



"Called to His Purpose"

Romans 8:28

Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

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From the President.....

Grace Happens Here; thus our Annual Fall Brunch and General Meeting was indeed all about the Grace He fills into our lives. Vice President Claudia Penczar did a remarkable job. The venue once again was fantastic. All women commented on how nice it was to have the occasion at Ascension Catholic Parish again, with its centrality to the diocese. The food, the singers and presentations (especially George Clooney!!) were top of the mark. Our new Woman of the Year presentation went to a much-deserving Joni Deiters. She was presented with a beautiful wooden plaque from Spooner Woodworks, and a folder with letters from fellow members of the Board, and from her husband Tom and 3 children.

Our totals in gift-giving were very generous. We are a grace-filled group of holy women!!

Net: \$17,142.66

Pledge 1,500.00

Credit card 250.00

Total estimated \$18,392.66 (without credit card statements)

All gift giving from the heart is sure to be blessed by our Father, who knows all, loves emphatically, and supplies endless love and grace for our lives.

Next up in December is our Advent Retreat on Wednesday, December 10; be sure to sign up soon; *see the flyer on page two for more information.* It will be a night to focus on the reason for the season!

Our focus for the new year will

begin with helping out with the Whispering Winds Dinner Dance, to be held on February 28, 2015 at the Marriott Marquis at the Bay. It was a most beautiful venue last year, and I am sure will be another great success. Save the date cards have been sent already!! Don't be left out, get your tickets and/or tables now. Once again, our own WWA "basket queen" Vicki Youngers is in charge of the many gift baskets to be offered. I know she will welcome any and all gifts. See her article for all particulars!

Once again, I must comment on the unwavering spirit, strength, grace and love of our current board members, and committees. I shouldn't be amazed at how hard they work together, all for the glory of God and their commitment to our Whispering Winds Camp. I am in awe of their gifts of time, talent and treasure, and I thank God for the opportunity to work with them this year.

God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

Saving grace saves us from our sins. Sustaining grace meets us at our point of need and equips us with courage, wisdom, and strength.
Max Lucado

Mattie



Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

Advent Mini-Retreat

“My Spirit Finds Joy in God My Savior”

Presented by Dorothy “Dotti” Hulburt

Join us for a very special evening and enjoy an inspirational seminar, delicious refreshments, and warm fellowship! In this seminar, *Dotti will reflect on the scriptural words of Mary – words that show us the way to live EMMANUEL – God with us!*

Wednesday – December 10, 2014

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm for fellowship and refreshments

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

Moloney Center

2766 Navajo Road, El Cajon, CA 92020

Cost \$15 pre-registered *and* at the door

Early Registration Incentive: **FREE** raffle entry for a chance at winning a weekend get-away at Big Bear Mountain

For more information, contact **Stefanie Battaglia** at (619) 227-5727; email stefanie.battaglia@cox.net or **Carolyn Kalb** at (619) 318-6493; email ckalb@cox.net

Our Special Guest Presenter: Dotti is the Director of Catechetical Ministry at Sacred Heart Parish in Coronado, California. She has worked for over 35 years in pastoral, catechetical, and liturgical ministries. She is a popular presenter at parish, diocesan and national events. A retreat master & spiritual director, she works with both clergy and laity in ongoing formation. A convert in her late teens, Dotti brings to her ministry the gift and ability to share her journey and love of the Lord in very human terms. Her centeredness on Christ blesses many because of her own witness and the witness she evokes in others, especially through scripture, story, and our Catholic spiritual traditions. She has co-authored *Evangelization Teams in the Making*, and a new book, *The Scriptural Words of Mary*, is in the works!

The mother of three grown children and a grade-schooler, she has been married 37 years. Home is her greatest school of theology!

WWWA ADVENT MINI-RETREAT

Please register online at www.whisperingwinds.org or indicate your reservation information below:

Name _____ Email _____
Telephone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Number attending _____ Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to: WWWA and mail to: Judy Burke ~ 8186 Commercial St. ~ La Mesa, CA 91942

Musings of a Prodigal Daughter

Advent has arrived! It is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ. To get me in the spirit of Advent, I like to reflect on my past pregnancies as the due dates were getting closer. I think about what I was physically doing to prepare for the arrival of our new child and how I was feeling during that time. Not only was I preparing my house for the arrival, but I spent a lot of time talking with my family and forecasting out my hopes and dreams for this new child. Our family was so filled with excitement and joyful nervousness as the day approached.

So, much like if we were actually going to be having a baby, I try to make a purposeful point to bring that Christian Joy into our family during the season of Advent. I want us to discuss and pray together about the hopes we have for baby Jesus' coming.

You can look online for some ideas to prepare for Advent, there are calendars, daily meditations sent to your email, wreaths, free activities, gospel reflections, penance services, and of course our Advent evening. I highly encourage you to bring some of these into your life. They start the conversation, they start the excitement, they show that something is about to change! Soon we will be receiving our most precious gift!

How do you want to be when the arrival of this baby comes? What changes need to happen so that you can fully embrace and accept baby Jesus into your life?

Advent is here. What a marvelous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come — for him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist. The Church encourages us: *Ecce veniet!* — He is about to arrive. *The Forge*, 548 Josemaria Escriva

Brianne Kojis
Spiritual Director



Each of us is
an Innkeeper
who decides
if there is
room for Jesus

From the Vice President

As Mattie stated, our Fall Brunch and General Meeting on November 1st was well received by all who took part. Grace truly happens when we work together! So many of our WWA members and their friends contributed to the brunch's success.

First of all, it took the hard work of all who gathered, donated, and made the silent auction baskets. Of course, this also includes the work on Tofino before, during, and after the bidding. Tammy Knapp and Joy Hodson each deserve special thanks for the beautiful program and decorations.

Although it may have been nerve-wracking beforehand: will we have enough people at the brunch.... will everything run smoothly.... God's grace brought a calming spirit as we began the day. WWA members left nothing undone. Jen, Sarah, and Sara's beautiful voices truly reminded us that singing can be praying twice. The testimonial from one of last summer's campers provided witness to what work so hard to accomplish. A surprise visit from George Clooney entertained us as people donated to our wonderful camp!

Thanks to all of you for your hard work and support!

Claudia Penczar

Vice President

Membership

Our 'Meet and Greet' event on October 11 of this year was a faith and fun filled afternoon for all who attended. Thank you for all your food contributions and help with the day. We had a couple of new members and several more at our November 'Brunch'.

We would like to remind everyone who has not paid their dues for 2014-15 to do so as soon as possible. Dues are \$30.00 for a yearly membership or \$200.00 for a lifetime membership.

Many thanks to our co-chair, Monica Larson who is putting our new directory together.

Join us in December at our Advent retreat and share in what the time of the birth of the baby Jesus means to us in this blessed season!

Sue McGrath & Monica Larson

Membership

WWWA Women of the Year 2015

One of the most uplifting moments at the annual WWA Fall Brunch and General Meeting is the presenting of the 2015 WWA Woman of the Year award. I had the distinct honor of giving that much-deserved award to Joni Deiters .

Joni was a major force in bringing the Auxiliary into the computer age. She saw a great need for tracking activities and events from year to year to enable improved decision making for future leadership. Her hope was to capture positive things accomplished in previous years and improve for the future. Up to this point, historical records for the Auxiliary were passed down in handwritten notes, folders and notebooks from leadership to their predecessor with little consistency and no shared storehouse of information. Joni opened a Gmail account and began the arduous task of moving the members into a shared electronic storage. She accomplished this with respect and tenderness as she offered personal and group tutorials in her home for any members who desired a little assistance learning how to use Gmail and look up needed information. Oh how I remember those meetings! What a gift to have her on the board for 11 years! She updated all board member job descriptions and made great strides in “greening” up the Auxiliary by reducing paper; Joni was way ahead of the times!

Joni’s husband Tom stated very fittingly, “Joni will be the first to tell you that she has gotten way more from WW than she ever felt like she gave. That is just the way God’s grace works. God’s grace is like the water behind a faucet. It is up to us to turn the faucet handle which is what we do when we give of ourselves for others. Once we make the decision to do that, the water of God’s grace behind the faucet continues to flow in a never ending supply to fill us up and sustain us. Whispering Winds was just one of many times in Joni’s life when she opened up the faucet of God’s grace.” Amen I say to that, and we will be forever indebted to her for that gift. Joni’s 3 children also wrote moving testimonials for our Woman of the Year, and they were presented to Joni along with her plaque.

Thank you Joni, for your dedication to your faith, family and friends, and of course to your WWA members/board for years of generosity of time, talent and treasure. We have felt your love. God bless you and may His love and grace sustain you.

This is the gift that God Gives: a grace that grants us first the power to receive love and then the power to give it.

Mattie Scull



WWWA Women of the Year, Joni Deiters

Campership

Celebrity Guest Draws High Bids!

A guest appearance from George Clooney (aka Don Kojis) set our hearts a twitter and helped raise **\$13,383.00** toward Camperships for those in need! Thank you!!

The theme of the brunch, "Grace Happens Here", was truly evident in the generous hearts that poured out their love by way of financial aid. A grateful heart-felt message from a Campership recipient drove home the news that the need for Camperships is real and appreciated. Grace happens when no one is turned away from the camp for lack of funds. The Auxiliary witnessed an amazing outpouring of grace to make sure that no one is turned away.

With Don wearing his Clooney mask and handing out gift bags of memorabilia from his "wedding" in Italy, including a piece of the wedding cake, the bidding started at \$3,000 and was quickly followed a \$2,500 bid. Within minutes, fifty-four women had raised \$13,383.00, which covers Campership needs for 1 year plus money to support the Special Needs program! For all those kids and families who, because of **your generosity**, will now have the chance to climb the mountain, ride the zip line and sing God's praises, I join them in thanking you!

Thank you for stepping out with a single heart to support our camp and the work God is completing! We are grateful to the...

Gifts of \$1,000-\$3,000

Barbara Noerenberg
Marion Huffman
Anne Denbow
Stephanie Kiesel

Gifts of \$20-\$99.00

Marjorie Bialk
Kathy Hall
Christine Gaines
Kirsten Hadzicki
Monica Macie
Lori Avalos
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Gifts of \$100-\$999.00

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Our committees are always looking for helping hands.
Please consider volunteering for one of the committees
marked with **

reborn 2024/2025 BOD MEMBERS

Joy is excited to be on the WWA board as the Hospitality Chair this year. Joy's first time at Whispering Winds was when she attended Family Camp five years ago. She has been hooked on Whispering Winds ever since! She seizes every opportunity to be on the mountain including attending several young adult retreats, WWA retreats, family camps, Cursillo weekends, and volunteer projects. She also lends a hand with the Whispering Winds Annual Dinner Dance.

She was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and has lived in Coronado, CA most of her life. Joy loves serving her community through church outreach, Rise Up Industries, and special needs organizations including Noah Homes and St. Madeline Sophie's Center. Joy is an avid sports fan who loves football, hockey, tennis, basketball and skiing among many other sports. Football is her favorite sport to watch especially when Notre Dame or Navy is playing!

The Whispering Winds family is a great blessing to her in so many ways. Joy looks forward to serving on the auxiliary and serving the larger camp community this year.



Joy Hodson
Hospitality



SAVE THE DATE!

May 15-17, 2015

*Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary
Annual Retreat*

Guest Speaker:

Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle

Author, Journalist, Speaker, EWTN TV Host



Online registration opens in January 2015!

For more information contact:

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Believe with All Your Heart. Please mark your calendars for Saturday February 28th for the upcoming 2015 Whispering Winds Dinner Dance Gala. It will be held at the San Diego Marriott Marquis Downtown. Registration will begin January 14, 2015 but please mark your calendars now!

For those of you who have attended before, you know what an enriched, faith-filled evening this is. If you have never attended, you are missing a great evening! There is a Silent Auction, Raffle, Live Auction and a Paddle Raise to help us raise monies to keep our beloved Camp going strong! You will hear exciting witnesses about the Camp that supports faith-based ministries for Families, Teens, Young Adults and Seniors.

Vicki Youngers is the Dinner Dance Chair and I welcome you all to join my enthusiastic, God-loving Committee to plan and execute our #1 fundraiser for the Camp. You can contact me at Home: (858) 483-4282 or via Cell: (425) 681-9211.





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Mini Advent Retreat

“My Spirit Finds Joy in God my Savior”

Presented by Dotti Hulburt

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

Maloney Center

2766 Navajo Road, El Cajon, CA 92020

Whispering Winds Dinner Dance Gala

February 28, 2015

San Diego Marriott Marquis and Marina

333 W Harbor Dr.

San Diego, CA 92101

WWA Women's Retreat

Guest Speaker- Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle

May 15-17, 2015



“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)

King James Bible Online .org

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