



"Called to His Purpose"

Romans 8:28

Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

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Whispers from the Auxiliary

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From the President.....

"Being made right with God by his grace, we could have the hope of receiving the life that never ends".

Titus 3:7 NCV

The glory of His resurrection is all around us, shines through us and gives us such hope! I pray your Easter joy will stay with you and your families and give us peace and grace, hope and love throughout the rest of this year!

Already the air is warming up, the flowers are blooming, crisp winds are turning warm; what happened to spring?? I am hoping for another little "shower" or two before the heat really starts!

Our mighty women warriors were all decked out for our WWDD this year. After working tirelessly on baskets, live auction items, table center-pieces, set up, clean up, check in and check out; it was over in 3 glorious hours! Our fearless leader, Vicki Youngers, was again the Captain of the ship as she orchestrated all of the happenings. As usual, it was fantastic! Such a tribute to many hands making light work. I was honored to present a check for \$20,000 to Martin Rosales on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary. What a joy that was! The generosity of our members is phenomenal!

Our annual May Retreat is fast approaching, on May 15-17 2015 at Whispering Winds Catholic

Conference Center in Julian. If you have not attended in the past, I encourage you to join us this year! The cost includes your dues for this next year 2015-2016. Please see the flyer attached and Stefanie's article for more details.

As we are soon about to end this calendar year of our WWWA Board, I ask you all to think about perhaps agreeing to share your time and talents as a board member. We need you!! All ages, all walks of life, at all stages of life. Your talents are unique to you and we would love to share this faith walk of service to WWCCC. Please contact me, or our president-elect, Claudia Penczar if you have any questions or would like information about the positions available. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. I would like to close this article with the timeless words of Max Lucado:

"Where the grace of God is missed, bitterness is born. But where the grace of God is embraced, forgiveness flourishes. The longer we walk in the garden, the more likely we are to smell like flowers. The more we immerse ourselves in grace, the more likely we are to give grace." Well said, my friend, well said!

Mattie



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

Meet our guest speaker for the weekend...



Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle is the author of several books, and frequent guest on EWTN television and radio. She works to inspire, to teach, to encourage, and to help others discover their God-given gifts. In all of her work, Donna-Marie emphasizes the importance of every single woman as a spiritual mother, whether they have biological children and traditional family units, or not. "We all have been given gifts from God to serve others. We all, in a sense, "mother" others. That is the great God-given gift of womanhood, in every stage, phase or path in life," she concludes. You can find additional information about her at her website: <http://www.donnacooperoboyle.com/>

When: May 15-17, 2015
Check-in 4-6:00 p.m. on May 15th
Departure ~ 1:00 p.m. on May 17th

Where: Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center
Julian, CA

Cost: \$140 for WWSA Members
\$170 for non-members
(includes WWSA membership fee)

Full Refund: Prior to April 30, 2015

Mail checks (payable to WWSA) and form below to:
Judy Burke | 8186 Commercial Street | La Mesa, CA 91942

Women wishing to bunk together must submit their checks together

For more information call:
Stefanie Battaglia at (619) 227-5727 or Carolyn Kalb (619) 318-6493

For partial "scholarship" contact: Chris Villalobos at (619) 444-1936
Registration is limited – Register early! Motor homes and trailers are welcome.

ROOTED IN LOVE – WHISPERING WINDS WOMEN'S RETREAT 2015 REGISTRATION FORM

Please register online at www.WhisperingWinds.org; click on *WW Women's Auxiliary*

Name: _____ **First time attending?** Y _____ N _____

Address: _____

City / Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

I need special diet (specify): _____

I would like to donate additional funds to help fund partial scholarships for this retreat: \$ _____

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Musings of a Prodigal Daughter

Spring is here and with Spring we can visibly see our world blooming around us. I hope it is the same for your soul. I hope that your soul is in full bloom or that your soul is full of Hope!

With the May retreat approaching, my excitement begins! I look forward to spending time with our Lord at the camp and of course with all of you. After reading some writings of our speaker Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle and learning a little more about her, I can't wait to have the Spirit work through her to fill our cups. Donna-Marie had over a decade long friendship with our Blessed Mother Teresa and I am praying she unpacks some of her wisdom on us. Just like many of you, I love Mother Teresa and the example of Love she became for our world. My personal fondness of Blessed Mother Teresa comes through two AWESome God moments that happened through her.

The first was when I was shopping for my husband's 30th birthday. I wanted something super special for him but I didn't have a lot of money. I couldn't find anything meaningful so I finally brought it to prayer and let go. Well a day later I went into Pauline's bookstore to get a religious book hoping my husband would enjoy it. As I was getting ready to check out and pay, the sisters were all excited about a priest who had just walked in. They were asking him to autograph some of their books. My interest was peaked but I didn't think too much about it. One of the sisters turned to me and said "do you have any special occasions coming up? I'm sure Father wouldn't mind signing a book for you!" I then found out he was Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk who is the priest that authored the book for Mother Teresa's 'Come be my Light'. He is also the postulator of the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Mother Teresa. I said "Yes, my husband's birthday!" Fr. Brian quickly and graciously obliged and wrote a beautiful blessing for my husband in my newly purchased book. I was so thankful that God reached in and helped find a 'special' gift for my husband, especially through the hands of a priest that knew and worked with Mother Teresa.

The second came shortly after this experience and it was when she came to me through a dream. It was such a vivid dream that I can remember most of the details, what she said to me, what she looked like, and how I felt. I came to her crying and very upset, she had a glow around her and she placed her hand on my face. She said "my child, do not worry" (she said a few more things to me which at the time didn't make sense, but now do, but that's too long of a story!) Then she pointed me to Jesus in the Eucharist, where at the time I could feel His Holy Presence. AWE!

These two moments are treasures to me, as are all of you and as this Whispering Winds camp is! I look forward to being on the mountain with you and know that even if you are not able to make it, I personally will be praying for you!

God Bless!
Bri Kojis
Spiritual Director



Spirituality

Our Lenten Evening of Reflection was held on March 4th at Our Mother of Confidence and Dotti Hulburt was once again inspiring! Continuing from our Advent evening of reflection on the scriptural words of Mary, Dotti spoke on finding Jesus in the temple and the wedding at Cana and how Mary's words paint an amazing portrait of discipleship and reveal The Pondering Heart, an internal disposition of prayer that Lent seeks to cultivate, so necessary to follow the way of Christ and live the joy of the Gospel! Letty Peck and Elena Wright played beautiful music – the evening was truly inspirational.

Msgr. Mark Campbell generously allowed us to use the church and in lieu of the church fee requested we make a donation to Rachel's Women's Center. We collected just under \$400 and sent a check this week – Holy week. Thank you to all that participated and especially to Joy Hodson and our hospitality team.

Our biggest event, the *Spring Women's Retreat*, is scheduled **May 15 - 17, 2015** at Whispering Winds. We are excited to announce that **DONNA-MARIE COOPER O'BOYLE** will be our guest speaker. She is the author of several books, and frequent guest on EWTN television and radio. She works to inspire, to teach, to encourage, and to help others discover their God-given gifts. In all of her work, Donna-Marie emphasizes the importance of every single woman as a spiritual mother, whether they have biological children and traditional family units, or not. "We all have been given gifts from God to serve others. We all, in a sense, "mother" others. That is the great God-given gift of womanhood, in every stage, phase or path in life," she concludes. You can find additional information about her at her website: <http://www.donnacooperoboyle.com/>. Mark your calendars to join us on the mountain for the weekend!

If you have any questions please contact Stefanie Battaglia at (619) 227-5727; email stefanie.battaglia@cox.net or Carolyn Kalb at (619) 318-6493; email ckalb@cox.net.



Blessed. Thankful.
Stefanie Battaglia &
the Spirituality Committee

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I have been honored to serve on the WWW Auxiliary Board for the past 12 years and I never cease to be amazed at the love, caring and devotion that each Board Member brings to their position. They are a diverse group of women from all walks of life who bring their unique talents and love of the Lord to everything they do. I have learned much from all the women as they've taught me how to "let go and let God".

I have been blessed with a career of helping others as a Licensed Marriage, Family Therapist and Certified Trauma Counselor. For the past 30 years, I've worked for Anthem's Behavioral Health & Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Providing counseling and support to individuals as part of a company sponsored counseling program, provides few opportunities to speak openly about God. Praying with clients violates professional boundaries so it's been a challenge to find ways to shine the light of Jesus into a troubling situation. But when I let him lead, the Lord always makes a path.

My parents divorced when I was 5 so attending church was not part of what we did as a "family". Left to my own devices, my religious life has been eclectic, attending churches of many denominations. Each experience has given me tools for growing closer to God.

My prayer life is filled with my thankfulness for all the blessing our Lord bestowed. I have family and friends who love me, good health and a wonderful job. My deep love of the Lord is rooted in his unconditional love for me. For 23 years my home parish was Santa Sophia and my daughter, Carmella attended the Academy there. Moving to Jamul, I attended St Pius X for the next 12 years until moving to Coronado last year.

Anything that takes me outdoors makes me happy and puts me in closer communion with the Lord. I love being in the garden and seeing things grow, hiking, biking, skiing, and took up sculling (aka, rowing backwards) last year. Music and dancing can fill my soul and I'm a pretty good cook, when I have the time. I have a love for travel and I was blessed to visit Greece with my cousins to "find our roots" as our Grandfather came from a small Greek island called 'Kythira'.

My friends in the Auxiliary have carried me thru some challenging times and were truly the face of Christ to me at times when I needed him the most. To a person, they are amazing, faith-filled women who inspire me to be a better Christian. I am blessed indeed and try to pass those blessings onto to others.



Denise Casinelli
Recording Secretary

Believe

with all your 

'The act of believing must allow the joy of faith to shine through.' Pope Francis

The Whispering Winds Dinner Dance was PURE JOY!

It is so easy to 'Believe with All Your Heart' when you watch an evening come together so beautifully as the 33rd Whispering Winds Dinner Dance Gala held at the Marriott Marquis on February 28, 2015 did. The Dinner Dance Committee has become its own Christian Community in Action--we love working together and love supporting our beloved Camp. 450 attendees were graced with an evening of faith, family and friends—an evening blessed with pure goodness.

The Dinner Dance Singers, Martin's presentation and the Family Camp witnesses set a contagious spirit for the entire evening. People didn't want to go home! How cool is that?

The Camp was supported financially by the Golden Ticket, Opportunity Drawings, Silent Auction and Live Auction. The most incredible part of the evening is what we call the 'Paddle Raise' – people donate money to help support the ongoing 'mission' of the Camp to bring others closer to Christ. Almost \$100,000 was raised with the Paddle Raise—heart strings were definitely attached to each and every donation. We thank God for these amazing gifts, the generosity and the heartfelt support of Whispering Winds.

As Pope Francis says, 'The act of believing must allow the JOY of faith to shine through.' It was a bright night for the Camp and for all those who were able to attend. I pray that more of you can attend next year's event so you too can see a community that truly 'Believes with All Their Hearts' that the Lord is alive and well and thriving within the Whispering Winds community! Praise God!



SAVE THE DATE



WWWA Women's Spring Retreat
Guest Speaker- Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle

May 15-17, 2015

Whispering Winds Catholic Camp &
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Whispering Winds Family Camp

June 19-21 (Military)* & 26-28;

July 10-12, 17-19, & 24-26

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Whispering Winds Special Needs Camp

July 24-26, 2015



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