PPSEAWA International
Conferences 1928 - 2010

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First International Conference
HONOLULU, Hawai‘i
August 1928

13 countries – 150 people

Local Chairperson: Harriet C. Andrews

Topics:

• Child Health & Welfare
• Women in Industry & Government
• Social Service
Group of the delegates from the Hawaiian Islands, women of all Pacific races who for four years carried forward the preliminary work of preparation for the first Pan-Pacific Women's Conference. Mrs. A. L. Andrews, (with glasses) active chairman, is seen in the center front, and Mrs. F. M. Swanzy, (in white hat) Honorary Chairman, is next to her.

Hawaii Delegates, 1928 - Mrs. Swanzy -Honorary Chairman
2nd International Conference
Honolulu, Hawai‘i
1930

10 countries – 100 people

Theme
First President - Hawaii

Mrs. Harriet C. Andrews
1930 – 1961

PPSEAWA adopts its Constitution and Mission Statement
3rd International Conference
Honolulu, Hawaii
1934

10 countries-70 people

Topics

Education, Health,
Home Economics,
National and International Relations
4th International Conference
Vancouver, Canada
1937

7 countries-126 people

Topics

Peace Promotion in the Pan Pacific Area:
Labor and Living Standards, Population,
Emigration Problems,
Social Progress and Problems with Prostitution
Planned International Conference
New Zealand
1940

Theme
(The study of practical ways and means of promoting international understanding)

Due to the outbreak of World War II, the Conference did not take place.
5th International Conference
Honolulu, Hawaii

1949- called by Mrs. Andrews,
PPSEAWA Hawaiipresident

10 countries-70 people

Theme

“Pacific Women Unite for the United Nations”
6th International Conference
Christchurch, New Zealand
1952

19 countries-112 people

Theme

“The Pacific in Today’s World”
The organization changes the name to: Pan-Pacific and Southeast Asia Women’s Association

Theme

“Social and Economic Interdependency”
8th International Conference
Tokyo, Japan
1958

22 countries-175 people

Theme
“Role of Women in Community Development in Pacific and Southeast Asia Countries”
9th International Conference
Canberra, Australia
1961

PPSEAWA Hawaii Acting President:
Dr. W.C. Handy

Theme
“Education of Women in a Changing World”
10th International Conference
Nuku’alofa, Tonga
1964

13 countries-202 people

President: Miss Boletha Frojen

Theme

“Role of Women in Preserving the Cultural Heritage of Mankind”
Elected in Tonga

Mrs. Lucas is First Isle Head of Pan Pacific Group

Mrs. Clorinda Lucas of Honolulu was elected international president of the Pan Pacific and Southeast Asia Women’s Association at the conference which recently ended in Tonga.

This is the first time the association has elected a president from Hawaii, although the State has hosted four of its international conferences.

Mrs. L. N. Gruelle, head of the local delegation of 15, Miss Olga Boletta Frojen, president of the Hawaii branch, and other members of the delegation returned yesterday. Mrs. Donald Bartow, another member of the delegation arrived earlier.

Mrs. Lucas was international treasurer until her election as president. A member of the Punahou class of 1913, a graduate of Smith College with post graduate work at Columbia University, she has served as City-County director of public welfare and chief of

Tonga - 1964

Clorinda Lucas elected International President.

1964 – 1968

(Hawaii’s first and only member with this title)

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Endowment: Clorinda Lucas Fund for Women returning to college

read by Miss Adrienne Kaeppler of the Bishop Museum on “The Preservation and Use of Traditional Arts and Culture with Special Reference to Hawaii. It was highly favorable, Mrs. Gruelle stated.

Miss Frojen reported on the Honolulu branch’s activities during the past two years, and Mrs. Lela Breuer took part in a panel discussion on the United Nations and reported from the East-West Center.

Mrs. Bartow and Miss Kaeppler arranged an exhibit of children’s art work from the Kamehameha Schools, leaflets and other literature on foods and nutrition, seed jewelry, feather leis and other crafts contributed by the Hawaii delegation members.

“THE CONFERENCE ended with a Tongan feast where we were guests of Queen Salote,” Mrs. Gruelle said. “It was held on the Malae, a green park near...
11th International Conference
Honolulu, Hawai‘i
1968

16 countries-159 people

PPSEAWA Hawaii’s last Int’l Conference:
Chairperson: Mildred Little Jones (1912-2006)
President: Lela Brewer

Theme

“Problems Arising from the Growing Population of the World”
12th International Conference
Auckland, New Zealand, 1972

President: Mildred Little Jones

17 countries-223 people

Theme

“The Family in Modern Society”
13th International Conference
Seoul, Korea
1975

President: Paula Abbott

Theme

“Women and the Environment”
14th International Conference
Apia, Samoa
1978

11 countries-119 people

President: Katherine Yoshimoto

Theme

“Women’s Widening World”
15th International Conference
Saratoga Springs, N.Y., USA
1981

18 countries-353 people

President: Sarah Lee Yang

Theme
“Lifelong Education and Training for Women”
1981- Int'l. Conf. at Saratoga Springs, NY Hawai'i delegates
16th International Conference
Tokyo, Japan
1984

President: Irene Butterworth

Theme

“Family and Health”
Canberra 1988: Irene Butterworth and Helen Lind wearing their Ilima Leis – Hawaii tradition since 1968
17th International Conference
Canberra, Australia
1988

19 countries-193 people

President: Florence Kelley

Theme

“One World to Share”
18th International Conference
Bangkok, Thailand
1990

21 countries-327 people

President: Janet Rahn

Theme

“The Changing World: Our Heritage and Our Future”
On stage: our first Hula presentation: Bangkok, 1990
Tonga, 1994: we are going to town (Nuku'Alofa)

- Tonga 1994 – Hawaii Delegates
19th International Conference
Nuku’alofa, Tonga
1994

21 countries-260 people

President: Sumi Makey

Theme

“Women of Wisdom are the Pillars of the Nation”
20th International Conference
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
1997

19 countries - 215 people
• President: Florence Kelley

Theme

“Strengthening Alliances for a Better World
Towards the 21st Century”
21st International Conference
Rarotonga, Cook Islands
2000

23 countries – 291 people

President: Ulrike Siddiqi

Theme
“Ignite the Power of Peace”
Peace Song Performance, Rarotonga
22nd International Conference
Singapore – 2004

President: Sarah Vann

Theme

“Sharing A Culture of Peace”
Sarah Vann and Ulrike Siddiqi (left)

75th Birthday Cake in honor of PPSEAWA Hawaii, Singapore 2004
23rd International Conference
Auckland, New Zealand
2007

16 countries – 185 people

President: Ulrike Siddiqi

Theme
“Women Making a Difference Through Peace & the Millennium Development Goals”
Join us in Bali -Indonesia
in 2010
24th International Conference