



"Called to His Purpose"  
Romans 8:28

## Whispering Winds Women's

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# Whispers from the Auxiliary

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## From the President.....

Hi Ladies of WWWA,

Hope all of you are making a comfortable transition from Summer to Fall. I know a number of you are teachers, and this time of year is very significant. We will all say extra prayers for all students, teachers, and others involved in the education and formation of our future!

September 16th was our Meet and Greet. Thanks to Mattie Scull for once again opening her house for our benefit. Monica Larson, Membership Chair, did a wonderful job putting together the evening event. Thanks also to Stefanie Battaglia, our vice president, for getting our evite out to members. Many others were involved which underscores our focus for the year. We are many parts, but all one body.

The evening allowed us to be in the presence of Our Lord through our community, bringing together members from Kathy Brown and Bernice Mascari, our WWWA

founders, to our newest members. We had time to socialize with each other and end with a prayerful focus.

Now we are looking forward to our Fall Brunch and Annual Meeting on November 7th at Ascension Parish. We hope to see many of you there for a morning of community and support for the camp!

As our busy lives move on remember we all have a part in sharing our faith and serving others. See you soon.

God bless,  
*Claudia*



# FALL BRUNCH

Saturday, November 7

At Ascension Parish 9:00am – 1:00pm

All are welcome

There will be lovely food, music, and  
delightful company.

9:00am | Silent Action

10:30am | Breakfast

Presentation of the 2016 WWWA

**Woman of The Year**

Adults: \$35.00

12 & under: \$20.00

Our 2015 Brunch Theme is:

**G . I . F . T .**

*Growing in faith together*

## REGISTER

Please register online at: [whisperingwinds.org](http://whisperingwinds.org) or fill out this form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of those with whom you wish to be seated:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to WWWA and mail to: Judy Burke | 8186 Commercial Street | La Mesa, CA 91942  
People wishing to be seated together must have all their payments received for the reservation to be confirmed.

For seating information please contact Claudia Penczar at (858) 699-4705



# REFLECT FROM A SERVANT

Sweet Sisters in Christ,

Summer and its many activities with family and friends has transitioned into the season of Fall. This brings a whole new order to things depending on our stage of life and vocation. We are all part of the body of Christ. Jesus' greatest desire is for you to be close to him. "God's will is your sanctification." What is God's divine will? What can bring me closer to God?

I would like to share a reading from Romans 12:1-8. I invite you to ponder in your heart and in prayer God's message to you and his invitation to us as members of the Whispering Winds Woman's Auxiliary.

*"Dear friends, God is good. So I beg you to offer your bodies to him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing, that's the most sensible way to serve God, Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him. I realize how kind God has been to me, and so I tell each of you not to think you are better than you really are. Use good sense and measure yourself by the amount of faith God has given you. A body is made up of many parts, and each of them has its own use. That's how it is with us. There are many of us, but we are each part of the body of Christ, as well as part of one another."*

*God has given us different gifts to use. If we can prophesy, we should do it according to the amount of faith we have. If we can serve others, we should serve others. If we can teach, we should teach. If we can give, we should be generous. If we are leaders we should do our best. If we can encourage others, we should encourage them. If we are good to others, we should do it cheerfully."*

Fr. Jose Escrevia reminds us that Jesus told us to use our talents to the fullest. Our talents, abilities, goals and aspirations may be the first things that God wants us to use to change the world for the better. He advises us to place God first and the rest second.

I invite you to deepen your prayer time and listen to God speak to you. Speak Lord your servant is listening.

In Christ's love.

*Annie McConville*



# FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Calling all WWA Members! Mark your calendars for our upcoming Fall Brunch 'G.I.F.T. – Growing in Faith Together' on November 7, 2015 at Ascension Parish in Tierrasanta. We can't be successful without YOU! This is our ONE MAJOR FUNRAISING EFFORT! We are simply trying to raise monies so we can continue to offer 'Camperships' to kids and families that would not otherwise be able to attend Whispering Winds.

It's that time of year to start donating to the upcoming Silent Auction! Each year many hands and generous sisters-in-Christ lovingly donate and create baskets for the Silent Auction. We need Gift Cards—all types of gift cards, no dollar amount is too small—we'll bundle them together and make some enticing offerings! PROMISE! The favorite gift cards are for restaurants, movies, nights out on the town, overnight stays, retail stores and Web sites like iTunes and Amazon. Simply slip them into an envelope and send them to the Whispering Winds office:

WWWA  
Attention: Stacie Bales  
8196 Commercial Street  
La Mesa, CA 91942  
Phone: 619.464.1479

Last year this event raised a good portion of our donation to Whispering Winds and we were able to give away a lot of 'Camperships' thanks to your generosity and creativity. If you want to put together a donation, a basket, have the gift of creating handmade items or shopping for special buys; please let your talents flow! We are most grateful for all you do!

Your 2015 Fundraising team is co-chaired by Mattie Scull [mjscull06@gmail.com](mailto:mjscull06@gmail.com) Cell: 858.752.7923) and Vicki Youngers [vicki.youngers@yahoo.com](mailto:vicki.youngers@yahoo.com) Cell: 425.681.9211. Please call Stacie in the Office, Mattie or I if you have any questions.

Thank you with all our hearts.  
All for God and our beloved Whispering Winds!

*Mattie and Vicki*

Fundraising Co-Chairs  
(Formerly known as The Ways and Means Committee)

# MEMBERSHIP

Our Meet & Greet in September brought together WWWA members and friends for an evening of fun and conversation. Mattie Scull opened her beautiful home for a potluck including birthday cake. Joan Halfman was the winner of the purse scavenger hunt game. Stories of the camp and the beginnings of the auxiliary were exchanged. All guests were invited to share about themselves with the group. The laughter was contagious!

The evening was a perfect reminder of the joy we receive being with women united in faith. Thanks to all who came!

Reminder that annual membership fees are as follows:

Active Membership: \$30

Lifetime Membership: \$200

**Checks payable to Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary**, can be mailed to **WWWA, Attention: Judy Burke 8196 Commercial Street La Mesa, CA 91942**. Or payments can be made online at **[whisperingwinds.org](http://whisperingwinds.org)**.

Membership committee needs YOU! If you are interested in joining our committee or have any question about membership please contact Monica Larson at [larson.monica@gmail.com](mailto:larson.monica@gmail.com) or 619 435-4141.

*Monica Larson*

Membership Chair

## MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBER



Linda Aguilar  
Secretary

My name is Linda Aguilera. I was born and raised in West Covina by my loving parents along with my 3 wonderful sisters. I moved to San Diego in my early 20s where I met and married Joe. We were married for 25 years (now divorced for 6 years). We have 2 twenty-something kids that I adore: Beth is living in Seattle finishing up her bachelors and Richie is just completing an environmental research project in Montana and will be heading home soon. They are the light of my life!

I attended USCD for my BA and SDSU for my Masters. I have been teaching in San Diego Unified for over 20 years. I have been blessed to teach Kindergarten at Kumeyaay Elementary in Tierrasanta for most of my career. While it is sometimes exhausting, I love it and couldn't have asked for a more fulfilling career.

One highlight in my life started out as an adventure but quickly turned into a pilgrimage. I needed to find peace, forgiveness and healing following my divorce so I traveled to France the summer of 2012 and walked over 600 miles across Spain to complete the Camino de Santiago. Spending those days with God granted me more peace and joy than I ever imagined.

These days I volunteer at my parish (St. Michael's), Radys Children's Hospital Auxiliary, ADK (a professional sorority), Cursillo (I'm sponsoring my first candidate – yeah!) and, of course, Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary.

# MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBER



Annie McConville  
Spirituality Advisor

Hi my name is Annie McConville and I am blessed to be the Spiritual Director of The Whispering Winds Woman's Auxiliary this year.

I moved to Pacific Beach from Boston when I was five. St. Brigid's was my faith community for 25 years. Growing up in a family of 5, I was a cradle Catholic. I recall in first grade walking to church by myself and enjoying early morning mass and praying a nightly rosary with our neighbors who lived across the street. God touched my heart in a special way that influenced my life as it is today.

The Holy Spirit touched me in 1980 through the Charismatic Renewal. My heart was filled with great joy and I have been praising with my hands held high ever since. I was involved with Young Adult Ministry at St Brigid's and met my husband Kevin. We have been married for 29 years.

Kevin and I have been Eucharistic Ministers, and were involved with South Bay Marriage Encounter as we raised our three daughters, Kirsten, Briege & Jana. In 1994, we moved to Coronado and became part of the Sacred Heart Parish Community. I have taught CRE throughout the years and when our daughters became teens I was able to support teens and attend Steubenville Conferences.

Women's Christian Fellowship, a Catholic Women's bible study, has nourished my spiritual growth and I attend their yearly retreat. I started a moms rosary group at Sacred Heart with a few friends and it has now expanded and meets weekly in our parish. I have led small groups of women in Johnette Benkovic's, "Living the Abundant Life" bible study and have truly experienced God's grace and the beauty of feminine spirituality.

Our family was able to attend several family camps over the years and I fell in love with Whispering Winds. My mom attended one weekend with us and commented how she wished it had been around when she was raising our family. A few years later Kevin and I experienced a Cursillo weekend and our lives were transformed once again by God and His love. We are thankful to be apart of the Cursillo community today.

When the first Miles Christi Priests were establishing here in San Diego, Kevin and I felt drawn to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and attended silent retreats. They continue to guide us spiritually.

I currently am a lector at Sacred Heart and very active in the Pro Life movement. I am also attending a weekly class of The Divine Will with Fr. Dave Leon as I seek to do God's will Vs. Annie's will. Our family has expanded as our daughters Kirsten and Briege are married. I have two wonderful son-in laws and 5 grandchildren ranging in ages 9 months to eight years old. Our newest grandchild will be born around Easter and our youngest daughter was recently engaged. We are preparing to welcome a new son-in law.

I graduated from San Diego Sate University in 1980 and have been an educator for San Diego Unified for thirty-five years. Most of my career was in Barrio Logan as a Bilingual teacher. I currently teach Transitional kindergarten and Kindergarten combo class in Serra Mesa at Cubberley Elementary. I feel blessed that I get to meet Jesus personally through these children and their wonderful families at my school.

There are so many God moments that are woven into my quilted life and I am excited for the new ones that will be added as your faithful servant and daughter of Christ.



# MEET & GREET



Pictures provided by  
Karen Goodman, Histori-

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





# ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

## **Fall Brunch & Annual General Meeting**

Saturday, November, 7th

9:00am– 1:00pm

Ascension Parish

11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd

San Diego, CA 92124



## **Advent Retreat**

December - TBD

## **Whispering Winds Dinner Dance Gala**

Saturday, February 20, 2016

Marriott Marquis San Diego Bayside



You can find us @ [www.whisperingwinds.org](http://www.whisperingwinds.org)