



Concerned Women for America of Washington Newsletter

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Greeting From State Director by Maureen Richardson

What a crazy weather year we have had so far this year! I've seen clouds, sunshine, ice rain, snow, and more sunshine all within thirty minutes! It seems as if the physical environment is as crazy, unpredictable and disconcerting as the political and economic climates are this year. What appears at one moment may not be the same the next moment! Yet, there are still some unchanging truths. While humanists and secular progressives proclaim that if we believe in God's Word as absolute truth and actually live accordingly, we are too old-fashioned and need to "progress," research proves otherwise.

I recently read an article about religion and social stability which has good news for us. "The Heritage Foundation study titled 'Why Religion Matters: The Impact of Religious Practice on Social

Stability' brims with references from major clinical studies on the role religion plays in building social order. Their research says that church attendance is statistically the most important predictor of marital happiness and stability. The practice of religion promotes mental health, including less depression and more self esteem and is an aid in recovering from emotional damage done through drug and alcohol abuse. A person's health is aided by religious practice which tends to increase longevity of life and prevent disease as well as enhance recovery from sickness. Economically, the data shows that religious practice tends to move the underprivileged out of poverty and into the middle class. Suicide, drug abuse, and out-of-wedlock births are all definitely lessened through the influence of religion." (christianhomesite.com/

cherryvale/text/effects.htm)
To quote CWA President Wendy Wright, "*The connection between faith in God and a better life may be a mystery for some. But for those who experience a relationship with God, it makes perfect sense. God heals broken people.*"

In 1898, John Adams told a military gathering, "*We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbri-dled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.*" Nothing has really changed about human nature in the past 211 years, has it? Moral and religious people still
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CWA of Washington Conference Standing in the Gap in Washington State

You are invited to the state conference "Standing in the Gap in Washington State" on Saturday, May 30, 2009, at Alderwood Community Church (3403 Alderwood Mall Blvd.) in Lynnwood, Washington. The doors will open at 8 a.m., and the conference will start at 8:45 a.m. continuing

until 5:30 p.m. The verses guiding the conference are Ezekiel 22:30, "*So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.*" (NKJV) and Luke 19:13, "*And he called his ten*

servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy until I come." (KJV) Confirmed speakers include CWA President Wendy Wright, Pastor Ken Hutcherson of Antioch Bible Church, State Senator Val Stevens, State Representative Matt Shea, Dr. Sharon Quick, and Sharon Hanek. We will pray, worship, learn, laugh and fellowship during the day. CWA core issues will be addressed by experts in

each area, and you will be encouraged by the company of other concerned citizens. You may register with the "Reply Memorandum" at the end of this newsletter. Early registration will save you money and enable us to plan the conference better. La Quinta Inn (4300 Alderwood Mall Blvd in Lynnwood (425-775-7447) has a \$79/night, any room type conference rate; be sure to state that you are attending the CWA conference.

Please mark the date on your calendar and send in your registration form now!



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come out ahead, no matter what the secular progressive crowd wants to believe! CWA encourages you to join us in standing in the gap for the culture and occupying the land until the Lord's return through prayer, education and action, thus reversing the moral decline in our culture.

Speaking of standing in the gap, the marriage rally held on March 19 was a successful gathering in Olympia of about 2500 citizens and speakers from the legislature, churches and para-church organizations to support marriage and to protest the legislature's proposed law to undermine the special, protected status of marriage between one man and one woman in our state. The rally made it clear that citizens of this state do not support redefining marriage. If SB 5688, which grants all marital rights, responsibilities and benefits to domestic partners, passes, there will likely be a referendum

to the people to reverse that bill and preserve the unique significance and role of the heterosexual marriage relationship in our state. While SB 5688 does not grant marriage to homosexual couples, it does give those couples and over-age-62 heterosexual couples all the benefits of marriage; we all know the next step is the granting of the name "marriage" with negative ramifications to our families, our laws, school curricula and our Constitutional rights to freedom of speech and of religion, despite the sweet words of our opponents. When the referendum is introduced, we will need your support and help to collect enough signatures to put it on the November ballot. The CWA state website will have details when a decision is made: <http://wa.cwfa.org>. Please be in prayer that the God-created definition and meaning of marriage and family will be honored



and upheld rather than overturned by judges and legislatures that have no respect for the religious and moral traditions of this nation as President John Adams referenced in the warning quoted above.

CWA's first priority is prayer, and so I ask you to pray for revival for our state and our nation. May Paul's words encourage us, "*and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*"

For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls." (Hebrews 12:1-3)

Day of Silence Walkout

A national coalition of pro-family organizations is urging parents to call their children out of school on April 17. This is the day designated for this year's Day of Silence when students and/or teachers will purposely remain silent during instructional time to protest so-called discrimination and gain sympathy for students who identify as homosexual or transgender.

The Day of Silence is a yearly event sponsored by the partisan political action group, the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). The implicit purpose is to undermine the belief that homosexuality is immoral. It is the

belief of the sponsors of the Walkout that parents should no longer passively accept the political usurpation of taxpayer-funded public school classrooms through student silence.

Parents are encouraged to call their children's middle schools and high schools to ask whether the administration and/or teachers will permit students to remain silent during class on the Day of Silence. If so, parents can express their opposition by calling their children out of school on that day and sending letters of explanation to their administrators, their children's teachers, and all school board members.

Don't Miss Out! Sign up for State Legislative Action Alerts

Because of the speed with which the state legislature works and the necessity to share legislative information quickly, this year CWA of Washington sent weekly action alerts to over 500 people rather than include them in the newsletter. During the remainder of the year, we send out monthly alerts on national and state issues. If you would like to be on our action alert list, please send us your e-mail address.

Encourage-A-Legislator 2009 Update

by Miki Kelly, Encourage-A-Legislator Coordinator

Postcards and prayers are being sent to Olympia each week! I want to thank all the volunteers that stepped up to pray for a Washington Legislator this year. As of today, 89 of the 147 Washington State Legislators are partnered with an EAL volunteer. We increased our list by 17

from last year. My heart's desire is still to have all 147 Legislators covered with prayer. I hope we can reach that goal in 2010!

If you are interested in praying and encouraging a Legislator, please e-mail me

at miki.stevekelly@comcast.net. Thank you for your faithfulness in praying.

"I lift my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

Make it Easy! Receive Newsletter Via E-Mail

In order to be more efficient with your financial gifts, we can e-mail this newsletter. Please let us know if you would prefer that by listing both your street and e-mail address on the Reply Memorandum so that we can cross-reference them and lower our newsletter expenses.

Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders Needed!

Please pray with CWA!

We have Prayer/Action Chapters in the following cities:

Bellevue, Castle Rock, Des Moines, Edmonds, Eastsound,
Freeland, Puyallup, Redmond, Seattle, Sedro Woolley, Shelton, Snoqualmie,
Spokane, Tacoma, and Vancouver

If your city is not listed, would you pray about starting up a
Prayer Action Chapter in your area?
We'll even help you get started!

If e-mail is more your style, you can become a Home Team Captain
and help us educate others easily.

Call 425-869-1923 for an application!

Feel Free To Copy & Distribute This Newsletter To Other Concerned Citizens!

Reply Memorandum

I will attend Conference 2009 on Saturday, May 30; enclosed is my registration of \$40/individual or \$55/couple, \$30/student or groups of five or more. Registration fee includes lunch and all conference materials.

***BONUS: If registered before 5/15/2009, subtract \$5/category.

Total enclosed for May 30, 2009 state conference: \$ _____

If you have not yet renewed your annual membership in Concerned Women for America, you may do so through the state office. Each state is self-supporting so your tax-deductible gift will help support our work in the state, including this newsletter.

Yes, please renew my annual membership at the national and state level. I have included a suggested donation of \$25 or more. I would like to continue to receive the national and state newsletters. (You may also donate online directly to CWA of Washington: <http://states.cwfa.org/states/detailsnew.asp?organization=wa>)

I will make a tax-deductible donation of \$1 (or more) to cover the expense of this newsletter.

I would like to be on the state e-alert list. My e-mail address is: _____

I would like to pray with the "Encourage-A-Legislator" campaign. Please send me an information packet.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Please mail this reply to: CWA of WA, P.O. Box 143, Woodinville, WA 98072

Thank you for standing with us! May God bless you always!