

3rd Coffee Meeting: “Heart Behind WFWP”

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We turned out to have a perfectly-balanced group of elder and younger women this time, and had the pleasure to listen to Dr. Maja Riehl share her “Heart Behind WFWP”, as she initiated the WFWP work in Austria in 1992. Maja first laid out a historical background, pointing out that history has mainly told men’s stories, and that women have not been able to be completely trusted by men. Hak Ja Han Moon, after many years of unwavering support and loving sincerity, was recognised by her husband, Rev Sun Myung Moon, as being a woman he could trust 100%. It was on this basis that she began the WFWP, to empower women around the world to also stand in their rightful position as a trusted counterpart to men, and to bring a much-needed balance in world affairs. Maja’s talk gave us some practical points for our daily lives, and also deeper ideas to reflect on.

“Peace in the world starts in the kitchen” was Maja’s quote, which meant if women can support each other and work together, even from this starting point, great things can be achieved. With all the women of different generations sharing afterwards, words as well as tasty treats from their kitchens, we could feel some progress being made through our gathering: connecting, inheriting, developing, and taking a step forward altogether.

Yoshiko Pammer

(Mrs. Yoshiko Pammer has started sharing WFWP’s vision to 2nd gen sisters in Vienna through organizing “simple” coffee mornings. It is the heart behind that makes these gatherings possible and successful. Mrs. Pammer is also the European representative of Youth WFWP)