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President's Corner: Beauty of Parents

Dear friends,

10th Anniversary

Greetings of love in these times of great challenges! A few weeks ago, I was invited to share a congratulatory message at the Filial Piety Art Contest for children and young people, put on by the Chinese People's Federation for World Peace. The theme of this contest was "The Most Beautiful Memories with My Parents."

As I reflected on this topic and jotted down some of my own experiences with my parents and grandparents, I once again realized how precious these memories are and have been for me, and how much I had gained from my elders' wisdom and learned from their life stories. These have helped me weather all kinds of storms and challenges in my life.

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<u>"My Beautiful Time with My Parents"</u> <u>Congratulatory Remarks by Angelika Selle</u>

Editor's Note: One of the core tenants of WFWP is to build a strong family culture. Filial Piety is the virtue of respect for one's parents. President Selle shares her heart about her parents in her congratulatory remarks at the Chinese People's Federation for World Peace on Sept 3, 2002.



So how can we begin to revive Filial Piety in America?

I believe with all my heart that it is through our many wonderful ethnic communities here in the United States, who preserved their deeply spiritual roots, family traditions and beautiful heritage, especially from Asia, where filial piety is one of the great family values. And Chinese ancient culture certainly is one of the oldest cultures in the world, with much depth and wisdom hidden in the Chinese written characters...

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Building a Polite World Together by Finding the Shero in Us: HerStory Awards

On Sep 3, 2022 the WFWP USA held the National HerStory Award ceremony which was virtual and was attended by 37 participants and emceed by Mrs Glenda Lambert, Arizona Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) Coordinator. The three HerStory awardees represented the medical field, social etiquette, and business coaching backgrounds.

President Selle encouraged all the participants that WFWP's founding purpose is one family whose common denominator is our God. She explained, "We are spiritual and social and we want to root into a culture of the heart coming from within so that we can create a new lifestyle for all of us that is conducive for peace..."



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On the Edge of Death and A Promise Made to God

Editor's note: Cheryl Landon shares candidly about her near death experience and her father's promise to God.

As she slips deeper into the coma, her parents are outside ICU being told they need a miracle, their daughter will not make it through the night. Where do you go for a miracle? Her parents went to God in prayer. Now the father did something he claimed as, "His most important promise and he made it to God in exchange for his daughter's life." It was a promise for humankind. He promised he would dedicate all his work for the betterment of humankind if this God would allow his daughter to live. The father wasn't particularly religious, though Jewish, he had a strong spirituality, believing in a higher presence, God. He particularly believed in the power of love.



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Shout out to WFWP Chairwoman in Long Island and reigning Mrs. Hamptons, Simone Doroski , who recently competed in the Mrs. New York pageant. She was awarded the Mrs. Community Service title for 2022! Congratulations, Simone, for being recognized for your amazing service to WFWP and Habitat for Humanity!! We love your poise and elegance.



The Golden Era of Women

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Women from all walks of life and good works gathered to hear Berdetta Hodge, Tempe City Council Member (Arizona), deliver an inspirational speech on how we can ALL come together to change the gender leadership landscape of the world. Berdetta Hodge's background is multifaceted, and she has truly earned her leadership and role model stripes that go back to her beginnings as an innovator and philanthropist. Council Member Hodge addressed three points in her brief visit with the GWPN ladies:

1.To be a supporter to empower women with their educational and artistic goals.

2.To be a bridge to connect deeper with the community.

3.She welcomes every opportunity to speak at events ... especially focusing on financial literacy, mental health and building healthy and prosperous communities.





Grateful to Partner with WFWP Again

In the past, Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) has been one of our project partners in Honduras. I'm happy to announce that WFWP will be collaborating with us again in a very special way this time, along with the City administration of Tela, Honduras, PeaceIN (a project of Universal Peace Federation), and Y Service of North Jersey (an offshoot and service branch of the YMCA), along with Professor Alan Saunders – educational advisor for the Center for Leadership and Character Education.

After working on a Peace Park in Tela, Honduras, the mayor of the city of Tela asked our group to suggest ways to advance peace in the city...

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<u>"WFWP Maryland's Teamwork makes the dream</u> work!

Our Maryland WFWP team exceeded our goal of raising \$1,000 for Schools of Africa this summer by doing yard sales and online sales. We are grateful to our WFWP alumni Susan Fefferman and Mariko Sheffrin, Tomoko Krienbuehl as well as all others who donated items. We'd also like to give a special thank you to Kim Dadachanji and Emiko Butler who let us use their yards for the sale. We would have never reached the goal if it was not for Andrea Rissanen's skills and tenacity with online sales. Last but not least, thank you to the young women like Tsurue Matsuba, Fuyu Fujioka and Yujin Glass who came to help. We were happy to have had our WFWP USA President, Angelika Selle, visit, donate, and shop at the yard sale...

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