

"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.....

My heart is still overflowing with joy as I continue to ponder the Spirit filled times we were blessed with on our annual retreat this year. Sonja Corbitt, our speaker and Bible study Evangelista, is a "Catholic Scripture teacher with a storytellers gift". She encouraged us to LOVE the Word like Mary : (taken from Sonja's handout)

L - Listen – Pope Francis called Mary the "mother of listening" because she is available & attentive to God, listen by opening your heart to receive the word of God: Come Holy Spirit

O – Observe – Remembering that I am in the presence of the Holy Spirit, I observe the events of my life with Him. How is the Holy Spirit guiding & encouraging me today through this passage?

V – Verbalize – As I linger with the Holy Spirit over all that has surfaced in my heart & mind through His word, I verbalize what I think He is saying to me. I talk to Him freely about my thoughts & feelings.

E – Entrust – Once I have decided on some action with His help & in His presence, I am often overwhelmed by the tenderness, patience, mercy, forgiveness & generosity of God. I entrust Him with every outcome.

The camp is beautifully ready for their busy summer of Family Camps, the Welcome Center grand opening followed the closing of our retreat. It will honor all who pass

through and contains a special tribute to the Women's' Auxiliary, if you have a chance, stop in and enjoy! Please continue to pray daily for safety, good health for staff and guests, hearts being open to receive Jesus love and friendship and lives changed for the good.

With summer being upon us, we have God's gift of longer days, warm evenings and hopefully a slowing down of routines. May our gracious Lord Jesus provide you with extra opportunities in the next few months to bask in Him who is the Word Incarnate. Psalm 18:30 tells us *"As for God, His way is perfect; the Word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in Him."*

Val Spooner



FORGET A HOT CUP OF COFFEE

SAVE THE DATE

"Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him." Psalm 37:7



This was the Word I took away from our recent Whispering Winds Woman's Auxiliary retreat on the mountain. As life would have it I am transitioning from working fulltime to summer and retirement. Most families are transitioning to summer activities. In every household this looks different.

In Genesis, we are told that after God created the world in six days that he rested. Taking time each day to spend time with our lord in prayer is peaceful. Making Sunday a special family day is a powerful support for family life.

As we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi, I was witness to my granddaughter receiving her First Communion. I was reminded of the intense love Christ has for us that when we receive communion, it is the divine presence of Christ. This is an extra boost of grace as we go out in the world and bring Christ's love to others. I am praying that your summer will be filled with many peaceful moments with Christ and your family.

Love and prayers your servant sister,
Annie McConville



**A fabulous Fall Fashion Show Brunch is planned for
Saturday, October 28, 2017!**

Mark your calendar to join us at **St. Michael's Holy Family Center in Poway** for a glimpse of the latest fall fashions from the Dress Barn modeled by 10 beautiful auxiliary members. What will set this fashion show apart from any other are the incredible stories each model will share on how they have been **"Amazed by the Most High God"**. Invite you daughter, mother, neighbor and friend to join you for a morning filled with faith and fashion.

Look for more details in our September newsletter!

Lifting Up Our Community In Prayer – A Powerful Ministry



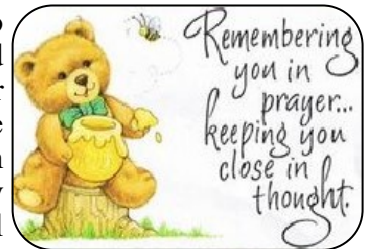
We currently have about 370 prayer warriors and get about 15 requests/month. Do you ever get overwhelmed with the prayer requests? One of my friends shared with me that she created a “Prayer Jar” and started putting the prayer requests in it. I thought it was such a great idea that I wanted to share it with you. The container can be placed right next to your computer. Right next to it put a small pad of paper or those little “To/From” tags that we use at Christmas Time. You can send the prayer request “To” God, Jesus or The Holy Spirit, then put the request on the back of the tag. What a beautiful gift you are giving when you lift up another in prayer.

Joni Deiters

Prayer Chain

Shining His Light

As Joni receives requests for prayers she replies to the requester, asking if they would like a card and directs them to contact me with an address for mailing. I am always so happy to send out the cards. As I get requests, I write each one of them in my book. As I say my Daily Prayers I place my hand on my book, asking God to comfort and heal all of them.



Norine Millum

Correspondence (Sunshine Lady)

Rest In Peace



Our beloved WWA Woman of the Year for this year, Claire Hughes, went home to be with her Loving Father on April 25, 2017. Claire was a gentle woman and full of grace. Her dedication to her family, WWA and WW Camp helped many to come to know Jesus in a deeper, more meaningful way. Claire was special gift from God – “from the beginning...”.

Please pray for comfort and peace for Claire’s family and friends and may Claire rest in peace with Our Lord.

Fund Raising

Membership



Many thanks to all our most generous members for gift cards donated for our raffle at retreat! God bless for your offering your time, talent and treasure.

This is a gentle reminder of the need for additional gift cards for our **Fall Fashion Show Brunch on October 28, 2017.**

Please consider donating a gift card or two to be added to the beautiful raffle baskets at the Brunch. We will gladly forward a receipt for any gifts given, whether cards or a check.

If you like to give them to any WWA Board member, they can bring them to any of our upcoming Board Meetings. You can also mail them directly to **Claudia Penczar at 11152 Promesa Dr., SD 92124.** We will even come pick your donation up if that is easier for you! To make arrangements for pick-up please call **Mattie Scull at (858) 752-7923** or **Claudia Penczar at (858) 699-4705** or by emailing **Mattie at mjscull06@gmail.com**



Thank you for all your support,
Mattie & Claudia
Fund-Raising

The 2017 Membership booklets have been printed

Thanks to all those who helped us get updated membership information. We will have them available for pick up at the Brunch in the Fall and at any WWA events prior to the brunch. Remember to send any updates to email, address or phone numbers to Monica Larson at **larson.monica@gmail.com**

Our committees need YOU! Please contact Monica at **larson.monica@gmail.com** if you would like to volunteer for one of the following committees: Hospitality, Membership, Historian, Spirituality and Fund Raising.

The Membership Committee

WWA Women's Retreat

“Handmade in Heaven”

Friday, May 19th began our 28th Annual Women's Retreat up at our beloved camp. Over 70 women traveled up the mountain to deepen their journey with our Lord. The weekend was filled with many ways to slow our busy lives down and reflect on our walk with God. Our prayer service allowed us to contemplate and pray about people and issues in our lives. Many of us were introduced to Milagros (religious folk charms), which we pinned onto candles. We were blessed with the beautiful traditions of previous WWA retreats: great food, sisterhood, ziplines, crafts, healing touch, Stretches with Mo, Rosary in the morning and walk to Mary's Grotto. The highlight of the weekend was Sonja Corbitt, our speaker for the weekend. She traveled from Tennessee to inspire and teach us with her amazing knowledge of scripture and church doctrine. Her adorable accent and personal stories brought her journey to life. Thank you to all who joined us for the weekend.

For more on Sonja, please follow her on Facebook or sign up for her weekly emails at sonjacorbitt@biblestudyevangelista.com. If you would like to see her in person one more time, she will be at St. Michael's in Poway the weekend of March 2, 2018.



2017 Family Fun Run

A generous crowd gathered to celebrate Whispering Winds and the family camp program at the first-annual Family Fun Run on May 6 at Noah Homes. Many Whispering Winds supporters and residents from Noah Homes walked, strolled and some ran the 5K route on a cool morning. Each participant received a t-shirt and a few goodies while several participants won raffle prizes. The Jacob's Well band provided fun entertainment and encouraged all with their upbeat tunes. All proceeds from the event supported the general scholarship fund. It was a day full of exercise, smiles and a wonderful celebration of our blessed camp!



Note From Martin

As we focus on getting the Welcome Center ready for the grand opening I want to take a moment to thank the WWA for the generous donation of \$5,500.00. Your words of 'wherever needed' touched me as we were looking for funding for the section of the Welcome Center that would host the camp store. At the same time, we were thinking of a way to honor the Auxiliary. God brought it all together with this generous gift! Please accept my sincere thanks to the Women's Auxiliary, I still remember Linda Crabtree's welcome smile in 2006 when I started working at WW & she would drive up weekly to organize the camp store near the meadow, we've come a long way!"



The Grand Opening of the Welcome Center



Following a special community Mass liturgy, Whispering Winds celebrated the opening of its new Welcome Center with many supporters in attendance. The beautiful building will provide a place for guests and visitors to check-in and receive important information

before settling into the camp grounds. It also houses restrooms, several offices, a nurse's station and the camp store.

The camp's new Welcome Center is dedicated to Terrence and Barbara Caster, who donated the funds to build the much-needed facility. The Caster family had a passion for family and faith and their generosity to Whispering Winds has allowed the organization to continue ministering to many churches and groups throughout San Diego and Southern California. This special family planted the seed which has come to fruition today.

The new Welcome Center will impact the lives of nearly 10,000 guests who come through Whispering Winds camp every year, especially the many youth who continue to have a place where their faith comes alive.

After a plaque was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Caster, a youth from the community, Bridget Braden, read a moving letter describing the impact the Caster's generosity has had on her and her family. Monsignor Mark Campbell and Fr. Gilbert Gentile, the two clergy in attendance, then blessed the building with holy water before the Casters cut the groundbreaking ribbon.



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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.

Save the Date



Whispering Winds Summer Camps 2017

Family Camp

July 7-9 & 14-16

Special Needs Camp

July 21-23

Camp Emmaus

June 26-30 & August 6-10

Middle School Camp

July 24-27



Senior Moments

Sept 8-10, 2017



WWWA Fall Fashion Show Brunch

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St. Michael's Holy Family in Poway



You can find us @ whisperingwinds.org