

Global Women's Leadership Network

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GWLN Co-director Meets Liberian Woman President

Last weekend in New York City, Susan Gear, Co-Director of GWLN had the privilege of meeting President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia prior to her receiving The Africa Prize awarded by The Hunger Project. President Sirleaf has started the Sirleaf Market Women's Fund (SMWF) to provide financial and other support for the empowerment of women market traders. Her grandmothers were market women. GWLN is exploring how we can support SMFW and its projects. Watch this space for an announcement. P.S. Susan also met Wangari Maathai, the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Winner!

When She Speaks

On Friday, November 10th, Linda Alepin, GWLN Founding Director, will be the moderator and a panelist for the series **When She Speaks** from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at UCSC Extension at 1180 Bordeaux Drive in Sunnyvale. This month's event focuses on **"Fostering Women Entrepreneurship in Developing Countries"**. The speakers will highlight successes, challenge the audience to become engaged, and encourage everyone to stand alongside entrepreneurial women around the world who are focused on changing the economic and social realities for themselves, their families and their communities. Panelists include Mythili Sankaran of the America India Foundation and Praveena Varadarajan of Sun Microsystems. Our thanks to Linda Holroyd and her sponsors for making this series possible. For more information on When She Speaks, visit <http://www.fountainblue.biz/events/whenshespeaks.html>.

To register, visit <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevoid=112607>. There is a small fee for lunch.

Each month FountainBlue supports a nonprofit at this event. This month, they are sponsoring Global Women's Leadership Network <http://www.gwln.org> and the American India Foundation <http://www.aifoundation.org>.

WLW Graduate Presents to U.S. Congressional Committee

On the 28th of September 2006, Lydia Bakaki of Uganda, a graduate of the Women Leaders for the World program in 2005 testified before the XXXX Congressional Committee regarding women's matrimonial land rights. She urged the U.S. Congress to adopt a resolution calling for all countries to adopt laws that allow women to inherit property from their spouses. A trip to Uganda to see the widows she is settling on the land may occur later this year or early in 2007. Lydia is hoping for a full Congressional hearing in March 2007.



African Woman Playwright at SCU

Saturday, October 28 at Santa Clara University, the foremost female playwright in Africa, Tess Ononye Onwueme ("on-weh-may") from Nigeria, will be reading from her plays. The event takes place from 6:30 PM -7:45 PM in the Mission Room in the basement of the Benson Center, and will be accompanied by members of the University's World Music Ensemble and the Chamber singers. The event is free and open to the public.

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