



President's Corner: June—Month of Celebrations

We are so glad that many Covid restrictions have been lifted all around our country, and truly appreciate the opportunity to come together in celebration!

In fact, tomorrow, June 19, we honor and celebrate JUNETEENTH, an African-American holiday associated with the end of chattel slavery. It was established as an official federal holiday by Congress and President Biden just yesterday! https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juneteenth!

In June, we also celebrate the accomplishments of our next generation, as we participate in the many graduation ceremonies at all rungs of the educational ladder. These latter events are what truly give us hope for a brighter future, as we see so many extraordinary young men and women coming forward to make a difference in our world...

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WFWP Watch Party—Peace Starts with Me: Peace and Blessing Festival WFWP USA

WFWP USA President Angelika Selle welcomed the 125 families present, and emphasized WFWP's focus on strengthening marriages and families, bridging the content to the main feature of the Peace and Blessing program. "When we talk about marriage and family, we have a new vision and a view given by the [WFWP] Founders that brings us to a much deeper understanding than we've had before. And as we find that marriage is truly a compromised institution these days, would you not agree that we need a new injection, new understanding, and new vision about marriage to make it beautiful and make it last? That is what we are

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celebrating today..."



JUNETEENTH IS NOW A NATIONAL **HOLIDAY!**

JUNETEENTH MARKS AN INDEPENDENCE DAY FOR AMERICA—THE DAY THE LAST SLAVES OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES WERE FREED IN GALVESTON TEXAS ON JUNE 19, 1865-900 DAYS AFTER THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION ON JANUARY 1, 1863.

> Celebrating our country's freedom

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To learn more and join the Freedom Festival put on by the Juneteenth Foundation click here



Life Lessons from Dad

Editor's note: This Father's day we asked friends and family to share some lessons learned from his/her father.

A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." —Billy Graham

As a young girl, I recall how important my father's value system was in molding my self-confidence. At times I felt like an awkward tomboy, but my father paid no mind and encouraged me to play sports and be myself. I was comforted in knowing my value came from much more than society's everpresent beauty standards and expectations...

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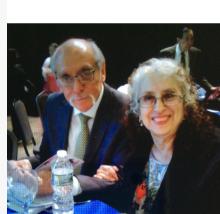
Cornerstone for Peace: A Movement to Uplift

Marriage and Family Launched

If we look at the divisions in the world today, the deeper issue at play is the breakdown of our families. This has been coupled with an increase in sexual relations outside of the commitment of marriage and an oversexualization of our culture. However, there are many positive outcomes for having strong and healthy families. As Father Moon has said, "Marriage is more than a simple coming together of a man and woman... Through marriage, a new future is created: societies are formed; nations are built... God's world of peace is realized with married families at the center." Mrs. Connery then turned to an overview of Father and Mother Moon's lifelong work for marriage and family through the interfaith Marriage Blessing as well as the many other areas they invested in to create a wider family culture...

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Welcoming New WFWP Chairwoman in the Bronx,

New York

We are excited to inform you of a recent development in the Northeast Region's WFWP leadership. Mrs. Lorna Galvan will be stepping into the role of Chairwoman for a WFWP Bronx Chapter. Though there has not been a WFWP Chapter in the Bronx for quite some time, we are looking forward to supporting Mrs. Galvan (who was also formerly Chairwoman in the Bronx) as she revives the chapter and initiates what will be many new and exciting activities. She brings to this role a passion for supporting the work of WFWP and a

deep heart of love for others...

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New World Encyclopedia: Do Facts Need Values? Reflection on recent educational webinar for WFWP

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WFWP members had a truly enlightening evening last month when they

spent time, via webinar, with Dr. Frank Kaufmann, editor of the online New World Encyclopedia. Dr. Kaufmann shared a fascinating and surprising history of the collection of human knowledge through encyclopedias, and members learned the necessity of presenting knowledge and facts with a moral grounding. As Dr. Kaufmann explained, with his signature compassionate and sensible style, all information is presented with some kind of bias, one way or another; there are no "neutral" facts. This applies even to supposedly objective fields, such as the sciences. So for the purpose of having a good, moral, just, and knowledgeable society, an encyclopedia is needed that considers universal values, such as honesty, courage, and responsibility...

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Upcoming WFWP Events: Global and Local

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