

"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....

Happy Summer to All our WWWA members,

Like all the beautiful seasons of the year, I hope summer is bringing you many of God's blessings! For many, this is vacation, special time for family, friends, and travel.

In May many of us were able to experience our WWWA annual retreat. As we all know, it is peaceful to spend time in community at Whispering Winds! Carolyn Kalb, Marie Cizek and the others on the Spirituality Committee prepared and worked throughout the entire weekend to make this a prayerful and enjoyable retreat. God bless all of them for their spiritual gift to all of us. Our thanks to all!

Our speaker, Pat Gohn, shared what she presented as "the Church's compelling vision of every woman: you have dignity, you are gifted, and you have a mission." Based on her book, "Blessed. Beautiful. and Bodacious" as a foundation for her talks, Pat shared with us our gift of Catholic womanhood. Using her personal experiences we could often elate to various phases of her life. She also asked members of the auxiliary to present their responses to her

ideas and sharing. Those who were able to spend time talking with her could easily relate to her.

Looking to the near future, we have our date for the Annual Meeting and Brunch. It will be on Saturday, October 29th at Ascension Parish. Our speaker will be Fr. Gil Gentile.

We continue to have openings on the WWWA Board. If anyone is interested in serving in one of the positions, please contact me at cmpenczar@gmail.com or (858) 699-4705.

God bless you for all you do,

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#### **ATTITUDES OF GRATITUDE**

As we enter the season of summer I find myself sharing special times with my spiritual family as well as my immediate family. This fills me with great joy and thanksgiving to our Lord for the many blessings and trials in my life. This is truly a spiritual season to have an attitude of gratitude.

Always and everywhere we give you thanks are the words spoken by our priest at Mass which is the ultimate Thanksgiving. Author, Sue Bender reminds us that "Gratitude makes everyday sacred. Expressing our gratitude is a gift of the giver. Gratitude for small things makes every day a gift. Everyday is an ongoing act of thanksgiving." I strive to bring this attitude of gratitude into my daily life with family, at work and with friends.

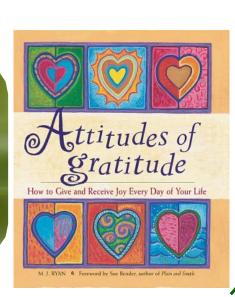
One of my summer book rereads will be "Attitudes of Gratitude" by M.J. Ryan. We are blessed to have an amazing camp and all who volunteer to share the witness of Christ's love. I invite you to jot down ten things you are grateful for and when you are feeling discouraged take a peek at your list.

One of the blessings of having gratitude is great joy. I will leave you with the words of Saint Mother Theresa.

"Joy is prayer-Joy is strength---Joy is love ---Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. She gives most who gives with joy."

> Love and Joy, Your Servant Sister, Annie McConville

It is not Joy that makes us Grateful. It is gratitude that makes us Joyful



Wow! What a year of blessings, challenges, friendships and growth!

Encourage. That was the theme for this year's spirituality committee. At the installation dinner at Mattie Scull's house last year I challenged us to be an 'Encourager'. To encourage each other in the coming year in our thoughts, prayers, meetings, auxiliary relationships, events...

I'm not sure if I was successful but I know many of you took the challenge and were rock solid throughout the year! With eyes, ears, hearts and hands wide open you gathered us together to serve each other in His name.

At Mass last Sunday, at Our Lady of Grace Church, Father spoke on hospitality. He shared how Jesus was hospitality. Jesus looked for opportunities to gather, to encourage, to love and to strengthen others.

Thank you to everyone who gathered us together to serve during the May retreat. We enjoyed perfect weather, delicious food, true respite for the body, renewal for our spirits and time spent with friends, old and new. Our speaker, Pat Gohn, was an overwhelmingly approachable, likable and 'real' lady with a sincere desire to share her faith, educate us and walk with us on our journey..... but most importantly to encourage us.

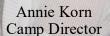
Marie Cizek and I have been blessed by this past year and we thank you for YOUR encouragement!

Enjoy your summer and see you next year! Carolyn Kalb & Marie Cizek Spirituality Co-chairs

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT THE WWWA PRAYERS FOR THE CAMP EVERY DAY?

For some us newcomers to the Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary there is a lot of tradition you may not be aware of. I know I didn't know this the first couple of years that I served on the Board. The women of the Auxiliary pray for the Camp EVERY day at 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM asking for God's loving care on all that happens on the mountain. Camp Director Annie Korn (pictured to the right) announces this to each and every group when they are welcomed to the Camp.

It is such a privilege and honor and wanted to share this with ALL our members. Please join us in praying for our beloved camp. May our love and prayers continue to serve God's purpose and bring others closer to Him.



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# Welcome!

We are excited to welcome our new members to the Auxiliary that joined us on the retreat in May.

# The Mission of WWWA

Just a reminder to our existing members and our new members the purpose of the Auxiliary. - "As women united by faith in Jesus Christ and by a common interest in Whispering Winds Family Camp, we propose to contribute to the growth and development of the Camp through Prayer, and fellowship, Assisting in fundraising, dissemination information and providing support for all functions held at the camp, Proving monies for scholarships and projects for the upgrading of the facilities at he Camp."



#### UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

Have you moved recently? We are updating our records and need to know if you have a new address or phone number. Please email larson.monica@gmail.com with any changes.

We thank you for your continued prayers for the camp!

The Membership Committee

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### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016

#### To Everything There is Season—A Time for Everything! Ecclesiastes 3

Please mark your calendars for Saturday October 29, 2016! It's time for our Annual Meeting and Brunch to be held at Ascension Parish in Tierrasanta.

Let's meet at 8:00 AM this year instead of our usual 9:00 AM start time. We will begin the morning with Mass said by Father Gil Gentile. By gathering in prayer first, we will ask the Lord to bless our morning abundantly as a Christian Community in Action! The morning will last until 1:00 PM.

We will have brunch, a silent auction, a raffle and a Fund-A-Camper fundraising time. Please pray about attending. This is our only fundraiser of the year and we love helping our beloved Camp experience more Campers!



Father Gil will be our speaker for the event. We are truly blessed amongst women indeed!

So for now, please mark your calendars. More info as we continue to work on the plans for a wonderful day of Faith, Family and Fellowship.

#### CALLING ALL PAST WWWA PRESIDENTS



At this year's WWWA retreat there were 12 past WWWA in attendance! WOW! I would like to ask these chosen twelve women to help ramp up the Brunch so we increase our attendance and to share our Love of Jesus with more women! Would each of you consider hosting and/or inviting a table of women to join us on October 29, 2016? We promise you a wonderful

Spirit-filled morning with great fellowship and an opportunity to continue funding new campers to our beloved Whispering Winds.

Let us pray that we may grow this community of faith-filled ladies by offering our personal outreach to those we know and love.

Questions? Feel free to contact Vicki Youngers at (858) 483-4282

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Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.... James 1:17

The Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary has been blessed beyond measure with the gift of Member Cheryl Doss. Cheryl has generously gifted us with a cash donation to cover the cost of our speaker Pat Gohn for this year's Women's retreat. She is our angel who has given us the opportunity to share God's love and tenderness to the women who attended the retreat. It was fantastic! We are Blessed, Beautiful and Bodacious' indeed!

Cheryl we thank you and celebrate the gift you are to the WWWA. God has blessed us all through the gift of you!





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#### HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY MARY WOOD!

Our sweet Mary Rose Wood celebrated her 90th birthday in April. Her daughter and sons threw her a beautiful party at St. Gregory the Great Parish on Saturday April 19th. I was fortunate to meet Mary a long time ago when we both shared a trip to Europe with Fr. Jim Poulsen. I started calling her 'girlfriend' in the 80's and am still fortunate to do so! Mary's enthusiasm is contagious! She loves people, her faith, her parish, Cursillo, Whispering Winds and the WWWA. Way to go girlfriend! So proud to call you friend!

Happy, happy birthday and many more!

Love you special! Víckí Youngers



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# WHERE FAITH MEETS NEW LIFE



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





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Annual Meeting and Branch Saturday, October 29, 2016 Ascension Catholic Church 11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd San Diego, CA 92124 Beginning with Mass at 8:00am with brunch following Mass Speaker: Fr. Gil Gentile

#### **Whispering Winds 2016 Camp Events**

Camp Emmaus: August 7-11 Middle School Camp: July 18-21 Senior Moments Retreat: Sept. 9-11 Diocesan Young Adult Retreat: Sept. 16-18 Cursillo: Men's Oct. 13-16; Women's Oct. 20-23 Confirmation Retreat: Dec. 9-11

You can find us @ whisperingwinds.org