

"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.....

Now that it is November, we are approaching the holidays and the end of the calendar year. This is the time we are often more aware of all God has given us! I am especially reminded of all the work of the Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary Board. What a blessing these women have been in the work of the Auxiliary and in my life! As the board transitioned to a new calendar year schedule, we served as a group for the past year and a half. Depending on God and each other we have worked to support our beloved camp.

Our Brunch and Annual Meeting on October 29th was a great success due to the hard work of our fundraising chair, Vicki Youngers, and her co-chair, Mattie Scull!

Beginning with Mass and continuing with his presentation, Fr. Gil Gentile gave us prayer and guidance. The beautiful music and community we experienced completed our event. It was a joy to see our Woman of the Year, Claire Hughes!

As with any ongoing organization we have been addressing the needs of the future for our WWA. During the past few months a group has been working to update the duties of our board positions. Although it has been a time consuming activity, it will be a benefit to all present and future board members. Duties and position titles may change, but our purpose remains the same to support the Camp.

Under the leadership of Linda Aguilera the Spiritual Events Committee is presenting our annual Advent Mini-Retreat on November 29th. Our presenter will be Cathy Sperrazzo who was our Woman of the

Year last year. Be sure to invite your friends to attend this evening with you. See the next page for more information.

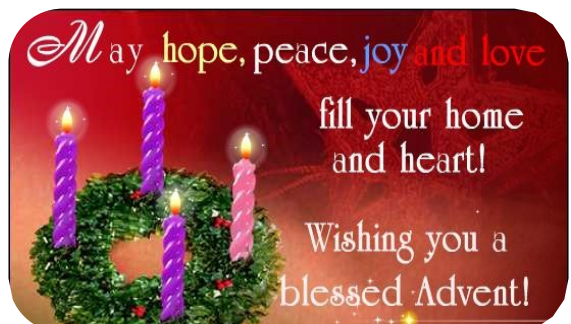
We all know the power of prayer. I was recently reminded of this when Annie Korn told me what she had experienced as she spoke to a group of high school students as they began their camp experience. She said when she told them that members of the auxiliary offer prayers twice a day for the camp, they visibly relaxed. Can you imagine that hearing that we pray gave them peace! How important that we continue our prayers. Please join us in praying for our beloved camp everyday at 7AM and 3PM.

I want to give a special thanks to all who have been serving on the board. Your generosity in spirit and service has truly been a source of God in my life. In December we will have the installation of our new board, headed by Val Spooner as president. Please pray for the board as it continues to serve the camp.

God's blessings for each of you during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday!

Thanks for all you do,

Claudia



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary Advent Mini-Retreat

WITH ALL THINGS
God ARE
Possible

Matthew 19:26

Please mark your calendar and join us

Tuesday November 29th

Ascension Church

11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd
San Diego, CA 92124

Cost: \$10.00 in advance \$15.00 at the door



We are blessed to have Cathy Sperrazzo, WWWA Woman of the Year 2016, as our guest speaker. Cathy will be speaking on the promise of scripture from Matthew 19:26.

The evening will begin with fellowship and refreshments at 6:30PM with praise and worship music and program starting at 7:00PM. It will be an inspiring way to begin the season of Advent, surrounded by your sisters in Christ, sharing our faith journeys. Jesus tells us "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them". What better way to honor the season of His birth!

Registration opens October 29th!

Please register online at whisperingwinds.org or by calling WW office at (619) 464-1479

A REVISIT TO MY GUARDIAN ANGEL

Growing up one of the first prayers I remember learning was the prayer to my guardian angel. As I got older I did not think much about my angel. I am sure that during my college years my angel worked double time. I too had instructed my own children with the prayer. I believe I considered this just a childhood ritual and failed to recall my guardian angels daily value in my life.

Recently, I experienced a powerful homily reminding me of the teaching of our Catholic faith. Each one of us has been appointed a guardian angel at the time of our conception and it stays with us until the end of our lives. St. John Chrysostom wrote, "...all the guardian angels will gather together at the universal judgement in order to bear witness themselves to the ministry, that they exercised through God's command for the salvation of each man."

Our guardian angels are mediators to Christ and our protectors. It is important to speak to them in prayer so they know our needs. Our guardian angel can guide us away from temptation and lead us to God's grace. They are the best BFF ever! So I invite you to revisit your friendship with your guardian angel who is sharing your spiritual journey with you.



Guardian Angel Prayer

*Angel of God,
 My guardian dear,
 To whom his love,
 Commits me here;
 Ever this day (or night)
 Be at my side,
 To light and guard,
 To rule and guide.
 Amen*

Your Pilgrim Servant,
Annie McConville

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WWWA Membership Drive

Our WWWA Membership Drive has started. Membership dues for 2017 are due by January 31, 2017. (Note: Membership now follows the calendar year.)

Dues for the year are \$30 or \$200 for a life-time membership. Dues can be paid on line at whisperingwinds.tofinoauctions.com/wwwamembership/



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

We will be printing a hard copy of the directory for 2017. It is important for us to make sure we have current information for our life-time members. Life-time members can update their contact information on line at

whisperingwinds.tofinoauctions.com/wwwamembership/ and select the option Existing Life Member - Update Info Only \$0.00

If you prefer to pay by check. **Please make checks payable to WWWA and mail to Monica Larson at 385 Escondido Lane, Coronado, CA 92118.**

If you have questions, please contact Monica Larson at (619) 435-4141 or larson.monica@gmail.com.

Thank You !

Monica Larson and Kathy Cazin
Membership Co-Chairs

What a blessing! So far 19 Parishes have a liaison that will send the Bulletin Announcements to their Parish office. This will give our 4 events a year (Advent, Lent, May Retreat and Annual Brunch) more publicity. One never knows who might glance at the announcement and then benefit from attending an event. Do you see your Parish on the list below? If not, let us know if you would like to be the liaison. Email Joni at wwindswa@gmail.com.

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| St. Michaels | Alice Beas |
| St. Mary Magdalene | Angela Varela |
| St. Patrick Carlsbad | Chris Durnan |
| Ascension | Claudia Penzcar |
| Blessed Sacrament | Deborah Rey |
| St. Patrick North Park | Emilia Bellotti |
| St. James | Gwen Marandola |
| St. Didacus | Joanne Hunt |
| St. Gregory the Great | Joni Deiters |
| St. Pius X, Chula Vista | Kathy Costello |
| Santa Sophia | Paula Bott |
| St. Agnes | Roni Madurga |
| St. Charles Borremo | Roni Madurga |
| St. Luke, El Cajon | Linda Jiménez-Nance |
| St. Martin of Tours | Stefanie Battaglia |
| Our Lady of Mt. Carmel | Susan Lacosta |
| St. Rose of Lima | Suzanne Woo |
| St. Pius X, Jamul | Tammy Knapp |
| UCSD Newman Center | Kathy Cazin |

WHISPERS FROM THE AUXILIARY

W W W A W O M A N O F T H E Y E A R 2 0 1 7

“A time and a Season” is our theme for this year’s General Meeting. Each year it has become a tradition to honor one special lady as our Woman of the Year. This year we honor a woman who has been totally dedicated to Whispering Winds and the Auxiliary since its conception. You’ve heard the phrase, “...in the beginning...” – well this aptly applies to our 2017 Woman of the Year. This beautiful lady has been a charitable supporter of Whispering Winds since its roots, when Cursillo friends were moved by a Christian Family Camp in San Bernardino and dreams of a Catholic Camp in San Diego became a reality.

When the Auxiliary was designed, its purpose to support the camp through prayer, this special woman was behind the formation and growth, being our first Auxiliary Board Spiritual Chairperson. She continually welcomed the Auxiliary ladies by opening her home for meetings, whether she was home or not. She is very dedicated to prayer - a true, firm believer in the power of prayer, which helped strengthen our Auxiliary as the ladies in the early years saw a living and active example on the auxiliary’s leadership team.

Her soul interest – that’s SOUL interest – has been in her quiet acts of loving, giving service to others in need and praying for the sick. Whether the need is in the Whispering Winds community, the Cursillo, or another part of the Body of Christ – she is quick to listen to God’s voice and follow with gentle care and concern. Among these many places she has left her impact is the prison ministry, where she has developed a deep love and devotion. With this woman, there is no such thing as a stranger – she treats all like family.

Our Woman of the Year does more than speak highly of our beloved camp. Her treasured sweet smile can be seen at nearly every Auxiliary function – and that’s many, since she was there in the beginning. And recently she has become a big fan of the Senior Moment retreat, adding much to the event with her supportive presence and willingness to help with the “Happy Hour!”

This precious woman is a very strong believer in family. She was born in Montana as one of six children. She met her lifelong love and married him and they were blessed with four boys. They visit their sons often throughout the United States, making sure to be present for their special celebrations. They have even flown their grandchildren in town for the summer to attend family camp.

This blessed woman has been a major contributor to the camp, helping many to come to know Jesus in a deeper, more meaningful way. Our special gift from God – “from the beginning...” – is most deserving of the honor of Woman of the Year and she is...Claire Hughes!



2016 Fall Brunch



*To everything there is a season
and a time for every purpose
under heaven.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Indeed! ‘To everything there is a season and a time and purpose under heaven!’

What a spectacular WWA Annual Brunch and General Meeting on Saturday, October 29th. Thanks to all who helped make this morning such a memorable one.

I loved starting the morning together at Mass. It blessed the morning in a way nothing else could! By starting the morning in faith, prayer, song and community we came together in unison to thank God for our many blessings and to ask for His continued blessings on the Auxiliary and our beloved Whispering Winds. A special thank you goes to Father Gil and Deacon Jim for the beautiful Mass. Thank you to the music team of Colin McColl, Patty Augustine and Tina Daniels for their angel voices.

When we entered the Hall it was so welcoming and beautifully decorated. Thank to Bernice, Gloria and Marla for creating such a beautiful environment!

Attendance was super! Thanks Tammy for creating the invitations—I think they really helped to bring us all together. Almost 160 women began this beautiful October morning in prayer and celebration of the Auxiliary and the Camp. Claire Hughes was a complete class act in accepting her honor as ‘Woman of the Year 2017’. Well deserved Clare! You said it so well! You and Roy are a team and Christ in the head of your team! Thanks for all of your countless contributions. And thanks for being a shining light in all of us who know and love you. You go girl!

Cupid’s Catering did a grand job! They waited on us like we were royalty. Such a classy group served us the yummiest food with their hearts and soul! We as laywomen in the Church understand and appreciate this gift of service. Joni Dieters was a perfect emcee. I can’t imagine anyone reading a children’s book as Gloria Walton ever!!!

Not only did we have an inspirational morning, we raised some monies for Campership! We raised over \$15,000! Thank you Stephanie Kiesel for your heart warming ‘Raise-a-Paddle’—you are a real pro! Thank you to Chris Villalobos and your team for tracking the donations during the Brunch. The generosity is over whelming.

Steve Sapper and your team made Check In and Check Out look effortless—what a gift that is to all of us! It was so great to have the Auxiliary so beautifully supported by Martin Rosales and the Whispering Winds staff. It takes a village indeed!

It is so exciting to know that we are helping more and more people experience Whispering Winds—our Happy Place in Julian California!

Fall Brunch & Annual Meeting 2016



Pictures provided by Karen Goodman ~ Historian

MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

My name is Stefanie Battaglia and I was born and raised in San Diego! I have an older sister that resides in San Diego and an older brother who lives in Idaho. I've been divorced for 22 years and I have a daughter, Sofia, that will be 24 in December. Sofia finished up her degree at the University of Arizona where she met her fiance, Josh. They will wed in the next couple of months and for now, plan to reside in Tucson (where it's affordable!).

I grew up in East County where I still reside. My father is Italian and grew up in Little Italy in San Diego and my mother is Portuguese and moved to Ocean Beach/Point Loma when she was 10 years old. I'm fortunate to have family ties to both of these communities. I'm a "cradle" Catholic and after making my Confirmation I was no longer "forced" to attend church. I went on my merry way and tossed my faith to the curb. That changed once I had my daughter and my faith became important again. The years away from the Catholic church and the events in my life during that time convinced me it was important that my daughter was rooted in the Catholic church. While Sofia (and Josh) seem to be grounded in the church, I still find myself wanting a deeper prayer life. It's on the list!

I first became involved at Whispering Winds when I was involved with youth ministry at my parish, St. Martin of Tours. I attended various retreats as a chaperone and a group leader before I attended a retreat for myself. Although, anytime up at camp is a retreat! I was a member of the Whispering Winds Board of Directors when Barbara Noerenberg (also on the board) asked me to attend a women's brunch. This brunch was the annual brunch hosted by the Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary! This was the beginning of my experience with the auxiliary, which also led me to Cursillo. I also enjoy volunteering at Family Camps and I'm almost ready for the Senior Moments retreat! That one ask has made a huge difference in my life. Many people comment that I seem at peace and joyful at camp - of course, it is exactly where I want to be - taking time out from work and responsibilities and focusing on my faith community! We are so fortunate to share and experience this sacred ground together.

Speaking of responsibilities, I work at UC San Diego in the electrical engineering department and there is never a shortage of exciting projects. I love my job and interacting with faculty and students; not to mention the campus is beautiful. I don't enjoy the commute!

Blessed. Thankful,



Stefanie Battaglia, Secretary

"Come, follow Me, Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."
Matthew 4:19

2016 Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary Board

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

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, disseminating information, and providing support for all functions held at the Camp, Providing monies for scholarships and projects for the upgrading of the facilities at the Camp.