



Friends Of NCCW For WUCWO

2018 February

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From Myrna Wong

Friends of NCCW for WUCWO, President



Dear Members of Friends,

We have just gone through the holiday season and I hope that it was one filled with the spirit of Christ in your lives and a renewal with the birth of baby Jesus. I wish each of you and your families a healthy and very blessed New Year.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you that have made the effort to renew or to join Friends of NCCW for WUCWO. Our annual support drive for membership is on and dues are payable by January 1 and delinquent by March 1. This change was made to our By Laws at the Convention this past September. We are very grateful for your continued support of Friends. Friends, is an organization which is rooted in our gospel values of helping others. With that stated my hope is that we can continue to be compassionate women to all of our sisters in Christ around the world each day of our lives and give back whenever and wherever we can. We each have gifts that our Father has given to us and we must use them in reaching out to help others in need.

As we start this New Year, let us together strive to be better people and peacemakers in our lives. Let us together pray each day for world peace.

THE NEXT WUCWO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In Dakar, Senegal, will be called:

WUCWO Women, Carriers of "living water"

To a world which thirsts for Peace

15 - 22 OCTOBER 2018

We have plans underway to update our website and we can be found on the NCCW.org website under WUCWO .

May God continue to bless all of us.

Myrna

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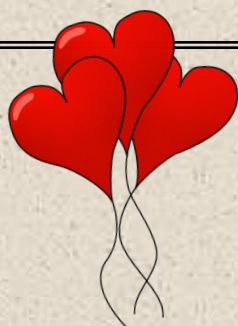
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When I was young, I truly enjoyed flying. I always wanted a window seat because I always thought how great it was to be able to see the world as God sees it.

Looking down on lakes, rivers, open land, cities, towns, and other things from an airplane seat gave me the opportunity to look at the world from God's vantage point. I thought this was really neat.



Although the whole process of flying has changed dramatically since I was a young lad, my interest in looking out of the window is still the same. It still marvels me to look at the world through God's eye. However, whether we are up in the air or not, I do believe that we, as followers of Christ, are called to see as God sees.

As we are told in both the Old and New Testament, God does not judge by the outward appearance, but looks into the heart. We are called to do the same. When we judge by appearance, we can easily be tempted to build walls around ourselves and people like us and look down at everyone else. That is not how we were created to be. By virtue of our baptism, we have been washed clean and given the ability to see with the eyes of faith, the eyes of God. Jesus says to Peter at one point that he is an obstacle because he is thinking, not as God does, but as human beings do. We are being called to raise our hearts and minds and begin to see things in a new way. We are called to see as God sees.

As members of the Friends of NCCW for WUCWO, you and I are witnesses to the fact that there are Catholic women all over this world. Although they may look different, have different cultures, different customs, etc.; they are all united because they, as all of us, are creations of the same loving God. God is calling us to work together as His creation in order to be who He has created us to be.

Whether in Florida, Texas, Connecticut, the other 47 states, Europe, Asia, Australia, South America, Africa, particularly Dakar, Senegal ("hint-hint"): all Catholic women, as all Catholics, are called to be united in faith, to see each other not as a series of "whats" but as "who" we really are – creations of God.

Fellow creations of God, may the blessings of 2018 bring all of us in this world closer together. And may we continue to see how God sees.

God bless us everyone!

Fr. James G. Stembler

Message from the Treasurer : Joann Hillebrand



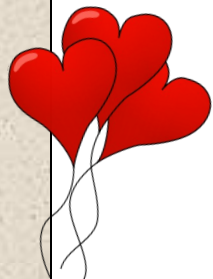
We are over halfway to our membership goal for 2018. Dues for **2018 are delinquent as of March 1st.**, so if you haven't paid your 2018 dues yet, please consider sending them in by the due date.

If you are unsure if you are up to date please contact me at 630-789-8460 or denouncer.5@comcast.net . A dues notice is included with this newsletter. We have many new members of which we are extremely pleased , but we don't want to loose our long standing members either. I have corrected any known mistakes on our email list. Hopefully, we won't get too many email returns from this newsletter ! I will try to contact those returned by phone or regular mail if possible.

Friends of NCCW for WUCWO is most grateful for any and all donations that are received with dues payment. We have budgeted \$1500 for 2018 and at this date we have a ways to go to achieve this goal. In 2020, not only will NCCW celebrate 100 years, but NCCW will also host the WUCWO North American Conference. Our organization, "Friends", helps to finance this event. Please consider a donation in addition to your dues.

God Bless you not only for all you do, but more specifically, for who you are!

On page (4) of this newsletter please find the Friends of NCCW for WUCWO Membership Form. Annual membership dues for **Friends Of NCCW For WUCWO, Inc.** are **\$25.00** per year. Paid members receive a periodic newsletters and informative updates (via email) as well as an invitation to and voting privileges at our annual meeting held during the annual NCCW Convention.



**2018 Membership Dues are due
January 1,2018 and will become delinquent
on March 1, 2018.**

**Please mail your dues by using the form in the
newsletter TODAY! Thank you for your support!**

If you have questions regarding **Friends Of NCCW For WUCWO**,
please contact **Myrna Wong, President**
Email: albmyr@aol.com Phone: **772.335.5160**

Lucy Johnson: Parliamentarian

The Role of the Parliamentarian

When I first attended my area CCW meetings 30 years ago, I was impressed that a parliamentarian was present, assisting the presiding officer. I continue to be impressed. Having a parliamentarian at a meeting separates CCW from most other organizations that I'm involved with. What is the role of the parliamentarian, and who would be a good choice to serve in this role?



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A parliamentarian is appointed by the president usually with the approval of the Board. It is not an elected position. The main role of a parliamentarian is to assist the presiding officer so that the meeting runs smoothly. While it is helpful to understand the basics of Robert's Rules, it is more important to be familiar with the organization's bylaws and standing rules as well as customs and traditions. Past-presidents make good parliamentarians for this reason.

It may appear that the parliamentarian "doesn't do anything" at the meeting. This is by design. Parliamentarians are to be objective and should not vote or enter into debate similar to the presiding officer. Both can vote if by ballot. Most of the work done by a parliamentarian occurs before and after the meeting. She should meet with the presiding officer to draft the agenda and help write out the words to say during a meeting. Copies of the agenda and script should also be given to the secretary who can use them as an outline for the minutes.

There are many resources available, leadership training, and refresher courses to help understand parliamentary procedure. For example, NCCW has a wonderful brochure called "Ask the Parliamentarian" which can be downloaded from the website. The NCCW Leadership Training Development (LTD) program has segments on parliamentary issues. Additionally, there is a National Association of Parliamentarians that has state and local chapters which provide periodic trainings and meetings. The possibilities are endless!

Lucy

Membership: Bonnie Workman

Jeannette Schaal documented a beautiful history for Friends of WUCWO 10 year anniversary. It was suggested that we continue updating our history.

A committee was appointed with Bonnie Workman, Chair, Deb Drager, Marilyn Ericksen and Myrna Wong.

We are asking still seeking information about significant events, pictures and information that you would want to submit for our history from 2012 to now.



Please email Bonnie Workman bbw@sssnet.com or mail to 5814 Armistice Ave., NW, Canton, Ohio 44718



Membership dues and donations allow **Friends Of NCCW For WUCWO, Inc.** to support the programs and projects of the *World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations* (WUCWO) the *WUCWO North American Region* and the *NCCW Representative to WUCWO*, as we stand in solidarity with Catholic Women around the world!

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Please include this form with your payment



Make checks payable to: **Friends Of NCCW For WUCWO, Inc.**

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Joann Hillebrand, Treasurer

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2018 Annual Membership in **Friends Of NCCW For WUCWO, Inc.** \$ 25.00

+ Additional donation/gift in any amount \$ _____

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Thank you for your generous support of Friends Of NCCW For WUCWO, Inc.



Save the Date!

**2018 NCCW Convention
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
August 29 - September 1**



**Our next meeting of
Friends of NCCW for WUCWO
will take place during the NCCW annual convention!**

Mark your calendars



The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General has designated **February 8** as an annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking.

February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a saint in 2000.

On February 8, Catholics all over the world are encouraged to host or attend prayer services to create greater awareness about this phenomenon. Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity, but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors.

In the words of the committee chairman for migration, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S.: "If just one person realizes from this day that they or someone they know is being trafficked, we will have made a difference." (source: usccb.org)

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