



“Called to His Purpose”

Romans 8:28

Whispering Winds
Women's Auxiliary

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From the President.....

Spring is officially here! A time for renewal, a time for seeds to bloom, and a time to get back on the mountain!

I am honored to be representing our group as your President this year. Our WWA Board is a bouquet of spiritually rich women who are experienced leaders, organizers and achievers. Together, we are ready to bring you an amazing 2021.

Our WWA scriptural foundation is Romans 8:28, *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”* It provides us the basis for all we do for the WhisperingWinds Catholic Conference Camp. It also guides us in our efforts to provide spiritual enrichment for our WWA members. Each year the President chooses a scripture to set our theme for the year. For 2021, our theme is Proverbs 16:3 *“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”* This really resonates with me, leaving it perfectly clear who is in command. Being a part of the WWA has taught me to let God lead the way, and my job is to answer his call to service. I’m looking forward, in awe and curiosity, to all that He has planned for us in the year to come.

2020 was a difficult year to say the least. May we pause to reflect with reverence, loved ones we lost: Kathy Brown, Sylvia Black and Joanne Hunt. These women brought wisdom and grace to their roles within our WWA community. With humility, may we honor the strife and hardships many faced from the emotional and financial impact of COVID-19. May God bless us all on our journey and the people He has chosen to travel with us.

Last year, in the midst of all the COVID-19 devastation, we were blessed to bring to you our first, and hopefully last, Virtual WWA Brunch. Our brunch is a time for fellowship but it is also our major fundraising effort. With the leadership of our past President, Nelda McComb, we put together an amazing program. Okay, I may be a bit biased but I did get to see it grow from concept to reality, thanks to many

creative and capable people. Our program included an inspiring and timely talk from Cathy Sperrazzo, sharing with us her experience in finding God in the midst of trials and loss. Mattie Scull was recognized as our WWA Woman of the Year. Our opportunity drawing items had to bring some big smiles to the winners. Who can't use a \$500 Amazon card? It was an effort that included many WWA members in addition to the awesome Whispering Winds office staff who put it all in place. One body, many parts.

Your response was generous and humbling. From our event, we were able to raise over \$32,000. Just last week at the Gala, Nelda and Mattie presented a check to Whispering Winds for \$31,000, specifically designated for camp scholarships. We all know how special the camp is and with this funding, we are personally making it possible for others - children, families, single parent families, seniors, and our own community of women - to make it to the mountain. We are changing lives. Called to His purpose, following His plans.

Now to 2021! We are pleased to announce that we will have a WWA Women's Retreat this year. Mark your calendars for May 21st to May 23rd. Annie Korn, our Spirituality Committee Leader has been in close contact with Mary Lenaburg, our speaker and she is ready to meet us on the mountain! As you may recall, our weekend is always the week after Mother's day. If 2020 taught us anything, it's to be flexible, and bend we have, to ensure that we have our speaker. For this year only, we are moving it one week to May 21st. Registration is now open. Next year we will be back on track for our usual week. Congratulations to Rachel Peniche, silent auction winner of our WWA Retreat Weekend, offered at the Whispering Winds Virtual Gala.

Thank you all for being a part of our community and being generous with your time, talent and treasures. Together, we are His difference makers!

Karen Goodman

Whispering Winds Retreat



Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary Spring 2021 Retreat

May 21–23, 2021

**Retreat Theme: Trusting God When
the Stakes Are High**

Retreat Leader: Mary Lenaburg

International Speaker and Author of
"Be Brave in the Scared" &
"Be Bold in the Broken"

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Glory to God, we are able to have our annual retreat at Whispering Winds, May 21–23, 2021. We are going to the mountain, one week later than usual, due to the availability of our speaker, Mary Lenaburg.

The talk schedule for our retreat will be:

- Friday evening - Choosing Joy and Hope
- Saturday morning - Fostering Christian Sisterhood
- Saturday evening - Redemptive Suffering
- Sunday morning - Trusting God When the Stakes are High

Monsignor Mark Campbell will be celebrating Sunday Mass and raise your hand if you're interested in trying Whispering Winds' newest activity: Hatchet Throwing!

The registration fee is \$195. We have scholarships available. Due to Whispering Winds' CDC COVID Compliance, the maximum capacity for our retreat is 80 Guests. As of March 31, 2021, we have 74 spaces available. Somehow some of our Auxiliary Members registered before we announced that registration is open—that's how excited we are to return to our beloved Whispering Winds!

[*Click Here*](#)
TO REGISTER!

Please call or email Chris Villalobos if you would like a scholarship application. Chris Villalobos 619-977-7403 | chrisvillalobos5@gmail.com

We hope that you enjoyed the Easter postcard of Mary in the Grotto that you received in the mail. The photo was taken by Daniel Breslin, one of Whispering Winds' favorite photographers.

See you on the mountain!
Annie Korn

Meet Your Board Member



Make new friends but keep the old...one is silver and the other could be Eileen Deely! She is not new to WWVA but is returning to the board after a long respite as our Spiritual Advisor. She is active with the St. Charles Borromeo in Point Loma.

Little known trivia -

- Born in Brooklyn, New York
- Loved reading "Desiree" about Napoleon Bonapart
- Participated in basketball & swimming in high school
- She was in several water ballet shows ...where is that footage?
- She got her nursing degree from St. John's University
- Worked 15 yrs. at SDUSD and 15 yrs. at Rady's Children's Hospital
- She has 6 girls, 1 boy, 22 grandchildren & 7 great grandchildren

As for a fun fact - She considers herself quite a clutz. Basing that on her 3 broken arms - two requiring overnight hospital stays. Last one - She fell out of her trash can. Hard to live that one down!

As for the WWVA - She was a charter member in 1989 and President in 91-92. She has helped with numerous retreats, social events and prayer chains. Her faith is the solid rock that she builds her house on. She has a beautiful humble spirit that is a perfect fit for our Chaplain this year! Welcome back to the board Eileen!

God is good ...

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MEMBERSHIP

BECOME A

MEMBER

Hello beautiful ladies!! I am Angela Varela and am excited to serve as Chair of the Membership Committee this year. Kelly Sinclair who is the co-chair for Membership and I will be working closely together on a couple of fun projects. I am confident that 2021 will be a very different year from 2020

and that there will be several events where we can see each other face to face (or at least the part of our faces that are not covered by a mask). I hope that you will all participate in the 2021 events that the Women's Auxiliary is busy planning for you.

There are a few exciting announcements regarding membership this year. For those of you who paid the annual membership dues for 2020, I am happy to announce that you are automatically an annual member this year with no 2021 annual dues. This means that you get a free year of membership in this amazing WFWA.

Another exciting announcement from the Membership Committee is that we will be publishing a new Membership Directory this year. As long as all dues are paid by July 1st, your name, address, and phone numbers will be included in the Membership Directory which will be available in print later this year. Please send any changes or updates to me at Angela Varela (avarela@san.rr.com) so the directory will be as accurate as possible.

For those of you who have let your membership lapse, you will have an option to pay your 2021 annual membership dues of \$30 or the lifetime dues of \$200 (a bargain) when you register for the Women's Retreat! If you are not sure what your membership status is (lifetime or annual) or if you are not sure you've paid your dues, you will be receiving an email with the information. You can also send me an email and I can verify this information for you.

One last thing... if anybody is interested in helping Kelly and I on this Membership Committee, send me an email and I'll let you know what help is needed.

God bless and I'll see you all in person soon!

Click Here to
Join Now or
Renew Your
Membership

FUNDRAISING
IN
JOINT
MEMORY

We hope after this year of pandemic isolation you are looking forward to our annual Women's Retreat at Whispering Winds in May! It gives us a sense of some return to normalcy. We know from our past retreats that we experience a special blessing of God's presence in the beauty of the camp and our community.

As in years past our fundraising committee is asking for donations of gift cards for our raffle. We appreciate your generosity. And, of course, who doesn't like to win a prize!

If you are able to donate a gift card send it to the WW office and indicate that the card is for the Auxiliary:

Whispering Winds
4636 Mission Gorge Place
San Diego, CA 92120

Thanks for your ongoing support!

God bless all of you,

Cheryl Doss, Val Spooner, and Claudia Penczar
WWWA Fundraising Committee

Joanne Hunt loved WWA. She was there at its birth. She attended nearly every Women's Retreat from the beginning, but changed her focus to Senior Moments when it became available. Joanne was very active in the auxiliary. She was chosen Woman of the Year in 1995 and acted as President in 1997- 1998. She volunteered at many Family Camps where she loved being with the children especially the infants and toddlers when that opportunity arose.



Above all, Joanne loved and was loved by all those she met at the camp.

Many became dear friends. She could always be seen helping out wherever it was needed or chatting with one group after another. She never complained or allowed herself to let on how difficult the results of her almost life-long battle with polio became. She was a fighter from the beginning with a resolve to live her life well. Those of us who knew her well were blessed by her friendship and filled with admiration for this very special one among us. She made us better persons and taught us how to trust in God in all things.

W o m a n o f t h e Y e a r

Each year the President of the Auxiliary is honored to present an award to the Woman of the Year. I would like to tell you a little bit about this wonderful woman.

As you would expect she has been an active member of the Auxiliary for many years, holding board positions and being a tireless supporter of the camp and its people.

One friend described her as an amazing listener, who offers wisdom, compassion & love in all her efforts. Another said, she always makes me feel special and valued.

When hard times hit the auxiliary, without being asked, she volunteered to take on a huge task and did so with expertise and joy.

She could be described as “loving life”. Her love of life has touched thousand of people in her career, her church and especially in the Auxiliary.

Speaking of love she married the love of her life at a young age and is still loving her amour 50 years later. She has been blessed abundantly with 4 beautiful children and 3 grandchildren.

Sharing her spiritual journey, and supporting others in their prayer life has blessed her ten fold.

And lastly....She never arrives empty handed....always holding the gift of flowers and love.

Our 2020 Woman of the Year.....



Mattie Scull



Adilene Williams



Blessed
Rebeca Sheehan



Catherine Senoff



BEVERLY ROSSIO!



DONNA BREGANTE

WWWA VIRTUAL BRUNCH



**Guest Speaker,
Cathy Sperrazzo**



Blessed & Grateful



**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY, VICE PRESIDENT
MATTIE SCULL**



**Executive Director of Whispering Winds,
Martin Rosales**

2021 Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

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**Please consider volunteering for a committee.
We especially need help on 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 of functions held at the Camp, providing monies for scholarships and projects.