



A New And True America - Reflections On Our Country

Dear friends,
Greetings and Happy Month of July!

I hope you all had a wonderful Fourth of July celebration with family and friends, as our nation took a break to remember her freedoms, blessings and independence. The holiday reminds us of how many dictators and unfree systems still exist in many parts of the world.

Alongside our gratitude for our liberties, however, we are all too aware that we cannot say we truly live in freedom when we see the many visible and invisible shackles our society and families are dealing with. These include addictions, violence, poverty, racism, rabid partisanship, the decline of faith and spiritual fervor in our religious institutions ... the list goes on and on...

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"Born to Bring Light into Darkness"

There is a divide between the world of peace we long for and the world we live in. To make progress towards the world of peace we must all work together. That is why WFWP Oregon joined together with [Mount Hood Community College](#), [West Columbia Gorge Rotary Club](#), [International Sufi School for Peace & Service](#) to host the 8th Annual Peace Conference under the theme: **Bridges to Peace: Crossing the Divide** on May 12, 2022 via the Zoom platform.

The event started out with the recognition of the Native Americans of Oregon by Dr. Linda Nishikawa, followed by an Ojibwe prayer water song by Tina Bennett.

Claudia Al-Amin, WFWP Oregon co-chair was the emcee for the event. She introduced **Lora Helmer**, a Rotary club member and Ambassador for [ShelterBox](#).

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"Understanding True Womanhood"

There are many hidden gems on the [WFWP website](#) to educate, inspire, and guide women in all walks of life. Even better is to [become a member and connect to a local chapter](#), or start your own! With this in mind Ayano Ishii Adrien, WFWP Virginia Representative, hosted an informative, collaborative webinar titled: **Leadership of Heart Family Resources for Building a Peaceful World** via Zoom on May 28, 2022.

To start, Father Bayo Adrien, convener of Heavenly Couples in Ministry, greeted the audience and introduced his wife, Ayano Ishii Adrien, and shared how grateful he was for her leadership and the heartfelt collaborative work she does. Then everyone had a chance to be introduced to some of the WFWP leaders who each shared a prayer or blessing for all those in attendance.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE USA

SCHOOLS of Africa

Benefit & Cultural Program
Shine Africa *The Power of Education*
Sunday, August 7
5:00 - 6:30 PM EDT
 Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/shineafrika>
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What's On Your Family Play List This Summer?

In the book, ["Play: How it Shapes the Brain, Opens the Imagination, and Invigorates the Soul"](#), Dr. Stuart Brown explains that play is anything but trivial. It is a biological drive as integral to our health as sleep or nutrition. We are designed by nature to flourish through play.

Dr. Stuart explains why **play is essential to our social skills, adaptability, intelligence, creativity, ability to problem solve and more**. Particularly in tough times, we need to play more than ever, as it's the very means by which we prepare for the unexpected, search out new solutions, and remain optimistic. In fact, **play just might be the most important work we can ever do...**

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HerStory Awardees are the Catalyst for New Vision and Hope

WFWP founding purpose is to realize one Global Family rooted in the culture of heart and sustainable peace, based on the lifestyle of living for the sake of others, and for women to influence the world with their own unique feminine values and their motherly hearts.

In order to work towards this lofty ideal, we need to hear from women who already practice and live by these values, as well as share their stories of how they overcame often unspeakable obstacles along the way and came out victoriously. That is the purpose of the HerStory Award.

The **June 25, 2022 the HerStory Award Ceremony** on-line drew 50 participants (women and men and children) and emceed by **Dr. Susan Talfer**, CEO and Founder of World Connections Foundation.

Dr. Susan Talfer introduced the awardees as dynamic women who have "gone not where the path would lead them but instead where there was no path and they left a trail—through grace and grit."

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The Mindful Path – Dream Big

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National Moon Day is celebrated each year on July 20th to commemorate the Apollo 11 moon landing. In 1969, Commander Neil Armstrong and astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin were the first humans to walk on the moon's surface. Michael Collins, the command module pilot, assisted with the mission.

This year on July 13 we will enjoy a supermoon. It will be the closest, brightest full supermoon of the year. A supermoon occurs when the moon is closest to the earth. We've all seen those massive moons hanging effortlessly in the night sky...

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Honoring our Men and Fathers

On Father's Day this year several of our WFWP USA chapters acknowledging the contribution of fathers in their community with the new "First Gentleman and Father's Award." Fathers were praised for being "an exemplary husband and father for his love, support, and dedication to his wife and children. We honor him for raising their children with Godly values and principles, teaching by example to live in service to others, and also for being an inspiration to his greater community."

The awarded fathers' expressions and smiles showed their surprise. WFWP continues to appreciate and cheer on all fathers who are doing their best in their family and community!! We want to encourage each woman to affirm, appreciate, and recognize her husband's hard work and investment.

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WFWP and Me – Katarina Connery

It has been nearly seven years since I first became involved in the **Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP)** as the **WFWP USA Vice President**. Prior to being appointed to this role, I had very little knowledge about the organization. My mom was involved briefly when I was younger, and I had participated in a handful of [Bridge of Peace](#) ceremonies in my community.

When I started working with WFWP, I gradually learned how much this organization was an answer to my prayers at the time. I had recently graduated from graduate school and I wasn't really sure what to do next. In my academic career, I had learned about various peace initiatives and efforts to make life around the globe more equitable and fulfilling for many of the most underprivileged....

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