

Join Us

UWAS Vision, Values and Mission — The University Women's Association (Singapore), UWAS, is a non-profit, non-governmental organization inaugurated in May 1996. It is the 40th affiliate of the Singapore Council of Women's Organisations (SCWO) which is coordinating body with an approximate membership of 94,000 drawn from all walks of life in Singapore. UWAS is affiliated to the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) headquartered in Geneva, which has about 200,000 members in 68 nations. IFUW enjoys consultative status with ECOSOC, UNESCO, UNICEF and ILO.

UWAS Vision – UWAS sees its purpose as – working for the improvement of the status of women and girls through education; assisting women in obtaining essential skills for the 21st century; encouraging full application of members' knowledge and skills in order to assume leadership and decision-making positions; expanding its global network and transcending boundaries and cultures to unite graduate women; and working together with those who share the common goal of gender equity.

UWAS Values – UWAS is committed to education to influence and benefit society; international understanding; cooperation and friendship; recognition and protection of human rights; promotion of peace, equality and justice; and respect and inclusion of all individuals and their rights to develop their full potential.

UWAS Mission – To advocate the improvement of the status of women and girls; to promote lifelong learning; and to enable graduate women to pursue their expertise to effect change.

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President's Message



confer and congratulate Dr Della Lee (Mrs Lee Seng Gee of the Lee Foundation) as the first Hon Life Member of UWAS. The motion to honour Dr Della Lee as the Hon Member for life was adopted at our EGM held on 10 November 2001. Ever since UWAS started in the mid '90s, she has been giving us her unfailing support and assistance in getting generous donation to a variety of activities and publications: "University Women's Web", "Women's Inspiration" and "Women's Future World's Future". Dr Lee also helped SCWO and many other voluntary organisations to raise funds for new buildings, social services and charitable deeds.

members are now willing to help man the UWAS business. It's also fulfilling to spread the goodwill of UWAS through the promotion of our master publication: "Women's Future World's Future". There were more than 10 education institutions in five cities where I personally brought the copies of this book to present to their key personnel when I travel to attend their conferences/meetings. UWAS Vice-President Serene Low and Exco Members Lim Kim Hoon and Patricia Liew also took some copies of WFWF and our newsletters to Vietnam during their visit to DaNang and CanTho.

The period from 2001 May to 2002 April saw the membership of University Women's Association (Singapore) growing and glowing. We had new blood in both the general body and the Executive Committee. Many of them were actively engaged in organising various meaningful projects and events of UWAS and SCWO. The ever first public symposium of UWAS: "The Multiple Roles of Women in the New Economy" held on 3 November 2001, at the Raffles Town Club, was a successful and memorable event. There were numerous compliments and positive feedback. Heartfelt congratulations to the Chairperson Brenda Goh and members of the Symposium Organising Committee. And thanks to the three Panel Chairpersons who are the former Presidents of UWAS, the Guest of Honour, Panel Speakers and all our volunteers.

The tie with the SCWO Board Members has been rekindled. Several SCWO Board Members attended the tea reception for Dr Della Lee. It was like a family reunion at the SCWO Centre, and coincidentally there was a beautiful full moon in that night. The President of SCWO, Dr Shirley Lim, has agreed to join UWAS as a member and help strengthen its network with other women organizations in Singapore and beyond. She gave a very apt and elegant 'citation' for Della at the conferment ceremony. She was also one of the keynote speakers at the UWAS public symposium. In the past year, UWAS representatives were present at the SCWO General Meetings, Year End Lunch, and the International Women's Day celebration dinner "Women Help Women".

Due to the constraints of time and funding, UWAS was not able to send a representative to the 27th International Federation of University Women Conference in Montreal, Canada, last October. I hope the next Exco will be able to send some representatives to attend the 28th IFUW Conference to be held on 4-10 August 2004, in Perth, WA, Australia, and the Regional Meeting hosted by the Korean University Women's Association in Seoul, South Korea, in August 2002. Also hope to mobilise our members and volunteers to help SCWO in hosting some foreign delegates of the Asean Confederation of Women's Organisations' 10th General Assembly to be held on 5-8 July this year.

Rosy Nakhoda organised a dinner talk at the Rotary Club of Orchard (RCO) on 8 January 2002. It was a special occasion for me because UWAS Exco Members and RCO Members present gave me undivided attention while I was sharing the ideas of lifelong learning and career development in relation to the new icon: "Self-Literary" coined by me recently. "Self-Literacy" consists of three basic abilities in self-development: Read/know yourself, Write/express yourself and Appraise yourself. I appreciate Rosy's invitation to give this talk and her initiative to get UWAS members network with the RCO members.

Presiding UWAS (May 2000 – April 2002) was an extraordinary learning journey for me. The load was heavy and the road was bumpy. However, it's gratifying to see more

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Seven UWAS Exco Members (2000-2002) photo taken on 28 March 2002



UWAS members celebrating Dr Della Lee's conferment as the First Honorary Life Member of UWAS

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The talk on "Medical Negligence" by Dr Catherine Tay and her guest speaker Mr Edmund Kronenburg, held on 26 May 2001 at the Tanglin Club's Raffles Room, was another educational event organised by the UWAS Executive Committee. Thanks to Catherine and Edmund, Eugenia Savarese (Programme Chair) and Exco members who contributed to the success of this event. The Programme Chair was filled by Rosy Nakhoda after Eugenia moved to Hong Kong with her family in June 2001. In fact, Gina is always close to us despite the geographical distance. She contributed two articles to this issue of UWAS newsletter, one on Catherine Tay's talk and another one on her exciting experiences in Hong Kong. She is longing to meet us in Hong Kong or Singapore in the near future.

The most significant event for members was the exclusive tea reception, held on 28 March 2002, at the SCWO Centre, to