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# 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*



First Int'l Women's Conference, August 1928, Honolulu, Hawaii  
Jane Addams, presiding

Some Australasian and American Delegates to the first Pan-Pacific Women's Conference, August 9-19, 1928, at Honolulu. Left to right: Miss Jo Coffin, Miss Ann Y. Satterthwaite, Secretary of the Pan-Pacific Union; Miss Marv Anderson; Dr. Mildred Staley; Miss Elizabeth Christman



*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

# 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference Honolulu, Hawai'i 1930

10 countries – 100 people

## *Theme*

*“Education, Health,  
Women in Industry, Women  
in Government,  
Social Service*



First President - Hawaii

Mrs. Harriet C. Andrews

1930 – 1961

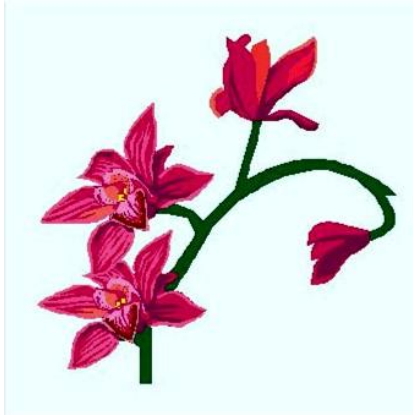
PPSEAWA adopts its  
Constitution  
and Mission Statement

A black and white portrait of Harriet Couzens Andrews, a woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing a dark, sleeveless top and a long, light-colored pearl necklace. The portrait is set against a light, textured background.

HARRIET COUSENS ANDREWS

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**



# 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference Honolulu, Hawaii

1949- called by Mrs. Andrews,  
PPSEAWA Hawaii President

**10 countries-70 people**

## *Theme*



*“Pacific Women Unite for  
the United Nations”*

# 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference Christchurch, New Zealand 1952

19 countries-112 people



*Theme*

*“The Pacific in Today’s  
World”*

# 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference Manila, Philippines 1955

20 countries-129 people *The organization changes the name to: Pan-Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association*

## *Theme*

*“Social and Economic Interdependency”*



# 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference

## Tokyo, Japan

### 1958

22 countries-175 people



### *Theme*

*“Role of Women in  
Community Development in  
Pacific and Southeast Asia  
Countries”*

# 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference Canberra, Australia 1961

17 countries-153 people

PPSEAWA Hawaii Acting President:

**Dr. W.C. Handy**



***Theme***

***“Education of Women in  
a Changing World”***

# 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Bolettha 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



Mrs. Clorinda Lucas

housed with Tongan families, two to a family.

"It was very interesting," Mrs. Gruelle reported. "They (the Tongans) were so friendly and hospitable. Many of the families had installed bathrooms and other improvements for us.

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

Miss Frojen reported on the Honolulu branch's activities during the past two years, and Mrs. Lela Brewer took part in a panel discussion on the United Nations and reported on 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 Hawaiian 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 ne

Tonga- 1964  
Clorinda Lucas  
elected International  
President.  
1964 – 1968  
(Hawaii's first and only  
member with this title)

PPSEAWA  
Endowment: Clorinda  
Lucas Fund for Women  
returning to college

# 11<sup>th</sup> 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”*



# 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference Auckland, New Zealand, 1972

17 countries-223 people

President: Mildred Little Jones



*Theme*

*“The Family in Modern  
Society”*

# 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference Seoul, Korea 1975

11 countries-119 people

President: Paula Abbott



*Theme*

*“Women and the  
Environment”*

# 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference

## Apia, Samoa

### 1978

11 countries-119 people

President: Katherine Yoshimoto



*Theme*

*“Women’s Widening World”*

# 15<sup>th</sup> 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

# 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference Tokyo, Japan 1984

20 countries-442 people

President: Irene Butterworth

*Theme*

*“Family and Health”*





Canberra 1988: Irene and Helen taking a walk

Canberra 1988: Irene Butterworth and Helen Lind wearing their Ilima Leis – Hawaii tradition since 1968

# 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference Canberra, Australia 1988

19 countries-193 people

President: Florence Kelley

*Theme*

*“One World to Share”*





# 18<sup>th</sup> 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 – Hawaii Delegates

# 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference Nuku'alofa, Tonga 1994

21 countries-260 people

*President: Sumi Makey*

## *Theme*



“Women of Wisdom are the  
Pillars of the Nation”

# 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 1997

19 countries-215 people

- **President: Florence Kelley**

## *Theme*

“Strengthening Alliances for  
a Better World  
Towards the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”



Int'l Conf. Kuala Lumpur  
1997



# 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference Rarotonga, Cook Islands 2000

23 countries – 291 people

*President: Ulrike Siddiqi*



***Theme***

“Ignite  
the Power of Peace”

Peace Song  
Performance  
Rarotonga





# 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference Singapore – 2004

17 countries-199 people

**President: Sarah Vann**



*Theme*

“Sharing A Culture of  
Peace”



Sarah Vann  
and Ulrike  
Siddiqi  
(left)

75<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Cake  
in honor of  
PPSEAWA  
Hawaii,  
Singapore  
2004

# 23<sup>rd</sup> 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  
24<sup>th</sup> International Conference**



