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Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies...Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come...She looketh well to the ways of her household...Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her...Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31:10, 25, 27a, 28, 30

You're Invited!

2022 Community Events!

“Your Backyard: Own It!”

Thurs., May 5
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Pizza Ranch-Rhineland

Thurs., May 12
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Pizza Ranch-Verona

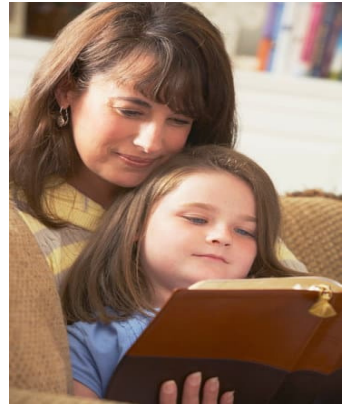
Tues., May 17
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Zaun Pavilion-Grafton

Please register at
wifamilycouncil.org, or by
calling 888-378-7395.

Honorable Motherhood

The late Phyllis Schlafly was diminutive in stature but giant in character. She fought battle after battle for our nation's best natural resource—married mom-and-dad families. During her lifetime, Mrs. Schlafly was given nearly every conservative award, honor and recognition you can think of, but she said that the highest honor she ever received was in 1992 when she was named Illinois Mother of the Year.



Schlafly was an attorney, an author, a leader of a nationwide organization, a sought-after speaker, an activist, a strategist, and more but first and foremost she was a wife and mom to six children—and she delighted most in that. She devoted much of her life to fighting feminism and other attacks on the dignity of women and the family in general saying that the most important thing in her life, the thing that brought the most honor, was being a wife and mother.

Our culture demotes, derides and degrades motherhood. Radical feminists have worked hard to make a mockery of being a mother.

Being a mother is much more than delivering a child. Motherhood is about devotion, selflessness and lifelong commitment. It's about giving and not getting. It's about true love—which is always doing what is in the best interest of the one who is loved. It's about sacrifice—over and over and over. Sometimes it's even about giving up dreams and aspirations in order to be sure that the needs of children are met. It's about adult desires being subjugated to the demands of young sons and daughters. Hollywood and feminists don't talk positively about such things.

In her book *Feminist Fantasies*, Phyllis Schlafly noted that
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Memorial Day

The history of Memorial Day is rich with meaning. Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, was to honor the soldiers who died in the Civil War by decorating their graves. General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic issued the following proclamation in 1868: “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of...decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.”

That first Memorial Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in that hallowed ground. Memorial Day became an official federal holiday in 1971.

On Memorial Day, we honor the memory of all who gave their lives for the defense of our country. It is the least we can do. Let us render honor to whom honor is due in the spirit of Romans 13:7.

the research continues to pile up that children need their mothers. Mrs. Schlafly wrote that “a young child’s place is in the home and there is no adequate substitute for the bonding and attachment that take place between a child and his mother. A secure attachment in infancy provides the basis for self-reliance, self-regulation, and ultimately the capacity for independence combined with the ability to develop mature adult relationships.” Nothing can adequately take the place of a mom.

Motherhood is indeed demanding, but it comes with great rewards. About this time last year, a friend shared with us about her grown son who now has children of his own. She shared what her son was doing and how much he had grown spiritually and in every other way over the years. As she talked excitedly about her son and his pursuits and how God was using him, she teared up. And all of us listening to her understood. This was a mother who was reaping the reward of a job well done. She was rejoicing over God’s blessing and was humbled by what God had done in her son and how He was using him in His work. That’s what motherhood is all about—reveling in what this unique child entrusted to you becomes, through God’s grace and goodness.

Feminists would have us believe that being a mother is about self—having a baby when I want to, taking care of him or her if I want to, dragging him or her where I want to go, and arranging his or her schedule according to my desires. That’s not motherhood. It’s selfhood. And selfhood is the reason we have so many children today who don’t know that their mothers love them. Words aren’t enough, especially to children. Children need to be shown that their mothers love them, and they see that love best when mom is there over and over and over when life threatens to upset them and their security. Of course, sharing the Gospel with children and directing their spiritual growth are at the top of the list of showing love to a child.

Being a mother is not for the faint of heart. It’s incredibly demanding. But it’s also the highest honor accorded women. This Mothers Day, make a point of being sure your mother and the mother of your children, knows she is highly honored!

About Wisconsin Family Council

Wisconsin Family Council is a 501 (c)(3) organization that has been advancing Judeo-Christian principles and values in Wisconsin since 1986

We have largely done this by informing Wisconsin citizens, policymakers and churches about the important legislative and cultural issues so that they can be involved in strengthening, preserving and promoting marriage, family, life and religious freedom in our state.

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