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President's Corner: On the Path to Peace



Wishing you PEACE on this International Day of Peace, a UNsanctioned holiday that has been observed each year on September 21 since 1982!

As we celebrate and deliberate peace on this day, we realize that we are still far from it, as Covid variants continue to plague our communities and societies, and as we find ourselves surrounded worldwide by all manner of crises.

Yet, it is in the midst of all this that Women's Federation for World Peace continues to provide vision, hope, inspiration, connectedness and joy via the internet "airwaves."

A new surge of such inspiration and hope was felt especially in one of our most recent Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) online programs in the Southeast Region...

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Resilience in the face of a global pandemic: GWPN revived in the National Capital Region

It has been nearly two years since the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) was launched in the Southeast Region. It has also been nearly two years since a novel virus struck the people of Wuhan, China and would soon cause unimaginable suffering around the whole world. Countless lives have been lost, businesses upended and education disrupted on a global scale, in a pandemic that still rages on. Accompanying all the tales of misery are the lesser known stories of resilience and adaptability that don't always make the headlines.

Resilience was the key word at the GWPN event "Women as the Turning Point for Peace: Life During and After COVID" that was held on Thursday, September 16, 2021. The virtual program featured two incredible ladies as panel speakers, Romelita "Millet" Panga and Susan McCarley Shepard, who focused their message on resilience in the fields of education and health, respectively.

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"Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World"

The International Day of Peace is observed around the world each year

on September 21. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences, and to contribute to building a culture of peace.

This year's theme is "Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World" which will focus on how to help everyone recover better from the current pandemic, how to build resilience, and how to transform our world into one that is more equal, more just, equitable, inclusive, sustainable, and healthier.

Check out the peace gatherings and events taking place near you. You can access diverse and meaningful ways to get involved here: https://internationaldayofpeace.org/get-involved/..

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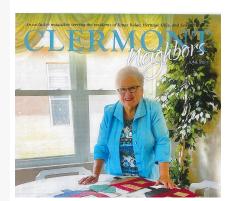


Mother's Day the Thai Tradition Way

In Thailand Mother's Day is a national Holiday Celebrated yearly on August 12. When children greet their mother on Mother's Day they do a full bow and prostrate themselves in front of her. This is a sign of utmost respect in Thailand. Then the mother bestows a blessing on the child. On a sunny Saturday afternoon at the Washington Times in DC on August 14, 2021, the Thai Ethnic Online Community honored Thai mothers in collaboration with the WFWP DC Chapter under the theme of: "The Hope of Humanity Comes from Mothers."

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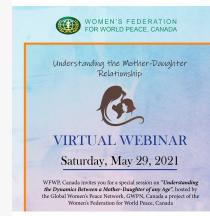
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<u>Nora Spurgin — First President of WFWP USA—</u> Featured in Local News

Mrs. Nora Spurgin, WFWP USA's first national president, and author of the book Circle of Angels is still active with her local community in Clermont, Florida, serving, inspiring and uplifting people around her. Recently she was featured in her neighborhood magazine Clermont Neighbors which published an article Nora wrote about her book. She was happily surprised when one of her friends wrote to her the following inspiring story, which came as a result of her reading the article and buying the book: Circle of Angels. Enjoy! In an effort to share my Circle of Angels book with my local community, I inquired about submitting an article to Clermont Neighbors, a local magazine. The editor responded very positively and asked me to complete a questionnaire - which I did. The result was a substantial, feature article with a cover photo.

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Understanding the Mother-Daughter Relationship

On Saturday, May 29, 2021, Global Women's Peace Network, Canada held a virtual webinar on "Understanding the Dynamics between a Mother and Daughter of any Age". This was the sixth year when WFWP Canada explored this issue and it was an occasion for discoveries and heartfelt sharing. The event was facilitated by WFWP, and was attended by 30 people, some of them French-speaking as we offered translation. Lilly Tadin, Pres. of WFWP Canada opened the meeting with Mother Moon's words underlining a mother's role in nurturing and educating the family. She also encouraged the audience to reflect on their experiences with their own mother and daughters.

Our first speaker, Nalayini Moorthy is the Settlement Workers in Schools Program Facilitator for Peel District...

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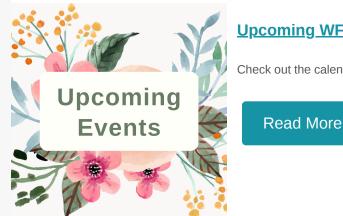
Mock Oxtail Soup As the story goes, only the poor got the tail of the cow. The meat from the tail had to be stewed for hours to be edible. However as the tail slowly cooked it became delicious tender meat. The collagen and fibers break down and the bone is known as the most flavorful bone for soup. Oxtail is a delicacy in many Caribbean, African and Asian cuisines. After enjoying Korean oxtail soup at a restaurant, I tried making it myself. Unfortunately it is time consuming and quite expensive since it is a specialty

item. Therefore, I came up with the simple inexpensive Mock Oxtail Soup...

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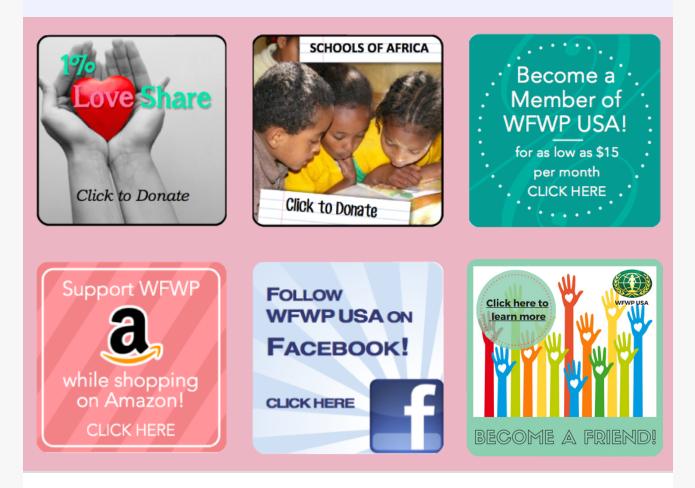
STAY TUNED TO THE UPCOMING EDITIONS TO LEARN ABOUT WFWP ACTIVITIES CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH, HAPPENING SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 15.



Upcoming WFWP Events: Global and Local

Check out the calendar for exciting upcoming events.

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