



### [President's Corner: Don't Be Afraid of the Rainstorms](#)

*I don't know about you, but my garden is overflowing with weeds at the moment. With a busy schedule, it can sometimes seem impossible to keep up with. Last week, I decided to try to make it fun by inviting my children to pull some weeds with me. We talked about the importance of making sure to pull the weeds out by the roots so they wouldn't grow back. And we also talked about how weeds are easier to pull out after a big rainstorm.*

*Somedays, I intentionally set aside time after rain to get some weeding in, because I know it will be much easier. This made me think about how I approach the "rainstorms" in my life. If we're being honest, I suspect the majority of us would rather avoid the storms in our life where possible. We prefer sunshine and rain-free weather. But what if we looked at it differently? What if we approached the storms in our life with the knowledge that we are being primed to weed out the things that we no longer need...*

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### [Peace in Our Interactions](#)

WFWP would like to congratulate Ms. Donna Paige Riley, a [HerStory Awardee](#), for the launch of her new book **"What is Business Etiquette Anyway? Key Strategies for Building Successful Working Relationships."**

Ms. Donna's vision is to make the world a polite place to live. It can't be a polite world without peace! Donna has interviewed Dr. Angelika Selle twice on her ["What is Etiquette Anyway? the Talk Show"](#), because she wanted everyone to know about WFWP; an organization working for peace through actions.

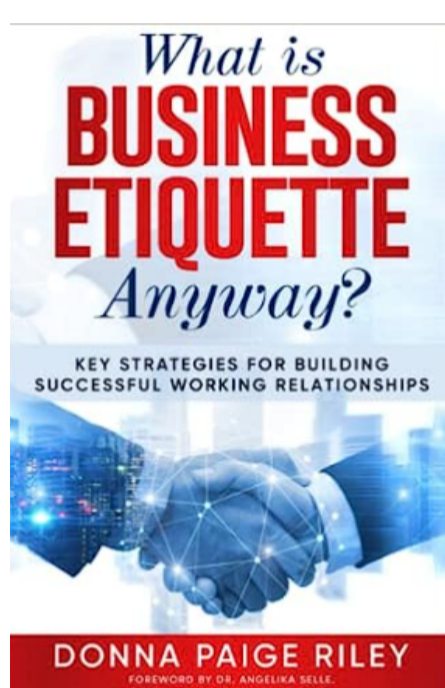
[Click here to register for the Virtual Book Launch](#) of "What is "Business Etiquette Anyway?" on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 12 Noon and 7pm EST.

Ms. Donna graciously sat for an interview to answer questions about her new book. Answers have been edited for the sake of brevity and clarity.

**What motivated you to write the book "What is Business Etiquette Anyway?"**

*When I worked in corporate America, I saw how people interacted in ways that caused tension and conflict. I would see supervisors and managers downplaying and degrading some of the employees which is not good for morale. One third of our time is working with people we have to interact with. Why not have those interactions be more comfortable, confident, peaceful and kind?*

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### [Book Review: "What is Business Etiquette Anyway?"](#)

Review of book written by Shirley Chimes

*Little by little, core niceties have disappeared.*

*Values on the individual, family, nation and up to the world relating to business behaviors have eroded so much through the years, it has encouraged Ms. Riley to write her book, "What is Business Etiquette Anyway?" which was launched June 15, 2023. As a conscientious person, she is taking up the mission to bring these manners back into our everyday lives and workplace.*

*Ms. Riley brings to our attention time-honored virtues—like thinking of others first and being respectful. They will always be with us and will never fade away. As we practice these skills other aspects will dissolve—like impoliteness and selfishness.*

*Recommending her book highly, I feel a great renewal can take place by not only reading Ms. Riley's book but putting her suggestions into practice.*

Ms. Riley answered questions about her book in the above article [Peace in Our Interactions](#).

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### [Swamiji Mukundananda Speaks about Universal Values](#)

On May 16, 2023, a Tea with Intention gathering took place in Tempe, Arizona, featuring **Swamiji Mukundananda, a renowned spiritual leader known for his teachings on meditation, mindfulness, and the unity of religions.** The event, hosted by Rev. Tina Brown, minister of Unity Celebration Church of Scottsdale and the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) Arizona committee, aimed to **promote the Golden Rule for understanding and harmony among people from different religious backgrounds, fostering a sense of unity and shared values.**

*Swamiji Mukundananda delivered a message focusing on the common threads that bind all religious traditions together. His speech emphasized the importance of understanding and appreciating the fundamental principles and values shared by different faiths, rather than focusing on superficial differences. Swamiji's message of love, compassion, and unity resonated deeply with the audience, eliciting a sense of unity and shared purpose.*

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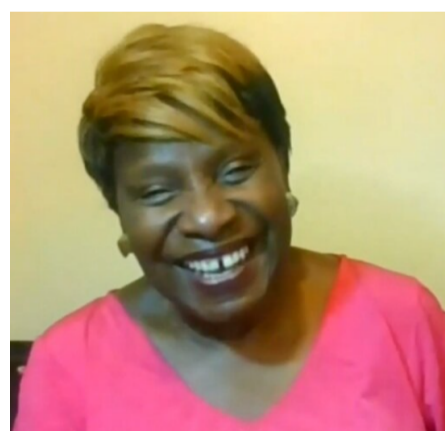


### [Working Together to Raise Funds for the Schools of Africa Project](#)

**Editor's Note:** Local WFWP chapters organize at least one fundraiser a year for the **Schools of Africa (SOA)** project which supports ten schools throughout eight African countries. WFWP Maryland does an annual yard sale and also included a bake sale this year.

*It all began with a conversation. I spoke to our chairwoman of the Spanish WFWP chapter in Maryland, Concha Marchitelli, about the Schools of Africa (SOA), and she suggested we could do a bake sale at her Spring Dance and Drama recital at New Hope Academy in Landover Hills, Maryland. Concha is the director of the dance and drama program there. So our Maryland WFWP team (Marianne Goldberg, Emiko Butler and myself) decided to go for it. Marianne donated lots of cookies and cakes. Emiko baked delicious and healthy cinnamon muffins. My family baked tasty brownies and chocolate chip cookies. I added Ferrero Rocher chocolates and lots of chip bags.*

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### [Thank you Rev Dr. Juanita Pierre-Louis](#)

**Editor's Note:** The following article is based on an honorary message/tribute by Dr. Angelika Selle given at the monthly national chairwomen conference call on May 11, 2023.

*Rev. Dr. Juanita first and foremost is a woman of deep heart and spirit. In 2010, when I became the WFWP USA President, I felt very strongly to invite and appoint her as our vice president. Why? We had worked together previously in racial reconciliation and had a common understanding of the need for this type of healing.*

*A few years later after Mrs. Katarina Connery was appointed as the vice president by Mother Moon, Rev. Juanita took the role of senior vice president and after that of a special advisor.*

*Over these many years, I came to know Rev Juanita, a woman of great spiritual gifts, who can see beyond what meets the physical eye, a quality which is very helpful and sometimes crucial when dealing with personal challenges or other difficulties we find on the path of peace leadership.*

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