

A report on “Great Women Spiritual Leaders” talk in Hovea, Western Australia

The Brahma Kumaris Australia Huntingdale and the Universal Great Brotherhood Australia jointly organized a talk on “Great Women Spiritual Leaders” on 25 June 2022 in conjunction with the Day of Remembrance of Mama – the first woman figure of the Brahma Kumaris. A sharing of love and powers within the Women Spiritual leaders or elders of various faiths gave a deeper insight of each faith and also the encouragement of the women leading the various organizations.

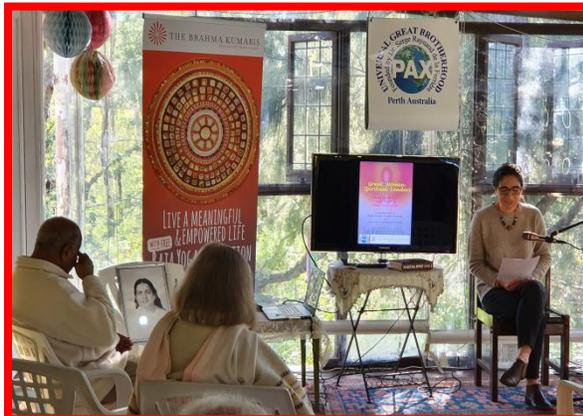
Bro Raajen Rajoo, the Master of Ceremony (MC) welcomed everyone and introduced Sis Maureen Cannon from the Brahma Kumaris Australia, Perth who shared the biography of Matheshwari Jagadamba, Mama the embodiment of love and powers. Mama’s dedication and sacrifice since the age of 16 till her passing in 1965 due to cancer was an exemplary of a spiritual woman leader.



Bro Raajen(MC) welcoming everyone.



Sis Maureen with the portrait of Mama.



This was followed by Ms Parisa Mohebi who spoke about Martha Root, a courageous and selfless Baha’i teacher who arose singlehandedly to spread the message of peace and the oneness of humanity around the world in the 1920’s and 30’s.

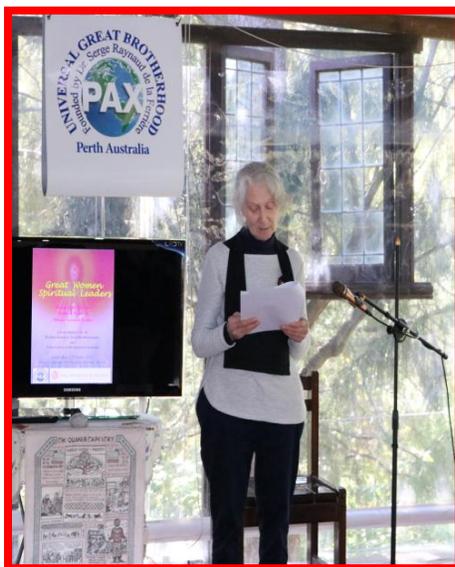
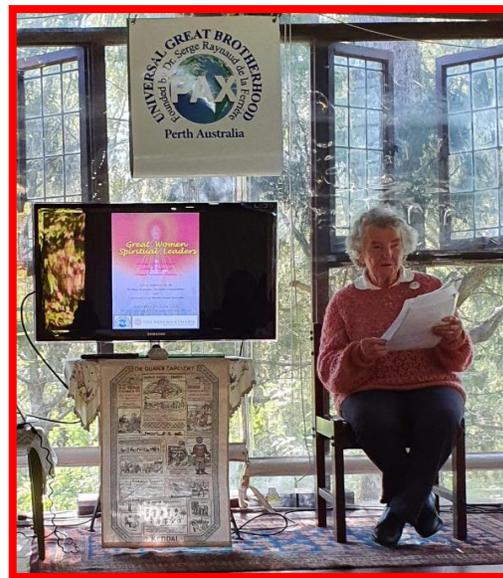


Ms Lilis Sulistyani gave an example of an devout Indonesian Muslim freedom fighter Cut Nyak Dien from Aceh. She was a fearless women who fought for independence during the Dutch colonization.

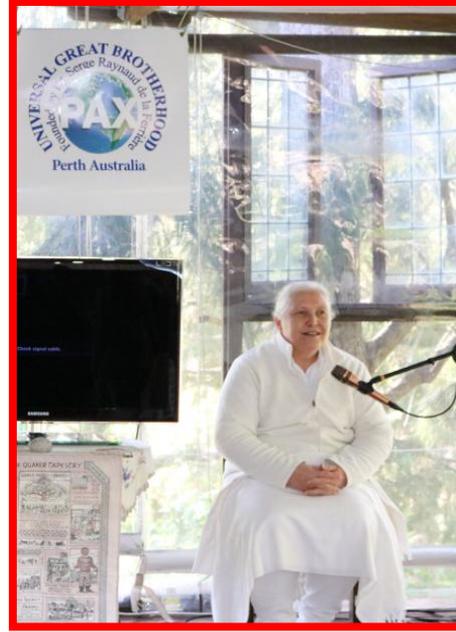


Mrs Umesh Kaur gave a very informative power point presentation of the Sikhism Woman leaders starting with Mata Gujri ji, the mother of Shri Guru Gobind Singhji the 10th Guru. She also shared other women spiritual leaders who were instrument for the establishment and sustenance of the Sikhism religion then and the current women leaders who are serving tirelessly in various part of the community.

Ms Sally Herfeld representing the Quakers gave an example of the life experience of a courageous and nurturing woman leader Elizabeth Fry who worked tirelessly serving the community and bringing unity within the community in England then other countries in the early 1800s. She also did much to improve the conditions in prisons and for women convict ships. This linked to Sally's talk about our present day Jo Valentine who is an activist for Peace, Ecology, Aborigines and helped start the Alternatives to Violence Project in WA schools, communities and prisons. Sally did one of our many prison workshops in Wooroloo that following week.



Ms Kathy Shiels spoke about the Zen Buddhism leader Joan Halifax Roshi, who teaches from her more than fifty years of being with death and dying. She has pioneered training and written books on end-of life care for clinicians and carers around the world.



The co-host of the program the Universal Great Brotherhood, Ms Manita Beskow herself being the spiritual leader of the organization shared about other women leaders who established and sustains the organization in various part of the world.

Sis Gopi Elton concluding the program with a live commentary based on the powers and virtues of the different faith leaders.



A front view of some of the attendees.



Another front and side view of the attendees.



A sumptuous vegetarian lunch was served after the program at this beautiful Hovea Ashram of the Universal Great Brotherhood Sanctuary, Western Australia.

Unity in all faith create peace on Earth for the betterment of Mankind.

.....Raajen Rajoo