

"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 Outgoing President.....

I hope everyone had a beautiful and joyous Christmas! As we begin the New Year I ask for God's blessings on all of you. This is also a time of reflection over the past year plus when I was blessed to serve as WWA president. I say blessed because God's presence in my life was so increased by working with the board, Whispering Winds staff, and many other members of the auxiliary. Our goal is always to support the camp and bring others to Christ.

During this period of time we had activities that focused on prayer, community building, and fundraising. This year we also began to work on creating clear

guidelines for all our board members. As WWA has developed through the years, so has the need to update our roles as board members. Through all of these activities many of us have developed friendships and support that are now and will continue to be the presence of God's love in our lives!

At our installation dinner I was humbled to see all the beautiful, spirit-filled women ready to continue sharing their love for Whispering Winds! My prayer is for special blessings for Val and the new WWA board.

Claudia

From the Incoming President.....

*I believe the Wise man saw the baby boy
The angels called the Son of God,
Heaven's child, the great I am
Born to take away my sins through nail
pierced hands,
Emmanuel has come.
I believe in a cross, I believe He came
for one, He came for all
Heaven's child became a plan, gave His
life for me
In spite of all I am. Christmas lives in
me, I believe.
(Lyrics from Natalie Grant)*

Advent, Christmas and New Year's celebrations are behind us for this year, thankfully the Holy Spirit continues to fill our hearts and minds with beautiful lyrics from all the songs of the season!

Our theme for the 2017 Auxiliary year comes from 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 - Marked by God- *"It is God Himself who has set us apart, who has placed His mark of ownership upon us."* Each of you lovely ladies are a reflection of Christ's love to me, your willing hands, servant's hearts and precious prayers reveal the "stamp of ownership" God has placed on you by giving you the

Holy Spirit when you believed in Christ. (Eph. 1:13b).

Claudia's theme for our past year, 1 Corinthians 12, "Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts....All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it." will still guide us as we faithfully continue our partnership with Whispering Winds. Please join all of us in prayer for our treasured camp daily at 7am & 3pm, we lift up the staff, on site and at the office, the campers being called by the Spirit to come away and be changed, safety for all and much abundant fruit coming from our service.

Hope to see you at the Dinner Dance February 11th, we are always inspired to gather as a community of faith, to see building progress at the camp, to hear testimonies of hearts renewed & lives transformed by the love and grace of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Honored to be serving Him together,

Val Spooner

Reflection From a Servant

Welcoming in the New Year brings us each an opportunity to experience Christ's love, hope and joy!

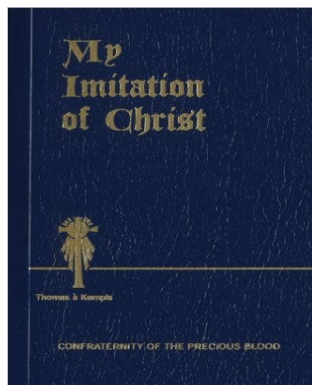
"I am the Risen One who shines upon you always. Your relationship with Me is meant to be vibrant and challenging, as I invade more and more areas of your life. Do not fear change, for I am making you a new creation, with old things passing away and new things continually on the horizon. When you cling to old ways and sameness, you resist My work within you. I want to embrace all that I am doing in your life, finding your security in Me alone." Jesus Calling, February, 17th.

This year Christmas was different for Kevin and I. The only child in our house on Christmas morning was the Baby Jesus. God had invited us to detach from the delight of having our children and grandchildren in the house. He welcomed us with great joy at our family crèche as we prayed giving thanks to God the Father for the gift of His son and the blessing of family life.

The Lord has put on my heart the word, detachment. In his "First Principles and Foundation", Ignatius talks about *"making use of those things that help bring us closer to God and leaving aside those things that don't."* This brings me to ask myself, what am I attached to and why? What is taking up room in my heart and soul that limits my God space? So as I enter 2017 decluttering my living and working space I have come to the realization that I must declutter my spiritual space as well. Several sources that I found to help me with this process: ["The Imitation of Christ"](#) by Thomas A Kempis; Vinita Hampton Wright has written, ["4 Reasons We Resist Letting Go"](#) and ["The Inner Process of Letting Go"](#). Also catholiccompany.com ["4 Steps to Finding Detachment in a Busy Life"](#).

I pray that the new year you will draw you closer to Christ as He invites you to let go of the old and welcome Him into the new.

Your Servant Sister,
Annie McConville



Membership Meeting Boardroom

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Just a friendly reminder that dues for the upcoming year are due by February 20, 2017. Membership in the auxiliary is \$30 for the year or Life-time membership is \$200.

Memberships can be done online at <http://whisperingwinds.tofinoauctions.com/wwwamembership/> or by check. Please make check payable to WWA and mail it to Monica Larson 385 Escondido Lane, Coronado, CA 92118.



Update
Contact Info

We are planning to print a hard copy of the membership list this year so it is important to have correct information for all members. The last booklet was published in 2014 so if you have moved or changed phone numbers please send updates to larson.monica@gmail.com.

Cheers to the New Year!
The Membership Committee

I am looking forward to helping with membership this year. I have always thought this is a very special group of women and it is an honor to be on the board.

I have a wonderful husband, Robert and 2 adult children living in San Diego. We have resided in Mira Mesa since 1978.

My husband and I are both retired. He from City of San Diego and I from my accounting business. Since then we both enjoy Our home, friends, outdoor activities, and traveling. Alone he loves his birds and I enjoy being with people working on cause. Lately it is pro life and mental health in our diocese. We are not parishioners of any one parish as there are so many assets in all of them. Just ask me.



I love computers and have a Facebook page called *Catholic/christian* friends where I try to keep friends aware of what's going on in our faith.

Kathy Cazin
Co-Chair of Membership.

WWA Board Installation 2017

Today we recall that through our baptism we receive all the graces and exalted virtues of faith, hope and love. Every baptized person becomes a child of God and an heir of Heaven. The soul of the baptized person is marked with an indelible seal. She has become a member of the Heavenly Kingdom of God on earth, the church.

Baptism is a new birth or being born again in the spirit. Along with this comes the shedding of the old self and donning new self who is created in God's image, cleansed of sin and filled with virtue and true holiness.

Fr. Peter Ljubicic reminds us that our baptism is a state of spiritual life. "We must reactivate our Baptism, so that it is effective again. We must repeatedly make ourselves aware of the essential things baptism gives us: the forgiveness of sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit and a prophetic calling, we become an instrument of salvation for others."

Baptism is an honor, something worthy, great and exalted. It is a great gift and commendation. It means immeasurable happiness: yet it is also an obligation. This grace, this gift, this faith is something we must keep, tend and realize in the sense that we become converted anew each day. We can daily clothe ourselves anew in Jesus Christ with our heart, our soul and our prayers.

The focus of our new year in WWA: 2Cor1:21-22."It is this God who has made you and me into faithful Christians and commissioned us apostles to preach the Good News. He has put his brand upon us—His mark of ownership—and given us his Holy Spirit in our hearts as guarantee that we belong to him, and as the first installment of all that he is going to give us."

I invite you to quiet prayer and reflection to God's special presence to you. Holy Spirit you are here with us.

OUR ORNAMENT

You have been marked with Gods seal:

Blessed Salt; "have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another. That is preserve the flavor that makes you a blessing to one another." Mk 9:50

A Blessed Medal from Medjugorje, where the Blessed Mother has appeared reminding us that this is a time for work and of grace.

And a crown, because as daughters of Christ we are part of Gods Heavenly kingdom.

We will share the love of Our Lord with others.

Love in Christ from your servant sister,

Annie McConville



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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.

Advent Mini Retreat

WITH ALL THINGS
God ARE
Possible

Matthew 19:26

Our Advent Mini-Retreat was held at Ascension Parish with over 80 ladies in attendance. Our guest speaker, Cathy Sperrazzo, entertained and enriched us with her life stories including her trip to Italy

where she realized that we all need to take time for ourselves because if we are not filled with the light of Christ, we won't have that light to share with others. She shared about her trip to Rome where her and her husband, John, retraced a journey she had years past where they filled their hearts, spirits and minds. Anne Fishburne and Julie Davis filled our hearts and lifted our spirits with their musical talents by leading us in singing.



Pictures provided by Karen Goodman

Whispering Winds 35th Annual Dinner Dance Gala

AMAZING!



Mark your calendars for another great evening of fellowship and fundraising. Let's support the Camp by attending the upcoming

Whispering Winds Dinner Dance Gala on Saturday February 11, 2017 at the Marriott Marquis on the Bayfront.

We have an exciting evening planned for you! Trust you will be enriched by attending this celebration!

We promise you an 'AMAZING' evening!

5:30 PM to 11:00 PM Includes Dinner, a Raffle, a Silent Auction, a Live Auction, a Raise-a-Paddle Fundraiser, Camp Update Program, Music and Dancing!

The invitations were mailed this last week of December. You may also register online at: http://whisperingwinds.org/www/?page_id=2595 or please call the office at (619) 464-1479.

Hope to see you! This is just one of many ways to continue bringing others closer to Christ! God Bless.

Vicki Youngers

Save the Date



WWWA Lenten Mini-Retreat

March 15th, 2017

7:00PM-8:30PM

Guest Speaker: Sue Houze

Theme: "Yielding to the Holy Spirit"

Our Mother of Confidence

3131 Governor Dr.

San Diego, CA 92122

More information Mid-February

WWWA Women's Retreat

May 19-21, 2017

Guest Speaker: Sonja Corbitt

Whispering Winds Catholic Camp &
Conference Center

17606 Harrison Park Road

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More information Mid-March



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