Mission Statement:
Parents Without Partners provides single parents and their children with an opportunity for enhancing personal growth, self-confidence and sensitivity towards others by offering an environment for support, friendship and the exchange of parenting techniques. For the minor children of single parents, it offers them the opportunity to meet peers living within the same family structure and thriving. No more standing out in the crowd or feeling isolated because they are part of the single parent family towards others by offering an environment for support, friendship and the exchange of parenting techniques. For the minor children of single parents, it offers them the opportunity to meet peers living within the same family structure and thriving. No more standing out in the crowd or feeling isolated because they are part of the single parent family.

All Single Parents Are Welcome

PREAMBLE TO OUR CONSTITUTION
As conscientious single parents, it is our primary endeavor to bring our children to healthy maturity, with the full sense of being loved and accepted as persons, and with the same prospects for adulthood as children who mature with their two parents together.

Adults and children in single parent families face unique and challenging circumstances. For children to mature and flourish in the absence of either parent requires an added measure of love, understanding and sound guidance. To provide these is a responsibility inherent in parenthood, regardless of marital status.

The challenge of providing for both ourselves and our children a nurturing family life is often complicated by established patterns of community life. Consequently, a need for community resources to assist single parents in communication and meeting their special circumstances exists.

WHO WE ARE
Parents Without Partners (PWP), Inc. is an international, non-profit educational organization devoted to the welfare and interests of single parents and their children. Its programs and activities are entirely the volunteer work of members of PWP Inc.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
You are eligible for membership if you are a parent of one or more children, single due to death, divorce, separated or never being married; and are of good character. Neither custody nor age of your child or children is a factor in eligibility.

HOW TO JOIN PWP
You must attend an orientation about PWP. You will need to complete an application form and pay your first year dues.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

OMG!!!! Has it only been four days??? I have to tell you, if you only have one week vacation and want to stretch it as far as possible – consider attending convention!!! We’re so busy, it feels like a month!!

On Tuesday, we met for the Preconvention tour. I have been so looking forward to the Gone With The Wind museum and tour. Going through the museum, you remembered each scene in the movie by the dress, photo, picture. This not only brought up memories of Gone With The Wind, but also Carol Burnett because the drapery dress was featured, and I immediately had a visual of Carol Burnett coming down the staircase with the drapes and drapery rod!!

After visiting the museum, we got on a bus tour of the town of Jonesboro. The scene in the movie where Scarlett is stepping over the bodies, looking for the doctor....that’s Jonesboro. Hard to picture it now with the way Jonesboro has grown. We went to the Confederate Cemetery as well. Many of the bodies were buried right where they fell. There were some staggering numbers I noted in the museum. Union Soldier: 33,000,000+ Confederate Soldiers: 8,000,000+ There were several stops along the road, one being a “haunted” jail. I was placed in jail, and everyone sang “Happy Birthday” to me. I wasn’t sure they were going to let me out!!!

After several stops, we went to an old two room schoolhouse and “dinner was served”. Lasagna, salad and a WONDERFUL peach cobbler!!! It was a full day, topped off with ice cream in McDonough! A perfect end to a perfect day.

Wednesday was the first full day of convention and the speakers throughout the week were incredible! Not just outside speakers, but PWP workshops as well. We do have some very talented people in this organization, and I hope they continue to spread their wealth of knowledge to the general membership. Friday’s annual meeting was uneventful, and I’m not sure, but I don’t remember a single motion from the membership.

Today is Saturday, and we finished up with some of our best workshops. The genealogy speaker was incredible. This is the third time we have had a genealogy workshop, and each one has been different than the previous one. I want to thank Lorretta Bradley for a membership workshop that answered many questions that some did not know the answers to. I do hope that everyone takes their knowledge back to their chapters. So much information!!!

At the end of our last workshop, we had a closing/wrap-up session, and – sit down – there was not a single complaint!!! The Holiday Inn has been so accommodating and helpful. I raffled off a blanket, and I believe we raised almost $50. We made over $30 on an Amazon gift card, and the Chinese Auction was also a success. I apologize that I don’t have those figures.

As I write this, I am thinking I have to get ready for the banquet/dance, but before I do, I want to say what a great group of kids we had for the Children’s program. So polite and their behavior was impeccable! It’s nice to see such great kids growing up in PWP!! It’s memories they will never forget. My daughter is now calling it “Grammy Camp” for my grandson. I am so proud to have him with me, and have him experience the new things he’s had the opportunity to see this week. I know he appreciates everything, as do the girls who were here from Zone C. We missed all of you!! Start saving for next year. We’re looking at Illinois — Janet
Message from the Editor

I have been generating the Single Parent Newsletter for about 3yrs. It has been one awesome of an experience. But, too often in life, when we generate a newsletter after awhile you wonder if anyone is reading it. So with that thought in mind, I have made some changes. Now you will find more information on some of the Parents Without Partners manuals. Have you gone to the International site lately? Of course you have to be a member of Parents Without Partners to access. Not one now? If there is not a chapter near you, you could become a Member-At-Large—very easily and you can do it online. But then I digress. Parents Without Partners has been around for many years, and through the years the manuals have been updated and changed, and we will be working on improvements to the manuals. The basic core / focus of the manuals will not change so it is still good to have, as each one has a wealth of ideas, hints, instructions. In this edition of the Single Parent Newsletter I have numerous pages that I retyped from the Chapter Planning Manual, Family and Youth Manual, Membership Manual, Publicity Manual and PWP Trivia Manual. As a member, all manuals can be downloaded so you can read and review at your leisure. Much of the information is still pertinent and can be used in every day life.

Parents Without Partners focus has always been Family, Education, Parent and Community Service, each manual supplies plenty of information for each topic listed. Yes we need to modernize but I will stress this, Parents Without Partners is the absolute best kept secret, many have attempted to copy, but the core of it’s membership is what makes Parents Without Partners the absolute best organization for the single parent and the single parent family.

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SO YOU WANT TO START A CHAPTER!!

Find a meeting place (library, restaurant, club house)
Set a date for the meeting
ADVERTISE the meeting.
   Make a list of media (newspapers, radio, TV, cable)
Prepare a news release for publication and posting.
Prepare flyers for posting in apartments, grocery stores, libraries, anywhere single parents may be found.

AT THE MEETING:
Have a sign in sheet which includes name, telephone number, e-mail address and ages of children
Have name badges so everyone can be addressed by their name,
Have handouts for potential members who may not know about PWP.
   Available on the website: www.parentswithoutpartners.org
Have a copy of a newsletter prepared by either a chapter, region, zone or international.

INFORMATION FROM WEBSITE IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE AND YOUR ZONE PRESIDENT SHOULD MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT MAY EVOLVE.

Once you have ten people that will commit to joining:
Fill out charter paperwork (provided by your zone president.
Determine officers. You should have a President/VP; Secretary/Treasurer; and VP Family and Programming (minimally)
Vote for chapter dues. $20 goes to International and anything above that fee goes to the chapter to run their programming.
Once officers are in place, PWP paperwork will be completed (with the aid of your zone president) and state corporation paperwork filed as required.

AND THE FINAL REQUIREMENT OF PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS:

Have Fun!!!!
Parents Without Partners Chapters offer members friendship, support an understanding. If affords new members many opportunities to make a new circle of friends. PWP educational, social and family activities help members adjust to their newly single life. They learn how to restructure their lives. They learn how to be alone without being lonely, to communicate more effectively, to get more out of life, to love again.

Members are all single parents due to death, separation or divorce, and even though most of them start out lonely, PWP is not a lonely hearts club. What is PWP? PWP is a non-profit, non-sectarian educational organization devoted to the welfare and interests of single parents and their children.

Most single parents are confused and frightened. They ask themselves: Why has this happened to me? How can I make it alone? How will this affect my children? They have nervous, hesitant feeling when they first come to PWP for help. PWP is uniquely qualified to help in that members share the similar experience of separation. This fact is important because the immediate benefits of membership are support and understanding.

Most members join PWP because they do not enjoy going from bar to bar nor are they content to sit home alone and feel sorry for themselves. Members have the need to grow, to get involved and to get their children involved to let them know that they are not different from any other children. PWP fills the members’ needs and shows them that they have a new life to live and a lot of friends to show the way.

PWP members come from all walks of life and represent a variety of occupations, interests and educational backgrounds. Members’ ages range from the 20’s to the 70’s, with the bulk of the membership in the 40’s and 50’s. The majority of our members are divorced. About 17.6% are widows or widowers, about the same as the general population. The never-married’s are a small, but growing group. Some members have young children, others have teenagers, and others have children who have grown and gone. About 65% of our members are women. The member has completed high school and some college. He/she is likely to feel discriminated against to getting credit, medical insurance and job training. The member is very concerned about parenting, meeting new people and solving his/her financial/psychological and legal problems. The member considers PWP activities an important part of his/her life.

The individual chapter is the most important part of PWP because the chapter deals directly with the members.

To ease the transition from new member to involved member, a special program of activities is planned for new members only. By forming the Amigos, a new and fuller meaning is given to the Spanish word for friend. The Amigos help new members move comfortable and happily into the established committees and activities.

Members can learn what activities are planned through the Chapter Newsletter, which contains a monthly calendar of activities as well as information useful to the membership.

To be eligible for membership in PWP, a person must be single by reason of death, separation, divorce or never married and be the parent of at least one living child. Each chapter has the obligation to require a professional or member sponsored reference of all applicants for membership. Prospective members must provide a reference from a doctor, clergyman, lawyer, school principal or have a member-sponsored reference. All prospective members must attend a formal orientation.

Ex-spouse applications should be accepted with the explanation that the ex-spouse is a member and that the chapter will not tolerate trouble (openly displayed at chapter functions) from the two individuals.

Chapter yearly dues are set by each chapter. A membership card guarantees admission to and participation in activities in any PWP chapter, except that Family and Youth activities in other chapters which are subsidized by and for their own members may be restricted.

Membership benefits include a publication entitled, Single Parent Newsletter, access to members only section of the PWP website, opportunities for training at zone conferences and International Convention and leadership positions which are local, state, multi-state or international and can help with your career advancement. Chapter benefits often include blood bank membership, buying services, local discount services and group travel. Also, participation in members only discussions with topics of interest to single parents and family activities where your children will thrive when they are shown that they are not alone.
FAMILY AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Family and Youth is a pivotal area for chapter growth and membership involvement. A well-balanced family program is the key to attracting single parents with young children. A good program consists of activities for educational, recreational, and social aspects.

Educational Family Activities – These activities in which single parents and their children have “learn and grow” experiences. These activities may include such area as moderated discussions, instructions, lessons involving single parent life skills, field trips, promoting personal growth, arts, and crafts, etc.

Remember to list the topics and speakers for all discussions and instructors for all classes.

Recreational and Social Family Activities – Those activities necessary for a well-rounded family program, such as picnics, potluck dinners, camping, birthday parties, holiday theme parties, softball games, bowling, putt-putt golf, horseback riding, etc.

TOTS = For children under six (6) years of age. Refer to the TOTS Manual

Buddies & Pals – Buddies are six (6) through eight (8) years of age. Pals are nine (9) through eleven (11) years of age. Refer to the Buddies and Pals Manual

Dads for A Day – A program where “DADS” (male members of PWP) take the PWP children on special outings, such as fishing, camping, hiking, etc. This program is especially good for those children who do not have regular contact with their own fathers. This is PWP’s version of Big Brothers and can be very for “DADS” and children alike.

THEMES OF THE MONTH

The President’s planning calendar provides themes for each month of the year. Programs should be developed including these themes.

JANUARY Legislative Affairs
FEBRUARY Community Involvement
MARCH Founder’s Day
APRIL Scholarship
MAY Child Abuse Awareness: New Member Program
JUNE Buddies and Pals
JULY International Convention
AUGUST Public Relations
SEPTEMBER Alcohol and Drug Abuse Education
OCTOBER Membership Drive
NOVEMBER Family and Individual Talent Awards Program
DECEMBER TOT’S Programming

Ideas for programming themes or special events come from events being held in the local communities. Contact the Chamber of Commerce, Colleges, Libraries, Hospitals, and other organizations such as Jaycees for possible information. They can inform you about upcoming events for their schedule.

NOTE: By becoming a member of Parents Without Partners—Member-At-Large membership provides access to all information on Parents Without Partners,

Website: parentswithoutpartners.org
Ideas for Single Parent Family Activities

As a single parent you may struggle to think up single parent family activities to do while your children are on vacation from school, and financial constraints may hold you back in this regard. However, there are a number of extremely affordable options open to you if you know where to look. The important thing is that you find time to do something with your children as a family. This will instill important family values in their minds.

Single Parent Family Activities

Clearly there are a number of single parent family activities that do not require you to go away for a holiday:

- You could, for example, simply go to the movies together.
- If you want to do something that requires a bit, more fresh, air you could take your children for a walk in the park.
- Arts and crafts are great activities to do as well as you will be able to join your child in creating something new and exciting.

For more prolonged and memorable activities try one of the following holiday options:

Cheap Cruises

This is one of the activities that will be cheaper for some single parents while not quite as affordable for others. Cruises, if you get the right ship at the right time, can actually be very affordable. They are certainly cheaper than flying anywhere, and unlike a plane trip the cruise forms part of the holiday. Even if it’s a short cruise that takes a few days and puts you right back where you started at the end of it, it will be a memorable trip for your children, especially if they have not been on a boat before. If you live within driving distance of a port you are in luck. However if you have to fly to a port to go on a cruise this kicks up the cost significantly so you may want to try alternative holiday option.

Hotels

Renting a hotel room for the night is one of the cheaper options that you will have available to you. There are always cheap hotels in your area. You don’t have to travel far as it is just the experience of being away from home for one night that you are aiming to give your children here. When choosing a hotel you should look out for things like:

- A pool
- A shuffle broad
- Table hockey
- An arcade
- Other fun single parent family activities and games for families

The end result is that you get to have a mini holiday that your young kids will enjoy without the additional expenses of having to pay for gas. You need not stay much longer than one or two nights. This is an activity that can be done at any time and does not depend on school vacations.

B&B’s of Farmstays

If you live within easy traveling distance of the countryside take some time to look into what farm bed & breakfasts are around in your area. Staying on a farm for a few days can be a great experience for a kid who doesn’t get to see much wildlife. There is plenty for you and your children to do together on a farm, so if you can find one that offers activities and interesting food it could be a very affordable way to spend time with your children. However remember that often these places charge tourist rates, so watch out.

Some of the activities you can enjoy at a farm include:

- Feeding cows or horses
- Collecting eggs
- Harvesting fruit trees or grapevines
- Petting goats

Single Parent Gathering

Single parent gathering are places for you to meet up with other single parents as well as an avenue for your children to meet other children in similar situations to themselves. Single parents can be very resourceful, and the best place to find ideas for single parent family activities is from other parents. The meet up itself can provide a source of entertainment for all concerned. Common activity ideas that come up at these Meetups include:

- Organizing a group camp – out
- Organizing a road trip to some cheap motel with a pool
- Going to a zoo, aquarium, or museum sleepover
- Organizing a hike to a local waterfall or swimming hole

On top of finding new activities to do with your children you will also have the opportunity to create a support network of other single moms and dads.
Camping

General Camping
Going camping is one of the outdoor activities that you and your children will enjoy. Even if you are a single mom who has never camped before, don’t worry. You don’t need a man to pitch a tent and learning how to do these things together with your children provides a teaching opportunity.

Church Camps
Even if you’re not religious church camps are a good place to look if you want to go camping with your children. This is because everyone is generally welcome and the prices are usually low, if there is any cost at all. You can conduct an Internet search for “church family camps” in your state to see what options you have.

National Parks
National parks tend to be among the cheaper options if you are looking for somewhere to camp with your children. They are also guaranteed to come with great scenery. In addition the wildlife that you can see here is like nothing else your children will have ever seen in their lives, making the experience that much more enjoyable. Just be sure to take the appropriate safety precautions with your own life as well as with your children’s while you are there.

Road Trips
You don’t need to go away for a long time to have a great ‘vacation’ with your children. Sometimes going somewhere overnight is enough to excite them and get them thinking about the great outdoors. One of the best activities that you could do with your children involves simply going on a road trip. You could camp or head for a hotel, but the point is that you go away, anywhere, for a night or two, maybe just for the weekend.

The best idea is to choose a destination that is only a few hours away. That way you can leave in the morning and take your time getting there, stopping along the way to take photos and explore the surrounding areas. Let your children dictate the pace, within reason, that you will follow to get to where you are going and make the most of a short trip.

If you are looking for ideas about where to go for a road trip, explore resources like the Great Western Road Trip. The Internet in general can help you find what you are looking for if you know what to search for. Failing that, just get in the car and head out. See where you end up. But keep a map or GPS with you so that you will be able to find your way home again and so that you can avoid getting lost in the process.

Friends’ Homes
If you have friends living a little distance away you will be able to combine the above section about road trips with a visit to your friend’s home. If your friend has children, even better, because this will allow your children to have a socializing opportunity. Arrange well ahead of time with your friend to make sure that everything is convenient for them and for you. If the friend lives a few hours away you can plan this as a quick weekend vacation. If your friend lives further away then it is something you will have to reserve for when school is out. Whatever the circumstances you should be able to manufacture a great holiday for yourself and your children if you have friends living in an interesting, or even in a not-so-interesting, place.

In addition to considering the homes of your friends, don’t forget about the homes of your family members. Children enjoy visiting their grandparents especially if their grandparents live far away. Aunts and uncles with cousins are generally also a winner. It is important to maintain family ties in any case, so why not do so in a way that also gives you and your children an opportunity to have a vacation? In addition when you stay with family they often feel obligated to help you with the kids, which in turn gives you, the single parent, an additional break.

There are several affordable holiday options available to you as a single parent who wants to spend quality time with your family. You would be surprised at what activities you can afford if you put your mind to it. A lot of single parents fall into the trap of not doing very much with their children because they lack the belief in their ability to do these things. This is a frame of mind that you must aim to avoid at all costs. At best it is counterproductive and at worst it is downright damaging to your child’s development.
20 Fun Family Ideas for your chapter and/or Zone family events

Try these creative family fun night ideas from parent groups across the country, but they can be modified to any size Parents Without Partners

1. Messy Art Night  At Essex (Mass.) Elementary, Messy Art Night is about trying new materials, being creative, and having fun. Kids can try pottery, wire sculpture, oil painting, and mosaics. The free-for-all environment is a refreshing change from more structured craft activities.

2. Fossil Dig  At Forest Glen Elementary in Glen Ellyn, Ill., a dinosaur and fossil event taught kids what fossils are and how paleontologists study them. Students learned about tools used on a fossil dig and created their own fossil imprint. Some schools hire local experts to bring in real fossils, while others create their own fossil digs and dinosaur events using everyday items such as chicken bones, shells, and plaster of paris.

3. Family Yoga Night  Yoga is part of the curriculum at Reston (Va.) Montessori School, and some kids also like having their parents join them. Everyone brings a mat or towel. The teacher leads families in stretching and poses. And in nice weather, the event can be held outdoors. “It’s a great way for kids of all ages and their parents to spend time together in a positive way,” says PTA president Susan Estes.

4. Wildlife Night  J.D. Parker Elementary in Stuart, Fla., partnered with a local wildlife sanctuary to bring animals to the school for a presentation. Snakes, skunks, and even an alligator made an appearance. The animals available for such an event will vary by region. This event ties in well when students are studying habitats.

5. Lego Love  The most popular family event at Stony Lane Elementary in Paramus, N.J., was also the easiest to pull off. Volunteers dumped out 25,000 Legos, and the kids had a blast. Billed as a Get Connected “block party”, the event provided imaginative play for all with minimal time commitment from parents.

6. Rockin’ Through the Ages  If you envision a dance party that gets everyone out on the dance floor, have the DJ spin tunes from different eras. A dance party at Vine Hill Elementary in Scotts Valley, Calif., included music from the ’50s through the present day. Parents and students wore costumes from their favorite decades. Work with the DJ to identify the songs guaranteed to get everybody grooving. Or let parents and kids make requests in advance of the event.

7. Count Day  Attendance on Oct. 1 determines funding in Colorado schools. At Rocky Mountain Classical Academy in Colorado Springs, the parent group turned Count Day into a fun day no student would want to miss. Teachers wore silly outfits and kids wore their pajamas. Much of the day was spent reading for pleasure. Among the highlights, students watched their teachers compete in basketball and then played volleyball in the afternoon.

8. Instrument Petting Zoo  During Jazz Night at Shepherd Elementary in Washington, D.C., students got to touch instruments and listen to how each one sounded. Students from a local college performed, and children learned to recognize ragtime, bop, swing, and fusion. Local orchestras are often happy to help stage an instrument petting zoo.

9. Chili Cook-off  At Chester (N.H.) Academy, the PTA has held this successful event for four years. Dads and other men in the school community prepare their favorite chili recipe. The winner gets to take home a coveted trophy, but just for one year—the next year, the trophy gets passed to the next winner. This event could tie in well with a football or pep rally theme.

10. Eco-friendly Fashion Show  At Waccamaw Intermediate School on Pawleys Island, S.C., PTO leaders combined their students’ love of fashion with the school’s emphasis on environmental responsibility. Kids created a fashion show with clothes made out of recyclable materials. A local salon provided hair and makeup services using eco-friendly products.
11. **Night of the Wild Things**  *Where the Wild Things Are* provides great opportunities to engage younger children and parents in a literacy event. Kids can come dressed as wild things, make wild thing masks, and enjoy acting out the classic book. They can create paintings of wild things as they imagine them. Everett Dirksen Elementary in Schaumburg, Ill., drew inspiration from the book for a family literacy night and reported, “It was a wild rumpus indeed!”

12. **Wacky Game Night**  Russell I. Doig Middle School in Trumansburg, N.Y., put a fun spin on family game night with a **hilarious game called Wheel of Misfortune**, based on the TV classic. Meanwhile, at Thomas Elementary in Gretna, Neb., the PTO enlivened game night by creating **oversize versions of Twister, Yahtzee, and Scrabble**.

13. **Tailgating Night**  Football is a great way to build school spirit and teamwork. At Durbin Creek Elementary in Jacksonville, Fla., a tailgate theme promoted reading, math, and fitness. At a pep rally, students were encouraged to score touchdowns through reading and math. A local fitness instructor led everyone in a fun workout.

14. **Puzzle Night**  For a fun all-ages event, put down the video games and pick up a jigsaw puzzle. At Oakton (Va.) Elementary, teams of five participants, including at least one adult and one school-age child, competed to see which team could complete a 500-piece puzzle the fastest. Look for puzzles with a lot of detail and contrasting colors. After the competition, families can swap puzzles.

15. **American Culture Night**  Many schools celebrate their international families by holding multicultural events, but at Hollifield Station Elementary in Ellicott City, Md., the PTA held **American Culture Night**. Aimed at immigrant parents, it addressed American holidays, school traditions, and the school’s expectations of parents.

16. **CSI Night**  With this clever spin on science night, kids get the opportunity to solve a crime. At Sand Lake Elementary in Orlando, Fla., parents set up a mystery where something had been stolen and students had to find the culprit by using fingerprints, tread marks, and other clues. A new suspect was announced each day starting on Monday, culminating with an evening event where the culprit was revealed.

17. **The Great Book Exchange**  A book exchange encourages students to read for pleasure and step outside their comfort zone. Kids can turn in their summer beach reads and take some new books home. The Solana Beach PTA, which serves two California elementary schools, encourages kids to bring in three books that they may exchange for up to three books. Some students bring in more than three books, ensuring enough for everyone to find something.

18. **Bikes, Blades, and Boards Rodeo**  This event is always a hit at Fall Creek Elementary in Ithaca, N.Y. Kids bring their bikes, skateboards, scooters, or inline skates, along with a helmet, and participate in an obstacle course. It’s a great opportunity for local police officers to offer safety tips and a local bike shop to make repairs. Older kids can teach younger ones some moves.

19. **Craft Night With a Conscience**  The Lovell J. Honiss School PTA in Dumont, N.J., held a craft night using recycled materials as art supplies. Students learned facts about recycled products and landfills, and everyone went home with an inventive work of art. And almost 3,000 juice pouches were recycled!

20. **Astronomy Night**  Durbin Creek Elementary in Jacksonville, Fla., also created a family night with an **Out of This World** theme. It featured a mini science fair, hands-on activities, a laser light show, and the chance to observe the planets, moon, and sun through telescopes. Members of a local astronomy society provided the telescopes. A NASA representative talked to kids and parents about the Hubble Space Telescope and the Kepler telescope.
From the Desk of International Vice President of Administration

Dear Friends & Friends

The 59th Parents Without Partners, Inc. International Convention has ended. I would like to say a big thank you to the local chapter for hosting this year’s convention. There is a lot of behind the scene work that goes on before the first convention attendee arrives! Again, this convention was one that every Parents Without Partners member could have benefited. Starting on Tuesday with the pre-convention tour to the Presidential Ball on Saturday evening, the convention was full of history – Civil War (Battle of Jonesboro) to the most exciting and informative guest speakers. The Parents Without Partners workshops were all so helpful to all us from the chapter to zone levels.

The Youth Program - I had the privilege to go one day with the youth. That day, the scheduled activity was to go to Michael's Craft store to do a craft. I really enjoyed being with the youth and making a craft.

The new International Board of Directors have been installed and at our first meeting in August, the entire board will begin to work starting new chapters! ! ! Right now, there is so much interest in the organization, it is our responsibility to contact and assist them as they start a new chapter in their area.

Judy

Hi Everybody,

I want to thank everybody for electing me International Secretary. I’ve met a number of you before and hope to meet many more in the coming years. A little background – joined Hollywood Chapter #125 of Parents Without Partners in 1979 when my husband passed away leaving me with 5 children, ages 9 thru 15. Needless to say, joining and getting active in this wonderful organization was a very good choice, affording our family opportunities to grow and enjoy new activities together. Now that my children are grown and (mostly) gone, I'm trying share that growth with newly single families.

I've had the pleasure of serving PWP in several ways – 1st as a member of our Amigo Committee, then as Newsletter Editor for many years, President, Secretary and lately as President of Southwest Miami Chapter #835; Regional VP for my oldest son Bob when he was President, then Newsletter Editor for Regional and Zone and Zone I Secretary.

We in South Florida are so excited about the prospect of the possibility of new Chapters in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area and another in Orlando. Can’t wait to get back home to start contacting and meeting them.

I'm looking forward to a fresh start in a new position. Enthusiasm is contagious. Get out there and get excited about our family. Also, please start planning and saving to attend our 2019 Convention. We’ve had such a great time renewing old friends and making new ones. The speakers have been super and the kids have had a great time! They were still in the pool last night at midnight.

Love you.

Kay Morgan, International Secretary
I hope that the members who attended the International Convention in Georgia had a great time and learned a lot of information to take back to their chapters and encourage those chapter members to GET INVOLVED more in the workings of their chapters and to do Membership drives to get new members. If we all work together to try to get more single parents out there aware of our wonderful organization and how they will benefit from the support and friendships.

Congratulations to the new members who were elected to the International Board of Directors and it is truly my wish and hope that we will all work together for the betterment of our great organization.

I would like to thank that past board of directors for all their help in streamlining the expenses and not having a full time Management company has really helped reduce our expenses. I want you all to understand that there are no expenses being paid out that do not have a voucher and approval from me and we the board are very diligent in our spending.

This year our Vice President of Membership, Lorretta Bradley did not rerun and I want to thank her very much for all her hard work the past several years and the many hours she worked for you the membership to make sure the rules were followed when processing requests and closing chapters. She will definitely be missed but I am looking forward to ‘pickin’ her brain for all that knowledge she has stored there.

Someone asked me for a sketch of the future. Well, I am not an artist but I did close my eyes and what I saw was parents and children side by side with smiles on their faces looking towards that future ~ ~ ~ ~ the future of happiness, friends and stability.

Please help me by joining in to make that sketch a reality.

Sue Ellen Hayes, (New) Int’l Vice President of Membership, August 2018
Parents without Partners, Inc
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2018

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Total Liabilities 627.00

**Equity**

| Retained Earnings | 63,978.66 |

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On our Facebook Page—the following was posted...

“How many people on here would be willing to help start a new chapter in your area? If you are, post a comment on here with your city and state. Let’s see if we can group people who are interested. If your city is already posted, reply to that comment so we include you.”

We received a lot responses — we will work with you to Start A Chapter in your area

Email

Jlg_48192@yahoo.com or parentswithoutpartners@yahoo.com

Subject line — Start A Chapter.

Let’s work together to get a chapter in your area... we offer friendships; support; fun; family ... and so much more .....
About FHF
Families Helping Families (FHF) is a ministry of Eastside Baptist Church, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, that distributes food and household items weekly to approximately 75 households who are in need in our local and surrounding communities. FHF also distributes items weekly to 20 Partner Agencies.

Our Mission
To fulfill the Lord’s commandment to take care of the hungry and afflicted. FHF strives to eliminate hunger and food insecurities by providing the surrounding communities with food, promoting the value of nutrition, increasing self-sufficiency and instilling the hope and love of Christ in them.

Our Vision
Our vision is to expand our offerings to further our efforts in eliminating hunger in our community, while sharing the love and message of hope in Christ Jesus.

2018 INTERNATIONAL OFFICER ELECTION
Total Ballots Snail Mailed = 333
Total Ballots Emailed = 191
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Elections Results

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Our Speakers at 59th International Convention

Amy Magner
Amy is a Certified Integrative Nutrition Health Coach and Speaker. As a health counselor, she supports and motivates people to improve their health, energy and vitality. Her approach to coaching and speaking is filled with energy and creativity.

Kitty Bray
Kitty entered the financial services industry in 2015 after a successful career in advertising and publishing. She was awarded Executive Council honors in 2016 while furthering her financial expertise by completing her Series 6, 63, Variable and Long Term Care exams.

Sabra Skidmore
Sabra is the founder of Wonderfully Made Ministries which has a mission to empower women to know their value in Christ. Sabra’s desire is that women would begin to see themselves as God sees them—leaving behind all the comparisons and labels that the world and others place upon them.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR SPEAKERS WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND EXPERTISE AND CONDUCTED WORKSHOPS FOR OUR 59th International Convention
MEET OUR PWP WORKSHOP LEADERS

Janet Gallinati
Janet has been a member of Parents Without Partners for over 20 years and has held every position within the organization. Janet has three grown children and three grandchildren. She is retired and devotes a lot of her time to the betterment of the organization.

Judy Goodman
Judy is a member of the Single Parents of the Heart of the Bluegrass Chapter 434 where she has been a member for over 20 years. She is retired from Civil Service but currently is working as a church Secretary. Judy has two children and three grandchildren.

Lorretta Bradley
Lorretta is currently the International VP of Membership and devotes a lot time in helping chapter members. She has been a member of Parents Without Partners since 1997 and has held many positions within PWP. She is a college graduate and has three children.

Mary Anne Britton
Mary Anne joined PWP in February 1995 and has served at each board level. She is currently the International VP of Family and Educational Programming, plus, the editor of the Single Parent Newsletter. Mary Anne has two children.

Loree Mara
Loree continues to work full time and is heavily involved in the lives of her children and grandchildren. She also finds time to promote Parents Without Partners in her area as much as possible.

Janet Keiser
Janet has been a member for 25 years and has held most every office at the Chapter, Regional and Zone levels of Parents Without Partners. She has been Chapter 559’s President for the last 9 years and also newsletter editor. She lives in Belleville, IL and has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren with 2 more on the way. She states “Joining Parents Without Partners is the best thing I have ever done.”

Tom Chrisman
Tom is a Professional Genealogist living in the Atlanta Metro area and has been involved in Genealogy for about 15 years. In addition to working with clients, Tom is the Registrar General for the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, State Registrar for the War of 1812, Genealogist for Society of Colonial Wars, and Genealogist for Sons of the American Revolution. He has prepared over 300 applications submitted to various lineage societies and has reviewed and approved another 300 applications for the lineage societies he reviews for.

Tiffany Starnes
Tiffany is a valuable part of the Eagle Landing Christian Counseling Center staff as a professional counselor joining this private practice in 2011. Her passion focuses on understanding the mind body connection how client’s medical, emotional, professional, family and relationship stressors interfere in accomplishing life goals.

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Summer Word Search

BARBECUE
BEACH
HEAT
LEMONADE
OUTSIDE
POOL
SUNSCREEN
SWIMMING
VACATION

SUMMER CROSSWORD

1. Light rain
2. String
3. Single
4. Jumping & hopping game
5. Summer month
6. Have lunch
7. Very warm
8. City home for wild animals
9. Sandy spot
10. Water sport
11. Used to pave roads
12. Relax
13. Leisure activities
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Psychologists Reveal 9 Tricks To Attract All People Around You
Some people simply ooze unfathomable appeal which pulls everyone to them. People flock to such people. The best part about this is that your looks are irrelevant here!
But let’s jump straight to the point: what are the things that makes one person instantly likable? We’ve listed 9 ways to become a well-liked attractive person, proven by Psychology:

1. Individual Image – Self Concept
Baumeister (1999) provides the following self concept definition: “The individual’s belief about himself or herself, including the person’s attributes and who and what the self is”.
If you see yourself in a positive and healthy light, your life experiences will be positive and healthy. It doesn’t necessarily mean that your life will be free of challenges and adversity, just that you will have a healthier approach to dealing with them.
To be remembered in a crowd, you must stand out. For that, you need to create a unique image – an image which isn’t easy to forget. It can be anything. The way you walk. Your gestures, posture, the way of speaking or dressing sense – it can be anything. It could be an amazing hairstyle like Marilyn Monroe’s or Salvador Dali’s facial expressions (and his mustache). It’s up to you.

2. You Need a Big Dream
As a result of a psychological phenomenon called the Einstellung effect, executing a familiar solution blinds us to other, more creative possibilities. But new problems present new opportunities.
A fellow graduate of Harvard Business School, Salman Khan is well-versed in turning good ideas into potential business opportunities. He states in his Edge interview:

“Instead of it just being a one-off collection of videos or a one-off software app that I tried to do as a venture-backed business, maybe [Khan Academy] could be the next Stanford, the next Harvard, this new type of institution that people haven’t visualized quite yet, but it could help empower millions or billions of students for the next 500 years.
And as soon as you start thinking on those scales, you go after a bigger problem and you phrase things differently and, frankly, you inspire more people. More amazing people are going to want to be part of that audacious goal.”

3. Be Confident
Confidence is alluring. People admire strong and independent people. But first, what does confidence even mean?
As Mark D. White, chair of the Department of Philosophy at the College of Staten Island/CUNY describes on Psychology Today:
“There are two ways to portray it. The first, more formal version of confidence is similar to faith: it’s based on believing something you don’t know with certainty. If you were aware that you possessed a certain quality, you wouldn’t need confidence in it—it’s only when you can’t be sure that you need confidence.
The other sense of confidence, the one that’s invoked in articles on dating and attractiveness, is more substantive. It’s an awareness of who you are, regardless of how you compare or measure up to others. It shows people that you’re comfortable with yourself, which grants you a certain poise, charm, or assertiveness. It also implies that you don’t need to compete with anyone or belittle anyone else to lift yourself up; as a result, confident people are more willing to praise others because they aren’t worried about making themselves look worse. All of this clearly accounts for the general attractiveness of confidence, if for no other reason than its general positivity.
The best kind of confidence is like a classical virtue: it strikes the “golden mean” between self-doubt and arrogance, allowing a person to embody his or her positive traits without bragging about them. (And in the spirit of wei wu wei, this may broadcast a person’s positive traits more effectively)"
Also, a short tip: avoid using uncertain speech form such as “I guess, I hope, maybe, etc.”

4. Forget About Complaints
You can’t be charismatic with a negative streak in you. To be liked by most, you need to avoid gossip, criticizing and complaining.
As Lisa Juliano, Psy.D. writes on Psychology Today:
“For chronic complainers, each situation becomes an opportunity to find fault. Eventually, this drains life of pleasure. Chronic complaining can also affect mood by producing a negative mood state. Thus the chronic complainer falls into a perpetual cycle of finding fault, feeling negative, and then being unable to face the next situation with an open mind. Eventually, the capacity for feeling joy is compromised.”
Even during hard times, try to avoid topics that bring you down. Focus on what you already have and be grateful.
5. Use Body Gestures
Your body plays an important role to exhibit your level of confidence. Slouching, fumbling, avoiding eye contact can affect your personality negatively whereas smiling more often and keeping an open posture can improve your persona drastically.

There’s ample evidence that eye contact is highly compelling: We’re more attuned to faces whose eyes are trained on us than faces whose eyes are looking elsewhere.

Adoree Durayappah-Harrison, a graduate of three masters programs, including Buddhist practices from Harvard states:

“According to a recent study published in the January 2011 issue of Psychological Science, “posture expansiveness”—using one’s posture to open up the body and occupy space—activates a sense of power in the mind, making people feel and behave as if they are in charge.”

6. Become a Great Storyteller
Storytelling is a skill. If you want to learn it, you need to exude confidence.

Gregory Ciotti writes on Psychology Today:

“Philip Pullman once said: “After nourishment, shelter and companionship, stories are the thing we need most in the world.” Being a great storyteller is also useful as an Average Joe interacting with other people. Being able to communicate your ideas and stories in a clear and captivating way allows for better social interactions.”

7. Don’t Look Away
Eye contact is one of the surest ways to declare your undivided attention. Depending on the situation, it can be a piercing look, or a kind, understanding glance. Above everything, don’t break a conversation by checking a text or looking at something else while people talk you.

Art of Manliness, one of my favorite educational websites explains it clearly:

“Making greater eye contact with others can increase the quality of all of your face-to-face interactions; there’s no area of your life where being seen as more attractive, confident, and trustworthy wouldn’t be a boon. Being able to look people in the eye and hold their gaze can help you better network with others, land a job, pitch an idea, make a moving speech, woo the ladies, and intimidate your enemies. It can help a lawyer win over a jury, a boxer psych out his opponent, and a minister connect with his congregants. It can even aid a musician in winning over new fans; studies have shown that the more eye contact a musician makes with his audience, the more they enjoy his music—take note ye members of struggling bands!”

8. Learn To Listen To Others
Learn to give importance to others. Everyone has their own problem and you could make a huge difference just by listening to them. It shows that you genuinely care about them. They will really appreciate it and feel special.

Take a look at this from your point of view: do you want people jumping over your phrases just to tell their opinion, thoughts and emotions, or you want someone with whom you can fully express yourself without being interrupted?

And let’s not forget, Jeff Thompson Ph.D. clearly adds another great importance of listening to others:

“According to Bernard Ferrari, author of Power Listening: Mastering the Most Critical Business Skill of All, good listening is the key to developing fresh insights and ideas that fuel success. Ferrari says that although most people focus on learning how to communicate and how to present their own views more effectively, this approach is misguided and represents missed opportunities.”

9. Use the Mirror Effect
Imitation is the highest form of flattery. It makes the other person to get along with you better. It’s easier to get in tune with people who have similar habits and style.

By mirroring their gestures, facial expressions and style, the interlocutor starts feeling comfortable. This is mostly effective because humans are by nature narcissistic. They’re bound to admire someone who is so much like themselves!

As described on Wikipedia:

“The concept often affects other individuals’ notions about the individual that is exhibiting mirroring behaviors, which can lead to the individual building rapport with others. Mirroring can establish rapport with the individual who is being mirrored, as the similarities in nonverbal gestures allow the individual to feel more connected with the person exhibiting the mirrored behavior. As the two individuals in the situation display similar nonverbal gestures, they may believe that they share similar attitudes and ideas as well. Mirror neurons react to and cause these movements, allowing the individuals to feel a greater sense of engagement and belonging within the situation.”
**MARYLAND**

Carroll County, Chapter 935
Westminster, Maryland
Second Sunday of the month
7pm, Columbus Gardens,
4301 Klosterman Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 20137
Marlene Gienow, 410-876-6504,
mgienow@comcast.net

**MICHIGAN**

Ann Arbor Chapter #38
Ann Arbor, Michigan
2nd Wednesday of each month at various restaurants
Harriet West at 734-449-2236 hwest2236@charter.net

**NEBRASKA**

Rich Leamons -
President - PWP Chapter 164
Grand Island, Nebraska

**NEW JERSEY**

Bergen County Chapter # 962
First Thursday of month @ 8:00
Rt. l7 Paramus, New Jersey
Jo 732 278 6046 jopwp2@yahoo.com

**VIRGINIA**

Chapter 216
Single Parents of Hampton Roads
Second Tuesday of month
Village Inn Restaurant, 313 Independence Blvd, Va Beach, VA. 7-8pm. Kids welcome and kids 12 and under eat free from kids menu with each adult entree purchased.
Belleville Area #559

We have been having some unusual events since our last article. Our meeting on June 19 was called short due to the sirens going on because of severe thunderstorms and high winds. So everyone left in a hurry. Our adventure to the Lavender Farm in Wright City, Missouri has been postponed until they are in bloom again in October. Due to the severe hot weather, the blooms wouldn’t be pretty now and we decided it was too hot to make the trip. The night we were supposed to go listen to Jeremiah Johnson the temperature was 99+ and it was an outdoor concert with seating on the parking lot of Eckerts Nursery. So of course, we all chose to stay home in the AC. Several of us did go to the Gateway Grizzlies ballgame only to get soaked before the game started. So needless to say, we have been having issues with the weather and our events.

We didn’t give up though. We still had six members enjoy “The Book Club” on June 26 at the indoor theater. Very funny. Also, there were 4 members and 14 guests (our adult children, grandchildren and great grandchildren) enjoyed “Madagascar, Jr. at Looking Glass Playhouse. The play had 75 children in the cast and they did an excellent job. We are looking forward to the new plays that start there in September.

We had a nice turn out for a LEO and Jason Eady concert on July 7 at Eckert’s Orchard. The weather had cooled down and was very comfortable sitting outside and enjoying some Texas Country music.

Our discussion for July is “4 Exercises Older Adults Should Do Everyday”. Should be a fun learning evening for all in attendance. How to strengthen our legs and backs; do the Farmer’s Walk, and a single-leg stand.

We are still busy collecting plastic lids and caps. We have collected over 60 lbs. for our new recipient to help them get their first bench for the school playground. The first recipient we helped has already gotten five Buddy Benches for their community. Just a small way we can help with a wonderful project.

By this time next month, several of us will have been together with others from PWP all across the country at the International Convention. Looking forward to see old friends and making new ones.

Duchess thinks she is part of the domino group. Everyone is waiting for Madagascar to begin.
Each year the International Board of Parents Without Partners vote for BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR

This year ... the 2018 International Board Member of the Year is Chris Manning—our International Treasurer... Let’s congratulate her on this esteem honor

Single Parents in the Heart of the Bluegrass
Chapter #434

Single Parents in the Heart of the Bluegrass Chapter is in the process of rebuilding. At a recent Let's Eat Out, the chapter received two new members. The Chapter is planning another meeting on July 28. Contact Judy Goodman via email jgood28692@aol.com or call (502) 695-5001

Message for Zone C

Hello from Zone C, the Caring Zone! We had three members attend the PWP International Convention in McDonough, GA, this week, along with three of our member kids. The kids enjoyed seeing some of their friends from across the country, while the adults attending workshops, meetings and trainings. It was great seeing friends again.

Lorre Mara
President, Zone C
Our 2018 DJ DANCE SCHEDULE

Aug 11th, 2018
SUMMER SIZZLE BEACH NITE
SEPT 8th, 2018
WESTERN NITE (Boots & Jeans)
Oct 13th, 2018
HALLOWEEN PARTY (Costume Contest)
NOV 10th, 2018
ANNIVERSARY / VETERAN APPRECIATION
Dec 8th, 2018
CHRISTMAS PARTY.

All Dances are held at ......................

VFW POST 9539 located at
325 Carolina Dr. Ext. Roebuck SC.
Doors open at 6:30pm.
Open to the public singles couples or married. Covered
Dish Dinner @ 7pm. DOOR PRIZES / CASH BAR AND
50/50 DRAWING

General public is invited (must be age 21 or older) $10.00
pp. Contact JOY (864)316-8890 for more
information  LET’S DANCE!

PUBLIC SERVICE ITEM

Are YOU or someone you know being sold for sex or made/forced to work for little or no pay and cannot leave

CALL the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-788 for help.

All Victims of slavery and human trafficking have rights and are protected by international, federal, and state law.

The Hotline is:

(1) Anonymous and confidential;
(2) Available 24hrs a day, 7 days a week;
(3) Able to provide help, referral to services, training and general information;
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THE DANGERS OF DISTRACTED PARENTING

When it comes to children’s development, parents should worry less about kids’ screen time—and more about their own

SMARTPHONES HAVE BY NOW been implicated in so many crummy outcomes—car fatalities, sleep disturbances, empathy loss, relationship problems, failure to notice a clown on a unicycle—that it almost seems easier to list the things they don’t mess up than the things they do. Our society may be reaching peak criticism of digital devices. Even so, emerging research suggests that a key problem remains underappreciated. It involves kids’ development, but it’s probably not what you think. More than screen-obsessed young children, we should be concerned about tuned-out parents. Yes, parents now have more face time with their children than did almost any parents in history. Despite a dramatic increase in the percentage of women in the workforce, mothers today astoundingly spend more time caring for their children than mothers did in the 1960s. But the engagement between parent and child is increasingly low-quality, even ersatz. Parents are constantly present in their children’s lives physically, but they are less emotionally attuned. To be clear, I’m not unsympathetic to parents in this predicament. My own adult children like to joke that they wouldn’t have survived infancy if I’d had a smartphone in my clutches 25 years ago. To argue that parents’ use of screens is an underappreciated problem isn’t to discount the direct risks screens pose to children: Substantial evidence suggests that many types of screen time (especially those involving fast-paced or violent imagery) are damaging to young brains. Today’s preschoolers spend more than four hours a day facing a screen. And, since 1970, the average age of onset of “regular” screen use has gone from 4 years to just four months. Some of the newer interactive games kids play on phones or tablets may be more benign than watching TV (or YouTube), in that they better mimic children’s natural play behaviors. And, of course, many well-functioning adults survived a mind-numbing childhood spent watching a lot of cognitive garbage. (My mother—unusually for her time—prohibited Speed Racer and Gilligan’s Island on the grounds of insipidness. That I somehow managed to watch every single episode of each show scores of times has never been explained.) Still, no one really disputes the tremendous opportunity costs to young children who are plugged in to a screen: Time spent on devices is time not spent actively exploring the world and relating to other human beings. Yet for all the talk about children’s screen time, surprisingly little attention is paid to screen use by parents themselves, who now suffer from what the technology expert Linda Stone more than 20 years ago called “continuous partial attention.” This condition is harming not just us, as Stone has argued; it is harming our children. The new parental-interaction style can interrupt an ancient emotional cueing system, whose hallmark is responsive communication, the basis of most human learning. We’re in uncharted territory.
this regard than taking a call). Unsurprisingly, many of the children began to make bids for attention, which were frequently ignored. A follow-up study brought 225 mothers and their approximately 6-year-olds into a familiar setting and videotaped their interactions as each parent and child were given foods to try. During the observation period, a quarter of the mothers spontaneously used their phone, and those who did initiated substantially fewer verbal and nonverbal interactions with their child. Yet another rigorously designed experiment, this one conducted in the Philadelphia area by Hirsh-Pasek, Golinkoff, and Temple’s Jessa Reed, tested the impact of parental cellphone use on children’s language learning. Thirty-eight mothers and their 2-year-olds were brought into a room. The mothers were then told that they would need to teach their children two new words (blinking, which was to mean “bouncing,” and frepping, which was to mean “shaking”) and were given a phone so that investigators could contact them from another room. When the mothers were interrupted by a call, the children did not learn the word, but otherwise they did. In an ironic coda to this study, the researchers had to exclude seven mothers from the analysis, because they didn’t answer the phone, “failing to follow protocol.” Good for them! **IT HAS NEVER BEEN EASY** to balance adults’ and children’s needs, much less their desires, and it’s naïve to imagine that children could ever be the unwavering center of parental attention. Parents have always left kids to entertain themselves at times—“messing about in boats,” in a memorable phrase from *The Wind in the Willows*, or just lounging aimlessly in playpens. In some respects, 21st-century children’s screen time is not very different from the mother’s helpers every generation of adults has relied on to keep children occupied. When parents lack playpens, real or proverbial, mayhem is rarely far behind. Caroline Fraser’s recent biography of Laura Ingalls Wilder, the author of *Little House on the Prairie*, describes the exceptionally ad hoc parenting style of 19th-century frontier parents, who stashed babies on the open doors of ovens for warmth and otherwise left them vulnerable to “all manner of accidents as their mothers tried to cope with competing responsibilities.” Wilder herself recounted a variety of near calamities with her young daughter, Rose; at one point she looked up from her chores to see a pair of riding ponies leaping over the toddler’s head. Occasional parental inattention is not catastrophic (and may even build resilience), but chronic distraction is another story. Smartphone use has been associated with a familiar sign of addiction: Distracted adults grow irritable when their phone use is interrupted; they not only miss emotional cues but actually misread them. A tuned-out parent may be quicker to anger than an engaged one, assuming that a child is trying to be manipulative when, in reality, she just wants attention. Short, deliberate separations can of course be harmless, even healthy, for parent and child alike (especially as children get older and require more independence). But that sort of separation is different from the inattention that occurs when a parent is with a child but communicating through his or her nonengagement that the child is less valuable than an email. A mother telling kids to go out and play, a father saying he needs to concentrate on a chore for the next half of adult life. What’s going on today, however, is the rise of unpredictable care, hour—
The Ten Things Confident People Won’t Ever Do

In *The Empire Strikes Back*, when Yoda is training Luke to be a Jedi, he demonstrates the power of the Force by raising an X-wing fighter from a swamp. Luke mutters, “I don’t believe it.” Yoda replies, “That is why you fail.” As usual, Yoda was right — and science backs him up. Numerous studies have proved that confidence is the real key to success.

Studies exploring the performance gap between men and women in math and spatial skills have found that confidence plays a huge role. Women who were asked to identify their gender before taking a spatial skills test performed more poorly than those who weren’t. Women also performed better when they were told to envision themselves as men, and both genders performed better when they were told that their gender is better at the task.

What’s even more interesting is that the gender gap practically disappeared when participants were required to answer every question. Apparently, when the women were allowed to skip questions, they did so not because of a lack of knowledge, but because of a lack of confidence.

“If you hear a voice within you say ‘you cannot paint,’ then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced.” — Vincent Van Gogh

True confidence is very different from egotistical swagger. When people believe in themselves and their abilities without bravado, there are certain things they simply don’t do.

**They don’t make excuses**  If there’s one trait confident people have in spades, it’s self-efficacy — the belief that they can make things happen. It’s about having an internal locus of control rather than an external one. That’s why you won’t hear confident people blaming traffic for making them late or an unfair boss for their failure to get a promotion. Confident people don’t make excuses, because they believe they’re in control of their own lives.

**They don’t quit**  Confident people don’t give up the first time something goes wrong. They see both problems and failures as obstacles to overcome rather than impenetrable barriers to success. That doesn’t mean, however, that they keep trying the same thing over and over. One of the first things confident people do when something goes wrong is to figure out why it went wrong and how they can prevent it the next time.

**They don’t wait for permission to act**  Confident people don’t need somebody to tell them what to do or when to do it. They don’t waste time asking themselves questions like “Can I?” or “Should I?” If they ask themselves anything, it’s “Why wouldn’t I?” Whether it’s running a meeting when the chairperson doesn’t show up or going the extra mile to solve a customer’s problem, it doesn’t even occur to them to wait for somebody else to take care of it. They see what needs to be done, and they do it.

**They don’t seek attention**  People are turned off by those who are desperate for attention. Confident people know that being yourself is much more effective than trying to prove that you’re important. People catch on to your attitude quickly and are more attracted to the right attitude than what, or how many, people you know. Confident people always seem to bring the right attitude. Confident people are masters of attention diffusion. When they’re receiving attention for an accomplishment, they quickly shift the focus to all the people who worked hard to help get them there.

They don’t crave approval or praise because they draw their self-worth from within.

**They don’t need constant praise**  Have you ever been around somebody who constantly needs to hear how great he or she is? Confident people don’t do that. It goes back to that internal locus of control. They don’t think that their success is dependent on other people’s approval, and they understand that no matter how well they perform, there’s always going to be somebody out there offering nothing but criticism. Confident people also know that the kind of confidence that’s dependent on praise from other people isn’t really confidence at all; it’s narcissism.

**They don’t put things off**  Why do people procrastinate? Sometimes it’s simply because they’re lazy. A lot of times, though, it’s because they’re afraid — that is, afraid of change, failure, or maybe even success. Confident people don’t put things off. Because they believe in themselves and expect that their actions will lead them closer to their goals, they don’t sit around waiting for the right time or the perfect circumstances.

They know that today is the only time that matters. If they think it’s not the right time, they make it the right time.

**They don’t pass judgment**  Confident people don’t pass judgment on others because they know that everyone has something to offer, and they don’t need to take other people down a notch in order to feel good about themselves. Comparing yourself to other people is limiting. Confident people don’t waste time sizing people up and worrying about whether or not they measure up to everyone they meet.

**They don’t avoid conflict**  Confident people don’t see conflict as something to be avoided at all costs; they see it as something to manage effectively. They don’t go along to get along, even when that means having uncomfortable conversations or making unpleasant decisions. They know that conflict is part of life and that they can’t avoid it without cheating themselves out of the good stuff, too.

**They don’t let a lack of resources** get in their way  Confident people don’t get thrown off course just because they don’t have the right title, the right staff, or the money to make things happen. Either they find a way to get what they need, or they figure out how to get by without it.

**They don’t get too comfortable**  Confident people understand that getting too comfortable is the mortal enemy of achieving their goals. That’s because they know that comfort leads to complacency, and complacency leads to stagnation.

When they start feeling comfortable, they take that as a big red flag and start pushing their boundaries again so that they can continue to grow as both a person and a professional. They understand that a little discomfort is a good thing.

**Bringing it all together**  Embracing the behaviors of confident people is a great way to increase your odds for success, which, in turn, will lead to more confidence. The science is clear; now you just have to decide to act on it.
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#### Category 2- Paintings

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2nd  F  559  Donna Kepner
3rd  D  434  Judy Goodman
4th  D  38  Harriet West
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M – CRAFT DIVISION

Category 2 – Creative Crafts
Age Group B (Pals 9 thru11)
1st  C  216  Abigail Hines
2nd  Aust.  Vic  Inner West  Grace Farrell

Age Group H (Members)
1st  C  216  Loree Mara
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3rd  C  216  Katherine Hazlett

Category 3 – Woodworking
Age Group D (Teens 12 thru 14)
1st  Aust.  Qld.  N. Suburbs  Joel Lawrence

Age Group E (Teens 15 thru 17)
1st  Aust.  Vic.  Geelong  Timothy Plummer

Age Group H (Members)
1st  Aust.  Qld.  S. Suburb  Fae Stacey

Category 5 – Food Decorating
Age Group H (Members)
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2nd  D  434  Judy Goodman
3rd  C  216  Cathy Mara
4th  D  38  Harriet West

Category 6 – Craft Kits
Age Group A (TOTS – Thru 5)
1st  C  216  Emma Hazlett

Age Group B (Buddies 6 thru 8)
1st  Aust.  Vic  Inner West  Kayla Farrell
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Age Group C (Pals 9 thru 11)
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Age Group H (Members)
1st  D  1035  Jeri Rae Stout

N – SEWING DIVISION

Category 1 - Crochet
Age Group H (Members)
1st  F  559  Carol A. Baker

Category 2 - Knitting
Age Group H (Members)
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Category 3 - Embroidery
Age Group H (Members)
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Category 6 - Applique
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Category 7 - Clothing
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1st  Aust.  Qld.  S.Suburbs  Fae Stacey
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Age Group H (Members)
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O – SCIENCE DIVISION

Category 1 – Original Projects
Age Group D (Teens 12 thru 14)
1st  Aust.  Qld.  N. Suburbs  Joel Lawrence

Category 2 - Collections
Age Group E (Teens 15 thru 17)
1st  C  216  Destiny Demakeas

A big Thank You to all the entries for 2018, What a lot of talent out there! Another thanks to all the chairmen and judges who all did all the work to get the entries to me. We had a total of 87 entries this year – 27 of them traveling from Australia. Keep up the great work and give yourselves a big hug from me to you. Hope to see even more next year.

Shirley Luedecking, 2018 International FITAP Chairperson
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The problems are many in bringing up our children alone, contending with the emotional conflicts of divorce, never married, separation or widowhood. PWP Inc. is the only international organization that provides real help in the way of discussions, professional speakers, study groups, publications and social activities for families and adults. Through the exchange of ideas and companionship, we hope to further our common welfare and the well being of our children.

**Parents Without Partners** provides single parents and their children with an opportunity for enhancing personal growth, self-confidence and sensitivity towards others by offering an environment for support, friendship and the exchange of parenting techniques. For the minor children of single parents, it offers them the opportunity to meet peers living within the same family structure and thriving. No more standing out in the crowd or feeling isolated because they are part of the single parent family.

**History of the Organization**

**Parents Without Partners** was founded in 1957 in New York City by two single parents: Jim Egleston, a non-custodial parent, and Jacqueline Bernard, a custodial parent. As concerned parents, they felt isolated from society because of their marital status, and decided to form a mutual support organization. Following their first newspaper advertisements directed to "Parents Without Partners", 25 single parents attended the first meeting in a Greenwich Village church basement. Later, media attention brought inquiries from all over the country.

**Parents Without Partners, Inc.** is now the largest international, nonprofit membership organization devoted to the welfare and interests of single parents and their children. Single parents may join one of the many chapters around the US and Canada; they may be male or female, custodial or non-custodial, separated, divorced, widowed or never married. The member-at-large membership is offered to any qualified individual. See our "How to Join Page" on the international website for more information on types of membership.

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