

## 北美洲台灣婦女會簡介

北美洲台灣婦女會於一九八八年三月由一群旅居美、加兩地的台灣婦女共同成立，為一非營利性團體。目前計有會員一千餘人。

本會於一九九五年取得世婦會觀察員身份，曾多次參與聯合國舉行的非政府組織婦女大會。並於二零零二年聯合世界其它地區台灣婦女會成立 FOTWA (Federation of Overseas Taiwanese Women's Association)

本會的重要活動包括：

- 每年四月第三個禮拜召開會員大會。每年十月舉行年中理幹事會議暨人才訓練營。
- 出版會員名冊，聯誼通訊及會員簡訊。
- 每年出版以台灣的文化、藝術為主題的精美月曆。
- 設立基金，以其孳息提供福利回饋會員並頒發清寒獎學金。
- 於公論報設有「點心擔」專欄供會員分享生活經驗。
- 提供各地台灣人夏令營的婦女節目。
- 支持其他台灣人團體及弱勢團體。
- 捐款濟災：包括臺灣 921 賑災與孤兒認養，美國 911 事件捐款，以及 Tsunami 賑災。
- 關懷台灣的人權與民主。
- 收集英文圖書捐贈臺灣中、小學及社區圖書館。
- 各地會員組隊 (Team Taiwan) 參與 Komen Foundation 主辦為乳癌研究募款的 Race for the Cure。
- 提供道具及材料由各地會員在當地以表演布袋戲方式宣揚臺灣。

## Our Mission

**T**o evoke a sense of self-esteem and enhance women's dignity.

**T**o oppose sexual discrimination and promote gender equality.

**T**o fully utilize women's potential and encourage their participation in public affairs.

**T**o contribute to the advancement of women rights and democratic development in Taiwan.

**T**o reach out and work with women's organization worldwide, and to promote peace for all.

### 宗旨

喚醒女性意識	確保女性尊嚴
反對性別歧視	促進兩性平等
發揮女性才能	參與公共決策
弘揚人權民主	開創台灣新局
聯合全球婦女	致力世界和平

## Activities

NATWA was established by a group of Taiwanese women residing in the United States and Canada under the encouragement and guidance of Ms. Annette Lu (Taiwan's Vice President) in March 1988. NATWA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Following are some of our major activities:

- Holding board meeting and members assembly in April, board meeting and leadership training in October each year.
- Publishing membership directory, semiannual "NATWA Magazine", and newsletter.
- Publishing NATWA Calendar every year featuring Taiwanese culture, heritage, landscape and nature. Calendar is giving out as a gift to people who made donation to NATWA.
- Offering several different scholarships to financially disadvantaged students.
- Providing speakers/panelists for annual regional Taiwanese Summer Camp.
- Providing and editing a column in Taiwan Tribune.
- Holding various fund raising events, for example: the 921 Earthquake Relief Fund (1999), the Brianna Wheelchair Fund (2000), the 911 Victims' Relief Fund (2002), the Tsunami Relief Fund (2005), etc.
- Coordinating with and supporting other Taiwanese Organizations in North America (TAA, TCA, FAPA, WTC, etc.) to promote democracy, safety and security as well as human rights in Taiwan.
- Collecting off-shelf books from community libraries in the US and donate them to school and/or community libraries in Taiwan.
- Members across US participating in Komen Race for the Cure fund-raising event under the name of "Team Taiwan".
- Providing materials for members to perform Taiwanese puppet shows in their communities to promote Taiwanese culture.