



## Greetings from the President of the KOWIN DC Chapter



Dear KOWIN DC Chapter Sisters:

Happy New Year to you and your families! 2010 has been a very busy and exciting year for the KOWIN DC Chapter. I am very excited to tell you that 2011 will be an even more prosperous year for KOWIN DC. As we move forward in the new year, I would like you to know about several upcoming events, the new Committees that have been formed, and about others that are still in the planning stage, for which we welcome and invite your participation. There are several Committees waiting for your active participation.

**Call For News:** In future Newsletters, we would like to publish news about our Members, so we would like to hear from you about your achievements, awards, promotions, or any other success story you want to share with Members and friends of KOWIN. Please send your news to [thelma.choi@gmail.com](mailto:thelma.choi@gmail.com) by **JULY 15** for publication in our next Newsletter, scheduled for end of July. We are also working diligently to launch our own website with an ambitious target date of March 31! So if you have experience in website development, please join our Web Committee. And, of course, we will be holding the *2nd Young Leadership Seminar* in late May or early June, as part of furthering one of KOWIN's most important goals: to nurture future Korean women leaders. To achieve these goals, we will hold several activities throughout the year, both for pleasure as well as fundraising!!

KOWIN is *your* organization. I hope you will join all your fellow Members in sharing camaraderie and networking opportunities at some or all these events. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Thank you, and best wishes for the new year.

Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, M.D.  
 President,  
 KOWIN DC Chapter

## KOWIN's 1<sup>st</sup> Young Leadership Seminar for Korean Women: Mentoring Young Korean Women for Leadership Roles



The **KOWIN DC Chapter** held its first annual *Young Leadership Seminar: Raising the Bar*, for women of Korean heritage, on November 21, 2010 at the Korean Ambassador's residence.

Sponsored by the Korean Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, the goal of the seminar was to inspire and support the next generation of Korean women to be competitive and creative global leaders. We hope that participants were able to benefit from this seminar and will continue to utilize what they learned there to build bridges between America and Korea.

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The keynote speaker, **Sue Terry, Ph.D.** (Visiting Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations) emphasized the importance of pushing oneself and being passionate and persistent in order to achieve one's goals. Also speaking at the event were other mentors who have established careers

in government, healthcare, art, education, and other fields. Here are the list of mentors we had during the mentoring group session: Grace Chung Becker (Government/Public Law), Balbina Hwang, Ph.D. (Academic/Policy/Think Tank), Mihae Kim (Entrepreneur/Business), Jeannie Park (Journalism/Media), Young-Key Kim-Renaud, Ph.D. (Higher Education), Yongsook Victoria Suh, M.D. (Health Care), Komelia Hongja Okim (Art), Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas (International Organization). We also had Florence Lowe-Lee as a main moderator and ChanSu Chong, Julie Soohyun Koo, Sami Lauri, Jungsil Lee, Ph.D., Kwang J. Sunny Lee, Florence Lowe-Lee, Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, M.D., Kathy Park, and Thelma Seo Eun Choi for the group session. These mentors provided advice and career guidance during group mentoring sessions. More than 130 participants attended the event, making this one of the most successful KOWIN events to date.



After the seminar, many of the participants joined *Friends of KOWIN*, a group that supports KOWIN's mission and attends the DC Chapter's events. The Korean **Ambassador Han Duk-soo** also attended and encouraged all participants to be great leaders.



### **2010 YEAR-END PARTY: Celebrating Women's Physical, Mental, Social and Cultural Well Being**

On December 28, 2010, the KOWIN DC Chapter held an end-of-year party at Inova Fairfax Hospital that included an art exhibition and short lectures on topics related to celebrating women's physical, mental, social, and cultural well-being.

In the first lecture, **Komelia Hongja Kim**, (Professor at Montgomery College of Art), introduced art exhibits which had been displayed both in Korea and in the U.S., In the second lecture, **Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas**, (Senior IT Team Leader and Joint Secretariat Social/Protocol Officer at the International Monetary Fund), explained inter-national protocol and its importance for the international community. Last, **Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, M.D.**, Medical Director for Clinical Laboratory Services at the Inova Fairfax Hospital, lectured on the topic of women and health management. She discussed the importance of having regular checkups to prevent cancer and other diseases.



The proceeds from the art exhibition support KOWIN DC Chapter's Fellowship Program. The art exhibition was organized in collaboration with MK Gallery and Korean-American artists in the DC region.

## 2011's First Committee Meeting

The KOWIN DC Chapter's first Committee Meeting of the year was held on January 13. During the meeting, Committee Chairs and Executive Members discussed KOWIN's activities for 2011, including annual and sustainable activities. Other agenda items included organizing various fundraising events to support fellowship programs and the upcoming *Second Young Leadership Seminar*. The Committee agreed to issue a regular Newsletter three times a year, and create a website to serve as effective communication and networking tools for the organization.

## News from Members

- **Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas**, Senior IT Team Leader and Joint Secretariat Social/Protocol Officer at the International Monetary Fund, was appointed by the Korean Government to serve as Protocol Advisor during the 2010 G-20 Seoul Summit, in November 2010. Her task was to advise on international protocol matters supporting the official work and social events during the G-20 meeting.

- **Jung Hee Lee**, President of SG Bankcard Service Inc., organized a seminar on: 'Drug development strategies to enable First-in Human Studies and International Strategies and Experience in Biosimilars, Biosimilars, and Biobetter Global Follow-on Biologics' with Soonchunhyang University, and held in Germantown, MD on November 13, 2010.

- **Young-Key Kim-Renaud, Ph.D.**, Professor of Korean Language and Culture and International Affairs, and Chair of the East Asian Languages and Literatures Department, at The George Washington University, hosted the 18<sup>th</sup> *Hahn Moo-Sook Colloquium in the Korean Humanities*, on the topic of: "Medicine, Mental Health and Childhood in Korea: Past & Present," at George Washington University on November 6, 2010. She also delivered a paper entitled "The Vowel System and Vowel Harmony in 15th-Century Korean: *Alay-a* (·) Revisited," as the Keynote Speaker at the 20<sup>th</sup> *Japanese-Korean Linguistics Conference*, hosted by the University of Oxford, UK, October 1-3, 2010.

- **Christine Choi**, President of Washington Coalition for Comfort Women Issues Inc. (WCCW) was invited by Korean Council for the Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan and participated in the Council's 20th anniversary events held in Seoul, Korea, November 17-20, 2010. The anniversary events included International Symposium on Women and War/Comfort Women Issues

held at Korean National Assembly building as well as the 944th Wednesday demonstration of the surviving Comfort Women and supporters held in front of Japanese Embassy in Korea. She also delivered to the Council 3,000 petitions signed by Washington supporters for Comfort Women issues.

- **Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, M.D.**, was recently appointed as Medical Director, overseeing all clinical pathology services at the Inova Central Laboratory (2832 Juniper Street, Fairfax, Va) in addition to her current role at the Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, VA.



- **ChanSu Chong, Julie Soohyun Koo, and Helen Won**, leading members of the National Unification Advisory Council, DC Chapter, received Chair Citations from the President of the Republic of Korea, for their service at the new year's ceremony. Soongu Yun, the Consul General of the Embassy of Korea in the United States, delivered citations on behalf of President Lee Myung-bak.

- **Hai Kyung (Hia) Kim**, IT Manager of Montgomery County Public Schools, was elected as a Co-President of the Asian American Education Association in Montgomery County Public Schools, for a two-year term.

- **Sunsook Shin**, an artist with the Korean American Artists Association of Washington, participated in a group exhibition in Costa Rica that was hosted by the Korean Embassy. The exhibition was held at the National Art Museum (Museo de Arte Costarricense) from January 16 - 22, 2011.

- **Balbina Y. Hwang, Ph.D.**, Visiting Professor at Georgetown University, testified as an expert witness before the U.S.-China Economic & Security Review Commission, a U.S. Congressional Committee, on January 27, 2011.

## 2011 FUNCTIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES

### Functional Committees

#### Communication / Publications / Web

Young-Key Kim-Renaud, Ph.D. Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas, Mihae Kim, Hai Kyung (Hia) Kim, Balbina Hwang, Ph.D. ChanSu Chong

#### Bylaws and Nominations

Florence Lowe-Lee, Julie Soohyun Koo

#### Seminars

Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, M.D., Sami Lauri, Florence Lowe-Lee Balbina Hwang, Ph.D.,

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Sami Lauri, Florence Lowe-Lee

#### Banquet

Christine Choi, Jung Hee Lee

#### Fundraising

Christine Choi, Jung Hee Lee, Komelia Hongja O. Kim, Mia Kim

#### Finance

Myung Ja Lee, Sue Pender, Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, M.D.

### Professional Committees

#### Healthcare

Victoria Y. Suh, M.D., Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, M.D.

#### Education

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#### Business / Entrepreneur

Susan Oh, Mihae Kim

#### International Organizations

Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas

#### Government

Balbina Hwang, Ph.D., ChanSu Chong

#### Art

Komelia Hongja OKim, Jungsil Lee, Ph.D., Mia Kim

*\* We still need **Chairs and Members for the Law, Journalism, and Performing Arts Committees.** We will also need more volunteers to work with the Committees' Chairs. Please select a Committee that interests you, and let us know. Committee Chairs or Members may also contact you based on her knowledge about your talent and skill sets.*

## SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION: "The G-20 Seoul Summit"

by Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas

(Senior IT Team Leader and Joint Secretariat Social/Protocol Officer at the International Monetary Fund)



### The G-20 Summit in Seoul, Korea November 11 – 12, 2010

The 2010 G-20 Seoul Summit, hosted in Korea on November 11 – 12, was the fifth meeting of the G-20 heads of state/government. This Summit was note-worthy because it was the very first G-20 Summit hosted by a non-G-8 nation. The theme of the Summit was 'Shared Growth beyond Crisis' and participants held in-depth discussions on finding appropriate solutions to global economic issues.

### Assignment for an International Protocol/Social Officer by the Seoul G-20 Summit Presidential Committee

It was my honor and privilege to share my expertise developed during the past 20 years working as an IMF and the World Bank Group (WBG) Joint Secretariat Social/Protocol Officer for the Annual Meetings of the Boards of the Governors, at both institutions (as these meetings are hosted jointly by the IMF/WBG). The Annual Meetings of these institutions are attended by Ministers of Finance and Governors of Central Banks from 187 member countries. It is held each year in Washington, DC, and every third year in one of the overseas member countries.

### G-20 Summit Participants

The participants of the Seoul summit included the heads of state/government of the G-20 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, UK, and USA) which

together account for 85% of the world's GDP; the heads of the two European Union governing bodies (European Council and European Commission); heads of state/government of three invited observer nations (Singapore, Spain, and Vietnam); and representatives of other important international organizations and entities: (African Union, Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN), Financial Stability Board, International Labor Organization, IMF, New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), OECD, UN, World Bank Group, World Trade Organization). The leaders from these 33 governing entities also participated in discussions on the global financial system and the world economy. The total attendees for the Summit numbered close to 10,000, including members of the international media which attracted a global audience.

#### **Official Work/Social Events**

My role was to advise and support the operations of the various official events listed below. Each event required careful preparation and coordination with select vendors in finalizing invitations and menu designs, food tasting and selection, creation of menu stories (explaining the health benefits of each ingredient used for spouses-only events), management of invitation lists, flower arrangements, linens, place cards, gifts, seating arrangements, etc. I worked to prepare for the various events and related protocol and logistical details for this historically important Summit from October 21 to November 16, from the buildup to the Summit to the post-Summit period.

These events included:

#### **November 11, 2010 (Thursday)**

##### ***Participants and Spouses:***

- Welcoming Reception

##### ***Three separate Dinner events for Participants:***

- Working Dinner for Leaders (Heads of State/Government/International Organizations)
- Working Dinner for Ministers of Finance
- Working Dinner for Sherpas

##### ***Spouses only:***

- Dinner for the First Ladies

#### **November 12, 2010 (Friday)**

##### ***Three separate Luncheon events for participants:***

- Working Luncheon for Leaders
- Working Luncheon for Ministers of Finance
- Working Luncheon for Sherpas

##### ***Spouses only:***

- Cultural Tour and Luncheon for the First Ladies

##### ***Participants and Spouses:***

- Gala Dinner

In simpler terms, if I can draw an analogy of my duties with that of a wedding planner, she would take care of: designing the invitations, managing the guests list, overseeing the ceremony and reception, arranging the flowers, and seating, etc., just name a few tasks. All of these duties are for an event for just one couple, whereas the duty of my office would entail taking care of all the details for multiple brides and grooms concurrently for numerous events, ensuring that everyone is treated properly in accordance with international protocol etiquette. There is no room for errors if the host country does not wish to have any negative press or criticisms from other member nations who are scrutinizing every detail of their heads of state/government's affairs on their state visits.

The pecking order of the participants (leaders of the 33 governing entities) has to be taken into consideration when the seating arrangements are decided, both for meetings and dining sessions. The hierarchy of the participants is determined by various protocol rules, e.g., heads of state are accorded a higher hierarchy than heads of government, and among heads of state or government, the order is determined by their inauguration or election to the office date. International organizations are lower ranking than G-20 member nations, and among international organizations, unlike the member countries, the hierarchy is by the establishment date of the organizations, not by the appointment date of the heads of the organizations.

I was able to advise and lead the Protocol Office applying the proper international protocol and handling unexpected and sensitive situations with grace and confidence as issues arose.

#### **Overall Operations of the G-20 Summit**

The participants commented that the Seoul G-20 Summit was impressively well prepared and executed. The Korean National Police Agency led the security detail, both at the convention venue and the airport. The Korean government sanctioned all demonstrations associated with the Summit to take place in a designated venue, at the Olympic park located in the capital's south-eastern district.

To improve traffic flow, Korean President Lee Myung-bak requested citizens to use odd/even tag numbers in driving

alternate days on a voluntary basis, but the general public exceeded his expectations and cooperated fully in easing the traffic situation by refraining from driving their cars into the city even on the days they were permitted to do so.

The logistical details, from the time of the leaders' arrival and Welcoming Reception, to the last Gala Dinner and their departure, were all well executed. Many participants and foreign journalists reported that the 2010 G-20 Seoul Summit was a great success.

## 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 7	Newsletter (Volume 2)
February 25	Dinner meeting with the Korean Minister of Gender Equality and Family
March 22	Members Meeting
March 31	KOWIN DC Website Launch
April 30	Reception for the Kick-Off Fundraising Art Show, and Membership Drive
May	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Young Leadership Seminar</i>
June 17-19	KOWINNER International Convention
June 25	KOWIN U.S. Eastern Regional Conference, Chicago
July 31	Newsletter (Volume 3)
August	KOWIN Annual meeting, Korea
September 22	Members Meeting
October	Fundraising Event
December	Year-End <b>Party</b>