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The Seattle Times  
OCTOBER 1, 2017

The widely influential  
Korean Women's  
Association started  
45 years ago as a  
Tacoma social group  
for lonely wives  
of American  
servicemen

In the Company  
of Community







# Pierce County

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October 8, 2003

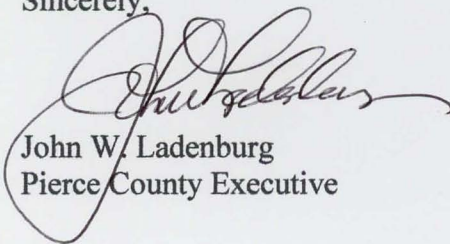
Faaluaina Pritchard, Executive Director  
Korean Women's Association  
of Washington State  
125 East 96<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tacoma, WA 98445

Dear Ms. Pritchard:

On behalf of the citizens of Pierce County, I want to congratulate the Korean Women's Association on the opening of the KWA Community Services Center and groundbreaking of the API Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter.

The Korean Women's Association has worked diligently to meet the needs of our community and have served many individuals for the past 31 years. We thank you for your commitment.

Sincerely,



John W. Ladenburg  
Pierce County Executive





# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4704

October 16, 2003

Faaluaina Pritchard  
Korean Women's Association  
125 East 96<sup>th</sup> St  
Tacoma, WA 98445

Dear Friends:

I want to extend a wholehearted congratulation to the Korean Women's Association (KWA) and its members in this celebration of the opening of a new community services center. By bringing several social service programs to one location, the KWA will be able to provide superior assistance to the people of their community.

I commend the efforts of the KWA in reaching out to youth and families who are in need. The services the KWA offers to immigrants, refugees, and victims of abuse are vital to the greater community. It is so important that we support, encourage, and embrace those organizations that do so much for our citizens. Thank you, KWA, for your dedication in serving your community and Washington State.

Again, congratulations on the opening of your new community service center. Thank you for making such a positive difference.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray  
United States Senator

Received

OCT 08 2003

Korean Womens Association



## Donation Letter for Open House Ceremony

- **Pal-Do World:** 8730 S. Tacoma Way Tacoma, WA 98499
- **BooHan Market:** 9122 S. Tacoma Way Tacoma, WA 98499
- **Asian Market:** 11715 Bridgeport Way SW. Lakewood, WA 98499
- **Costco:** 2219 S. 37<sup>th</sup> St. Tacoma, WA 98409
- **Cash & Carry:** 6208 Tacoma Mall Blvd. Tacoma, WA 98409
- **East-Asia Market:** 755 S. 38<sup>th</sup> St. Tacoma, WA 98418
- **Korean-American Senior Association of Tacoma:**  
8529 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S. Lakewood, WA 98409
- **Korean-American Association of Tacoma:**  
8645 Pacific Ave. #A Tacoma, WA 98444
- **Korean Grocers Association of State of Washington**  
33310 Pacific Way S. #403 Federal Way, WA 98003
- **Evergreen Club of Korean Senior Association:**  
33901 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. Federal Way, WA 98003



**DONOR WALL LIST FOR \$500:**

1. Arbeeny, Kyong Suk
2. Crow, Sugin & David
3. Dameron, Chong
4. Dang, Sun
5. Dream Tech
6. Goering, Young Suk
7. Ho Nam Korean Community Association
8. Hong, Peter
9. Hwang, Ki Hyun
10. Hwang, Maria
11. KCCWS
12. Kim, Dr. Jay
13. Kim, Hae Kyung
14. Kim, Kay Chun
15. Kim, Tal Chun
16. Lee, Youn Ran
17. N.W. Honam Friendship Association
18. Novartis Pharmaceutical
19. Park, Song Ja
20. Park, Ann E
21. Seeger, Pia Hong
22. Synn, Dori
23. YWCA



**DONOR WALL LIST FOR \$300:**

1. Associated Ministries of Samoa
2. Eigelbach, Yon Chong
3. Englund, Sandra
4. Evergreen Senior Club
5. Filipino American Youth Organization(PAYO)
6. Judge Advertising, Inc.
7. Law, Sung W
8. Park, Agnes
9. Park, Sophia
10. Smith Barney Investments
11. Tehani, Cables
12. The Federation of Korean American Association  
Northwest, USA
13. Yoo, Joyce

## Donors for Open House

- Soo Duk Uh \$50
  - KAWABE Apt. \$50
  - Golden Pond \$50
  - Pro Photo Shop \$25
  - In Soodang ~~Oriental~~ Chinese Clinic \$25
  - Royal Box \$40
  - Do Ri Ban Korean Restaurant \$100
  - Dong Yeon Lee \$50
  - Tacoma Korean Citizenship Class \$200
  - Hanyang Rice Cake \$100
  - An, Byong Jik \$100
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**KWA**

# *Korean Women's Association*

of Washington State

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Since 1972

## **Menu for KWA Open House** **October 16, 2003 3:30 p.m.**

### **Menu :**

Bul-Gogi / BBQ Chicken Wing / Chop Suey / Lumpia /  
Korean Sushi / Steamed -Rice / KimChee / Korean Sushi /  
Korean Rice-Cake / Vege Plate / Fruits / Drink(Water  
Bottle) / Coffee / Cake

- Bul-Gogi (Joyce & Sarah).....by Donation
- BBQ Chicken Wing (Joyce & Sarah)..... Donation
- Chop Suey (Mino)..... Samoan Mealsite & Community
- Lumpia (Belen).....Filipino Mealsite & community
- Korean Sushi (Mrs. Kang)... Korean Mealsite & Community
- Steamed Rice & Serving (Mi Yeoung).....Domestic Violence
- KimChee (Sarah).....Senior Daycare
- Korean Rice-Cake (Hyoung Nam).....Pacific Villa
- Vege Plate (Joyce).....Citizenship
- Fruits (Hanna).....In Home Care Unit
- Drink (Sarah)..... by Donation
- Coffee (HaeChi).....Food Stamp
- Cake (Board).....KWA Board
- Utensil (Alex).....Finance  
(Plates/Napkins/Folks/Chopstics/Food Containers)

\*Set-up & BBQ Cook (Rick Brown/ Hyoung Nam)

\*Clean-up (Anita).....Youth

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□ 12602 Bridgeport Way SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499  
(253)512-0916  
Fax (253) 512-0964

□ 511 Duterrow Rd. SE  
Olympia, WA 98513  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

NORM DICKS  
WASHINGTON, SIXTH DISTRICT

October 16, 2003

Faaluanina Pritchard, Executive Director  
Korean Women's Association  
125 E 96<sup>th</sup> ST  
Tacoma, WA 98445

Dear Faaluaina Pritchard,

Congratulations on the opening of the new Community Services Center and the ground breaking of the Asian Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter. The Korean Women's Association has been a vital organization for our area over the last thirty years and I am glad that you continue to expand your services.

These new facilities will provide needed services for many of those in our community who have not been able to seek traditional assistance. The Community Services Center and Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter will help bridge the language and cultural barriers to better serve those in our community. I commend the Korean Women's Association's leadership in improving access to services for Asian Pacific Islanders and minorities.

I wish I could be here in person today, but my duties as the Representative of the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in Washington State prevent me from attending. Please accept my congratulations on the opening of the new Community Services Center and the ground breaking of the Asian Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Norm Dicks".

NORM DICKS  
Member of Congress

NDD/sdk



**Pierce County Community Services**

**In Great Appreciation**

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October 16, 2003

Presented by: Sulja Warnick, Chair of Board  
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Korean Women's Association – 125 East 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Tacoma, WA 98445**

### **Subject:**

Korean Women's Association (KWA) is very proud to announce the completion of our newly constructed community services center. Our open house is planned for October 16, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. This beautiful 10,000 square foot facility with a full commercial kitchen and a 300 persons hall capacity - will host and administer twenty-two (22) social service types of programs to serve over 1,500 clients per month by 567 employees and over 100 volunteers. These services are to help the poor, low-income, elderly, youth and families, immigrants, refugees, limited and non English speaking, Alzheimers and dementia, disabled, abused women and children, and the disadvantaged. Our programs have been scattered throughout the county because of lack of space. It has also been very costly because of the traveling and rental fees. And now we can be in one location to be cost effective and more efficient.

### **Also on this same day at the same location:**

We are groundbreaking the construction of the "First Asian Pacific Emergency Women Shelter – in the entire Northwest, for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims". \$639,223 plus O&M monies - Grant is awarded to Korean Women's Association from WA State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development, and \$125,000 from the Pierce County Community Services to build this very needed service.

### **Story about the shelter:**

Korean Women's Association (KWA) has been serving to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for the past thirty-one (31) years. This is one of the reasons KWA formed in 1972. During the early 70's, there was a cry for assistance from the Military (both McChord Airforce Base and Fort Lewis Army Base) to help with the Servicemen Korean wives who were abuse, neglected, isolated, and having culture and language barriers. A small group of Korean women then formed as a social club and started the KWA to address the different needs of these servicemen wives. At that time, the assistance was strictly on a voluntary basis. In 1996 – KWA decided to formalize its assistance for domestic violence and began to apply to different government agencies and foundations for funding to expand the assistance for domestic violence and sexual assault victims. KWA is now being funded by the Washington State Office of Crimes and Victims Advocacy, City of Federal Way, City of Lakewood, City of Tacoma, Pierce County Community Services, and different private Foundations in a total of \$109,778 per year plus lots of in-kind contributions from the KWA.

The KWA is now serving up to 176 domestic violence victim clients per year. Majority of our clients are Korean women and children, and most live in the City of Tacoma and the greater Pierce County. For more questions regarding these projects, please contact any of us: Faaluaina Pritchard – Executive Director, Sul Ja Warnick – Board Chair; at 253-535-4202, our fax is 253-535-4827.



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October 9, 2003

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Korean Women's Association  
125 East 96th Street  
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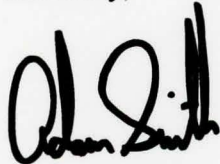
Dear Lua,

Please allow me to congratulate you on the recent completion of your newly constructed community center. To build a 10,000 square foot facility which will facilitate 22 social services that will help administer programs to our low-income, elderly, youth and families, immigrants, refugees, Alzheimers and dementia, disabled, abused women and children, or those just disadvantaged is a true accomplishment and an asset to this region.

It is a pleasure to have such high quality and dedicated organizations with proven leadership in this area that are committed to making everyday life better for those less fortunate. Thank you for being devoted to the needs of your clients, employees and the community you continually continue to serve.

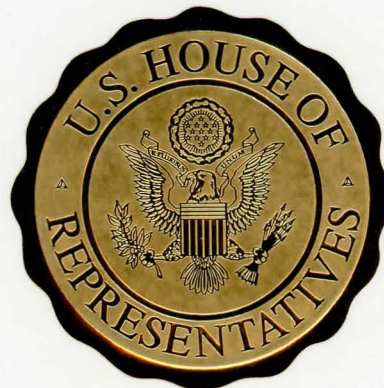
Once again, congratulations. I look forward to hearing great things about the community center in the future. If my office can ever be of assistance to your organization, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Adam Smith  
Member of Congress

AS:jth





# Korean Women's Association

of Washington State

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## KWA

Quality Services, Excellent Care  
Since 1972

August 26, 2003

Dear KWA Friends, Families, and Partners:

**Subject: Request for Donation**

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We want to share the opportunity for you, your family, and your agency to be publicized on our "Donor Wall" we plan to locate at the front entrance of the new building. This will allow our friends, families, and partner agencies to express their care and love as well as to be recognized in support of the services the KWA provides for the community - which is tremendous. This can also be a wonderful memory name plate for a loved one who has been or being served by the KWA as a client. An estimated of 400-700 people will walk through our new building for assistance and program participation on a weekly basis and will see this "donor wall" often.

Therefore, we are humbly asking if you would kindly donate \$100 or more to help us with our new building and put your name on the KWA "Donor Wall". Your donation is tax deductible, and our tax identification number is #91-1066806. Please help us continue to make a difference in people's lives! Thank you for your assistance and support. I can be reached at 253-535-4202, or by email: luaprkw@nwlk.com.

Sincerely,

Faaluaina Pritchard  
Executive Director

*Congratulations KWA.  
Here are our names  
RAFAEL, SELINA & NATALIE  
OTEDA*

\*\* Please make your checks to: Korean Women's Association, for new building donor wall. \*\*\*

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## We all have American dreams!

Seeing family gathering and youth sports in the park, we feel peaceful and happy. Seeing diverse students in college campus, we feel positive and rich. Seeing public assistance, we feel we have opportunity to move on to.

Korean Women's Association opens for anyone who wants to achieve your American Dream, utilizing second opportunity. Social department provides Immigration and Naturalization service for you.

When Z knocked our office, he was 19 years old young boy. He crossed border with his parents and three siblings 6 years ago, having American Dream. He lost both of his parents shortly after and became the head of household, raising his three young siblings on his own. He worked so hard while he attending school and taking care of his siblings. He finally bought his own house for his family! Once Obama passed Deferred Act Childhood Arrival (DACA) bill, he submitted application through our service in order to receive the work permit. We still remember his face with joy and satisfaction.

Unfortunately DACA no longer exists. But KWA has still provided services such as:

1. Application for Naturalization, N-400
2. Request for Fee Waiver, I-912
3. Request for Reduced Fee, I-942
4. Petition for Alien Relative, I-130
5. Application to Register Permanent Resident or Adjust Status, I-485
6. Application for Travel Document, I-131
7. Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card, I-90
8. Application for Employment Authorization, I-765
9. Affidavit of Support, I-864
10. Application to Replace Naturalization/Citizenship Document, N-565
11. Application for Certificate of Citizenship, N-600



*Social Services Team Staff*

We want to share your joy and success when we are working for your dream come true.

**Mi-Young Lee, Social Services Department Director**





Super!

# CELEBRATION!!



Memorable!

2004 The "We Are Family" emergency shelter home opens, featuring 70 beds. An estimated 130 women and children walk through the front door annually.

2005 KWA begins outreach program to assist seniors in obtaining insurance services, especially Medicare and Medicaid. This was expanded to include insurance services under the Affordable Care Act in 2010.

2006 KWA begins painting at newly completed affordable housing complex, The Apple Orchard. Built on donated land that had been used as a dump site for years, rehabilitated property is now home to five family houses and an orchard that provides tons of pounds of fresh fruit to local banks each fall.

2007 KWA moves into The Orchard Place in October 2009. It's very nice and comfortable for my old age. Living here has been a great blessing for me. I can get a vehicle and go back to school for my education. I'm happy to be in a very nice community for my years to go to school. (Susan, 78)

2008 KWA opens its new senior center in the new neighborhood. The center is now open to the public and provides a safe and secure place for seniors to socialize and enjoy life.

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**KWA HomeCare**

*Amazing Caregivers. Amazing Care.*

10/18/2003

KWA received \$640,000 grant  
to build 19 unit Domestic  
Violence Center

State of WA announced  
Oct. 16, 2003 as

"Korean Women's Association  
Day" as they broke  
ground for KWA  
Domestic Violence Center





KWA Founding Members



Early in KWA history, a small group of Korean women started to build a legacy of kindness – reaching out to help Korean women in need.

## Honoring Our History

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### Humble Beginnings

What started with 10 Korean women with the singular goal of helping other women in their culture has grown to a \$22 million non-profit agency that employs over 1,000 employees whose purpose is to provide social and health services to the poor and most vulnerable. The Korean's Women Association (KWA) began in 1972 when Kim Nam Hui started a Korean women's social club in Tacoma, Washington. The 10-women group shared Korean meals, spoke and sang in their native language, and told away-from-home stories to help ease their homesickness.

Since the beginning, KWA has helped nearly 4 million low-income people with social and health services. Today it helps nearly 150,000 people every year.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, local servicemen stationed at Ft. Lewis Army Base and McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma went abroad and many married Korean women and brought them back to the United States.

### Culture Shock Sets in For Korean Wives of Servicemen

Many of the wives were having problems adjusting to the American culture and had language barriers that made every day activities, and their lives in general, very difficult. They couldn't read or speak English and didn't know how to drive. Everyday chores like going to the grocery store or doctor's office were challenging. Life was frustrating to these women and their families – and some were being abused. The women's group was soon selling popular Korean foods such as kimchi and rice cakes to the Korean community to help raise money for outreach. They helped other Korean women with transportation and translation to help them cope with everyday life.



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October 27, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend to you the Korean Women's Association (KWA), headquartered in Tacoma, Washington, United States of America, as an outstanding candidate for the Ho-Am Award in the Community Service category. The KWA has been the primary catalyst to promote and assure that the Korean language and culture courses be taught and sustained as a world language in our school system.

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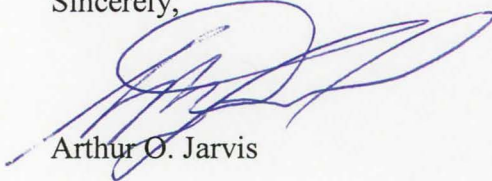
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The KWA, for several years, has operated a highly effective Youth Program. This program has organized and provided for local college students to conduct tutorial support in homework for Tacoma School District middle, high, and elementary school students, particularly to our various immigrant population of Samoan, Korean, Russian, and Southeast Asian students.

In all, not only has the Korean Women's Association provided important leadership, vitality and support to the local Korean population, but it also serves as a thoughtful cultural ambassador to our entire school district and non-Korean citizens. Through its partnership and involvement, we have learned to appreciate the beauty, richness, and importance that the Korean culture and language can and does contribute to our community, our country, and to the world.

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Sincerely,



Arthur O. Jarvis



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When it comes to student success TPS recognizes that schools cannot do it alone. In recognition of an investment of time, talent and resources for TPS students, families and staff - the Gold Star Community Partner Award signifies honor and thanks to a community partner who has made a difference by doing what is best for kids.

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#### **FISCAL IMPLICATION**

None

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Community Partnership Office recommends the Board of Directors recognize Sulja Warnick as being awarded the Gold Star Community Partner Award.

#### **STRATEGIC BENCHMARK**

Goal 1: Academic Excellence

Goal 2: Partnership

#### **ITEM APPROVED BY**

Dr. Joshua Garcia, Deputy Superintendent





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대한부인회는 지난 1997 년 시민권부를 신설해서 저소득 영주권자와 피난민신분의 이민자들이 미국시민권을 취득할수 있도록 도와 주고 있습니다. 이 프로그램의 목적은 저소득 이민자들에게 커뮤니티 교육을 통해 시민권자로서 누릴수 있는 법적인 지위향상과 기타 혜택에 대해 알려주고 이들이 합법한 방법으로 시민권을 신청 할수 있도록 도와 주며 시민권 시험에 대비한 영어 교실과 시민권 반도 운영 하고 있습니다. 대한 부인회 시민권부는 지난 1997 년부터 현재 까지 34 개국 출신 2,200 명이 시민권을 취득 하도록 도와 주었으며 이들중 90%가 자국에서 영어 교육을 전혀 받아 보지 못한 노인들이었습니다.

대한부인회는 또 인간의 삶의 질을 좌우하는 가장 기본적인 것이 주택 인점을 감안해서 힘없고 병약한 저소득층 노인들을 위한 주택사업에도 손을 뻗쳐 현재 3 개지역 에서 200 여가구의 아파트를 저소득층 노인들에게 제공하고 있습니다. 현재 대한 부인회 노인아파트는 신청후 1-2 년을 기다려야 할정도로 저소득 노인층에 커다란 인기와 호응을 얻고 있습니다.

대한부인회는 또 이민자들에게는 가장 두려운 추방을 협박미끼로 가정폭력을 당하고 있는 이민여성들과 자녀들이 안전하게 도피해서 쉴수 있는 쉼터를 운영하고 있습니다.

대한 부인회 가정폭력 쉼터는 워싱턴주에서는 유일하게 가정폭력 이민 여성들을 위한 프로그램 으로 매년 평균 14 개국 출신 110 명이 쉼터에 서 도움을 받고 있습니다. 쉼터에는 한국어, 사모아어, 태국, 일본, 러시아, 필리핀 그리고 캄보디아어 등 8 개국어를 구사하는 직원들이 상주 봉사 하고 있습니다.

대한부인회는 또 저소득층 이민자 들이 정부의 식량 보조 프로그램혜택을 받을수 있도록 도와 주고 있습니다.지난 1999 년 시작한 이프로 그램으로 매년 3 개 카운티에서 11 개국 출신

일하고 있습니다.

대한 부인회는 또 치매를 앓고 있거나 낮시간동안 갈곳 없이 고립된 노인들을 위한 데이케어 서비스도 제공 하고 있습니다. 이프로 그램이 없다면 가족들이 직장이나 학교에 간사이 집에

홀로 남은 노인들이 기억력 상실과 언어 장벽으로 동네나 거리를 헤메어 스스로를 위험에 빠트릴수 있습니다. 데이 케어는 체계적이고 계획된 시간표에 따라 신체적 정신적 도움을 줄수 있는 여러가지 활동을 제공하며 아침과 오후간식 그리고 영양가를 최대한 고려한 따뜻한 한식 점심식사를 제공하고 있습니다. 나오시는 노인들에게는 데이케어에 나오는것이 하루중 유일한 낙 이자 공식적인 일정이기도 합니다.

대한부인회라는 명칭때문에 한국 여성들의 친목단체 쯤으로 잘못인식되는일도 있었지만

대한 부인회는 방대해진 기구들과 막대한 예산관리 그리고 각종 사업을 총 관장할 사무총장을 미국내적으로 공모해 지난해 레바논 이민계 후손 출신인 피터 안사라 현총장을 영입했습니다.

안사라 사무총장은 15 명의 부인회 이사진들을 빚대어 15 명의 어머니들이라고 말합니다.

워싱턴주 대한 부인회는소수민족으로써 이민초기 격은 어려움과 소외감 외로움을 몸소 체험한

아픔을 바탕으로 미국 주류사회에서 제대로 대접받지 못하고 있는 소수민족들의 이익과

이들의 주류사회 적응을 적극적으로 도와 주고 밀어주는 가교적 역할을 담당하고 있는 다인종 다언어 다문화 서비스 비영리 서비스 단체이며 앞으로도 그 사명을 감당 하기 위해 계속 노력을 이어갈것입니다..



황우여 사회부총리겸 교육부 장관님께

시애틀에 교육원 설립을 위한 탄원서

미국 워싱턴주의 비영리사회복지단체인 대한부인회는 이곳 시애틀에 교육원 설립을 위해 본 단체의 14 명의  
이사와 980 여명의 직원 이름으로 간절히 요청 드립니다.

대한부인회는 1972 년 타코마 지역의 한국여성들의 사교모임으로 시작하였으나 70 년대에 이곳 타코마  
포트루이스 육군부대와 맥코드 공군부대에 군인들과 결혼한 한국 여성들이 많이 이주하면서 새로운 문화적응에 어려움을  
겪거나 가정폭력에 시달리는 우리동포 여성들을 돕기위해 사회 복지단체로 탈바꿈하였습니다. 대한 부인회는 지난  
43 년동안 가정폭력방지, 타코마 최초로 한글학교와 한국도서관 설립, 한국이민자를 위한 ESL 과 시민권 그리고 운전  
면허증 교실 운영 및 생활상담등 이민동포 사회가 필요한 많은 교육사업을 펼쳐 왔습니다. 지금은 노인 간병 프로그램 과  
저소득층 노인 아파트 사업을 펼쳐 연간 3 천만 달러의 각 정부 그랜트로 운영되고 있습니다.

1995 년 부터는 이곳 타코마 교육청 4 개의 공립 중고등학교에 한국어를 제 2 외국어로 채택하게끔 하였으며  
Topic 시험을 교육청에서 미국최초로 받아들여 3 학점을 받을 수 있게 하였습니다.

대한부인회는 우리주류사회와의 네트워크를 통해 더 많은 공립학교에서 한국어를 채택 할수 있도록 한국어 확산 및  
세계화에 앞장 설 예정입니다. 따라서 워싱턴주 교사자격증을 가진 한국어 교사양성에도 앞장서고 있습니다. 언급한  
계획을 잘 수행하기 위해 한국과의 교육 교류, 이곳 교육 행정가들의 한국 방문, 우리 2 세들에게 자긍심을 키울 수 있는  
정체성 교육, 한글 학교 교사들의 연수를 통한 질적 향상과 학습자료 보급 및 지원이 필요 합니다.

교육은 백년 대계라 하였습니다. 공립학교의 한국어 확산으로 한국을 세계화하고 뿌리깊은 자긍심과 국제적인  
감각을 가진 우리들의 재산인 한인 2 세들의 인재 교육을 위해 전문적인 교육을 담당할수 있는 교육원의 필요성은 절대적인  
것이라 믿기에 이렇게 간절히 요청드리는 바입니다.

4 월 15 일 2015 년

대한 부인회  
이사장 김경숙  
자문이사 설자 워낙



# Korean Women's Association

of Washington State

A Multi-Cultural / Multi-Lingual Community Services Agency

Quality Services, Excellent Care  
Since 1972

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씨애틀 총영사님 귀하

추천인: 설자 원익 (본명: 이설자)

추천발기인: 워싱턴주 대한부인회

워싱턴 주 대한부인회에서는 위의 추천인을 다음에 열거한 공로로 “재외동포 유공포상 대통령상” 수상자 후보로 추천하오니 참고하여 주시기를 양망합니다.

워싱턴주 대한부인회 회장, 이사를 역임하시고 현 자문위원이신 설자 원익 선생님은 35년의 부인회 역사속에서 30년간 부인회를 위해 남다른 헌신과 모범으로 오늘날의 발전을 위해서 활동 하셨습니다.

처음 노인급식 프로그램을 미 정부로부터 활성화시키신 분이시며, 2 세들에게 민족성 교육을 위한 한국학교 분교를 올림피아에 설립하시고 특히 1995년에는 건축위원장으로 연방주택공사로부터 2백2십만 달러의 그랜트를 받으셔서 이웃들의 반대를 무릅쓰고 25동의 저소득층 노인 아파트를 건축하여 성공적으로 운영하고 계시며, 또한 2007년 4월에 55동의 제 2차 아파트를 완공하는데 있어 중추적 역할을 담당하셨습니다.

설자원익 선생님은 부인회를 위한 활동뿐 아니라 워싱턴주 교사자격증을 소지하고 계시며 타코마 공립학교에서 영어가 제 2 외국어인 학생들을 위해 ESL (English Second Language) 교사로써 29년간 근무중이시며, 1996년에는 타코마 교육청에 한국어가 제 2 외국어로서 중학교와 고등학교에 채택될 수 있도록 하는데 큰 공헌을 하신분이시며, 1994년도에는 워싱턴주 교사 연합회로부터 “창의적인 지도자상”을 수상하셨습니다.

1981년도에도 타코마 시장으로부터 “훌륭한 시민상”을 수상하셨으며, 1994년 이후로는 주지사 아시아 자문위원장으로 활동하시면서 교육계뿐만 아니라 미 정계에 이르기까지 아시아 여성으로서 지대한 영향력을 끼치신 분입니다.

워싱턴주 대한부인회 임원 이사진 모두 한마음 한 뜻으로 설자원익 선생님을 “재외동포 유공포상 대통령상” 수상자로 강력히 추천하는 바입니다.

워싱턴주 대한부인회 이사장

워싱턴주 대한부인회 회장

중 데르론

샌드라 잉글랜드



# Korean Women's Association

9112 Lakewood Dr. S.W.  
Tacoma, Washington 98499

~~588-3584~~  
588-3854

Dear Supporter:

You may be aware that the Korean Women's Association, active in the Tacoma-Pierce County area since 1972, is a non-profit organization providing basic social services to the growing Korean immigrant population in this area.

We have been providing assistance in job placement, family problems, social adjustment, interpretation and translation, transportation, senior citizens' programs, and basic English-as-Second-Language classes (in conjunction with Fort Steilacoom Community College). Also, we are proud to note that we have served as a social and cultural focal point, upon which the mostly-immigrant Korean population has been able to rely for moral and cultural support.

We have grown and thrived, because there has been a need--a growing need. More than three-fourths of 8,000 Korean population in Pierce County have arrived within the past five years; more than half in the past three years.

Almost universally, the Korean immigrant arrives with the hope and personal expectation to succeed in America, as have so many of the previous immigrant groups which have helped to make the United States such a great country. They have personal and community goals to become productive and good citizens in this land. The Korean Women's Association mirrors the hopes and aspirations of our growing Korean immigrant population.

Our present urgent goals are for a library, expanded classes, and an intercultural program to show Korean culture to the local American community, and to learn American cultural ways.

In particular, we have a critical need for a library, and are on the verge of establishing one. Our organization received a donation of about 4,000 books almost two years ago, through the sponsorship of the Dong-A Ilbo, one of the major daily newspapers in Seoul, which obtained books from school and college sources in Korea. We understand that more books can become available. Tacoma-Pierce County was selected as recipient, since it was noted as a growing Korean immigrant community in the U. S.

However, we have no library staff nor space. It would be difficult to exaggerate the importance of a library for our Korean community:

It would provide a source of cultural identity, where little now exists.

It would provide a source of intellectual stimulation, for those many who do not understand English well enough to gain much, if any, knowledge, stimulation, or even news from English-language books and newspapers.

It would provide greater knowledge and information about American life and culture, because many of the books are by western authors, translated into Korean.

Now, the Korean Women's Association's top priority of the current year is to establish a library, using the 4,000 donated books as a starting point. We already have gained enthusiastic moral and financial support from our own membership and from the greater Korean community.

We feel the importance of this goal warrants the attention and consideration of--and indeed creates the inspiration for--the entire American community to participate, as well. For, an educated, informed, aware, and stimulated Korean immigrant community becomes a working, worthy member of the American community!

We therefore invite you (or your organization) to help us to help the Korean community to better become a thinking, working part of our American society. This would be a contribution of benefit to all Americans of Tacoma and Pierce County. Major donors will be honored by the inscriptions of their names on a plaque, to be mounted in our new library.

I personally pledge, during my tenure as president of the Korean Women's Association through all of 1980, the untiring dedication of myself, our officers, and our staff, toward seeing the dream of a Korean-language library become reality, this year.

You, as well as us, can share in this effort. We will appreciate your contribution to this very worthy cause. Thank you very much.

Sincerely Yours,



Sulja Warnick  
President

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To: KOREAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
9112 Lakewood Dr. S. W.  
Tacoma, WA 98499

From:

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Payable by March 1, 1980: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Payable by May 1, 1980: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Payable by July 1, 1980: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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2008년

# SEATTLE 증빙일보 USA 증빙방송

교육구 한국어 수업 폐지위기사 '전화위복'

"주류사회에 한국을 알리는 방법 가운데 가장 큰 효과를 얻을 수 있는 것이 외국 아이들에게 한국어를 가르치고 한국 문화를 접할 수 있는 기회를 제공하는 것이라고 생각합니다.

폐지위기에 처했던 타코마 교육구 한국어 수업의 존속을 이끌어 낸 베이커 중학교의 설자 워닉 교사는 한국어 교육의 중요성을 이와 같이 설명하며 한국어 수업의 영구 존속을 위해 한인사회의 재정적 지원과 지속적인 관심을 부탁했다.

설자 워닉 교사는 지난 4월 교육구가 2008학년도 학사 일정을 준비하는 과정에서 링컨 고등학교와 베이커 중학교에서 제공했던 한국어 수업을 폐지하고 중국어 수업을 확대한다는 소식을 접하고 한인단체의 서명을 얻어 한인사회의 관심을 교육구에 전달해 지난 5월 7일 교육구로부터 한국어 수업 존속 결정에 대한 최종 결정을 서면으로 전달받았다.

특히 이번 결정에는 기존의 한국어 수업을 유지하고 베이커 중학교 학생들이 한국어 수업을 계속할 수 있도록 마운트 타호마 고등학교에도 2개의 한국어 수업을 신설하기로 해 오히려 전화위복의 결과를 가져왔다.

그러나 설자 워닉 교사는 "한인 사회의 지원으로 존속 결정이 내려졌으나 또 언제 이와 같은 위기에 처할지 알 수 없다"며 "한국어 수업이 학생들로부터 인기를 끌고 충실한 프로그램 운영을 통해 좋은 성과를 낳아야만 폐지의 위험에서 벗어날 수 있을 것"이라고 강조했다.

그는 "그러기 위해서는 매년 4번 시행되는 학생들의 한인타운 방문과 2년에 한번 학생들의 본국 방문 프로그램은 매우 중대한 역할을 하고있다"며 "이러한 현장 실습에 소요되는 재정적 지원이 절실히 필요하다"고 말했다.

또 "미국인 학생들이 어려서부터 한국어 교육을 통해 자연스럽게 한국을 접하고






성장한 후 이들이 사회에서 '한국통'으로 활동할 경우 한인사회의 지원과 관심은 기대이상의 성과로 한인 사회에 돌아오는 결과가 될 것"이라고 말했다.

설자 워닉 교사는 현재 LA의 한국어 진흥재단으로부터 1만 3000달러의 지원금과 대한부인회 이사진들의 기부금을 확보한 상태로 곧 교육청 '한국어 수업 펀드'에 전달할 방침이다.

오는 6월 17일 31년간의 교직 생활을 마감하고 교육계에서 은퇴하는 설자 워닉 교사는 "한국을 알리는 중요한 임무라는 사명감을 가지고 아이들을 가르쳐 주기를 바란다"는 당부의 말을 후임 교사에게 남겼다.

타코마 교육구 한국어 수업 지원 기금은 설자 워닉 교사가 이사로 재직중인 타코마 대한부인회(KWA)로 보내면 되고 조만간 자체 펀드 구좌를 개설할 계획이다.

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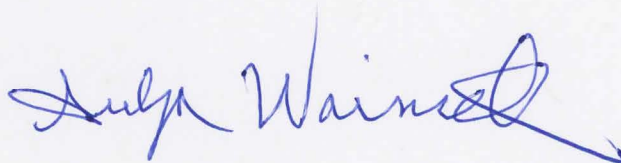
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한국에서 가장 가깝고 공기 좋고 물 좋은 시애틀, 미국의 대기업들이 기라성처럼 존재하는 이 도시에는 한국어를 제 2 외국어로 정식 채택한 학교가 아직 하나도 없습니다.

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2017 URBAN STUDIES FORUM

# Immigrant **LABOR** *and the* **REGIONAL ECONOMY**

ASSESSING THE SOUTH SOUND'S PROSPECTS  
AS A WELCOMING REGION

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Thursday, February 16, 2017, 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
William W. Philip Hall, UW Tacoma





**ABOUT  
THE FORUM**

The Forum is the annual signature event hosted by the Urban Studies Program at the University of Washington Tacoma. The event is always free and open to public. Each Forum assembles a number of experts, practitioners, and researchers. It will focus on a topic that invites a conversation with the goal of creating an opportunity to understand a challenge and vision for what the future could hold for the South Sound region.

**8:00-8:30 AM REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**8:30-9:00 AM WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**

**ALI MODARRES**

PROFESSOR & DIRECTOR, URBAN STUDIES PROGRAM, UW TACOMA

**9:00-10:30 AM PANEL I: IMMIGRANT CONTRIBUTION TO URBAN REVITALIZATION WITH Q&A MODERATED BY LIZ DUNBAR**

This panel focuses on national and regional experiences in immigrant rich areas, primarily on the contributions of immigrants to revitalizing neighborhoods, improving local economies, and enriching the cultural ecology of their adopted homes. We will also look at their collective contribution to the growth of labor, both in professional and service sectors. Panelists will discuss the experiences of various cities around the country, including the Pacific Northwest.



**MARTY  
CAMPBELL**

TACOMA CITY  
COUNCIL



**FELIPE AMIN  
FILOMENO**

ASST. PROFESSOR,  
DEPT. OF POLITICAL  
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**LIESL  
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COALITION  
COORDINATOR,  
LEADERS IN  
WOMEN'S HEALTH



**SULJA  
WARNICK**

KOREAN WOMEN'S  
ASSOCIATION,  
TACOMA

**10:30-10:40 AM BREAK**

**10:40-11:30 AM KEYNOTE: THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL STRATEGIES TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN IMMIGRANTS IN U.S. CITIES WITH Q&A**



**MARIE PRICE**

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ELLIOT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

As a Latin American and migration specialist, Marie's studies have explored human migration's impact on development and social change. She is President of the American Geographical Society and a non-resident fellow of the Migration Policy Institute. Her current research is on the spatial dynamics of immigrant inclusion and exclusion. She has published over 50 refereed articles and book chapters including a co-authored report *Migrants' Inclusion in Cities: Innovative Urban Policies and Practices* (2012, United Nations) and a co-edited book *Migrants to the Metropolis: The Rise of Immigrant Gateway Cities* (2008, Syracuse University Press).

**11:30-12:00 PM LUNCH**

**12:00-1:30 PM PANEL II: WHAT CONSTITUTES A WELCOMING REGION? WITH Q&A MODERATED BY ALI MODARRES**

Welcoming cities are those that embrace immigrants and create an inclusive environment that provides opportunities for everyone. This panel will focus on the necessity for and growth of welcoming cities and regions in the U.S., particularly in the South Sound, highlighting some of the more interesting locally-created policies that positively shape immigrants' experience. Relying on national and regional experts, we will highlight efforts in various cities around the nation and ask whether the South Puget Sound can be considered a welcoming region. We will also entertain ideas about additional measures that might contribute to our status as a welcoming region.



**MARILYN  
STRICKLAND**

MAYOR,  
CITY OF TACOMA



**MELISSA  
BERTOLO**

COORDINATOR,  
WELCOME DAYTON



**LIZ  
DUNBAR**

EXEC. DIRECTOR,  
TACOMA COMMUNITY  
HOUSE



**RICH  
STOLZ**

EXEC. DIRECTOR,  
ONEAMERICA -  
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**MELISSA BERTOLO** joined the City of Dayton as Welcome Dayton Program Coordinator in 2012 as the first full time employee to work on the immigrant friendly initiative. In her role, Melissa is responsible for facilitating community efforts to improve immigrants' and refugees' successful integration into the Dayton community. Her work includes developing cross-sector strategies to increase Dayton's ability to be more immigrant friendly and implementing a framework encouraging both native-born and foreign-born participation. Melissa has an MSW and MPH from New Mexico State University and was recently named a SPARK Fellow with Welcoming America.

**MARTY CAMPBELL** attended the University of Nebraska before coming to Tacoma to open two small businesses. Through his involvement in Tacoma, he became more involved in neighborhood and community issues. He has served in a leadership role for several community organizations, including the Cross District Association, New Tacoma Neighborhood Council, The Grand Cinema, First Creek Neighbors, Dome Top Neighborhood Alliance, TEAM, Downtown Merchant's Group, City Club of Tacoma and many others. Marty was elected to the Tacoma City Council in 2009 and represents Council District 4.

**LIZ DUNBAR** has been the Executive Director of Tacoma Community House since April 2009. She is active in community affairs, serving on the board of trustees for Tacoma Community College, the boards of the LASCO Foundation, Pioneer Human Services and the Japanese American Citizens League. She retired in 2006 from the Department of Social and Health Services where she served in a number of capacities, including State Refugee Coordinator, Diversity Director, Assistant Secretary for Economic Services and lastly as the Deputy Secretary of the department. She is the daughter of a Japanese immigrant and a U.S. Air Force officer.

**FELIPE FILOMENO** holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from Johns Hopkins University, where he was a Fulbright scholar from 2007 to 2012. His current research is about the governance of international migration, with a focus on the urban level. He was awarded the Early Career Prize of the Economics & Politics Section of the Latin American Studies Association in 2015 and is author of *Monsanto and Intellectual Property in South America* (Palgrave Macmillan 2014) and of *Theories of Local Immigration Policy* (Palgrave Macmillan 2017).

**LIESL SANTKUYL** is a long-term Tacoma community advocate, public health educator and social justice activist. Currently she is the Coalition Coordinator for Leaders in Women's Health, an initiative of the Northwest Leadership Foundation. Liesl holds an MPH from the University of Wisconsin, specializing in Community Health Education. She has worked as a health educator in migrant health centers, public health,

and hospitals in Wisconsin and Washington. Born in Venezuela, Liesl is a proud Latina and immigrant. She lived in Mexico and Guatemala during her childhood in her early 20's.

**RICH STOLZ** has been with the Center for Community Change, a national organization based in Washington, D.C since early 2000's. His early work focused on the impact of welfare reform and immigration law changes enacted by Congress in the mid-1990s. Later, he helped to found and staff the Transportation Equity Network, a multi-ethnic organizing strategy focused on the impact of transportation policy on job access, community development and environmental justice. He was born in Seoul, South Korea.

**MARILYN STRICKLAND** is serving her second term as Mayor of Tacoma. Her pro-growth agenda focuses on creating family-wage jobs by improving education and workforce training, promoting entrepreneurship, investing in transportation and attracting international investment. Born in Seoul, she is a graduate of the University of Washington and holds an MBA from Clark-Atlanta University. Prior to elected office, she worked in both the private and public sectors. Her regional and national board leadership includes Sound Transit, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Democratic Mayors Association. Strickland has appeared on *Meet the Press*, National Public Radio and is a trustee with the Urban Land Institute.

**SULJA WARNICK** is a founding member of the Korean Women's Association, Tacoma. She helped build this non-profit social service agency which now employs 1,200 people. Sulja's accomplishments include teaching in Tacoma Public Schools for 30 years with an emphasis on global education. She also served 14 years on the Governor's Commission for Asian Pacific Islanders Affairs which advised the Governor on immigration, education and other social service and economic issues affecting the Asian and Pacific Islander communities in our state and currently serves on the Boards of Directors of the MultiCare Foundation (Tacoma) and the Foundation for Tacoma Students.

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Culture & Language - Specific Programs

# School-Aged Learners (LLC Youth)

## After School Programs

Lessons: Music,  
Art

Tutoring: Math,  
Language

Sports

## Summer Programs

Academics

Languages

PE/Health

Culture

Theater & Arts

Music/  
Instruments

## Preschool

Daycare

Low-Income



# LLC Korean Adult Programs

## Skills Development

Parenting

Tax Seminars

Computers

Language Classes

## Hobbies

Gardening

Cooking

Music

## Health

Yoga

Self-Care

Medical Seminars

# Multi-Ethnic/ Multi-Lingual Programs

Educational

English  
Classes

Computer  
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Language

Russian

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Cambodian

Spanish





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Young track star takes the world with her feet. **B1**



# TACOMA WEEKLY

21 YEARS OF SERVICE BECAUSE COMMUNITY MATTERS

# We are America

Youth express their vision of the American experience

By John Larson

Pierce County Community Newspapers

What does it mean to be an American?

Twenty-four children between the ages of 5 and 12 gathered at the headquarters of Korean Women's Association (KWA) on Aug. 21 to answer that question through artistic expression. This was part of the program We Are America, organized by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

The contest poses the question: "People have come from all over the world to become Americans. Why does that make us great?"

KWA provided the art supplies, then let the youth unleash their creativity. All participants received a \$10 gift card from Target for their efforts. USCIS will display submissions in offices around the nation and will recognize participants during the Sept. 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance in Washington, D.C. Each piece of artwork is accompanied by a paragraph from the youth explaining how the picture relates to the theme of the project.

KWA was founded in 1972. Executive Director Pete Ansara said the organization's background in naturalization and immigration fit well with the theme of the contest.

"I thought it was a good opportunity to get people engaged," he said, noting how immigration has been at the forefront of the national dialogue in recent months.

Since 1997 its naturalization program has helped close to 2,200 people become citizens. Ansara explained this program is for individuals who are in the country legally and want to become citizens. It involves learning English, basic United States history, the names of the states, the United States Constitution, geography and voting.

"We are one of the larger programs in the state doing this," he said of the naturalization process. "By becoming naturalized, it changes your life and the lives of future



PHOTO COURTESY OF KWA

**PROUD AMERICANS.** The youth who gathered at Korean Women's Association headquarters on Aug. 21 expressed their views of America through art.

generations."

Immigration has special meaning for Ansara. His father was born and raised in Jerusalem.

"He came here and worked hard," Ansara said. "He taught us many things, many of them from his traditions and culture."

Ansara said our republic is strengthened by the contributions of immigrants, and many of them deeply appreciate the freedoms that exist in America because they fled places where they were oppressed. Many of KWA's clients come from places where war and human rights abuses occurred, including Vietnam and Cambodia.

Some suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder when they arrived in America, he noted.

"For some of them this is the first time in their lives when they could express themselves, through speech or religion or voting," Ansara said.

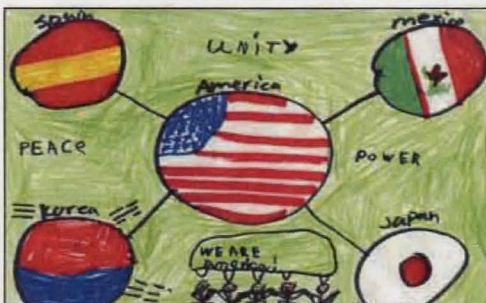
Ansara was pleased to see children expressing their vision of the American experience. "The number that showed up is a testament to the freedom we have here," he said. "Their parents want their kids to keep freedom in perspective."

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PHOTO BY JOHN LARSON

**YOUNG ARTIST** Audrey Yoon shows off her



**ARTISTIC FREEDOM** David Choi and Erik Bui expressed their views of America with these drawings.



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## Washington State Senate

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November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Dear Ho-Am Prize Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I nominate the Korean Women's Association of Washington State (KWA) for the Award of the 2011 Ho-Am Prize in the Community Service Category. KWA's accomplishments resonate beyond the assistance they have rendered to the Korean-American population and other immigrant groups they serve.

The success of their many programs has certainly elevated the expectation and image by which the greater American community here in the State of Washington perceives and evaluates the abilities, commitment, and moral fiber of the Korean-American community, and of the entire Korean nation. One of the most remarkable results of their efforts and accomplishments is the tremendous amount of respect and admiration KWA has generated for not only the local Korean population, but also for the nation and people of Korea.

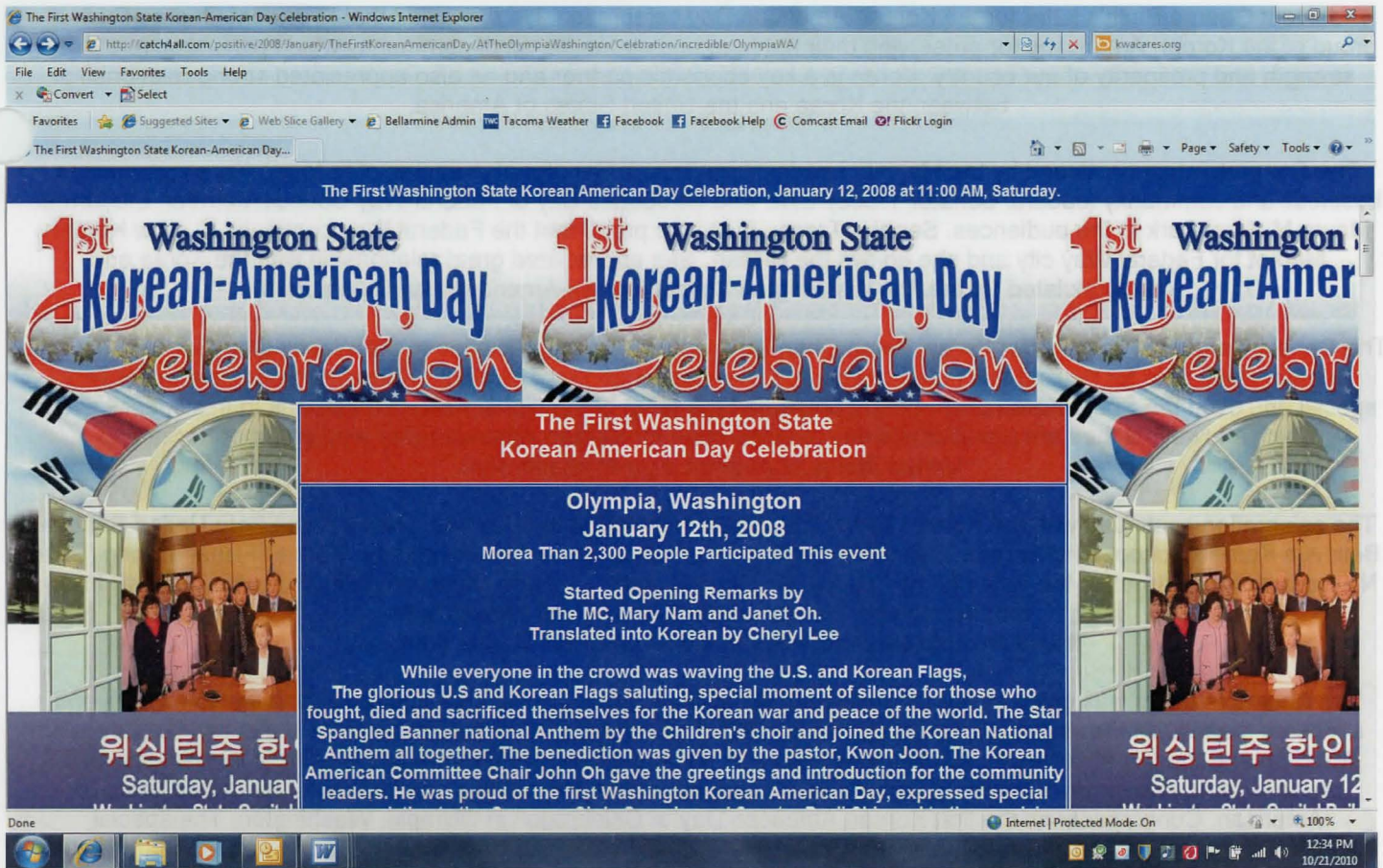
I have known the key members of KWA for most of the years of their existence, and have witnessed their development and accomplishments for over three decades. For thirty-eight years these daughters of Korea have been serving not only the expatriate Korean community in the State of Washington, but also have brought multicultural, multilingual social service programs to over twenty other underserved immigrant groups in Washington State.

KWA has become widely recognized by the city, county, state, and federal governments as a leader in providing social service programs to the immigrant as well as general population. I am proud to nominate the Korean Women's Association for receipt of the Award of the 2011 Ho-Am Prize, and to add my name to those recommending favorable consideration of them for its receipt. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paull H. Shin  
Washington State Senator  
21<sup>st</sup> Legislative District





## The First Washington State Korean American Day Celebration, January 12, 2008 at 11:00 AM, Saturday

Olympia, Washington  
January 12th, 2008

More Than 2,300 People Participated This event

Started Opening Remarks by  
The MC, Mary Nam and Janet Oh.  
Translated into Korean by Cheryl Lee

While everyone in the crowd was waving the U.S. and Korean Flags,  
The glorious U.S and Korean Flags saluting, special moment of silence for those who fought, died and sacrificed themselves for the Korean war and peace of the world. The Star Spangled Banner national Anthem by the Children's choir and joined the Korean National Anthem all together. The benediction was given by the pastor, Kwon Joon. The Korean American Committee Chair John Oh gave the greetings and introduction for the community leaders. He was proud of the first Washington Korean American Day, expressed special appreciation to the Governor Chris Gregoire and Senator Paull Shin and to the special supporters for making this happen in our history.

Senator Paull Shin gave the Korean American Day introduction and briefed history of this journey include Washington Senate bill 5166, which signed by Governor Chris Gregoire in April 9th, 2007 and "January 13 was declared by the Washington State Legislature to be Korean-American Day. Senator Paull Shin made the special thanks to the Korean War Veterans and to those who have been supported and made this day possible.

The congratulatory remarks were given by the Lt. Governor, Brad Owen who made special remarks that the Korean Americans are dedicated to the family, to the community and great examples. Meanwhile, Lt. Governor Brad Owen introduced his adopted son, Adam Owen and his grand daughter. He was proud that he have two Korean adopted sons. Also He made special appreciation to the Korean War veterans. He also introduced



President George Bush's letter for the Korean American Day celebration. He explained that President George Bush is proud of the Korean Americans for preserving their heritage and strong sense of community which plays vital role in the strength and prosperity of our country. Korea is a key economic partner and he also appreciated strong relationship between the Korea and the United States of America.

The Congratulatory continued by the Majority Leader, Lisa Brown, Senator also appreciated to the Korean American business and community leaders. Senator Tracey Eide who introduced City of Federal Way Council Member, the former Mayor Michael Park to the audiences. Senator Tracey Eide was proud that the Federal Way continues to grow Korean Market for Federal Way city and she enjoys the H-Mart. She appreciated great relationship with the Korea and congratulated for the first Washington State's Korean American Day Celebration.

The Consul General of Republic of Korea, Kwon Chan Ho made special appreciation to the Washington Government and Senator Paull Shin for making this dream come true. He mentioned that The South Korea considers this event very special and even the South Korea Government presented the team of traditional Korean musicians to this special event which shows that they are proud of this day of celebration for Korean American Day also proud of Korea and United States of America's great relationship.

The celebration continued with the Korean Essay Presentation by Jonathan Lee and Chelsa Kwon from United Seattle-Bellevue Korean School. The Korean Traditional music performance "flower" performed the Korean Fisher's Song (Baet No-Rae), Arirang, America the Beautiful by Lee Su-Jin (Electric violin), Jung-In (Korean fiddle), Eun-Hee (Korean harp), Kim Young-Lim (Korean harp), and Im-Sujin Korean flute.

It was incredible performance and was beautiful like the flowers.....

The closing remarks was given by the Committee Chief of Staff, Won Sop Han, he appreciated to the volunteers and sponsors meanwhile the incredible Korean American 300 chorus members executed the song Hallelujah by Handel's Messiah and the Olympia Capitol building was filled with joy and glorious moment with the spirit of Washington and dreams come true for the Korean American's who made opportunity to live and immigrants to the United State of American. Congratulations the first Korean American Day of Celebration in Olympia, Washington. The special appreciation reception was given to the Korean War Veterans who sacrificed their time and family and stood up for the country. The South Korea had one of the fastest economic developments in the world since the 1960s and is now the 3rd largest economy in Asia and the 11th largest economy in the world. This could not have happened without the Korean War verterans' unlimited love and care what they gave to keep the country and liberty.....

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KWA leaders Ok Sun Wilson, Nam Hi Kim and Sul Ja Warnick at the community service center opening in October 2003.



Former Tacoma Mayor Brian Ebersole congratulates KWA on its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and groundbreaking of its Pacific Villa Apartments for low-income seniors.

## **New 10,000 Sq. Ft. Community Service Center Opens in 2003**

More than 30 years after it was founded as a social club, the Korean Women's Association moved into new quarters in October 2003. The association dedicated its \$1.3 million, 10,000-square-foot community service center in East Tacoma that was to house 22 social service programs ranging from English classes to meals and nutritional services and other programs.

## **Asian-Pacific Islanders Not Getting Screened**

In 2003, Franciscan Health System's Community Cancer Program staff reviewed its community data regarding race and breast cancer and found many Asian-Pacific Islanders were not being diagnosed. They weren't showing up in the data although they made up 7% of the county's population. The staff realized the Asian-Pacific Islander population was not being well served. As KWA is a strong and respected community partner, Franciscan sought our help to reach the Asian-Pacific Islander population. We then partnered with Susan G. Komen for the Cure, an internationally recognized breast cancer organization, to develop the Breast Cancer Navigator Program initially serving Asian-Pacific Islanders and later expanding to other minority groups. Since that time, KWA has served over 16,000 women in awareness promotion and detection of breast cancer.

## **One of the Largest Social Service Agencies in the State of Washington**

Today, KWA offers multi-faceted and multicultural services to anyone in need who lives in Pierce, King, Snohomish, Thurston, Lewis, Mason, Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, and Grays Harbor counties. What started in 1972 as a grass-roots effort to assist Korean women acclimating to American culture has grown into one of the largest social service agencies in Washington State. Regardless of their race or ethnic background, KWA serves 150,000 clients in nine Washington counties with over 1,000 employees and a \$20 million budget.





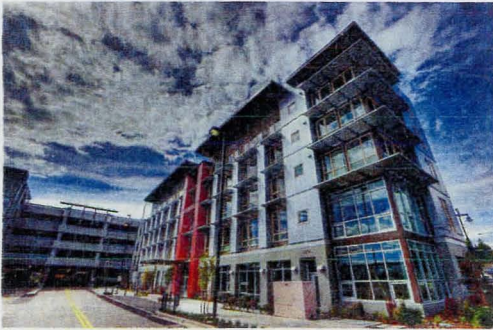
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KWA board members in front of Pacific Villa, one of our low-income senior housing projects.

## Low Income Senior Housing

KWA board members knew that many of the seniors were having difficulties living in their adult children's homes and some didn't even have homes to stay in. It was our first attempt at applying for a federal grant and with hard effort and persistence, KWA not only secured a \$2.2 million grant to build 25 low-income units called Pacific Villa Apartments in 1996, but then battled and won over neighbors who initially didn't want the complex in their community. Over 180 people signed up to be considered for the 25 apartments that opened in 1998.



KWA's newest low-income housing project for seniors, Senior City, won a national housing award from *Affordable Housing Finance* magazine.

KWA understood the need was great for low-income housing for seniors. Since then, we have developed four other low-income housing projects including 200 units for the poor and disabled – with plans to develop more in the future.





KWA bought its first office building in 1990. Each of the board members paid \$1,000 for the down payment on the \$200,000 project.

### First Office Building Purchased

In 1990, KWA bought its first office building for \$200,000 which included a 1.3 acre site. At the time, each of the 14 KWA board members paid \$1,000 each to put up the down payment. The loan payments were then paid with the profits from the Home Care Program. KWA later developed the site and it became a catalyst for a senior day care program, a new office and a 25-unit apartment complex for poor seniors.

### Promoting Citizenship

In the late 1990s, clients active in KWA programs started asking for help with becoming United States citizens and reuniting with their families. With a government grant, the Naturalization Program began helping refugees and immigrants seeking citizenship. This popular program expanded over the years and has helped over 2,200 people become U.S. citizens since its inception. KWA's Naturalization Program is recognized nationally as one of the best for a nonprofit organization.



KWA's Naturalization Program has helped over 2,200 people become U.S. citizens. Photo is of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduation Ceremony in 2007.





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The popularity of the Korean senior meal site grew with nearly 150 people attending the lunchtime meals.



KWA's Home Care Program started in 1989 serving elderly and disabled Koreans in their homes and now serves all nationalities.

## Programs Expand for the Elderly

In the late 1980s, local Korean women started bringing their families from Korea to the United States as their parents were aging, developing illnesses or dying. The elderly Koreans who moved to the area needed services and often complained they wanted Korean food. With a grant from Pierce County, KWA started its first Korean meal site and hired Korean women to prepare meals in the city of Tacoma's south end.

The program's popularity grew with nearly 150 people attending the lunchtime meals. The program expanded with the addition health education classes. Further expansion included meal sites for Filipinos, Samoans, Vietnamese and Cambodian cultures. Now KWA serves nearly 350 people every week at its meal sites. For many, these meal sites provide the only nutritional food they eat. In addition, they receive companionship, health education and more.

Soon KWA realized other government grants were available to help meet the community's growing needs — particularly the needs of the senior population. They were aware of seniors who were ill who could not make it to the meal sites. KWA board members felt that if they didn't help the seniors, nobody would — especially because of the difficulties with language barriers. So they delivered meals to the seniors' homes and began planning for in-home care for seniors.

## Home Care Serves the Elderly & Disabled

In 1989, after securing donations from Korean business owners, selling more kim chi and rice cakes to raise program funds, and securing additional grant funding, the KWA Home Care Program was started. Initially, KWA hired Korean women to help take care of the elderly and disabled Koreans in their own homes. But as KWA's reputation for exceptional and compassionate care grew, so did its client base which now includes all nationalities. Today, KWA operates one of the largest home care agencies in the state of Washington.





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## **Honoring Our History**

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### **Humble Beginnings**

What started with 10 Korean women with the singular goal of helping other women in their culture has grown to a \$22 million non-profit agency that employs over 1,000 employees whose purpose is to provide social and health services to the poor and most vulnerable. The Korean's Women Association (KWA) began in 1972 when Kim Nam Hui started a Korean women's social club in Tacoma, Washington. The 10-women group shared Korean meals, spoke and sang in their native language, and told away-from-home stories to help ease their homesickness.

Since the beginning, KWA has helped nearly 4 million low-income people with social and health services. Today it helps nearly 150,000 people every year.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, local servicemen stationed at Ft. Lewis Army Base and McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma went abroad and many married Korean women and brought them back to the United States.

### **Culture Shock Sets in For Korean Wives of Servicemen**

Many of the wives were having problems adjusting to the American culture and had language barriers that made every day activities, and their lives in general, very difficult. They couldn't read or speak English and didn't know how to drive. Everyday chores like going to the grocery store or doctor's office were challenging. Life was frustrating to these women and their families – and some were being abused. The women's group was soon selling popular Korean foods such as kimchi and rice cakes to the Korean community to help raise money for outreach. They helped other Korean women with transportation and translation to help them cope with everyday life.



**KWA Founding Members**



Early in KWA history, a small group of Korean women started to build a legacy of kindness – reaching out to help Korean women in need.





## Creating a Legacy of Kindness



KWA board members at a celebration in 1992.

So the small, but powerful, women's group started to lend a helping hand and create a legacy of kindness. They brought women in for language classes and helped them learn how to accomplish basic tasks and then more advanced tasks such as driving. One night about 2:00 a.m., one of the women in the group received a call from one of the women they were helping because she had been beaten by her husband.

As more members of the women's group brought domestic violence victims into their homes, they saw an unmet need and eventually started a domestic violence program. The group set up an office in an apartment with a receptionist to answer the calls. The calls became more frequent as the needs of the local Korean community grew.

Later the women secured funding and built a secure and confidential shelter for domestic violence victims. The shelter is now a 19-bed facility for women and children and is the only multicultural domestic violence shelter in the state of Washington.

## Helping Korean Women Acclimate to America

Seven years later in 1979, these Korean women leaders founded The Korean Women's Association of Washington State (KWA) as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. The social service agency's vision was to help Korean women honor their traditions and acclimate into life in Pierce County and into American culture.

## Services Expand to Help All Nationalities

KWA began expanding its services and took over the programs of the Pierce County Asian Alliance. In the 1980s, KWA applied for grants and received public funds to provide meals, language and translation, home care and legal aid referral services to Asian-Pacific Islanders. Later it provided these services to people of all ethnicities, especially serving the poor, the elderly and the disabled.



KWA began to gain wider community exposure by introducing its services to the community at trade show events.



## Housing for seniors set to open in Federal Way today

A 61-unit senior housing complex opens in Federal Way today. The “Senior City” affordable housing project was developed by the Korean Women’s Association. It’s located next to the Federal Way Transit Center at 31621 23rd Ave. S.

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The Korean Women’s Association (KWA) opened up 61 new units of senior housing at its newest housing project, Senior City in Federal Way on Friday, June 11, 2010. The mixed-use building offers 61 affordable housing residential rental units, a residential unit for an onsite manager, and office space for social service programming.

A 61-unit senior housing complex opens in Federal Way today.

The “Senior City” affordable housing project was developed by the Korean Women’s Association. It’s located next to the Federal Way Transit Center at 31621 23rd Ave. S. The building has environmentally friendly features, including a roof planted with natural vegetation, and “green” storm drainage.

“Smart connections to the neighborhood and beyond make this project a national model,” Peter Ansara, executive director of the Korean Women’s Association, said in a statement.

The project received a variety of government grants.

The Tacoma-based Korean Women’s Association offers housing, domestic violence services and other social service programs. For further information, contact Ansara at: 253-538-8340.

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## KOREAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES OPENING OF SENIOR CITY APARTMENTS

FEDERAL WAY, WA – June 30, 2010 – The Korean Women's Association (KWA) and Senior City Council celebrated the grand opening of the Senior City Apartments on June 11, 2010. Senior City is a mixed-use Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project and features 61 units of low-income housing conveniently located adjacent to the Federal Way Transit Center.



Proposed in 2003 by Sound Transit, Senior City is the first TOD project in Washington. It is also the largest TOD project that King County has undertaken to date. Impact Capital provided \$350,000 to KWA—over 87% of the pre-development funds that were used to bring this monumental project into fruition. The construction of Senior City created 389 jobs and had a total project cost of over \$17 million.

The apartments will be available to seniors, 62 years of age and older, with incomes of up to 50% of the King County median income. The complex also includes the KWA Social Services office which will provide assistance to an estimated 7,200 Federal Way and South King County residents. KWA's multilingual and multicultural expertise will allow residents and community members of diverse cultural and language backgrounds to access the supportive services. The project's location adjacent to the Federal Way Transit Center creates a compact, vibrant, and easily accessible community. The close proximity of the transit center also provides a cost-effective and environmentally friendly alternative to driving. "This makes it possible for seniors to live a higher quality life without complete dependence on a car for mobility and survival," said Peter Ansara, Executive Director of the KWA.

Senior City is also an energy efficient green facility. The KWA designed and constructed the complex to exceed the Evergreen Sustainable Development Criteria. Incorporating green elements like recycled and maintenance-free materials into the building process makes Senior City very eco-friendly. The maximization of natural light and features like the green roof terrace and vegetated swale also creates a healthier, greener environment for the residents and community alike.

"We are especially proud to be involved in the development of the Senior City Apartments," said Heyward Watson, CEO of Impact Capital. "The integration of affordable senior housing, state-of-the-art green technology, and accessible transportation make this an exemplary example of what Impact Capital strives to provide for our local communities."

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## KWA closer to buying Olympus

By John Larson

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### **OLYMPUS DREAMS. Korean Women's Association has entered into an agreement to purchase the Olympus Hotel in downtown Tacoma.**

Korean Women's Association (KWA) has entered into a purchase and sale agreement to purchase the Olympus Hotel from Bellevue-based M&M Olympus Hotel Limited Partnership.

KWA Executive Director Lua Pritchard announced the deal during the Aug. 4 meeting of Tacoma City Council's Neighborhoods and Housing Committee.

The structure near the intersection of Pacific Avenue and South 9th Street downtown was built in 1909. It eventually became an apartment building that serves low-income tenants. It has 49 units, with 11 studio apartments, 27 with one-bedroom and the remainder two-bedroom units.

KWA, a social services agency, has been interested in purchasing the building for the past year.

Pritchard said her agency has 90 days from the signing to conduct an assessment of the condition of the structure, including its mechanical and electrical systems. The agency can opt out of the deal before the 90 days are up. "We are praying we won't find things we cannot deal with," she told the committee.

Rather than purchase the building outright, KWA would purchase the general partnership, which will allow the agency to keep tax credits associated with the ownership. Those tax credits will remain in place until 2015 as long as the units are reserved for people with low incomes.

Assuming KWA moves forward with its plans, it expects to spend \$345,000 renovating the exterior and \$325,000 renovating the interior.

There is street-level retail space in the building. Paddy Coyne's Irish Pub occupies one space. Pritchard said that lease will provide needed revenue for the agency. One vacant space could undergo a \$200,000 renovation. Pritchard said it could be ideal as a dim sum restaurant.

In recent years, the Olympus has been the source of complaints from some downtown merchants in regard to criminal activity in and around it.

Pritchard said current tenants would be reevaluated by her agency to determine whether they would remain there. Tenants would be subjected to drug testing, she added.

Pritchard said a professional management company will be hired, with a manager living in the building.

She said KWA would be willing to offer social services to tenants needing help with personal problems.

The agency will strive to be a good neighbor. Pritchard said an Olympus owned by KWA would mesh with the goals of council members. "You all have dreams of how downtown should look," she said.

KWA may seek assistance in the form of federal Community Development Block Grants that are administered by the city.

Ric Teasley from the city's Community, Trade and Economic Development Department said the next round of grants will be in spring 2009.

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## Korean Women's Association breaks ground on senior housing in Federal Way



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City and county leaders, Korean Women's Association representatives and Federal Way citizens gathered near the Federal Way Transit Center on Sept. 25 to celebrate a groundbreaking ceremony for a mixed-use, low-income senior housing project being built by the KWA. To learn more about the Korean Women's Association, visit its Web site at [www.kwaoutreach.org](http://www.kwaoutreach.org) or visit the organization's Federal Way location at 31218 Pacific Highway S., Suite #A.



# Why I Like America

by Vira Vlasenko

My name is Vira Vlasenko. I come from the Ukraine and I'm 70 years old. I have been living in America for 10 years. This is what I will tell you about. How and why did I come here? My son and his family came to America as a poor family in 1998. We did not see each other for eight years and we could only communicate through phone calls and mail. My son and his family are now citizens of the United States of America. They now live a very good life.

My husband and I came to America as guests at first. The day was March 21, 2006. I did not know what to expect and I was very scared because I did not know how to speak English. I was thinking what type of country is this? Why does everybody talk about it? What will happen to me here? There were many questions on my mind. It was hard to be here because my husband and I did not know English. We felt lost and un-helped. When we were at customs there were some interpreters who helped us solve our problems and answer our questions. We arrived at SeaTac Airport near Seattle, Washington. When we were driving from the airport to my son's house, I was looking through the car's window. I liked the roads, forests, flowers, and how the cities were connected and did not have natural formations separating them. At my son's house many people were waiting there to meet us.

On the first day that I came here I began learning English. I have learned how to read and write and continue to learn the English language. I go to classes to learn English, United States History, and Geography so that I may one day become a United States citizen. I love to listen to my teacher Tonya's lectures. She helps those who wish to learn English.



Student, Vira Vlasenko from the Ukraine, pictured with her instructor, Tonya Adamov from Estonia

I really love to travel! I have been to Mt. Rainier, Soap Lake, and Canada. This year in March I traveled to Hawaii with my son and his family. I really like Washington State. It has everything. There are mountains, lakes, rivers, forests, a desert, and even the ocean. In the desert there is the very large Columbia River.

Right now, I live in an apartment with my husband. We both have green cards. Here we are surrounded by nice, friendly, and wonderful people. I love America because you can go to school at any age. The climate, wildlife, and the freedom of speech and religion are wonderful.

With the help of teachers like Antonina Nikolayevna, I can someday learn enough of the English language to become an American citizen. I love my grandchildren. My daughter, grandson, and son-in-law still live in the Ukraine. Hopefully in the future they may also come to live with us. God Bless Us.

## WA wins 'Good in Government' Award from the League of Women Voters

On May 30, 2009 the 13th annual "Good in Government" awards were presented by the League of Women Voters Washington Education Fund. The Korean Women's Association along with Senator Rosa Franklin and The News Tribune were this year's honorees.

The League recognizes individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions toward achieving good government while holding public office, serving on various boards or commissions, as they fulfill their organizational mission.

Connie Brown, Executive Director of the Tacoma Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium presented the award to the Korean Women's Association. KWA was specifically recognized for her efforts to foster citizenship and being an effective conduit for so many government services for people in need. Congratulations to all KWA staff who helped us stand out in the community.



Honorees Lua Pritchard and Senator Rosa Franklin pose with KWA Board and community members



Lua and the KWA Board at the Good in Government Awards Ceremony

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- Job Referral
- Korean Language Driver's Test Resources
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## You CAN Do It!

By Jim Fulton

I have been an admirer of Koreans and Korean culture since 1985 when the U.S. Air Force sent me to Osan Air Base. I was fortunate to work with the Korean military and I did a fair amount of traveling while in Korea. I met a lot of nice people there, including my wife.

After I retired from the Air Force, I found a job with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). For most of my time with DSHS, I worked with noncitizens of all national origins. As a group, while they were more industrious than many of my U.S. citizen clients, they needed more help because of the language barrier.

Let's face it - English is a very hard language. It is not like Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, or most other languages, which derived from one ethnic root. English is a polyglot of many other languages: old English, German, Spanish, French, Latin and Greek among

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refused to participate in any activities with other clients and just sat without moving. After a few visits to daycare, we are beginning to see her change. Her facial expressions are getting brighter and she started to interact with other clients. Before too long, she became so cheerful, she became a comedian of the table cheering up other clients!

A very quiet woman, Soon D Kim, with a progressive stage of Alzheimers, enjoys all the activities at the day care and loves to come everyday. At the end of the day when she goes home, she gets pretty upset when we forget to tell her, "please come back." So, whenever she goes home we make sure to tell her to "please come back tomorrow."

I often compare our Senior Day Care

others. This explains why there are so many exceptions to every rule of English grammar and spelling.

I recently started helping KWA English as a Second Language (ESL) students prepare for their citizenship test. I am working with them and I am always impressed with their hard work and dedication to succeed. I now realize that whatever original reasons they had for studying to become citizens, they stay with the struggle to learn English and U.S. History and Government for another reason. Koreans are rightfully proud of their country. They believe in doing their best in everything they do and welcome challenges. They show why Korea has become such a great country and why it will be greater still.

So, for those of you who are now learning English and studying for you citizenship test, don't give up. You can do it.

## About Jim Fulton.....

Jim worked for DSHS at the Everett Community Service Office. After retiring in 2007, he became involved with the community as a volunteer. Since February 2008, he's regularly visited the Lynnwood KWA to lead practice interviews for students preparing for their citizenship interview. He lives with his Korean wife and enjoys helping others.

## THE MISSION OF THE KOREAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

To provide quality multi-cultural, multi-lingual social and human services to underserved populations, and advocate respect for all.

to grandparents and grandchildren relationships. Grandparents love to spoil their grandkids rotten, but at the end of the day they can always send them back to their parents.

We pamper our clients and make them feel very special. We strive to make each of our clients feel welcome, recognized, loved and treated with respect. I love to spoil all our clients and always look forward to coming back to work the next day to spoil them some more.

Song Choe

Asian Pacific Senior Day Care Program Manager.





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**Mi Young Kim**  
*Pacific International Bank*

**Faaluaina Pritchard**  
*Executive Director*



## **A DAY IN THE LIFE – THE ASIAN PACIFIC SENIOR DAY CARE PROGRAM MAKES SMALL STEPS EVERYDAY TOWARDS IMPORTANT PROGRESS**

It's been three months since I took the job as the Asian Pacific Senior Day Care (APSDC) Program Manager. Ever since I took the job, my experience with Senior Day Care has been nothing but positive. It is an absolutely wonderful program for elders with or without Alzheimer's disease.

With half of her body paralyzed by a stroke, Tok S Alsoop also suffers from the beginning stages of Alzheimer's. Her only verbal expression is "Nae-Ga, Nae-Ga" which means "I'll, I'll," but when she starts to sing along with the karaoke machine, we can see her smiling face and actually hear other words that she can pronounce.

When her daughter first brought her to senior daycare, Kwi Y Moon was very depressed and angry. She

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## **BEN B. CHENEY FOUNDATION, LONGTIME FRIEND OF KWA BUILDS PARKING LOT**

Now that we have a newly renovated building for the Asian Pacific Senior Day Care Center, we needed a new parking lot too. Thanks to a \$30,000 gift from the Cheney Foundation, we got our wish. The Foundation has supported KWA and our programs for many years. With limited parking, this important gift will make it easier for our Elders to attend the Day Care Program. Many thanks to the Cheney Foundation for their generosity, once again.



## **MILGARD FAMILY FOUNDATION HELPS SENIORS CONNECT – ALL WEEK LONG!**

Thanks to their generous donation of \$300,000 for the Asian Pacific Senior Day Care Program, the Elders now have a newly refurbished facility and access to services five days a week. Kicked off in 1997, the program was available only three days per week for 11 years. Isolation is a big issue for those with limited mobility and resources but now Elders can come to the Day Care Center Monday - Friday. Our program serves an important niche since these clients would not be able to find a day care program that works hard to offer culturally relevant activities, music, and food. Here they can feel at home surrounded by staff and volunteers from their culture.

The Milgard Family Foundation funding was also used to support an after-school program for the Youth -Active Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOT) Program in partnership with the Carol and Gary Milgard Family Hope Center. We know that the youth are our future and the Milgard Foundation is helping us realize our goals with this program.

We are most grateful to the Milgard Family and Chris Zemanek, their Executive Director, for acknowledging and funding this important work we do at KWA.



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Franciscan Health

## An angel at your side navigators guide and support women facing breast

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their hands during procedures and navigating them through the  
maze of appointments.

### Individualized care

Certified by the National Consortium of Breast Centers (NCBC), Franciscan's patient navigators follow an NCBC model for continuity of care and modify it for each situation. The process begins and ends with patient focus. "Breast cancer is unique to each woman, and our approach to care and recovery follows a custom-designed path," says Sherrie Samuel, patient navigator at the Women's Health & Breast Center and clinic coordinator at the St. Francis Breast Clinic. "Just because your neighbor down the street had the same type of cancer doesn't

mean your plan of care will be the same. Your general health, attitude, outlook on life and support systems all play a role in your recovery and factor into your survivorship."

Patient navigators may coordinate doctors' visits, maintain telephone contact between patients and physicians, arrange rides to and from the hospital, help with insurance forms and suggest what to ask at follow-up appointments. They work with physicians, nurses and radiologists to enhance communication and provide patients with clinical expertise. "Another vital process component is to connect our patients and their families with other cancer resources and community outreach programs," says Samuel.

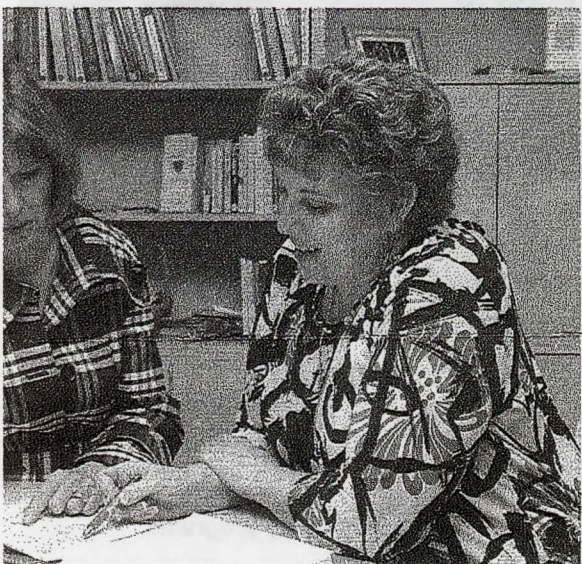
"Women need to know they're not in this



### Community angels

Franciscan's Community Cancer pro  
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"Women who are identified as at risk  
essential help in obtaining a screening  
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**TO PRESIDENT**—Effective July 1, the titles of  
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  - ...Lean**, president, St. Francis Hospital
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Supply for complet-  
 ...ing a successful Joint  
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 ...veyor had high praise for  
 ...the leadership, staff and  
 ...program quality. Kudos to  
**Keith Sinay** and the entire  
 ...Home Medical Supply  
 ...team!

Kudos also to everyone  
 ...at SFH, which recently  
 ...completed a successful  
 ...survey by the Washington  
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 ...Health (DOH). SFH  
 ...President Tony McLean  
 ...said of his hospital team:  
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 ...a direct reflection of the  
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 ...one of you brings to the  
 ...St. Francis team. Every  
 ...day, despite the chal-  
 ...lenges in your lives, you  
 ...choose to bring your best  
 ...game to work, to do your  
 ...very best to support your  
 ...patients, their loved ones  
 ...and your coworkers.”

service as a role model for other volunteers.



Vivian Rodefer (left) and Willard Pearce participate in June's Operation Arctic Spring drill.

**FRANCISCAN HAM RADIO OPERATORS TAKE PART IN OPERATION ARCTIC SPRING**—FHS HAM radio operators participated in Operation Arctic Spring on June 2, along with the Puget Sound Federal Coordinating Center (U.S. Department of the Army). FHS participants included **Tirr Lee**, SJMC; **Dolly Gelschlechter**, SAH; **Vivian Rodefer**, SCH; and volunteers **Richard Green**, ERH; **Mark Freitas**, SFH; **Roddy Nolten**, SFH.



...y (front left) shakes hands with St. Anthony President Carole Peet.

**ST ANTHONY HOSPITAL HOSTS SENATOR PATTY**

On July 1, U.S. Senator Patty Murray spoke to the news media about national health care and addressed the shortage of nurses and health care workers. She chose to host this event at St. Anthony Hospital with the following representatives participating in the event: **Joe McLean**, Franciscan president and chief executive officer; **Johnson, MD**, Franciscan chief operating officer; **...n, RN**, Franciscan chief nurse executive; **Meta ...**, Franciscan senior vice president, Strategic Planning; **...RN**, St. Anthony Hospital president; **Budd ...**, Franciscan vice president, Marketing and Communications; **Jale Harper**, Franciscan director of ... and **Desiree Butler, RN**, St. Anthony Hospital



Staff of St. Joseph Women's Clinic

**ST JOSEPH WOMEN'S CLINIC CLOTHING SWAP**—St. Joseph Women's Clinic staff recently gathered their gently used clothes to trade, with the intent of donating leftover clothes to Parkland Maternity Support Services and WIC, two Franciscan programs that the clinic supports in its work providing OB/GYN services. The team donated a total of 151 pounds of clothes for women enrolled in these community programs.



## WE ARE FAMILY/ WAFHOME DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES PROGRAM

### HOW YOU CAN REACH US:

If you feel you may be a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault, do not hesitate to call us at 253-535-4202.

### A THANK YOU TO CAREGIVERS

Thank you for standing by me and lending an ear

For helping me out by just being near.

Thanks for cheering me on or saying a prayer

For holding me up and showing you care.

Thanks for making me laugh and giving me hope

For showing support and helping me cope.

Thank you for all that you've done and all that you'll do,

I am so very fortunate to have someone like you!



*A little holiday cheer for our shelter*

### Soo's Story,

Program Client

Soo is a 32 year old Korean woman who came to America in 2004 and married Mr. Lee in 2005. They resided in Seattle. Shortly after Soo married Mr. Lee, he started to abuse her: beating her, pulling her hair, demanding control of the money, and threatening deportation. Finally she was so desperate, she attempted suicide. Fortunately, her life was saved. On January 2007 she called Korean Women's Association to get help and came to the Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter, WAFHOME.

While staying at our shelter and collaborating with the Family Justice Center, she received legal advocacy; obtaining a protection order, filing divorce documents and getting custody of her son with the assistance of a pro bono attorney. Working with the Northwest Immigration R Project, she has received a green card allowing her to work in this country. In September of this year, Soo had a chance to get transitional housing and moved in. She attended a weekly support group and received one-on-one counseling which has enhanced her self-esteem. Feeling much more positive, Soo stated that she wants to live happily with her son, free from violence. Currently she is attending an ESL class at a community college in order to take the next step.


*-Mi Yeoung Lee,*


*WAF Domestic Violence Services Director*


### IN-HOME CARE SERVICES PROGRAM IN CLALLAM COUNTY TEDDY BEAR LOVE



The Clallam County KWA office provides Teddy Bear Love. The supervisor bought Teddy Bears, washed them and gave them out to the caregivers, their children and the clients.

 Teddy Bears bring LOVE and comfort to clients especially when the clients are progressing in their needs or cheering up.

 Teddy Bears bring LOVE and appreciation to the caregivers for their hard work and compassion for their clients.

 Teddy Bears bring LOVE and a smile to a care givers child who's mom is hard working with daily physically and mental demands and able to still love and take care of the child and family at the end of a long day.

### IN-HOME CARE SERVICES PROGRAM

The In-Home Care Services Program is provided at eleven office locations with a total of nineteen supervisors and seven office support staff that take care of the daily operations. The program offers assistance to the elderly, disabled and those who are not able to help themselves for medical or personal reasons. Services include but are not limited to: bathing, feeding, ambulation, personal hygiene, meal preparation, companionship, supervision and more.

We currently serve 850 clients and have approximately 640 caregivers who provide in-home care services to these clients. However, In-Home Care is about more than just the numbers. This is a program that involves a lot of heart, sacrifice and dedication by all who are involved. The supervisors, the office support staff and especially the caregivers, all go out of their way to ensure our clients are served and taken care of on a daily basis. In-Home Care also offers respite for family caregivers who need a break from taking care of their loved ones. Every day we make a difference in the lives of clients because it allows many of them to be independent and to remain in their own homes rather than being placed into assisted living or perhaps even a nursing home.

### JOIN OUR TEAM!

We have an ongoing need for Caregivers in our In-Home Care Services Program. For more info, call our main office: 253-535-4202



## CLIENTS SERVED IN 2007

- In Home Care Clients: 1,196
- Asian/Pacific Senior Mealsites (Korean, Filipino, Samoan)
  1. Meals: 12,000
  2. Clients: 4084
- Domestic Violence, "We Are Family" Program
  1. Clients: 219
  2. Shelter Meals: 13,665
  3. Shelter Bed Nights: 4,555
- API Sexual Assault Clients: 25
- Low-Income Housing: 86 Units = 166 Tenants
- Naturalization Services Clients: 693
- Citizenship Classes: 27
- Asian/Pacific Senior Day Care Clients: 56 ongoing
- ESL (English as Second Language) Classes: 250 Students
- Tobacco Cessation Services Clients: 74
- Youth-ALOT-Active Leaders Of Tomorrow: 1,000 Clients
- General Referral Assistance Clients: 6,000
- Interpretation and Translation: 24,858
- Recreational Activities: 900
- Survival Skills Community Education: 500 Participants
- Legal Aid Referral: 300
- Job Referral: 300
- Korean Language Driver's Test Resources: 100
- Food Stamp Information and Applications: 5,433

## THE MISSION OF THE KOREAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

To provide quality multi-cultural, multi-lingual social and human services to underserved populations, and advocate respect for all.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE OUTREACH SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT

My name is Soon Ja Han, Program Manager of Community Health Care Outreach Programs such as tobacco education, prevention, and intervention. I am also the breast cancer advisor, cancer clinical trial and hospice navigator. This program targets the population of the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community. I educate people about the harmful effects of tobacco on the human body and have regular smoking cessation classes that successfully finish every year.

The KWA breast cancer navigation program is designed to help API and African American women who are 40 years old and above who do not have medical insurance and those with low income receive free mammograms. Annually, about 85 people get free mammograms. Cancer clinical trial navigator programs conduct workshops and trainings for community leaders and program members on the importance of cancer clinical trials.

We need to provide the community with more education about the hospice program. KWA had its second breast cancer navigator

## SENIOR CITY HOUSING IN THE MAKING

Located in Federal Way, Senior City, is our latest Senior Housing Project. We are pleased to announce that HUD has awarded our project a total of \$8,592,300. Senior City will break ground in August 2008 and be completed in late 2009. The project will feature 62 units for very low income tenants. This is the first HUD Section 202 project for the City of Federal Way, the first Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project for Sound Transit, and the 4th TOD project in the Nation. Many thanks to all of our supporters!



Annual Breast Cancer Navigator Program Dinner

program dinner on September 25, 2007. During this event we provided information about our program to different health providers and community leaders. It will be an annual event from now on. Also, KWA worked collaboratively with the Korean American Professional Health Association (KAPHA). Our first Health Fair was held for the Korean community on November 3, 2007. My goal for the program in 2008 will be to put more energy and effort into everything we do and serve even more clients in 2008.

-Program Manager, Soon Ja Han

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WAFHOME is currently seeking positive, reliable, outgoing volunteers to continue to assist in serving our clients. Please note that a commitment of no less than three months is expected and our screening and training process is extensive due to the nature of the program. If qualified request application at main office.



Senior Day Care Services Program



## Recession took funds from Korean Women's Association, but brought it a leader

The Korean Women's Association is ending a year of hard changes with optimism and a new executive director.



**PETER ANSARA; THE NEWS TRIBUNE**

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The Korean Women's Association is ending a year of hard changes with optimism and a new executive director.

In May, its longtime and much-loved director, Lua Pritchard, told the board she was leaving after 19 years with the agency. During Pritchard's tenure, the KWA developed housing and social services programs in nine counties on an annual budget of \$20 million.

In July, state Rep. Jeannie Darnielle arrived shortly before state budget cuts hit. The KWA contracted with Darnielle for the four months it would take to find a new leader.

Now the KWA has hired Peter Ansara. He'll be the first man to lead the agency since 10 Korean military wives founded it in 1972 to help Korean women honor their traditions while acclimating to life in Pierce County.

"We started with such a small social club and ended up doing all these social services programs," said board member Soulja Warnick, who has been with the association from its beginnings. "We are very sensitive to the needs in the community. We try to serve what the needs are."

The group founded language schools, then phased them out as churches opened more. Members brought domestic violence victims into their homes, then built a secure shelter. They shared meals, then developed a meal delivery program that feeds thousands of seniors and disabled people in nine counties.

They have built affordable housing, and are building more. They have bought the Olympus Hotel in downtown Tacoma, and they will open new senior housing near the Federal Way transit center in April.

This summer, Darnielle was in charge when the economic crisis slammed into the KWA's in-home care programs for seniors and disabled people – programs meant to avoid sending people to expensive nursing homes.

The Legislature cut everywhere, and the KWA lost about \$65,000 a month in state funds. That's an annual hit of \$780,000.

Darnielle worked with the board to cut programs, positions, wages, benefits and sponsorships. But in an organization that values kindness and generosity, Darnielle managed the hard times as well as anyone could, Warnick said.

The economy slapped the KWA with the cuts, but it also put Ansara into the pool of director candidates.

From 1999 to 2004 Ansara led the Tacoma Housing Authority out of a financial shambles and into the Hope VI grant that sparked the redevelopment of Salishan. He left the housing authority to become chief operating officer of private developer Prium. The real estate market tanked, and 10 months ago he left Prium during a downsizing.

He gave himself time off to be with his granddaughter, to take his photography seriously and to look for an opportunity to work for a nonprofit.

That granddaughter pops up among the 25,000 photos he's taken: from Yellowstone Park in deep winter to the Foss Waterway at first and last light. Ansara's photos are lovely, and you can check them out at [www.captainshutter.com](http://www.captainshutter.com).

He's making a book of photos and stories for the families who come to Fort Lewis Fisher House to be with wounded relatives. He's working on another about his late, and adored, grandmother.

He's no stranger to the diversity that helped make the Korean Women's Association what it is today.

"My dad was an Arab immigrant," Ansara said. "I grew up in Lowell, Mass., bordering the Chelmsford Street housing project. It was very diverse, with Hispanics, African Americans and Asians. I really didn't know anything different."

He joined the Air Force when he was 17 and served 15 years on active duty and 10 in the reserves.

At his retirement, he was one of 50 military men trained to make positive changes in public housing administration. He worked on the East Coast before the THA recruited him.

Warnick said the salary range for the job is \$100,000 to \$120,000.

She said Ansara comes to the KWA with a solid record of developing affordable housing, a past rich with variety and diversity, and the skills to balance and expand services.

And, as the board will remind him, adjust them as needed.

*Kathleen Merryman: 253-597-8677, [kathleen.merryman@thenewstribune.com](mailto:kathleen.merryman@thenewstribune.com)*

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weight maintenance, this program features intensive lifestyle intervention program developed by the National Cancer Institute (NCI); and follow-up with weight maintenance. To attend a **free** class, call **253-426-2525** for dates and times.

management, this program uses a group-based, self-management approach. Ten, one-hour sessions with a registered dietitian. To attend a **free** orientation, call **253-426-2525** for dates and times.

**Free** class invites you to join Marissa Kari Hamrick, PHD, RD, CD, to learn about healthy choices. To register, contact Alicia Stack at [aliciastack@FHShealth.org](mailto:aliciastack@FHShealth.org).

Lifestyle Medicine Center in Gig Harbor. **Free** class on **Salads and Salad Dressings** with **Inspiration from Around the World** and **Living a World of Healthy Flavors**.

**Free** lifestyle medicine Center's whole-person approach. For more information, visit [www.FHShealth.org/classes/online\\_reg](http://www.FHShealth.org/classes/online_reg). **Free** classes are offered at the Gig Harbor from 3-4 p.m.

on Active Living. For more news about lifestyle medicine, visit [www.FHShealth.org](http://www.FHShealth.org).

Franciscan Health System offers a wide range of family education classes, including Childbirth Education, Breastfeeding Preparation, Infant CPR/Child Safety, Infant Massage, Becoming a Love and Logic Parent, and many more. For more information about our classes, go to [www.FHShealth.org](http://www.FHShealth.org) or call the Family Education Information line at **253-426-6253** (Pierce County) or **253-835-8100**, ext. **127-6253** (King County).

## MANAGING YOUR CONDITION

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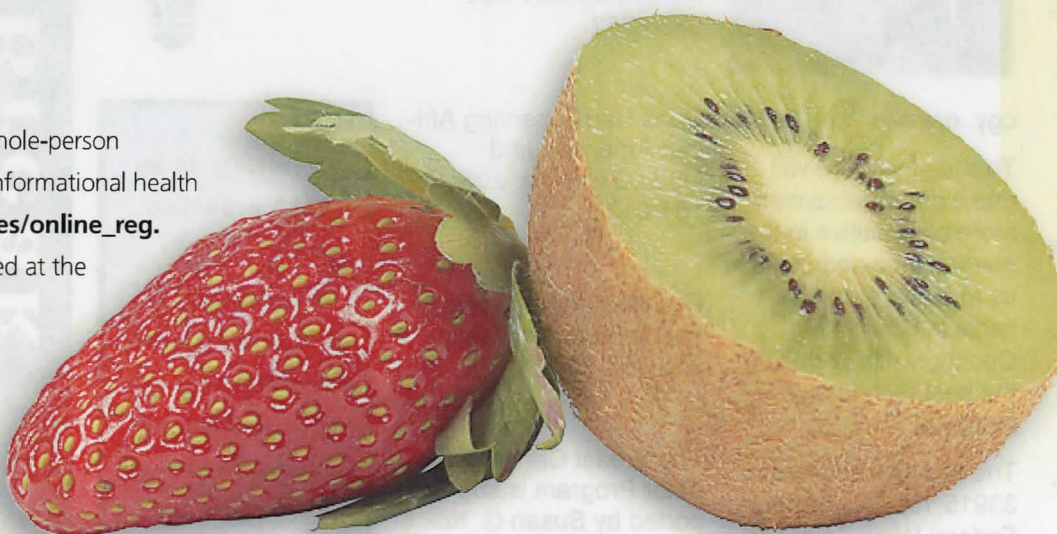
**Free** monthly class for cancer patients and their caregivers with oncology dietitian Nancy Steedman, RD. Offered **third Tuesday of each month** from 3-4 p.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma. Call **253-426-4428** for reservations and directions.

### Diabetes Education Classes

Learn about managing diabetes from certified diabetes educators at these **free** classes. Call **253-426-6753** for class schedule and locations.

### Total Joint Replacement Class

A **free** class for patients considering total joint replacement, offered at St. Joseph Medical Center, St. Clare Hospital, St. Francis Hospital and St. Anthony Hospital. Call **1-888-825-3227** for a complete class schedule and registration information.



*Dr. Soon Ja Han, Korean Navigator*

The Breast Cancer Navigator Program provides culturally appropriate support. Female navigators familiar with the language of a variety of communities use churches, businesses and other venues to reach patients. The navigators also help patients access medical treatment and provide practical and emotional support. The program has just expanded thanks to a grant from the Regeneron Foundation.

Nearly 12,000 women have been served by breast cancer navigators since 2005. Referred by the Pierce County Business Examiner, the Breast Cancer Navigator Program is a partnership between Franciscan Health, the Women's Association and Susan G. Komen.

"Women who are identified as underserved gain essential help in obtaining a mammogram," says Tricia Sinek, manager of the Breast Cancer Program. "They receive transportation to Franciscan facilities if they lack a vehicle, and financial assistance programs."

## You can

The Franciscan Foundation provides support for our community who need it. If you cannot pay for it, please consider a donation to help fund mammograms. You can donate by phone, mail, or online. Your generosity can make a difference.

### Franciscan Foundation

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### St. Anthony Hospital Hosts Senator Patty Murray

On July 1, U.S. Senator Patty Murray spoke to members of the news media about national healthcare reform legislation and addressed the shortage of nurses and other critical health care workers. She chose to host this event at our own St. Anthony Hospital in Gig Harbor. Senator Murray was joined at the event by Joe Wilczek, Franciscan President and CEO, as well as other Franciscan senior leadership team members and employees.

### From COO to President

Effective July 1, the titles of each Franciscan hospital chief operating officer have changed to president to be more consistent with other hospital leaders within CHI:

- Syd Bersante, President, St. Joseph Medical Center
- Kathy Bressler, President, St. Clare Hospital
- Tony McLean, President, St. Francis Hospital
- Carole Peet, President, St. Anthony Hospital

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- Dennis Popp, President, Enumclaw Regional Hospital

There are no other changes in their responsibilities or reporting relationships.

### Introducing Medical Imaging on 1<sup>st</sup>

St. Francis Hospital and TRA Medical Imaging have partnered to open Medical Imaging on 1st in Federal Way. The center, which offers a Hitachi Oasis High Field 1.2T (Tesla) Open MRI, a Toshiba Aquillon 64-slice CT and other advanced imaging technology, opened June 29.



This joint venture will make our organization more competitive in the marketplace and position us to better serve patients in South King County, while providing the best technology available.

The facility's address is 33915 1st Way South in Federal Way. To schedule an appointment or for more information, please call 253- 815-1231.

### Breast Cancer Navigator Program Services

Franciscan's Breast Cancer Navigator Program offers free, culturally and language-appropriate assistance to women from underserved populations who have breast health concerns. Female navigators who share women's culture and language provide breast health education, assistance obtaining mammograms, and one-on-one support and guidance to women diagnosed with breast cancer. If you are working with a patient who might benefit from specialized navigation services, the following navigators are available:

Dr. Soon Ja Han, serving Korean women: 253-538-8352

Doris Harris, serving African American and LGBTQ women: 206-261-0132

Eva Hernandez, serving Latina/Hispanic women: 253-353-5502

The Breast Cancer Navigator Program is supported by Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the Regence Foundation. For more information about the program, please contact Tricia Sinek, FHS Community Cancer Program Manager, at 253-426-6746.

### Think Franciscan First Trade Shows

Come to the show and learn about the programs, services, technology and people that make Franciscan the leading health care provider in the communities we serve.

#### Enumclaw Regional Hospital

July 29, noon – 3 p.m., Conf. Rm.

#### St. Joseph Medical Center

Aug. 17, noon – 4 p.m., Lagerquist A & B

#### St. Anthony Hospital

Sept. 22, 1:30 - 4 p.m., Larson Conf. Rm.



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## They give all their heart

When a nonprofit agency matches in-home caregivers with its elderly clients, the subsequent bonds of devotion and love can be strong - almost like family.

**May 15, 2005-** Inside the Boo Han Market on South Tacoma Way, Chom Scoggins heaves a 20-pound bag of brown sweet rice into a shopping cart.

She adds a carton of soy milk, a box of melons, bean sprouts and some tofu.

"I know what they want," she says, nodding to her two shopping companions, 82-year-old In Young Kim and 85-year-old Sun Duk Lee.

The two older women attempt to aim the cart down a narrow market aisle, but Scoggins guides them to a wider aisle.

"You'll get in an accident," she warns gently, with a wary glance at the packages of dried noodles and imported snack foods that line the aisle.

Scoggins, 66, is paid by the Korean Women's Association, a Tacoma nonprofit, to be an in-home provider and look after both of the older women's needs - everything from shopping and chauffeuring to cooking and cleaning.

But the bond they share is something more than a relationship of hired help and employer. Scoggins calls the women "the grandmothers" and says taking care of their needs feels like caring for a member of her own family.

"I feel like it's my mother," says Scoggins, 66, whose own mother died in Korea.

Scoggins, married to a retired soldier and postal worker, speaks the language of her two "grandmothers." She prepares the Korean food they like - rice, kimchi, vegetables, fried whole fish. She drives the two women to the banks where tellers count out greenbacks in Korean.

And she doesn't bat an eye when Lee settles in for her afternoon nap on a mat in the center of her living room floor. As Scoggins gently tucks her in for the afternoon, she explains that this is the way the older woman is used to sleeping. This is the way she slept in Korea.

In-home care

The Korean Women's Association is one of six organizations that contract with the Pierce County Aging and Long Term Care agency to help elderly people with activities such as bathing, cooking, housework, shopping, transportation to doctor's appointments and more. The county agency uses funding supplied by state and federal governments to subsidize care for elderly people who are financially eligible or who are too disabled to care for themselves but still able to live in their own homes.

Caregivers who work for one of those six organizations earn an average of \$9.39 an hour, according to Sally Nixon, director of Pierce County Aging and Long Term Care.

KWA also has elderly clients in Lewis, Mason, Thurston and other surrounding counties. Today, it serves nearly 500 clients with more than 400 caregivers.

While the KWA serves clients and employs caregivers of many ethnic backgrounds, it specializes in meeting the needs of Asian elders. About half its clients are Korean-speakers, estimates Sung Law, in-home care supervisor at KWA.

Law says the goal is to try to match client and care provider in as many ways as possible - not only language or background but also personality.

"I ask them what kind of person would you like to have?" she says. "Someone who speaks English? Someone who is a good cook?"

Some of the elders might have trouble remembering things or have difficulty understanding their day-to-day needs. Others suffer the crippling effects of arthritis or other medical problems that make it hard for them to navigate the city unaided.

Sometimes, caregivers and clients can clash. But Law's job is to find combinations that work.

## FACING CHALLENGES TOGETHER

Scoggins and her two "grandmothers" seem well-suited.

Scoggins understands the challenges the elderly women have faced adapting to a new country, because she has faced some of the same issues.

She came to the U.S. more than 20 years ago as a military bride, speaking no English.

"I stayed home," she says. "I didn't know anything. I was crying all the time, missing home."

Learning to drive and learning English are important keys to independence for women like Scoggins, Law says. But mastering those skills is more difficult for older immigrants.

Law, also an immigrant from Korea, describes the experience this way: "You completely drop your (old) life. It's hard to explain. ... You need guts."



She says that in Korea, the frail elderly would probably live with family members. But once they move here, many are eager to adopt American ways. They want to live independently for as long as they can.

Through a translator, Kim says she is grateful for her "wonderful American life" that allows her to live by herself and not have to depend on her children.

Both Scoggins' "grandmothers" live at Pacific Villa, a senior housing development operated by KWA.

There, they are able to attend a program that offers lunch, games and exercise three days a week.

"They're really lonely," Law says of the seniors. "We try to engage them in a social life."

#### MORE THAN A JOB

Scoggins is dedicated beyond the demands of her job.

She tends a sunny windowsill of plants outside Kim's apartment, so that the older woman can enjoy seeing the living things grow. On her own time, Scoggins returns on Sunday mornings to escort her clients to New Life Presbyterian Church across the street, a congregation with a Korean pastor.

"We're lucky to have good workers," Law says. "They give all their heart."

One recent afternoon, while Scoggins waited outside a large activity room at Pacific Villa, her "grandmothers" headed inside and took seats in a circle of seniors. Most were dressed in slacks and sneakers, but a few wore traditional Korean dress.

Both women giggled as Eun Hee Williams, the instructor for their class, led the group in a children's song. She demonstrated the hand and body motions that accompany the song, a sort of Korean-language hokey-pokey. Williams encouraged the seniors to move and sing along.

After the exercise, Scoggins says, it would be rest time for the "grandmothers." She accompanied both women back to their apartments.

"Good night, night, night," she called to Lee, as the older woman settled into her bed on the floor. "Night. Night. Night."

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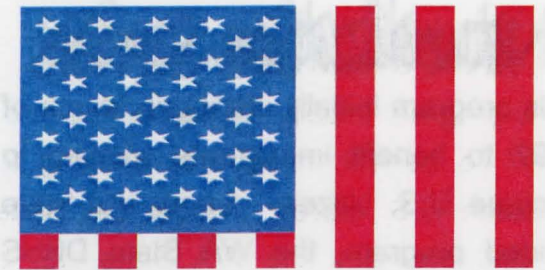
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## Naturalization Services

This program initially started in March of 1997 to benefit immigrants seeking to become U.S. citizen. Under the State funded program, the WA State DSHS Office of Refugee & Immigrant Assistance (RIA), the Korean Women's Association (KWA) has assisted immigrants and refugees in becoming U.S. citizens in order to enjoy the rights and to receive other important benefits. The purpose of this program is to defend and to advance the rights of immigrants and refugees through community education, advocacy, and immigration legal services to all persons, especially of low income. So far, the KWA citizenship program has served 33 nationalities.



Two new citizens from Multi-culture class (Filipino, Mexican, Samoan) Instructor, Vera Wedde

## KWA Provided Free Services for Low Income Families

- **Free** Filing of N-400 and Fee waiver
- **Free** Citizenship English classes
- Interpretation Service

*Note: Low-income family means welfare recipients such as medical coupon, food stamp, GAU, SSI, TANF*



## Benefits of Becoming a US Citizen

- Petition more family members to the United States
- Automatic citizenship for children under 18 years old
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- Eligible for federal government jobs
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## Citizenship Course Topics

- The U.S. Constitution, U.S. history and government
- Preparation for citizenship interview
- Survival English for citizenship



Citizenship Class for Eastern Europeans at Tacoma with instructor, Antonina Adamov

## Class Information

Register for a citizenship class **TODAY** through the Korean Women's Association (**KWA**). Services are available in English, Cambodian, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese. Classes are held in English, Cambodian, Korean, Russian, and Vietnamese at various locations. For more information, contact,

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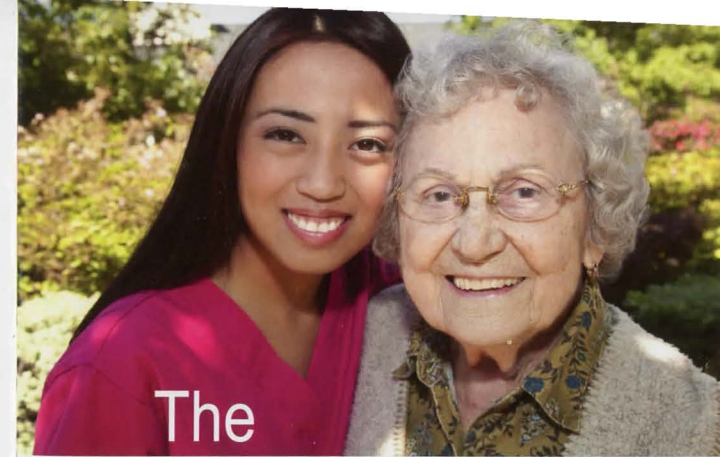
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## The KOREAN WOMEN'S Association



# KWA

*KWA has been providing multi-cultural and multi-lingual social and human services since 1972*



## Embracing the Fragile with Multicultural and Multilingual Expertise

The Korean Women's Association (KWA) is a 501 (c) (3) nationally recognized non-profit organization providing multicultural and multilingual services with care and compassion to anyone in need. KWA's clients include the most fragile – senior citizens, the disabled, poor and the sick, abused women and children, medically compromised and immigrants and refugees who speak little or no English. We help people improve their lives by meeting their most basic human needs through education, socialization, advocacy and support.

## Building a Bridge Across Cultures

KWA started in 1972 as a social club of Korean women married to American servicemen. But as more Koreans moved to Pierce County, the club began to provide additional needed services;



“ While KWA does many things to help people; what I've been impressed with in every aspect in my circle of need, they've always given me a personal touch. I have never been treated like anything less than of paramount importance.” -- Leslie



driver license classes, translation, transportation, domestic violence and other services to Korean families. Then, to other Asian immigrants and Pacific Islanders. Today, KWA serves over 40 nationalities.

Since its humble beginnings, KWA has served low-income ethnic minority populations who are often the most vulnerable segment of American society. Their language and cultural barriers can prevent successful integration into traditional American culture. Regardless of their race or ethnic background, KWA seeks to increase the quality of life for all people in need.

## About Our Services

KWA provides tools and a supportive environment so people can get the support they need, from housing to mammography screening, when they need it the most. We strive to understand and follow our clients' needs to make a positive difference in their lives. Through our responsive programs, we remain committed to the people and cultures we serve and seek to ensure that we uncover unmet needs and fulfill them. We help the underserved to lead healthier, happier and more productive lives – positively affecting generations to come.





Creating a Legacy of Kindness

## Honoring Our History

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### Humble Beginnings

What started with 10 Korean women with the singular goal of helping other women in their culture has grown to a \$22 million non-profit agency that employs over 1,000 employees whose purpose is to provide social and health services to the poor and most vulnerable. The Korean's Women Association (KWA) began in 1972 when Kim Nam Hui started a Korean women's social club in Tacoma, Washington. The 10-women group shared Korean meals, spoke and sang in their native language, and told away-from-home stories to help ease their homesickness.

Since the beginning, KWA has helped nearly 4 million low-income people with social and health services. Today it helps nearly 150,000 people every year.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, local servicemen stationed at Ft. Lewis Army Base and McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma went abroad and many married Korean women and brought them back to the United States.

### Culture Shock Sets in For Korean Wives of Servicemen

Many of the wives were having problems adjusting to the American culture and had language barriers that made every day activities, and their lives in general, very difficult. They couldn't read or speak English and didn't know how to drive. Everyday chores like going to the grocery store or doctor's office were challenging. Life was frustrating to these women and their families – and some were being abused. The women's group was soon selling popular Korean foods such as kimchi and rice cakes to the Korean community to help raise money for outreach. They helped other Korean women with transportation and translation to help them cope with everyday life.



KWA Founding Members



Early in KWA history, a small group of Korean women started to build a legacy of kindness – reaching out to help Korean women in need.





KWA board members at a celebration in 1992.



KWA began to gain wider community exposure by introducing its services to the community at trade show events.

## Creating a Legacy of Kindness

So the small, but powerful, women's group started to lend a helping hand and create a legacy of kindness. They brought women in for language classes and helped them learn how to accomplish basic tasks and then more advanced tasks such as driving. One night about 2:00 a.m., one of the women in the group received a call from one of the women they were helping because she had been beaten by her husband.

As more members of the women's group brought domestic violence victims into their homes, they saw an unmet need and eventually started a domestic violence program. The group set up an office in an apartment with a receptionist to answer the calls. The calls became more frequent as the needs of the local Korean community grew.

Later the women secured funding and built a secure and confidential shelter for domestic violence victims. The shelter is now a 19-bed facility for women and children and is the only multicultural domestic violence shelter in the state of Washington.

## Helping Korean Women Acclimate to America

Seven years later in 1979, these Korean women leaders founded The Korean Women's Association of Washington State (KWA) as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. The social service agency's vision was to help Korean women honor their traditions and acclimate into life in Pierce County and into American culture.

## Services Expand to Help All Nationalities

KWA began expanding its services and took over the programs of the Pierce County Asian Alliance. In the 1980s, KWA applied for grants and received public funds to provide meals, language and translation, home care and legal aid referral services to Asian-Pacific Islanders. Later it provided these services to people of all ethnicities, especially serving the poor, the elderly and the disabled.





The popularity of the Korean senior meal site grew with nearly 150 people attending the lunchtime meals.



KWA's Home Care Program started in 1989 serving elderly and disabled Koreans in their homes and now serves all nationalities.

## Programs Expand for the Elderly

In the late 1980s, local Korean women started bringing their families from Korea to the United States as their parents were aging, developing illnesses or dying. The elderly Koreans who moved to the area needed services and often complained they wanted Korean food. With a grant from Pierce County, KWA started its first Korean meal site and hired Korean women to prepare meals in the city of Tacoma's south end.

The program's popularity grew with nearly 150 people attending the lunchtime meals. The program expanded with the addition health education classes. Further expansion included meal sites for Filipinos, Samoans, Vietnamese and Cambodian cultures. Now KWA serves nearly 350 people every week at its meal sites. For many, these meal sites provide the only nutritional food they eat. In addition, they receive companionship, health education and more.

Soon KWA realized other government grants were available to help meet the community's growing needs — particularly the needs of the senior population. They were aware of seniors who were ill who could not make it to the meal sites. KWA board members felt that if they didn't help the seniors, nobody would — especially because of the difficulties with language barriers. So they delivered meals to the seniors' homes and began planning for in-home care for seniors.

## Home Care Serves the Elderly & Disabled

In 1989, after securing donations from Korean business owners, selling more kim chi and rice cakes to raise program funds, and securing additional grant funding, the KWA Home Care Program was started. Initially, KWA hired Korean women to help take care of the elderly and disabled Koreans in their own homes. But as KWA's reputation for exceptional and compassionate care grew, so did its client base which now includes all nationalities. Today, KWA operates one of the largest home care agencies in the state of Washington.





KWA bought its first office building in 1990. Each of the board members paid \$1,000 for the down payment on the \$200,000 project.

## First Office Building Purchased

In 1990, KWA bought its first office building for \$200,000 which included a 1.3 acre site. At the time, each of the 14 KWA board members paid \$1,000 each to put up the down payment. The loan payments were then paid with the profits from the Home Care Program. KWA later developed the site and it became a catalyst for a senior day care program, a new office and a 25-unit apartment complex for poor seniors.

## Promoting Citizenship

In the late 1990s, clients active in KWA programs started asking for help with becoming United States citizens and reuniting with their families. With a government grant, the Naturalization Program began helping refugees and immigrants seeking citizenship. This popular program expanded over the years and has helped over 2,200 people become U.S. citizens since its inception. KWA's Naturalization Program is recognized nationally as one of the best for a nonprofit organization.



KWA's Naturalization Program has helped over 2,200 people become U.S. citizens. Photo is of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduation Ceremony in 2007.



KWA board members in front of Pacific Villa, one of our low-income senior housing projects.



KWA's newest low-income housing project for seniors, Senior City, won a national housing award from *Affordable Housing Finance* magazine.

## New 11,626 Sq. Ft. Community Service Center

### Low Income Senior Housing

KWA board members knew that many of the seniors were having difficulties living in their adult children's homes and some didn't even have homes to stay in. It was our first attempt at applying for a federal grant and with hard effort and persistence, KWA not only secured a \$2.2 million grant to build 25 low-income units called Pacific Villa Apartments in 1996, but then battled and won over neighbors who initially didn't want the complex in their community. Over 180 people signed up to be considered for the 25 apartments that opened in 1998.

KWA understood the need was great for low-income housing for seniors. Since then, we have developed four other low-income housing projects including 200 units for the poor and disabled – with plans to develop more in the future.

The Asian Pacific Islander population was not being well served. As KWA is a strong and respected community partner, this was a great way to reach the Asian Pacific Islander population. We then partnered with Great C. Asian for the Care, an internationally recognized breast cancer organization, to develop the Breast Cancer Navigation Program a fully serving Asian-Pacific Islander and later expanding to other ethnicity groups. Since that time, KWA has served over 1000 women in awareness promotion and detection of breast cancer.

## One of the Largest Social Service Agencies in the State of Washington

Today, KWA offers multi-faceted and multicultural services to anyone in need who lives in Pierce, King, Snohomish, Thurston, Lewis, Mason, Chelan, Isabella and City & Harbor counties. What started in 1977 as a grassroots effort to assist Korean women acclimating to American culture has grown into one of the largest social service agencies in Washington state. Regardless of their race or ethnic background, KWA serves 150,000 clients in the Washington counties with over 1,000 employees and a \$22 million budget.





KWA leaders Ok Sun Wilson, Nam Hi Kim and Sul Ja Warnick at the community service center opening in October 2003.



Former Tacoma Mayor Brian Ebersole congratulates KWA on its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and groundbreaking of its Pacific Villa Apartments for low-income seniors.

## New 10,000 Sq. Ft. Community Service Center Opens in 2003

More than 30 years after it was founded as a social club, the Korean Women's Association moved into new quarters in October 2003. The association dedicated its \$1.3 million, 10,000-square-foot community service center in East Tacoma that was to house 22 social service programs ranging from English classes to meals and nutritional services and other programs.

## Asian-Pacific Islanders Not Getting Screened

In 2003, Franciscan Health System's Community Cancer Program staff reviewed its community data regarding race and breast cancer and found many Asian-Pacific Islanders were not being diagnosed. They weren't showing up in the data although they made up 7% of the county's population. The staff realized the Asian-Pacific Islander population was not being well served. As KWA is a strong and respected community partner, Franciscan sought our help to reach the Asian-Pacific Islander population. We then partnered with Susan G. Komen for the Cure, an internationally recognized breast cancer organization, to develop the Breast Cancer Navigator Program initially serving Asian-Pacific Islanders and later expanding to other minority groups. Since that time, KWA has served over 16,000 women in awareness promotion and detection of breast cancer.

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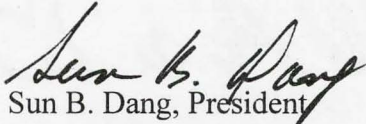
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It is my distinct pleasure, as President of the Board of Directors of the Korean Women's Association, to welcome our honored and distinguished guests, in joining us to celebrate not only our 25th Anniversary, but also the ground breaking for our new elderly housing project.

Many of you and your organizations have rendered valuable support to our programs over the years, allowing us as individuals and as an organization to feel welcome in the community and to make our own contributions toward our city, county and state. In appreciation of your efforts, this evening is specially dedicated to you. Thank You

  
Sun B. Dang, President  
Korean Women's Association

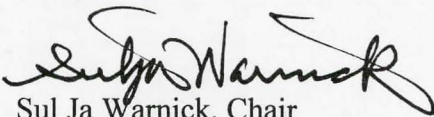


I am most pleased, as President of the Board of the Pacific Villa Housing Development Council, a wholly-owned subsidiary of KWA, and as a twenty year active member and past president of KWA, to welcome all of you joining us in the celebration of our elderly housing ground breaking and 25th Anniversary Celebration.

In the past one-quarter century, the KWA has a long history of offering social service programs designed to meet the needs of the Korean and at-large community. Now, with the help of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, their generous grant allows us to break ground for this 25 unit, low-income housing project for the elderly.

We as an organization, as well as individuals, are honored and gratified to participate in the wonderful American dream of contributing to the social needs and services of the community, and have every expectation that the Pacific Villa Housing project for the elderly will help us continue to be successful in this role.

It is with the support of you, our guests, that this has become possible. Thank you all for your individual and organizational efforts over the past twenty-five years, and in helping us reach this day of ground breaking for our Pacific Villa Housing project.

  
Sul Ja Warnick, Chair  
Pacific Villa Housing Dev. Council



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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

March 18, 1997

**Ms. Sun B. Dang**  
**President**  
**Korean Women's Association**  
**125 E. 96th Street**  
**Tacoma, Washington 98445**

**Dear Friends:**

I would like to extend a special word of congratulations to the Korean Women's Association on the occasion of your Silver Jubilee and Ground Breaking Celebration. Affordable housing for the elderly is greatly needed in our community and through the funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, K.W.A. will be able to complete their Pacific Villa Project by January 1998.

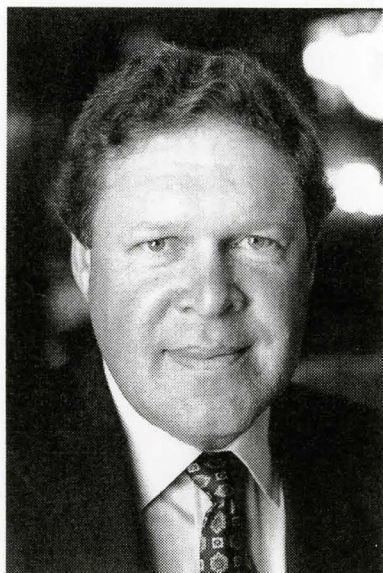
I have known and worked with the K.W.A. for the past six years. I strongly believe in their mission and goals for the community, which includes providing multilingual/multi-cultural community and social services for low-income, disabled, and elderly people. With the dedication of their hard-working staff, K.W.A. has already made tremendous efforts in serving the people of this area.

Congratulations to all of you today and thank you for your focus on this important area of the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norm Dicks".

**Norm Dicks**  
**Member of Congress**





# 45 YEAR HISTORY TIMELINE



## KWA BEGINS

**1972 -**

Korean wives of American men begin a monthly social club in Tacoma to share Korean food and tell personal stories in their native language. The club quickly becomes known as the Korean Women's Association.



meals are served each week.

**1992-** Fundraising begins for a permanent office location on our own property. Eventually, 2.6 acres were found in east Tacoma. An open house was held in early 1993 to exhibit the new facility.



**1974 -** KWA begins caring for seniors in the community. The program has now grown to 11 offices, employing 1,300 caretakers across 12 Western Washington counties.



**1997 -** KWA

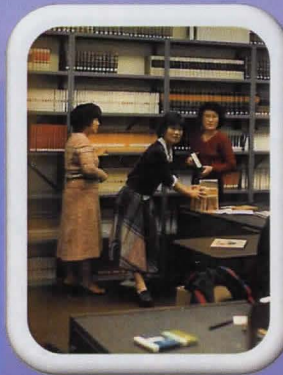
briefly opens an Asian Pacific Senior Day Care, providing respite care for family members and caretakers. Attendees enjoy meals and conversation, along with visits from the Tacoma Public Library's book mobile.



**1976-** KWA volunteers begin organizing carpools and wake-up calls to help other Korean women attend English language classes at a local community college. Soon, they begin organizing their own classes to teach American-style cooking and other life skills like opening bank accounts, and driving.

KWA begins offering immigration and naturalization services, waiving all application fees for low-income individuals. Citizenship classes are offered in six languages. The service expands to include assistance applying for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals in 2012.

**1979-** KWA is officially designated as a nonprofit social service organization. Early services quickly expand to include a language library and free legal services.



**1998 -** KWA opens Pacific Villa, their first 25 units of low-income housing still operating today.



**1988 -** KWA opens the first of three meal sites, collectively offering free meals to seniors Monday through Friday. Meals meet required USDA nutritional standards, and are culturally authentic to Korean, Vietnamese, Cambodian and American cuisines. An average of 300

**1999 -** KWA is awarded the grant funds





needed to begin a food stamps enrollment program in partnership with Washington's Department of Social and Health Services.

**2002** – The City of Tacoma donates land to KWA for the construction of an emergency housing shelter.

**2003** – KWA receives a state grant for \$640,000 to build emergency housing for battered women and their children.

**2004** – The “We Are Family” emergency shelter home opens, featuring 19 beds. An estimated 130 women and children walk through the front door annually.

**2005** – KWA begins outreach program to assist seniors in obtaining insurance services, especially Medicare and Medicaid. This was expanded to include insurance services under the Affordable Care Act in 2010.

**2006** – KWA begins planting at newly completed affordable housing complex, The Apple Orchard. Built on donated land that had been used as a dump site for years, the rehabilitated property is now home to five family homes and an orchard that provides hundreds of pounds of fresh fruit to local food banks each fall.



**2007 – International Place Apartments** open in Tacoma's Salishan neighborhood, providing 45 units of low-income senior housing.



**2009 – Senior City** opens in Federal Way, providing 62

units of low-income senior housing, and the historic Olym-pus Hotel in downtown Tacoma is renovated into 49 family housing units. Both were designed with their immediate access to public transportation in mind.



**2010** – KWA begins the Breast Cancer Navigation program, pairing women with advocates who provide language assistance, and attend appointments.

**2014** – KWA debuts the department of Community and Behavioral Health. The program focuses primarily on outreach, addressing the social, cultural, political, economic and environmental factors that influence health. The department develops programs to promote health, prevent disease and enhance quality of life.



**2015** – KWA launches the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) program, which identifies high risk individuals for alcohol, tobacco and drug use and connects them with resources for outpatient mental health and substance abuse counseling.

**2017** – New Adult Supported Living House Opens in Sequim, WA.





## “가정폭력 시달리던 한인 여성들 위해 복지 시작했죠”



▲ 설자 워닉씨

“1970년대 주한미군과 결혼해 이민했지만 미국 사회에 적응하지 못하고 가정폭력에 시달리던 한인 여성이 꽤 많았습니다. ‘우리 자매들을 돕자’는 취지로 피해 여성을 도왔습니다. 10여명 정도의 친교모임이던 ‘대한부인회’가 복지 사업에 뛰어들게 된 계기였습니다.”

양성평등주간을 맞아 4일 서울 대한상공회의소에서 열린 ‘양성평등주간 기념식’에서 국민훈장동백장을 받은 설자 워닉(74·여)씨는 이렇게 말했다. 여성가족부는 양성평등기본법에 따라 매년 7월 1~7일을 양성평등주간으로 지정하고, 양성평등 향상에 기여한 인물을 선정해 포상한다. 워닉씨는 미국 한인사회에서 양성평등에 힘쓴 공로를 인정받아 이날 상을 받기 위해 한국을 찾았다.

워닉씨는 1968년 미국계 무역회사에서 일하던 미국인 남편과 결혼한 후 1976년 미국으로 이민을 떠났다. 당시 ‘대한부인회’라는 친교모임 멤버였던 워닉씨는 국가보조금을 받아 가정폭력 피해 여성들을 위한 쉼터를 운영하는 등 복지사업을 펼쳤다.



**여성평생교육진흥원장 포상 대상자 운영 목적 요약**

개요

○ 운영목표 : 여성평생교육진흥원장 포상 유공

○ 정부포상 인원 : 총 60명

- 총·포상 : 총 5명(총장 3명, 포상 2명)

- 대동령 포상 : 총 7명(1개 단체 포함)



- 국무총리 포상 : 총 7명


- 장관 포상 : 총 41명(2개 단체 포함)

총장(3명/국민훈장동백장1, 국민훈장무련장1, 녹조근정훈장1)



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조석희 강원대학교 연구교수

순번	소속 및 직위	성명	수용기간	운영요약	비고
1	위신뜰주 대한부인회 자문이사	 (여, 74) 최자위녀	40년	○ 대한부인회의 창립이사를 시작으로 타크마 최초 한국학교에서 10년간 부장봉사, 분교설립, 타크마 3개학교에 한국어교과과정 채택, 미국공립학교에 90여개의 한국어클래스 채택 등에 앞장섬. 또한 활발한 모금활동과 정부보조금을 받기위한 노력을 통해 매년 15만명 이상의 지역사회외교에 기여함 원은 통해 한국어미지 제고에 기여함	국민훈장 동백장
2	(사)여성중앙회 회장	 (여, 64) 한중회	46년	○ 33년간 여성중앙회에 근무하면서 여성 사회공공과과개발, 여성 단체 지원, 여성유망인의 지위향상, 특별개칭 등에 기여하였고, 2004년부터 현재까지 (사)여성중앙회와 종로 여성인력개발센터, 푸른성북어린이집 운영을 통해 여성 능력개발과 인가정양립 지원 포드 그림개발, 고학력 경력단절 여성의 인가리창 등에 기여함.	국민훈장 무련장

순번	소속 및 직위	성명	수공기간	공적요약	비고
3	강원대학교 연구교수	 조석희 (여, 57)	33년	○ 육군여군장교로 재직 시 임신제도, 육아휴직, 사관학교 여생도 입교, 여군인력 활용확대 2020 마스터플랜 작성 등의 양성평등 의식 향상과 권익증진에 기여하였으며 전역 후 국방여성정책연구소를 설립하여 미래군을 선도할 국방여성인력의 역량강화, 정책제언 및 예비역의 일자리 창출, 양성평등과 사회참여 확대에 기여함	녹조근정 훈장

□ 국민포장(2명) : 김봉옥 **충남대학교병원** 원장  
한삼섭 **재일본대한민국부인회 중앙본부** 부회장

순번	소속 및 직위	성명	수공기간	공적요약	비고
1	충남대학병원 원장	 김봉옥 (여, 62)	28년	○ 우리나라 최초의 여성국립대병원장으로서 충남 대병원 내에 소아암환자를 위한 병원학교, 성폭력 피해자를 위한 해바라기센터 및 장애어린이를 위한 낮병동을 개설 운영하였고, 직원 채용, 교육과 승진과정에서 여성인재를 육성하고 시간선택제 일자리를 운영하는 등 아동·여성 및 장애인을 보호하여 권익신장에 노력하고, 한국여자의사회장으로서 여의대생과 젊은 여의사를 위한 멘토링 프로그램을 운영하여 여의사의 일·가정양립에 기여하였음.	근정포장
2	재일본대한 민국부인회 중앙본부 부회장	 한삼섭 (여, 78)	40년	○ 40년간에 걸쳐 재일본대한민국부인회에서 활동하면서 여성조직활성화를 위해 노력하고 지방 참정권 획득과 인권차별 철폐운동에 적극 참여하여 재외국민의 인권회복과 권익신장에 기여하였음	국민포장



녹조근정 훈장을 받은 조석희(57) 강원도 부교수는 육군여군장교로 재직 시 임신제도, 육아휴직, 사관학교 여성도 입교 등에 앞장서며 양성평등 의식 향상과 권익증진에 기여했다.

## 2016 양성평등주간 기념식

남녀가 함께하는 일·가정 양립  
가족 행복과 기업의 성장으로 이어집니다



▲ 양성평등주간(7월 1일~7월 7일)을 맞아 4일 서울 중구 대한상공회의소 국제회의장에서 열린 '2016 양성평등주간 기념식'에서 양성평등향상 유공자 포상 후 강은희 여성가족부 장관과 수상자들이 기념촬영을 하고 있다. ©이정실 여성신문 사진기자

40년간 재일본대한민국부인회에서 활동하며 여성조직활성화를 위해 노력한 한삼섭(78) 재일본대한민국부인회 중앙본부 부회장은 국민포장을, 국내 최초 여성국립대병원장인 김봉옥(62) 충남대학교 병원장은 근정포장을 받았다.

나은경 (주)나스커뮤니케이션 대표이사과 정재용 한국방송공사 스포츠기자, 김경희 한국여성정책연구원 성인지정책연구실장, 한명옥 강원도여성단체협의회 회장, 한정숙 (사)한국여성소비자연합충남지회 회장, 변민선 제주지방법원 부장판사 등은 대통령 표창을 받았다. 한국철도사회산업노동조합은 유일하게 단체로 대통령 표창을 받았다.

이 밖에도 국무총리표창(개인 7명), 여성가족부장관 표창(개인 39명, 단체 2개 기관)이 수여됐다.

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## 여성신문 인력년 인쇄하기

설자 워낙씨 등 양성평등 공로 60명 정부 포상

가정 양립  
!로 이어집니다



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미국 워싱턴주 대한부인회 설자 워낙 자문이사(가운데)와 사단법인 여성중앙회 한춘희 회장, 조석희 강원대 부교수 등이 양성평등 향상에 기여한 공로로 훈장을 받았다.

여성가족부는 4일 서울 중구 대한상공회의소에서 열린 양성평등주간 기념식에서 총 60명이 양성평등에 기여한 공로로 훈·포장과 대통령 표창, 국무총리 표창, 여성가족부장관 표창 등을 수여했다고 밝혔다.

국민훈장 동백장을 받은 설자 워낙(74)씨는 미국에서 1972년 대한부인회를 설립한 이후 타코마 지역에 한국 도서관과 한국어 학교를 건립해 10여년간 자원봉사를 하며 한인 여성 이민자들의 정착을 도왔다. 미국 전역 90여개 공립학교에 한국어 강좌를 개설하는데 앞장서고 가정폭력 피해여성들을 위한 쉼터를 운영하기도 했다.

국민훈장 목련장을 받은 여성중앙회 한춘희(64) 회장은 33년간 농협중앙회에 근무하면서 여성 사회교육 교과개발, 여성 단체 지원, 여성농업인의 지위향상, 농협법 개정 등에 기여했다.



# 설자워닉씨 수상자중 '최고 훈격'

2016-07-06 (수)

## ▶ 한국정부로부터 유일하게 국민훈장 동백장 수상




대한부인회의 설자워닉(오른쪽에서 세번째) 이사가 지난 4일 한국정부로부터 국민훈장 동백장을 받은 뒤 강은희(왼쪽에서 세번째) 여성가족부 장관 등과 기념사진을 찍고 있다.

대한부인회를 통해 미주 한인 여성들의 권익 신장은 물론 한국어교육에 크게 힘쓴 공로를 인정받아 한국 정부로부터 국민훈장 동백장을 수상한 설자워닉씨가 올해 양성평등 국민포상자 가운데는 최고 훈격을 수상한 것으로 밝혀졌다.

한국 시간으로 4일 500여명이 참석한 가운데 서울 대한상공회의소에서 열린 양성평등주간 기념식에서 모두 60명이 국민 훈·포장과 대통령 표창, 국무총리 표창, 여성가족부장관 표창 등을 수상했다. 이 가운데 설자워닉씨가 가장 높은 훈격인 국민훈장 동백장을 유일하게 받았고, 사단법인 여성중앙회 한춘희 회장이 그 아래인 국민훈장 목련장, 조석희 강원대 부교수가 녹조근조훈장을 받았다. 이날 수여식에서 훈장은 3명만 수상했다.

설자 워닉씨는 1972년 설립된 대한부인회를 통해 한인 여성 이민자들의 정착을 도왔을뿐 아니라 대한부인회를 주류사회 주요 단체로 성장시켰으며 미국 공립학교내 한국어반 신설 등을 통해 전국90여개 공립 학교에 한국어 강좌를 개설하도록 앞장선 공로를 인정받았다.

## 설자위너씨, '양성평등 공로'로 국민훈장 동백장 수상

조이스애틀뉴스 (기사입력: 2016/07/04 23:06) 

타코마 대한부인회(KWA) 설자 위너(74) 자문이사가 양성 평등에 기여한 공로로 한국 정부 포상을 받았다.



설자위너 KWA 이사

연합뉴스에 따르면 4일(한국시간) 오후 대한상공회의소에서 열린 양성평등주간 기념식에서 설자 위너 이사 등 모두 60명이 훈·포장과 대통령 표창, 국무총리 표창, 여성가족부장관 표창 등을 받았다.

국민훈장 동백장을 받은 설자 위너 이사는 1972년 대한부인회 설립에 기여했고 이후 타코마 지역에 한국 도서관과 한국어 학교를 건립해 10여 년간 자원봉사를 하며 한인 여성 이민자들의 정착을 도왔고 미국 전역 90여 공립학교에 한국어 강좌를 개설하도록 앞장선 공로를 인정받았다.

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### 美 한인여성 식사모임이 직원 1300명 복지기관 된 사연

이훈성기자

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1972년 워싱턴주서 결성한 대한부인회

가정폭력 멎든 동포 돕다 팔 걷어

노인-장애인 등 약자 15만명 지원

“눈 멎든 동포 돕다 기적처럼 커졌네요”



설자 워낙 미국 대한부인회 자문이사가 18일 서울 시립은평노인종합복지관에서 미국의 대표적 사회복지단체로 자리매김한 대한부인회의 성장 과정을 설명하고 있다. 고흥권기자 youngkoh@hankookilbo.com

1972년 처음 결성됐을 땐 미국 워싱턴주 타코마시로 결혼이민 온 한인 여성 10명의 친목 모임이었다. 한 달에 한 번쯤 모여 밥 먹다가 문득 향수에 젖으면 젓가락 가락에 한국 유행가를 합창하던. 그러던 이들이 미군과 결혼해 낯선 땅을 찾은 한국 여성들을 상대로 김치나 떡을 파는 장사를 해보려 시 외곽 군부대를 드나들다가 가정폭력, 소외, 언어장벽 등 동포들의 안타까운 현실에 눈떴다. 이들을 험터로 피난시키고

통역과 생활정보를 제공하는 봉사활동에 매진하면서 모임은 점점 커졌고 79년 공식 사회봉사단체 인가를 받았다.

30여 년이 흐른 지금, 모임은 워싱턴주에 사무실 12곳, 직원 1,300명을 두고 노인, 장애인, 저소득층, 이민 여성 등 사회적 약자에게 폭넓은 복지서비스를 제공하는 초대형 기관으로 성장했다. 현지에서 KWA(Korean Women's Association)로 통하는 대한부인회 애기다. 주 시애틀(워싱턴주 주도) 총영사를 역임한 권찬호 상명대 교수는 "미국 현지에서 대한부인회의 위상은 대단하다"며 "주 정부는 물론이고 연방정부나 빌 게이츠 재단 같은 유력 기관으로부터 연간 370억원이 넘는 예산을 받아 운용한다"고 전했다.

여성가족부 주최 세계한민족여성네트워크(24~26일) 행사 참석차 방한한 설자 워닉(74) 자문이사는 초창기 친목 모임 시절부터 대한부인회와 함께 해온 산 증인이다. 특히 사회복지단체 전환 이듬해 군청 사회복지국 이사로 진출해 주정부 예산을 따낸 것을 시작으로, 다양한 민관 기관을 상대로 재정 확보 활동에 헌신하며 조직 기반을 탄탄히 다졌다.

18일 서울 시립은평노인종합복지관을 방문했다가 본보와 만난 워닉 이사는 "주지사 자문위원, 병원 이사 등 각계에서 자리를 맡아 대한부인회 조직 및 자금 운영을 위한 네트워크 조성에 힘쓰고 있다"며 "초반엔 재정 마련에 어려움을 겪었지만 지금은 정부가 먼저 복지기금이나 부지 제공을 제안해올 만큼 궤도에 올랐다"고 말했다. 저소득 노인의 주거환경 개선을 위해 2007년 조성한 55세대 규모 아파트 단지의 경우 예산은 연방 주택공사, 부지는 시로부터 받았다고 한다.

워닉 이사는 "남편 폭력에 눈이 퍼렇게 멎든 동포 여성을 보며 화가 나서 시작한 일이 이렇게 기적처럼 커졌다"며 웃었다. 그는 "복지는 가장 약하고 자기 소리를 내지 못하는 사람을 찾아 그들이 절실히 필요로 하는 것을 돕는 일"이라며 "정부는 그러한 소수자를 도와야 할 의무가 있다"고 말했다. 대한부인회는 현재 27개 민족, 연간 15만명에게 복지 서비스를 제공하고 있다. 워닉 이사는 "사회문화적 배경이 다양한 수혜자들의 요구를 반영해야 하는 만큼 이사회에 미국, 중국 출신 인사를 영입하는 등 조직을 다원화하고 있다"며 "한인 여성들이 일궈온 단체라는 정체성을 유지해야 한다는 반발도 없진 않지만 조직 발전엔 다양성이 필수 요소"라고 말했다.

유대계 미국인 남편과 결혼해 76년 미국에 건너간 워닉 이사는 두 딸을 훌륭히 키운 엄마로도 명망이 높다. 장녀 안젤라 워닉 북델은 유대교 최초 아시아계 랍비이자 뉴욕 맨해튼의 유대교 회당 수석 랍비이고, 차녀 지나 콜레티는 줄리아드음대 출신 유명 비올리스트다. 워닉 이사는 "큰 딸이 랍비가 되는 과정에서 성별, 혈통 등을 앞세운 정통 유대교파의 공격이 극심했다"며 "고민하는 딸에게 '네가 유대교인의 삶을 시작했으니 끝도 맺어야 한다'고 독려했다"고 말했다.

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## Who we are

KWA was founded by Kim Nam Hui, the Korean wife of an American serviceman. Kim and other immigrant wives came together to share meals and encourage one another. Their first fundraisers included selling favorite Korean foods to other immigrants living at Fort Lewis and McChord Air Force Base. Eventually KWA members were able to provide them with transportation needs, translation services and support to the women suffering from domestic violence.

In 1979 the organization received its non-profit status and first grant from Washington State. The next year, services were expanded to other Asian and Pacific Islander immigrants and refugees. Known for their unique ability in helping those whose dreams were thwarted by language and cultural barriers, word of KWA's cross-cultural compassion spread quickly. From a single part-time employee in a 500 square-foot office, KWA now has 1,200 employees with offices in 11 counties to serve all people.

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# International Women's Day: Timeline Journey



## KOREAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

March 8, 2018



International  
Women's Day

# The early beginnings

## 1908

Great unrest and critical debate was occurring amongst women. Women's oppression and inequality was spurring women to become more vocal and active in campaigning for change. Then in 1908, **15,000** women marched through New York City demanding shorter hours, better pay, and voting rights.



## 1909

In accordance with a declaration by the Socialist Part of America, the first National Women's Day (NWD) was observed across the United States on 28 February. Women continued to celebrate NWD on the last Sunday of February until 1913.

## 1910

In 1910, a second International Conference of Working Women was held

# 2018 and beyond

## 2011

2011 saw the 100 year centenary of International Women's Day – with the first IWD even held exactly 100 years ago in



*Malala Yousafzai*

1991 in Europe. In the United States, President Barack Obama proclaimed March 2011 to be "Women's History Month," calling Americans to mark IWD by reflecting on "the extraordinary accomplishments of women" in shaping the country's history.

## 2018 and beyond

The world had witnessed a significant change and attitudinal shift in both women's and society's thoughts about women's equality and emancipation. Many from a younger generation may feel that 'all the battles have been won for women' while many feminists from the 1970's know only too well the longevity and ingrained complexity of patriarchy. The unfortunate fact is that women are still not paid equally to that of their male counterparts, women still are not present in equal numbers in business or politics, and globally women's education, health, and the violence against them is worse than that of men. However, great improvements have been made. We do have female astronauts and prime ministers, school girls are welcomed into university, women can work and have a family, women have real choices. And so each year the world inspires women and celebrates their achievements.



# A new millennium

## 1996

The UN commenced the adoption of an annual theme in 1996 – which was ‘Celebrating the past, Planning for the Future.’ This theme was followed in 1997 with “Women at the Peace table,” and in 1998 with “Women and Human Rights,” and in 1999, “World Free of Violence Against Women,” and so on each year until the current.

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## 2000

By the millennium, International Women’s Day activity around the world had stalled in many countries. The world had moved on and feminism wasn’t a popular topic. International Women’s Day needed re-ignition. There was urgent work to do – battles had not been won and gender parity had still not been achieved.

## 2001

The global [internationalwomensday.com](http://internationalwomensday.com) digital hub for everything IWD was launched to re-energize the day as an important platform to celebrate the successful achievements of women and to continue calls for accelerating gender parity. Each year, the IWD website sees vast traffic and is used by millions of people and organizations all over the world to learn about and share IWD activity. The IWD website is made possible each year through the support from corporations committed to driving gender parity.

# A time of civil unrest

in Copenhagen. A woman named Clara Zetkin tabled the idea of an International Women’s Day. The conference of over 100 women from 17 countries, representing unions, socialist parties, working women’s clubs – and including the first three women elected to the Finnish parliament – greeted Zetkin’s suggestions with unanimous approval and thus International Women’s Day was the result.



## 1911

Following the decision agreed at Copenhagen, International Women’s Day was honored the first time in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland on March 19. More than one million women and men attended IWD rallies campaigning for women’s rights to work, vote, be trained, to hold public office, and end discrimination. However, less than a week later on March 25, the tragic ‘Triangle Fire’ in New York City took the lives of more than 140 working women, most of them Italian and Jewish immigrants. This disastrous event drew significant attention to working conditions and labor legislation in the United States that became a focus of subsequent International Women’s Day events.

## 1913-1914

On the eve of World War I campaigning for peace, Russian women observed their first International Women’s Day on the last Sunday in February 1913. Following discussions, International Women’s Day was transferred to March 8 and this date has remained the global date for International Women’s Day ever since. In 1914, further women across

# From women to activists

Europe held rallies to campaign against the war and to express women's solidarity. For example, in London, there was a march from Bow to Trafalgar Square in support of women's suffrage on March 8, 1914. Sylvia Pankhurst was arrested in front of Charing Cross station on her way to speak in Trafalgar Square.

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*"I always feel... the movement is a sort of mosaic. Each of us puts in one little stone, and then you get a great mosaic at the end." – Alice Paul, 1917*

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Alice Paul

## 1917

On the last Sunday of February, Russian women began a strike for "bread and peace" in response to the death of over 2 million Russian soldiers in World War I. Opposed by political leaders, the women continued to strike until four days later the Czar was forced to abdicate and the provisional Government granted women the right to vote.



Bread and Peace Strike

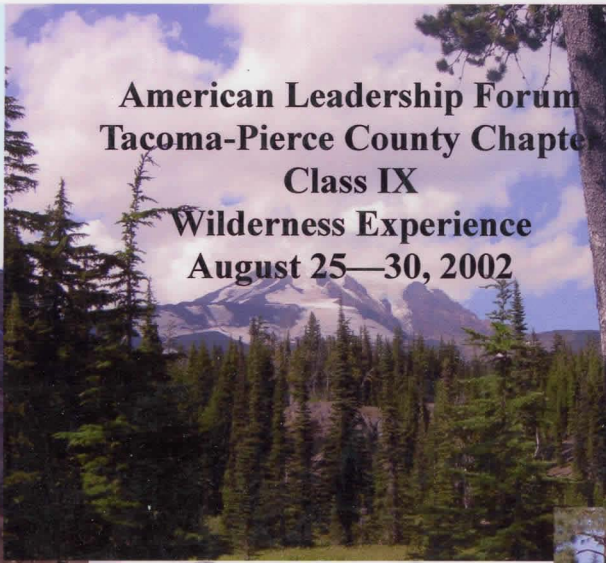
## 1975

International Women's Day was celebrated for the first time by the United Nations in 1975. Then, in December 1977, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace to be observed on any day of the year by Member States, in accordance with their historical and national traditions.





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**MELISSA BERTOLO** joined the City of Dayton as Welcome Dayton Program Coordinator in 2012 as the first full time employee to work on the immigrant friendly initiative. In her role, Melissa is responsible for facilitating community efforts to improve immigrants' and refugees' successful integration into the Dayton community. Her work includes developing cross-sector strategies to increase Dayton's ability to be more immigrant friendly and implementing a framework encouraging both native-born and foreign-born participation. Melissa has an MSW and MPH from New Mexico State University and was recently named a SPARK Fellow with Welcoming America.

**MARTY CAMPBELL** attended the University of Nebraska before coming to Tacoma to open two small businesses. Through his involvement in Tacoma, he became more involved in neighborhood and community issues. He has served in a leadership role for several community organizations, including the Cross District Association, New Tacoma Neighborhood Council, The Grand Cinema, First Creek Neighbors, Dome Top Neighborhood Alliance, TEAM, Downtown Merchant's Group, City Club of Tacoma and many others. Marty was elected to the Tacoma City Council in 2009 and represents Council District 4.

**LIZ DUNBAR** has been the Executive Director of Tacoma Community House since April 2009. She is active in community affairs, serving on the board of trustees for Tacoma Community College, the boards of the LASCO Foundation, Pioneer Human Services and the Japanese American Citizens League. She retired in 2006 from the Department of Social and Health Services where she served in a number of capacities, including State Refugee Coordinator, Diversity Director, Assistant Secretary for Economic Services and lastly as the Deputy Secretary of the department. She is the daughter of a Japanese immigrant and a U.S. Air Force officer.

**FELIPE FILOMENO** holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from Johns Hopkins University, where he was a Fulbright scholar from 2007 to 2012. His current research is about the governance of international migration, with a focus on the urban level. He was awarded the Early Career Prize of the Economics & Politics Section of the Latin American Studies Association in 2015 and is author of *Monsanto and Intellectual Property in South America* (Palgrave Macmillan 2014) and of *Theories of Local Immigration Policy* (Palgrave Macmillan 2017).

**LIESL SANTKUYL** is a long-term Tacoma community advocate, public health educator and social justice activist. Currently she is the Coalition Coordinator for Leaders in Women's Health, an initiative of the Northwest Leadership Foundation. Liesl holds an MPH from the University of Wisconsin, specializing in Community Health Education. She has worked as a health educator in migrant health centers, public health,

and hospitals in Wisconsin and Washington. Born in Venezuela, Liesl is a proud Latina and immigrant. She lived in Mexico and Guatemala during her childhood in her early 20's.

**RICH STOLZ** has been with the Center for Community Change, a national organization based in Washington, D.C since early 2000's. His early work focused on the impact of welfare reform and immigration law changes enacted by Congress in the mid-1990s. Later, he helped to found and staff the Transportation Equity Network, a multi-ethnic organizing strategy focused on the impact of transportation policy on job access, community development and environmental justice. He was born in Seoul, South Korea.

**MARILYN STRICKLAND** is serving her second term as Mayor of Tacoma. Her pro-growth agenda focuses on creating family-wage jobs by improving education and workforce training, promoting entrepreneurship, investing in transportation and attracting international investment. Born in Seoul, she is a graduate of the University of Washington and holds an MBA from Clark-Atlanta University. Prior to elected office, she worked in both the private and public sectors. Her regional and national board leadership includes Sound Transit, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Democratic Mayors Association. Strickland has appeared on *Meet the Press*, National Public Radio and is a trustee with the Urban Land Institute.

**SULJA WARNICK** is a founding member of the Korean Women's Association, Tacoma. She helped build this non-profit social service agency which now employs 1,200 people. Sulja's accomplishments include teaching in Tacoma Public Schools for 30 years with an emphasis on global education. She also served 14 years on the Governor's Commission for Asian Pacific Islanders Affairs which advised the Governor on immigration, education and other social service and economic issues affecting the Asian and Pacific Islander communities in our state and currently serves on the Boards of Directors of the MultiCare Foundation (Tacoma) and the Foundation for Tacoma Students.

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8:00-8:30 AM REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30-9:00 AM WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

ALI MODARRES

PROFESSOR & DIRECTOR, URBAN STUDIES PROGRAM, UW TACOMA

9:00-10:30 AM PANEL I: IMMIGRANT CONTRIBUTION TO URBAN REVITALIZATION WITH Q&A MODERATED BY LIZ DUNBAR

This panel focuses on national and regional experiences in immigrant rich areas, primarily on the contributions of immigrants to revitalizing neighborhoods, improving local economies, and enriching the cultural ecology of their adopted homes. We will also look at their collective contribution to the growth of labor, both in professional and service sectors. Panelists will discuss the experiences of various cities around the country, including the Pacific Northwest.



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10:30-10:40 AM BREAK

10:40-11:30 AM KEYNOTE: THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL STRATEGIES TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN IMMIGRANTS IN U.S. CITIES WITH Q&A



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THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ELLIOT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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11:30-12:00 PM LUNCH

12:00-1:30 PM PANEL II: WHAT CONSTITUTES A WELCOMING REGION? WITH Q&A MODERATED BY ALI MODARRES

Welcoming cities are those that embrace immigrants and create an inclusive environment that provides opportunities for everyone. This panel will focus on the necessity for and growth of welcoming cities and regions in the U.S., particularly in the South Sound, highlighting some of the more interesting locally-created policies that positively shape immigrants' experience. Relying on national and regional experts, we will highlight efforts in various cities around the nation and ask whether the South Puget Sound can be considered a welcoming region. We will also entertain ideas about additional measures that might contribute to our status as a welcoming region.



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# *Sulja Warnick*

Openness and honesty

Brave

Inner resolve

“My daughter, the rabbi”

When you speak, I listen

Sharing your shit with us

Wisdom

Very tough woman who cares about world and family

Tenacity in attacking rock wall

Courage

Intelligence

Commitment

Changes

From Korea

Courage to share a complex and rich life with all

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Over the course of the '70s, that began to change. More servicemen, many with young wives, were recalled to Fort Lewis and McChord Air Force Base from the Korean Peninsula, where war had given way to reconstruction.

Wilson and a group of newer arrivals began congregating at their houses all over Tacoma. Without an Asian grocery in the city at the time, the friends were forced to get creative — substituting crushed red pepper normally used for pizza for a similar, unavailable spice to make kimchi, singing Korean songs from memory.

There were only a dozen or so such women initially, and they existed as a social club more than anything. Until the latter part of the decade, that was enough.

Over time, though, the group's purpose began to shift. As lonely as she'd been in those early years, Wilson soon realized she was one of the lucky ones. She was well-educated, having attended university in Korea, and accepted a job with the Tacoma School District as an elementary schoolteacher within a few years of her arrival.

Many of the more recent immigrants, however, spoke barely a word of English.



The KWA Community Services Center is located in Tacoma.





Sulja Warnick, one of the original members of the Korean Women's Association, sits at the dining-room table in her Tacoma home with a few of the articles written about KWA. Warnick is on the KWA board of trustees and is a senior adviser.



Ok J. Kim, left, gets help from friends Suk Chaivid and Pok S. Zaboski (in orange) while playing bingo before lunch at KWA in Tacoma.

“They have never imagined American ways of life,” Wilson says. “The only thing they could rely on is their husband, and they thought everything would be OK.”

Oftentimes, everything was. But there were exceptions.

What started as a social group in 1972 incorporated as a nonprofit a few years later. One of the first social services provided by what eventually would be called the Korean Women's Association was domestic-violence counseling. Gradually, its scope expanded to include immigration and naturalization services, then affordable housing, then in-home care for seniors.

As the organization's 45th anniversary celebration nears, later this month, what began as a social outlet for a handful of lonely wives has left an indelible mark on Tacoma and Western Washington.

**S**ULJA WARNICK, like Wilson, one of KWA's founding members, grew up in Daegu, South Korea, during wartime.

“The country we grew up in is not like the Korea now,” Warnick says. “We were hungry all of the time.”

Still, her family was close-knit, and they made do. Warnick, now 75, met her future husband while she was in college in South Korea; she was studying education, and he taught English composition in the aftermath of the war.

“It was not easy,” Warnick says. “My mother was so adamant that I never get married to foreigners.”

Warnick's American boyfriend won over her mother with a simple pledge: They would live in Korea forever. He kept that promise for nearly a decade, until Warnick's mom died. The following year, the couple packed up and moved to his hometown of Tacoma.

Warnick was grateful her husband kept his word for as long as he did, and with two young daughters, she anticipated as warm a welcome from his extended family as hers had offered to him.

“I was so, so excited to come to my husband's hometown,” Warnick says. “The first

day, my dream went ‘bang.’ They didn't take us into their house. They took us to a dingy, dark motel. I was just shocked.”

She spent her first three months in America in a depressed fog, cooped up in that motel room with little to do. Then one day, she took her girls to day care and canvassed the city looking for a teaching job. Few schools accepted her Korean certificate, so she started as a volunteer, then an assistant teacher, before eventually taking a full-time job at a middle school, where she worked for 31 years.

Even all of these years and professional breakthroughs later, she remembers the flush of shame she felt those first few months.

“I felt like my husband's family looked down on me,” Warnick says. “I felt very small. My pride was smashed down. I was a college graduate. I thought that it wasn't fair, the way they treated me.”

That's part of what inspired her involvement with the KWA in the late 1970s. She sensed similar injustice in the experiences of the battered immigrant women she worked with, and she wanted more than anything to help them reclaim their self-esteem and self-worth.

She joined a group that had grown ▶