWINNER Foundation two grant project proposals; the leadership seminar on “Preparing to Face Global Career Challenges” and the webinar on “Wartime Atrocity Against Women During WWII; Case Study of Comfort Women and Other Victims of Human Trafficking” in the hope of receiving some funding for these projects, but have not heard anything yet. Irrespective of how much (or how little or if any) we receive, we still have to hold the leadership seminar event. We have now assembled a new team of seminar committee members and already held the first meeting in preparation for the upcoming seminar which is scheduled for Saturday, November 12.

In May, ten KOWIN DC members submitted applications to Ministry of Equal Gender and Family (MOEGF) to attend the KOWIN Convention to be held in Jeju island from August 23-26, and all ten of us have been accepted to participate in the Convention. In the past years, one or two members had to drop out from attending at the last minute due to business or personal emergencies, so we are hoping that all of us can go this year.

The second quarterly meeting combined with the fundraising consignment sale event was held in Annapolis on June 18. We raised approximately \$1,700, but still a substantial amount will be required to carry out the remaining KOWIN events, in particular the leadership seminar. As you all are aware, membership fees are our primary source of funding in maintaining and carrying out KOWIN

DC activities. The \$120 annual membership fee is due by the first of each year. Our KOWIN DC bylaws dictate that unless a member writes to the KOWIN president for withdrawal, members have the obligation to comply with the membership dues. The withdrawal notice (email will do) must be sent before the year is over in order to avoid the dues the following year. For example, unless you send a withdrawal notice by December 31, 2016, you are liable for the dues for 2017 which are due by January 1, 2017. I hope everyone is informed of this guideline in our bylaws. If you have not yet paid, I ask that you please mail:

Make the check payable to “KOWIN DC” for \$120

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It should be noted that we do not actively solicit new members and thus rely on current members annual dues as the major source of funding for our organization. We have a website, www.KOWINDC.org where you can find information on how our funding is being used as well as host of other information regarding our organization. The website has been updated recently and the information is current up to date.

KOWIN DC is a professional organization composed of professional women, and as such, we expect all KOWIN DC members to extend their professionalism and honor their responsibility as a member including paying the membership dues on time.

One of the main reasons for locking in the dates for our future activities was for all of you to mark your calendar so you can schedule your availability accordingly as I know how busy our members are trying to balance work and home life. I do hope many of you can participate in our next event on Friday, August 12 at 6:00 pm in MK Gallery for our third quarterly meeting and another fundraising event.

Have a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing many of you at the next event then!

With warmest regards,

Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas
President, KOWIN DC

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2016 Membership Winter Retreat

February 26-28, 2016



The following KOWIN members attended the 5th retreat of KOWIN DC at an amazing Lake Anna waterfront property in Virginia: Suzanne Doud Galli, Anne Jelly, Judy Kim, Sami Lauri, Jung Hee Lee, Myng Ja Shim Lee, Yoo Sook Lund, Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, Paula Park, Sue-Kyong (Sue) Shin Vittas, Helen Won, Yang-Ro Yoon, including KOWIN Fellow, Soyeon Kim. The weather was accommodating and especially the last day of our retreat turned out to be like a spring day. We had a wonderful healthy and delicious home cooked meals and delectable snacks to munch throughout our stay, thanks to generous contributions made by each attendee.

We held the first quarterly regular meeting during the retreat. The minutes of the quarterly meeting will be provided separately.

We had a chance to work out with our resident fitness guru, Jung Hee Lee in her exercise routine to stave off some inches from our waist. After the fitness routine and sumptuous lunch, we participated in member-led presentations to better understand the current medical epidemic issues on mosquito-borne virus, Zika the unexpected pandemic, effects of pregnancy by Zika virus and its presence not just in South America, but some states in North America as well by Dr. Lucy Nam. Sue Vitas presented an importance of dining etiquette and covered the seating and table manners. She emphasized that dining



is essential in building relationships and proper table manners are the first step. Dr. Suzanne Doud Galli covered the cosmetic surgeries on eye lid and facelift procedures and displayed many before and after photos for us to examine.

We had fundraising event on Atomy product sales by Helen Won. She kindly contributed 15% of the total sales to KOWIN. Atomy is good quality Korean products, ranging in items from food, beauty care, personal care, home & cleaning, and much more. Helen also provided cooking demonstration. We learnt how to make vermicelli noodle with vegetables (jap-chaе), sweet rice cake (yak-sik), and pork pieces (sam –gyup-sal) easily and simply, but in delicious way.

We had food galore throughout our stay and the retreat attendants enjoyed socializing with each other, early birds going to bed earlier and night owls playing until the wee hours, developing and reaffirming friendships. The panoramic view of the water surrounding this magnificent vacation house was the perfect venue for calming our nerve and use as our getaway home from the hectic city life, however brief. We had enough beds for everyone to sleep comfortably. Thanks to Sami Lauri who located this property for our retreat.

2016 First Regular Meeting

February 27, 2016



The first regular meeting of 2016 was held during the KOWIN DC winter retreat at Lake Anna (199 Emma Jane Lane, Bumpass, VA 23024) on Saturday, February 27 with 11 members in attendance.

On behalf of our Treasurer, Junghee Lee, Anne Jelly gave the Treasurer's Report. The current balance as of December 31, 2015 is \$3,601.08 (with total revenues of \$19,435.29 and total expenses of \$15,834.81 since Jan 1, 2015). Our main source of revenue is from membership fees and the payments for the Seminar, quarterly meetings, and salary for our KOWIN Fellow accounted for most of the expenses.

During the meeting many future KOWIN DC activities were discussed. First in discussion was about the leadership seminar which will take place in mid-November. The leadership seminar format will be modified somewhat to give more weight to the area of international organizations and relations in response to greater interest shown by Seminar participants in the previous couple of years. Sue Vittas and Lucy Nam will serve as Co-Chairs for the upcoming Seminar and they asked any members to volunteer to step up to be involved in the preparation of the event.

Second in discussion was about the Holiday Gala. The members agreed to host the Holiday Gala combined with a Silent Auction event sometime in December because we have not had any since the last May Banquet during the KOWINNER Convention. The possible date (either Saturday, December 3 (1st choice) or Sunday, December 4 (2nd choice)) and the venue choice (either Congressional Country Club (1st choice) and Cosmos Club (2nd choice)) were discussed. More details will be announced as the venue and date are finalized. Judy Kim and Paula Park will serve as Co-Chairs for our December Banquet.

Next, Jung Hee (JH) Lee and Helen Won, Fundraising Committee Chairs, talked about their plan to host a consignment sales event in the near future that would take place at JH Lee's summer home in Annapolis). They encouraged members to take this opportunity to clear out their closets and make money selling their items, purchase something unique and valuable from other members at a great price, and also help raise money for KOWIN DC by donating 25% of the sale price to KOWIN DC.

Sue Vittas distributed the KOWIN DC member directory (a list of the members' names, telephone numbers, and email addresses of all current active members). Sue reminded the members that the member directory is available to all members and can be distributed again at future meetings and also that this list is strictly for private use by KOWIN DC members only. She also asked all members to be more sensitive to email protocols and read and respond in a timely manner and provide all requisite RSVPs in order to conduct KOWIN business matters more effectively.

2016 Second Regular Meeting

June 18, 2016



The second regular meeting of 2016 was held in conjunction with the KOWIN DC Fundraising Consignment sale at Jung Hee (JH) Lee's home in Annapolis (141 Winchester Ave., Grasonville, MD 21638) on Saturday, June 18 with 14 members in attendance. Members enjoyed a delicious home cooked meal prepared by the host, Jung Hee (JH) Lee, and a beautiful view of the bay.

Our current KOWIN DC Fellow, Soyeon Kim, could not attend the meeting but she will communicate with the next Fellow for 2016-2017, Yerin Lee, to allow a smooth work transition by August 1st.

On behalf of our Treasurer, Junghee Lee, the President gave a short report of the financial status. The Treasurer had received the yearly membership fees from 37 current members. The current balance as of June 18th, 2016 is \$5,294.

Newsletter editor Yunkyong Kang, on behalf of co-editor Sukza Park, reminded the members that anyone who wishes to publish their personal news items should send it to our Fellow with fewer than 150 words both in Korean and English. Since our newsletters are posted on our website, it is a great way to highlight our members' great accomplishments and active participation in various events.

The KOWIN Convention in Korea sponsored by the Ministry of Equal Gender and Family will be held on Jeju Island from 8/23-26, 2016. Ten KOWIN DC members including President Vittas and Fellow Soyeon Kim applied

to attend the convention in August. A summary of the convention will be reported in the next newsletter.

The next KOWIN DC leadership seminar will be held on November 12 under the theme of "Preparing to face Global Career Challenges." Along with Co-Chairs Sue Vittas and Lucy Nam, 4 members (Jungsil Lee, Hannah Kim, Judi Rhee Alloway, Yunkyong Kang) volunteered to serve as Seminar Committee members. More details of the leadership seminar such as venue and catering options and feedback survey method were discussed during the meeting. With help from Hannah Kim, we will try to reserve a conference room at the Capitol. The committee members will also make an effort to secure a great keynote speaker and make an announcement of more details of the seminar as soon as possible to attract as many participants as possible.

A group photo was taken and the official meeting was adjourned at around 3:00 p.m. The next meeting in conjunction with a consignment sale will be held on Friday, August 12 at 6:00 pm at MK Gallery, Vienna, VA.

Fundraising Event

June 18, 2016

The KOWIN DC Fundraising Consignment Sales at Jung Hee (JH) Lee's home in Annapolis (141 Winchester Ave., Grasonville, MD 21638) were held on Saturday, June 18 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with the following 14 members in attendance:

Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas (신수경), Sujin Hur (신수진), Anne Jelly (장혜숙), Yunkyong Kang (강윤경), Hannah Kim (김혜나), Marina Kim (김마리나), Miyoung Kim (김미영), Jung Hee (JH) Lee (이정희), Jungsil Lee (이정실), You Sook Lund (임유숙), Henna Lee (이혜나), Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam (남명호), Mary Oh (오진희), and Helen Won (최혜란).

The Fundraising Committee consisted of JH Lee (Co-Chair), Helen Won (Co-Chair), Miyoung Kim, Marina Kim, and Suzanne Kim Doud Galli. With JH and Helen at the helm, the committee worked hard and did an excellent job in raising \$1,674.25 out of the total sales amount of \$3,598.00.

Without enough items/services on hand, consignment sales would not have been possible. We are grateful to members who provided these (new or used) even if they could not attend the event. To facilitate collection of these items, Miyoung (Mia) has graciously opened up her MK Gallery as a depot for members to drop off their items during the agreed time frame. JH and Helen spent countless hours picking up, sorting, cataloging, displaying, and managing accounting of the sales.

It was agreed that 25% of the sale price were to be donated to KOWIN DC. Special thanks to Anne, Suzanne, Yang-Ro, and Sujin who provided 100% donation of their sold items to KOWIN DC as well as to Yang-Ro and Sung Ja, who could not attend but sent in cash donations. The members below kindly opened up their purses for a good cause and purchased valuable items at a great price.

Lucy Nam
 Anne Jelly
 Yu Sook Lund
 Sujin Shin Hur
 Mary Oh
 Miyoung Kim
 Marina Kim
 JH Lee
 Sue Vittas
 Ji Eun (non member)

All members had very pleasant and fun afternoon in a lovely setting overlooking the scenic view of the bay!

Fundraising Effort (1/1/2016-6/30/2016):

Cash Donations

“Thank you for your kind and generous donations”

- Su Kwak (곽수) \$315
- Sung Cha Hong Cha (홍성자) \$100
- Yang-Ro Yoon (윤양로) \$120
- Suzanne Kim Doud Galli (김영혜) \$400
- Anne Jelly (장혜숙) \$298
- Sujin Shin Hur (허수진) \$105
- Helen Won (최혜란) \$32.50
- JH Lee (이정희) \$357.50
- Marina Kim (김마리나) \$75
- Hannah Kim (김해나) \$5
- Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas (신수경) \$261.25
- Mok-ja Kim Sohn (손목자) \$80

Member News

Suzanne Kim Doud Gali

KOWIN DC sisters Jungsil Julie Lee and Suzanne Kim Doud Galli have been promoting Korea Day to be held May 7, 2016 at the Freer/Sackler Galleries of the Smithsonian. Korea Day was attended by 1500 people last year and this year will offer a trunk art show, book signing of a beautiful book on Temple Food, Korean traditional musical instruments, craft making, taekwondo presentation and story telling. Jungsil Lee has made great strides in increasing the number of books about Korea in the Smithsonian book store as well as providing a wealth of knowledge about Korean art and culture for the museums.



Suzanne Kim Doud Galli was invited to speak again at Smith College for their annual Women's Leadership Conference. This year she spoke on a panel entitled using stories to inspire action. She discussed the impact of personal narratives especially in regard to North Korea and also the Comfort Women history.

Recently, Dr. Doud Galli was interviewed by the Financial Times Newspaper to discuss virtual medicine platforms. She was interviewed also by Medical Aesthetics magazine to discuss the rise of cosmetic surgery procedures in Japan and had a televised interview with Medical Aesthetics to discuss Asian eyelid surgery.

Su Kwak



Su Kwak had a one-person exhibition of new paintings in her "Cosmic Light Series" at June Kelly Gallery in SoHo, New York from March 17 through April 16, 2016. People who attended the exhibition commented that her works are powerful and beautiful, give comfort and help viewers feel very calm.

Sue-Kyong ("Sue") Shin Vittas

National Unification Advisory Council





Marina Kim, Helen Won, and I attended the 17th National Unification Advisory Council convention held in Seoul at the Sheraton Grand Walker Hill hotel from May 16 through May 19, 2016. Out of the 15 Councils in USA representing entire parts of the USA, 720 representatives, including 55 representatives from Washington DC Council attended this conference. It was a big convention with approximately 1,300 participants including representatives from Korea.

There were sessions of reporting from each council of their leadership roles in unification related efforts from their respective regions of the past year's programs and planned future efforts. Special presentations and lectures were provided by the Korean officials. The representatives were invited by the Blue House and met with the President Kyun-hye Park who appraised the unification efforts by the USA representatives and requested continued support. There also were opportunity to make site visits to DMZ and other security zones. The photo shows the Washington DC Council members with the President Park at the Blue House.

Jungsil Lee



On May 2nd, 2016, in the Sigur Center at George Washington University, WCCW and GW co-organized the conference on comfort women. The president of WCCW, Julie Jungsil Lee and Jisoo Kim, professor of GW co-chaired this event. The conference was a capstone of WCCW Webinar project which has been underway throughout 2016 and the theme of conference was "History Writing for Justice and Reconciliation of Comfort Women Issues. The conference addressed the issues of finding archive, primary sources, and the importance of accurate history writing without revision to recuperate the justice and reconciliation of the victims who were traf-

ficked by the Japanese Imperial Military of WWII. The speakers were Dr. Tomomi Yamaguchi, professor of Sociology & Anthropology at Montana State University whose title was "History Wars and Comfort Women Issue: Revisionism and the Right Wing in Contemporary Japan." The second speaker was Dr. Bonnie Oh, distinguished professor of Korean Studies of Georgetown University presented "Comfort Women Testimonies as Oral History." The third one was Dr. Elizabeth W. Son, an assistant professor in the department of Theatre at Northwestern University and her title was "Performing 'Comfort Women' Histories in Redressive Theatre."

Upcoming Events

- **August 12, 2016 at 6 P.M.**
Third Quarterly Regular Meeting (MK Gallery)
- **August 23-26, 2016**
The 16th KOWIN Convention in Jeju Island
- **November 12, 2016**
Leadership Seminar (Venue: TBA)
- **November 17, 2016**
Fourth Quarterly Regular Meeting (Vienna, VA)
- **December 9, 2016**
Holiday Gala and Silent Auction (Congressional County Club)