

# Parents Without Partners, Inc.

A non-profit, educational organization devoted to the welfare of Single Parents and their children.

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## Preamble of Parents Without Partners, Inc.

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.

THEREFORE, IN THE CONVICTION that we can achieve this end by working together, through the exchange of ideas, and through mutual understanding, help, and companionship which we find with one another, we have established "*PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS, INC.*" to further our common welfare and the well-being of our children.

### 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. PWP was incorporated in New York in March 1957 and now has Chapters in the U.S. and Canada. 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, separation, 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

You must attend an orientation about PWP. You will need to complete an application form and pay your first years dues.

### What We Offer

PWP chapters offer members friendship, support, and understanding. As fellow single parents, we know the ups and downs of life. Educational, social and family activity programs help members become better parents and make new friends. Those who have recently divorced or are surviving the death of a loved one learn how to restructure their lives, how to be alone without being lonely and how to communicate more effectively. They learn how to get more out of life and love again. While members are all single due to divorce, separation or death, PWP is not a lonely hearts club or a dating service. PWP is a non-profit, nonsectarian, educational and social organization devoted to the welfare and interest of single parents and their children.

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## *From the Desk of the President*

Seems like I was jus talking about what a wonderful convention that was, waaaaaay back in July! Now we are talking Thanksgiving and Christmas. These are important family events and all chapters should keep in mind that we have non-custodial parents out there that may not have an immediate family to share their holidays with. I would hope that Parents Without Partners will take this in mind when they plan their November and December calendars. Some of my favorite memories as a new member was sharing holidays with my PWP family. You can make it a chapter event or make it a community event for other within your community who may be in the same boat as we single parents are in. Its also a very important learning event for our children. It becomes true—it is better to give than to receive. If you do this, make sure you send a write up to the local newspaper, take pictures and submit as a Chapter award!



This is an exciting time for Parents Without Partners. The international board is working diligently with chapters to come up with ways to increase membership. This is a new age for single parents. There are many single organizations out there that single people can join. Make your chapter the chapter they want to join. Make your

programming so interesting, exciting and inviting that there will be a line of new members at functions. It can happen. It happened in 1957, why not now?

We at International level are working on a national advertising campaign. We currently are running a video on You Tube. Search for “Parents Without Partners International”. Our agency has gotten many entertainment industries to “support” PWP. The beginning of the video is about PWP and the last shows the people who support PWP. Eventually, we hope to have banners at their concerts/functions that say “We support Parents Without Partners”.



We are currently working on a veterans’ video which we hope to have completed and on air on cable television by Veteran’s Day. We are reaching out to single veterans. We are asking each chapter who signs up a single parent veteran to offer their first family event at half off. We are all very excited about this.



We will be advertising on internet websites as well, so watch for Parents Without Partner banner ads. I have been advertising on Facebook for almost six months now, and we are getting membership inquiries daily as well as questions about PWP on Facebook as well as our website. We are asking that as Zone Presidents receive these inquiries, PLEASE forward to the correct chapter. If we don't have a chapter for a potential member, please work with the interested party, letting them know we are willing to work to open a NEW chapter! We are going to grow by growing chapters and especially by opening NEW CHAPTERS. It tis time for all of us to step up to the plate and do what we need to do to increase membership. We do don't increase membership, we will be thinking about closing. I don't even want to think about that! PWP was there when I needed it, and I want it to be there for the next generation—whether they know they need it or not!

As an FYI, we are working on a date and location for the 2015 Convention. We are looking at two places—Nashville, Tennessee and Springfield, Illinois. Watch the International website for the announcement.

**Janet Gallinati**  
**International President**



Members can update their profiles and renew online at their convenience with a personalized Username/ Password. Members must have an email address on file in order to access their profile. Please send an email to

[intl.hq@parentswithoutpartners.org](mailto:intl.hq@parentswithoutpartners.org)



with your Name, Member ID # and email address and we will send you your login information.

## PWP

*Where new friendships are made!*

All single parents/ grandparents regardless of custody or the age of their children are welcome to join us for single parent support in family & adult only activities



US Chapters must cash checks within 90 days of issuance. Your account will be placed on hold if a check is returned/voided until we get confirmation of your Chapter's mailing address.

***Does not apply to Canadian chapters.***

# Membership Committee

In September, we received 55 inquiries and in October, 78 people interested in PWP, most of whom wanted to become members.

We need to take these inquiries seriously and get new members. Want-to-be Members are out there—they need us and we need them.

When the inquiries are sent to the Zone Presidents and membership directors, PLEASE follow through and if there is not a chapter in that area, let your VP of Membership know.

Work with your membership. I do not like to be negative, however, members are what makes Parents Without Partners, Inc., and we need more new members. Janet has an advertisement group working with us to get our name out more, ensuring additional inquiries.

If you have any questions or need help with membership, please contact the committee and we will do our best to assist!

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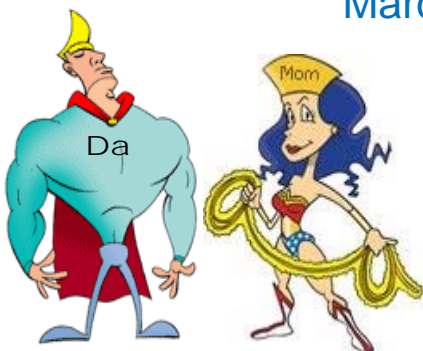


**March 21st, 2015**

## **National Single Parents Day**

**3rd Sunday in March**

As you may know, PWP asked President Reagan to proclaim National Single Parents Day on March 21, 1984, and Janice S. Moglen, Executive Director of the Coalition for Single Parents Day/ March 21 formed a non-profit with others in Colorado. Check out Facebook/Colorado Single Parents Day



**I am a single parent.  
What's your super power?**

# V P Family & Educational Programming

## Greetings

Well, I don't know about you, but I am happy that the city, county and state elections are over. They can now take down the signs so that I will not think that there is another house for sale in my neighborhood.

Where were you on Halloween Night? I have to tell you that I had the pleasure of attending Zone L, Tri-State Regional Conference I North Myrtle Beach where the temperature on Friday was in the upper 60's or lower 70's. Many thanks to the committee for inviting me to attend and to take part in the conference. I was able to learn a lot and meet members that you would not ordinarily be able to meet.

There are several things that I need to mention to the membership:

1. FITAP (Family Individual Talent Program) The cover sheet of the packet has been updated. Please use this form.
2. Chapter, Region and Zone Awards: The cover sheet has been updated.
3. Scholarships: everyone should be aware of the two scholarships awarded to each Zone each year for \$1,000 each:
  - A. High School Graduating Senior: A high school student who is planning to continue their education to a higher level.
  - B. Continuing Education: This is for a student who is already attending a college or technical school who may apply for this scholarship.

4. Special Recognition Awards
  - a. Single Parent of the Year
  - b. Youth of the Year
  - c. Grandparent of the Year
  - d. Distinguished Service to Children

Please take the time to review the above information and promote within your chapter membership. The forms are located on the International Website and easily downloaded.

The 2014 International Convention is a memory now—but, I would like to say again, how much I enjoyed working with everyone. It was fun and exciting to be able to provide and offer so much to the membership of this wonderful organization. Now it is time to turn our attention to the 2015 International Convention. (I really have not put the boxes away from the 2014, oh well, they are ready for the 2015 Convention). The Convention will be in Nashville, TN. Again, this will be a good one—Country Music Capital of the World! Try to attend this convention for sure.

Wishing you blessings of health, happiness and success on  
**Thanksgiving** & always!  
**Merry Christmas** to all -  
May it be filled with laughter, joy and the love of family and friends!  
**Happy New Year—**  
May this New Year bring you everlasting happiness and peace in whatever you do, and prosperity for you and yours!

Hugs to everyone!

**Judy Goodman**





# In / Around Our Zones

## Zone D News

*Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan,  
Ohio, West Virginia*

Zone D is holding its fall ZBOD meeting on November 15th in Ohio. We will be planning our officer training that will take place the first week-end of March, also in Ohio. Our next big event, after officer training, will be Zone Conference to be held in May, also in Ohio.

Our chapters are staying active and always looking for new members and chances to publicize PWP in our communities.

We are very pleased with the programming during the July 2014 convention and hope to have good participation in July 2015 at the next convention.

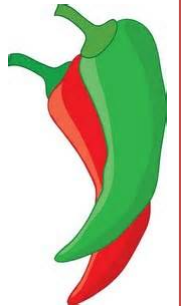
Hope everyone has a good holiday season!

**Harriet West**  
**Zone D President**



## Zone F News

Zone F was well represented at this year's convention with all Zone officers present, along with a regional president, a regional administrator and a chapter president. We all have a good time at the convention and also taking in the sights and sounds of the Cincinnati area. One highlight was the zone president talking the entire zone group out to lunch one day at a "famous" local chili parlor.



After the convention, it was back to our chapters and their activities. All chapters have some very good programs going on. One highlight was Three Trails Chapter #505 having their Labor Day fund raiser selling turkey drumsticks at the local Santi-Calagon Festival. Once again, it was successful. All chapters are now busy getting ready for the upcoming holiday season with activities. Let's keep up the good work!



**John Marx**  
**Zone F President**



# **PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS**

## **INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2015-2016**

- . High School Senior \$1,000**
- . Continuing Education \$1,000**

**One scholarship each will be  
awarded per PWP Zone**

### **PURPOSE:**

**TO STIMULATE  
INTEREST AND  
FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE THAT  
HELPS FURTHER  
HIGHER  
EDUCATION OF  
THE CHILDREN OF  
PARENTS  
WITHOUT  
PARTNERS, INC.  
MEMBERS.**

### **FORMS:**

**SEE PWP  
WEBSITE**

### **DEADLINE:**

**APRIL 30, 2015**

**Parents Without Partners, Inc.  
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**July 2015**

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