

WFWP Maryland's Marriage and Family Seminar: The Cornerstone for Happiness

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Editor's Note: One of the final projects that WFWP Maryland Chairwoman Tanya Chandler initiated before her departure for England was the local launch of the Cornerstone for Happiness: Marriage and Family Seminar series. The first session of the 4-part series was introduced on May 23rd, and below is a brief overview of the second session, held on July 7th, which also included a farewell for Tanya and a transition to the new leadership team. The Maryland chapter expressed their appreciation for Tanya's dedication and service and wished her well. Her mother, President Angelika Selle, also shared some heartfelt personal words.

Our WFWP Maryland Chapter meeting on July 7th, 2019 was attended by 16 participants who heard a presentation given by Matthew Goldberg. The PowerPoint and discussion format used came from the Marriage and Family Seminar entitled Cornerstone for Happiness. Participants joined in a lively discussion afterwards and this was followed by a surprise Appreciation Party to honor outgoing local chairwoman, Tanya Chandler, who is moving to England with her husband Chris.

Local WFWP members have decided to keep the Maryland Chapter going with an interim leadership team of four people. Matt and Marianne Goldberg agreed to work with Emiko Butler, Andrea Rissanen and Delphine Gardner in a "four leaf clover" shared leadership model. Our ultimate goal is to raise up emerging young women leaders for the future who can ensure the longevity and growth of our chapter here in Maryland.

National WFWP USA President, Angelika Selle and her husband Bob both attended. Angelika offered words of support and guidance to the group.



Below are some words from President Selle in appreciation of Tanya's years of support:

As the President of WFWP USA, I would like to add my voice and deeply thank and congratulate Tanya Chandler for her short, but very impactful leadership in the Maryland chapter, and what she and the team there were able to create during that time, with a strong indication for further growth and development! Yet, I and we are also grateful for contributions on and to the national level and for her articles to our newsletter.

And also as Tanya's mother, I can only say, I thank Tanya for all the personal support I received from her during the last nine years of my tenure as the president of WFWP and also before then with my other public missions and work!

I fondly remember the many chats we shared during breakfast or when driving in the car together on matters concerning Women's Federation, leadership, personal experiences and also on occasion how to deal with challenges in leadership and in life. I also was so grateful to have Tanya as a sounding board, get her thoughtful and honest feedback as well as mature and right on point input for many of my presentations, speeches, PowerPoints, and so much more. We were a good team and we will continue to be one, even across the miles, in a different way.

Truly, I am proud to have her as my daughter for who she is, and has become, yet even on a deeper level I am so very grateful that we share the same ideals, heart and cause. I believe that is one of the deepest connections or bonds a mother and daughter can have, as it transcends time, space and age.

So we are sending Tanya off to the UK with her loving husband, Christopher, who quietly also supported her in all her endeavors with WFWP, and on several occasions lent his talents as a photographer and videographer. We thank him for that wholeheartedly!

Thank you, Tanya, for all you have invested, your sacrifices and contributions for WFWP USA! May rich fruit come from it, and may you plant new seeds in the UK, also some of your own.