



## "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.....

While reflecting back on my term as Auxiliary president I want to share a little of my call to come alongside the Board and love and be loved. When I was asked by the nominating committee to serve as President I told them I would pray about accepting it. To help me discern I asked the Lord for His guidance (maybe even a shout?!), as I prayed I reread our Purpose/Mission Statement\*, which also supports our Motto "Called to His Purpose", Romans 8:28.

\*As women united by faith in Jesus Christ & by a common interest in Whispering Winds Family Camp, we propose to contribute to the growth & development of the Camp through Prayer & fellowship. Assisting in fundraising, disseminating information & providing support for all functions held at the Camp, providing monies for scholarships & projects for the upgrading of the facilities at the Camp.

What an opportunity for me to be in the presence of sisters-in-Christ and to be a part of bringing others up to our Holy Mountain to draw closer to Christ. So.....my, "yes, Lord" has brought blessings and learning my way this year. If we ever question our path we just need to turn to the Gospels and follow

the greatest model of servant leadership, Jesus Himself! In Mark 10:43b-44 He tells us "If one of you wants to be great, you must be the servant of the rest; and if one of you wants to be first, you must be the slave of all."

Our nominating committee is making phone calls for next years' board, January-December 2018. If you are feeling a nudge (or hearing a shout!), please call Chris Villalobos at (619) 977-7403, we need your loving support. Be assured our generous Lord Jesus will be there with you as you walk in His purpose. God bless and keep each of you!

*Val Spooner*



# Reflection From a Servant



## Come to Me

I am just coming off a three-day silent retreat at the Carmelites retreat center in Alhambra. For those of you who know me, staying silent from Friday evening until Sunday midday was a challenge.

When my friend Barbara invited me to share this weekend. I responded with I will pray about it. I wanted to go but I was busy.

The next day in my prayer corner our Lord sent a second invitation when I was reading the In Conversation with God. The reading focused on the silence of Mary. F. Suarez wrote this analogy. "Silence is an indispensable condition for keeping things and pondering them in one's heart. Profundity of thought can develop only in a climate of silence. Too much chatter exhausts our inner strength: it dissipates everything of value in our heart, which becomes like a bottle of perfume left open for a long time: only water remains with a slight touch of its former fragrance." Further reading invoked the importance of formation of our interior soul and the value of nurturing this through silent retreats along with visits to adoration.

The following day I was driving and on Immaculate Heart radio the speaker was sharing his experience of a silent retreat in Northern California. Spending time with God and nature, stepping away from the business and noise of daily living. He shared the value of taking time to listen to God.

I finally responded to God's invitation to come to Him. When I called there were only two spaces left on the retreat.

When I arrived on retreat my room was in Our Lady's Wing and my room was Our Lady of Fatima. Our retreat Master was also speaking about the Mercy and Grace of Fatima. The peace and joy I experienced on this weekend was profound.

I learned once again that God knows what I need if I am obedient to His will, not mine.

As we enter this busy season of Advent I encourage you to take time to sit quietly with the Lord. Maybe He has been inviting you to do something and you have not said yes yet.

Your Servant Sister,

*Anne*



# Spirituality

# Membership



The Light of the World

## Advent Evening of Reflection *"The Light of the World"*

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Our Mother of Confidence Church

Doors open at 6:30PM

Program begins at 7:00pm

The evening will be hosted by the Spirituality Committee and one of scripture reading and short personal reflections from some of our members - along with beautiful music provided by Jen Bedison and friends. Please bring a friend and/or family member and join us to begin the Advent season with a quiet evening where you can soak in peace and love as you prepare to welcome the Light of the World.

In lieu of admission fee, we are asking those who are able to donate new pajamas for children or teens in foster care and homeless shelters, as well as a dry food item.

The Spirituality Committee is looking forward to sharing this very special evening with you.

*Laurie Mikolajcik*  
Spirituality Chair

Our Membership drive for 2018 kicked off at our annual Brunch. Even though Membership runs January through December, if you paid your membership dues at the Brunch, your membership is good through 2018!



Membership can be paid on-line at:

<https://whisperingwinds.tofinoauctions.com/wwwamembership/>

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*The Membership Committee*



# Fall Brunch

## Amazing!

How have you been amazed by the Most-High God?

The 2017 Annual Brunch General Meeting was nothing short of an amazing morning dressed in fall colors complete with blessing tree centerpieces. With around 134 ladies in attendance we enjoyed a delicious brunch of eggs benedict Capriesse style with fresh fruit, salad, yogurt parfaits and a quinoa salad with bagels and pastries for something sweet. The Holy Family Center in Poway was a perfect setting for the main event of the morning- a fashion show with 10 lovely, faith-filled women from the auxiliary: **Linda Aguilera, Paula Bott, Eva Deiters, Joni Deiters, Brigit Luciani King, Brianne Kojis, Monica Larson, Bernice Mascari, Rose Masters, Annie McConville.** The Dress Barn in Mira Mesa graciously coordinated the outfits and highlighted the latest fashion trends from plaids, to suedes to shimmering evening wear.

The heart and soul of the morning was hearing the mini-testimonials each model wrote in response to these 2 prompts: Share a memorable time/event you have of Whispering Winds; How have you been amazed by the Most-High God? As the models walked through the tables, the essence of their love of the camp and their faith in God poured forth in word and smiles. Don't fret if you missed the brunch, these stories will be shared a couple at a time in the upcoming newsletters. Look for **Linda Aguilera's** story in this edition!! It can only be said that many happy memories were recounted (remember the tipis, the firetruck, Thanksgiving dinners?) and unique poignant moments shared by these 10 amazing women!! Many thanks to these models for bravely stepping up to let God's light shine through them.

Wait! We can't forget the Piano Man...**Martin Rosales**, who set the musical tone of the morning and even sang the finale song with his own version of "The Lady is a Tramp" ... or as he renamed it "The Ladies Love the Camp"! Perfect runway tune!

Thanks to the amazing efforts of our Ways and Means Dream Team of **Claudia Penzcar, Mattie Scull, Donna Wilkins** and the wrapping crew! Proceeds from the silent auction and the paddle raise earned the camp approximately \$25,000.00. Thank you for your generosity! Look for details in the Jan/ Feb Newsletter.

The highly anticipated moment at the end of the brunch was the revealing of the 2018 Woman of the Year. Drum roll, please....we honor **TAMMY KNAPP!!** Standing ovation and a huge round of applause followed the announcement. Tammy truly exemplifies by her actions and her life, a love and dedication to Whispering Winds and to the women of the auxiliary. Congratulations, Tammy!



# Woman of the Year

This beautiful sister-in-Christ is always ready to join in with her servants' heart and hands on any project for the Auxiliary. Her reliance and trust in the Lord leads her to creatively and humbly be available for the task at hand. While working beside her we find the light of Christ evident in her joyful attitude. Our Woman of the Year comes to this honor from a wealth of experience and a varied background. We have been blessed to enjoy her talents for many years and have come to rely on her often, her gifts to the Auxiliary are indispensable.

What path did our Woman of the Year follow that brought her to us – She was born August 9, 1964 in York, PA. She attended Northeastern H.S. where she played the flute in the marching band. She grew up across the street from a dairy farm & was always comfortable with & loved animals. She met her husband in the early 80's, they dated for a couple of years & were married in Norfolk, VA. In 1987. As a Navy wife she held the 'hardest job in the Navy', raising their two sons, Charles & Zachary while her husband was deployed on submarines. She volunteered at St. Pius X in Norfolk where their sons attended school, and most people thought she was dedicated Catholic. Then it was off to Naples, Italy for a 3 year assignment and finally back to San Diego. They settled in Jamul & registered at St. Pius X, there she felt 'there was something special about this little church'. It was here that our woman of the year made the decision to become Catholic. She attended RCIA while her husband was away on his final deployment, when he returned they were married in the Catholic Church by Fr. Scott Burnia, 15 years to the day from their civil marriage!

In Sept. 2009 she suffered a horrific broken neck injury in a life threatening automobile accident, she persevered 3 surgeries and a lengthy painful recovery. She felt truly blessed throughout the ordeal and is a walking miracle, she often says the accident was the worst & best day of her life. This trial lead her to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus, to become involved in faith based activities & organizations where she generously volunteers her time. The Holy Spirit is clearly alive and working through her, we are all blessed to have her in our lives, please welcome our 2018 WOTY – Tammy Sue Knapp!



# Fundraising Celebrates 30 Years



What a fantastic turnout this year for our annual brunch! We were blessed with so many donations these past few months, and then with great bidding and purchases of our silent auction and raffle items. WWA members and friends, your generosity always amazes us!!

Thanks especially to Vicki Youngers and Sue McCarthy, who always guide us in the right direction, from gathering and sorting gifts, to input into the database. Donna Wilkins, Denise Casinelli, and my right hand girl (even though she is left-handed!) Claudia Penczar, were the bones of the operation. Their help was always given with happy hearts and endless energy!

Our faith is always restored, and our hearts uplifted by this gathering of faith-filled women; seeking and receiving spiritual renewal and once again enjoying our community through WWA Auxiliary events.

God bless, and many thanks to all!

*Mattie & Claudia*

Fund-Raising



I first found Whispering Winds when there were only dorms. Our family spent many Thanksgivings at the Camp in the brisk weather and fall foliage.

One of my first Women's Retreats was when there was an earthquake and the bunk beds in the trailers were moving across the floor, I just figured I was on Holy Ground. When the beds stop moving I got up to go outside to go to the bathroom and my feet felt the movement of the earth, I was convinced more than ever I was on Holy Ground.

Whispering Winds has meant a lot to our family over the years. Sometimes, there were lapses in visiting our favorite place due to our busy schedules. When it came time for the Zip-lines I had no hesitation cuz I knew I was on Holy Ground.

We are so blessed to have such a special place in the mountains. Thanks to for all of the people responsible for its growth after the fires.

I have met such spiritual people on "the Mountain" and now I know them off "the Mountain" even though they are not at our parish. The Camp family is larger than our neighborhood; it is most of San Diego County.

Wouldn't want it any other way.

Kathy Cazin



# Celebrating 30 Years

From Linda Aguilera:

What is a special memory you have of Whispering Winds?

Linda has been the Spirituality Chairwoman for the auxiliary for the last year and soon to be Spiritual Director for our board. In her words, Linda says... "Oh so many fond WW memories to chose from but one of my favorite WW memory is the first time I attended our Women's Retreat. Having come to camp several times on Cursillo weekends, I was looking for a way to take some time away from my busy life and spend some quiet time with God. WOW! From that first women's weekend, I don't miss a one. Attending the women's Retreat has repeatedly fed my spirit, my soul, my heart - the speakers always seem to speak directly to ME, the time talking to my sisters in Christ has led to many lasting friendships, the free time has allowed me to tailor my weekend to my specific needs. I leave the retreat feeling so loved and pampered. I look forward to that weekend every year now. It's a perfect Mother's Day present."



How have you been amazed by the most high God?

God has helped me grow in my faith in numerous ways these past several years. He has given me so many blessings throughout my life that I get giddy just thinking about them: my family, friends, my home, my job. Within each of these He has helped me through great times and some challenges. With my son being a wild land firefighter during fire season and my son-in-law's Army troop in South Korea, I could be in a constant state of panic and fear. However, knowing that God has a plan for each of us, I take the news of the day (filled with updates on wild fires and North Korea's nuclear arsenals) in stride knowing HE has it all under control. I listen to the radio on my way to work each morning and hear all of this and I know this is an opportunity to deepen my love, my prayers and trust in Him.



# WWVA Annual Fall Brunch Fashion

