

# "Called to His



### Ramans 8:28

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# From the President.....

Whispers from the Auxiliary

"If you build it, He will come" is a classic line from the movie "Field of Dreams." In the movie, Kevin Costner builds a baseball field in the middle of a perfectly good cornfield so that the spirits of deceased players have a place to come and enjoy the game they love among their earthly fans. It is a movie about family, faith and redemption.

Our theme this year, Proverbs 16:3, "Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and He will establish your plans" is also an example of family, faith and redemption. By doing what one thinks is good and right in the eyes of God, we can have an expectation that He will guide and bring our plans to fruition. Bringing our faith community together, in the beauty and serenity of Whispering Winds, we can joyfully expect to find our plans become reality.

Following the difficult year of 2020 and the cancellation of our annual Women's Retreat for the first time in decades, I was hopeful that Covid-19 would not get in the way of 2021's retreat. I felt our women were hungry for worship, fellowship and being in the presence of the Lord on the mountain. Much like the other classic line in the movie, "Go the distance", we, your WWWA board, committed to putting on our retreat, set our plans in place and just kept moving forward, giving Annie Korn and Judy Lemm the green light for the weekend.

For the first time, we respectfully set a cap on attendance to stay within County mandated health restrictions. Even so, we sold out within the first 3 weeks with more than usual attending. And just like the movie, you all answered the call and came to the mountain. And what a weekend it was!

I'm so very proud of all the WWWA women responsible for putting on an amazing weekend: Spirituality Committee, Hospitality Committee and Ways and Means. Annie and Judy, well done! Laurie Mikolaycik and Bernice Mascari, thank you for a thought provoking prayer service with Letty's heavenly angels filling the room with lovely serenades and joyful harmonies. To Father Mark, his continued presence and support are invaluable.

I pray that your lives were touched by Mary Lenaburg. She was real, vulnerable, funny and so full of wisdom. She was more than I could have hoped for and exactly what God had planned.

Thank you as well, to each of you, who set aside your responsibilities and commitments of everyday life. You left them down the mountain for the gift of the weekend. You showed up wholeheartedly to let your life be a part of our history and His story.

In "Field of Dreams," there is a moment where John Kinsella, Costner's deceased father, asks him, "Is this heaven?" Costner says "it's Iowa." His dad replies, "I could have sworn it was heaven." Yes, sometimes Whispering Winds can feel like a slice of heaven.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next big event, the Fall Brunch, in October.

Until then, be safe and love like there is no tomorrow.

Peace and God bless, Karen



### **DORIS E. DODGE**

April 19, 1934 - June 4, 2021

On Friday, June 4, 2021, Doris Dodge passed away peacefully at 87 years old, surrounded by her loving family in Webster, New York. Life was a wonderful journey and it started on the day when Doris was born, raised and graduated from Angelica Central School, Class of 1952 in Angelica, New York. Doris was a natural born teacher and in 1956, she graduated from Buffalo State Teachers College in Buffalo, New York. Her first year of teaching began in

Holland, New York but only for a year in the cold north. In April of 1957, Miss Dodge was blessed with the most wonderful opportunity to begin teaching for the California State Board of Education in Chula Vista City School District for Ella B. Allen School in Chula Vista, A.M. Kindergarten.

Doris Dodge, a friend of a friend of a friend. If you knew Doris you knew that she really (and I witnessed this firsthand) would give you the jacket off her back, without a moment's hesitation or thought. Doris was a musician and loved playing her organ at home. She also loved the Women's Auxiliary. I don't have her history for that part of her story, but she was always dedicated to the mission of the Auxiliary. Which leads us to the song she wrote for the camp. I remember when she brought me over to her house to share the song with me. She was so excited because Donna Calloway, Laura Fetter, Jen Bedison and I were going to sing it for the first time on the Mountain for the women's retreat that year. But at that time, she also made me promise to not divulge who the author was. That was Doris's way. She didn't want or crave the limelight, she just wanted to share her music. I can remember practicing the song repeatedly in the kitchen of our home with the girls gathered around so we could sing just like she wanted. We when we sang it, it was an immediate hit. I can still see her eyes shining with pride as she winked at me; it was our little secret for many years. Laura added the perfect tinkle of chimes as we sang "In the Whisper of the Winds", which added a soft spiritual tone to the song. The song has remained a Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary tradition for every retreat. The words were inspired by her love of the camp.

Several years later we had the devastating Cedar Fire and many remember just how much of our camp was burned down. Doris led the hope band wagon. She wrote a second verse to the song, the best part being "out of ashes come beginnings". She wanted to provide us with hope through her song. And since the fire, we realize just how far the camp and the Auxiliary have come - even a pandemic didn't stop us!

Just a few more words about Doris; she was a dedicated Cursillista for many years, worked the mountain whenever she could, she remained with her loved groupies for over 50 years - yes the same group of ladies every Friday afternoon! Now that is dedication! She loved Christ, loved her family, and loved her friends. Doris lived her last days in New York with her brother and family. We will miss her. And now, it is my pleasure to share the words to the song she wrote so many years ago. Carefully read the words in the second verse and see how they still apply to us even now! -Letty Peck

Doris's funeral will be celebrated August 20th at 1pm at St Pius X in Chula Vista.



WHISPERS FROM THE AUXILIARY

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### In The Whisper of the Winds By Doris Dodge

In the whisper of the winds, God is calling us to worship. In the whisper of the winds, lovingly He calls our name. Filling hearts with joy and laughter, showing us he really loves us. Touching souls and lifting burdens, in our dream of life he shares. Whisp'ring Winds we really love you, you're a quiet holy place. Chance to leave our cares and worries and see Christ in every face. Whisp'ring Winds we really love you God was present at your birth. Giving all a chance to come here, and feel Jesus' love and worth. In the whisper of the winds, God is calling us to worship. In the whisper of the winds you can feel our Lord's great love.

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In the whisper of the winds, you can hear the voice of Jesus. In the whisper of the winds He sends His words of love. Out of ashes come beginnings, with our Lord we won't despair. We'll turn thoughts to new creations, fill our hearts with love and prayer. Whisp'ring Winds we really love you, you will never go away. With our families and dedication, we'll make sure you're here to stay. Whisp'ring Winds we really love you, God has filled us with your grace. We will all join hands together and rebuild this holy place. In the whisper of the winds, you can hear the voice of Jesus. In the whisper of the winds, we can feel Him heal our soul.

### I remember ...

I remember when Don Kojis, Jerry Tisi and their families attended a wonderful weekend at Forest Home and left with the belief that the Catholic Community needed the same.

I remember after much prayer, property was found in Julian in 1977.

I remember families invested in its beginnings, would go up there on weekends and camp out prayerfully bonding together with dreams for this family camp. It was just a "whisper in the winds" at that time.

I remember many fundraisers and contributions from different Parishes to start its foundation.

I remember the first tents followed by buildings evolving into many more buildings.

I remember the FIRE! I firmly believe the power of prayer was the reason most of the buildings survived.

I remember the first Mass on its hallowed grounds after the fire. It was Thanksgiving day. The Mass was held in the meadow, the altar over the charred remains of the giant wooden cross that burned and left an imprint on the ground. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Cordelione with the local firemen as our special guests for helping save the Camp.

I remember many Cursillo weekends, retreats, and Family Camps that continue to be celebrated there.

My memories are just the beginning of many that will continue for future generations.

God bless our Camp! Eileen Deely, Spiritual Director

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### Welcome new and renewing members!

Kelly Sinclair, Debbie Bradel, Deborah Rey, Claudia Penczar and Marty Fowler

We hope you take advantage of all the activities this wonderful organization has for you.

All new members whose dues are paid by July 15, 2021 will have their names and phone numbers published in the Membership Directory which is only published every 4 years or so. Gather your non-member friends and invite them to join today so they can enjoy the membership benefits with you!

# CLICK HERE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

As a reminder, those members who paid dues in 2020 are automatically renewed for 2021 – no need to renew this year.

Peace be with you! Angela and Kelly

The Ways & Means Committee of the Women's Auxiliary thanks all who contributed to our raffle at the Women's Retreat.

First of all, the generosity of members donating gift cards was beyond any expectations! As we have done at our past retreats the gift card trees were valued at \$200. As women arrived the gift cards kept coming in. We did speak to each donor and received approval to use the remaining cards for our Fall Brunch.



Thanks for your generosity towards the fall fundraising!



Thanks to our wonderful ticket sellers the raffle made \$1,162.00! The used book sale brought in another \$45. We are grateful to all of you for supporting the camp.

God bless all of you generous women!

S p ir i t u a l i t y m m ittee Dear Sisters in Christ,

### Thanks be to God!

The 2021 retreat at our beloved Whispering Winds Catholic Camp and Conference Center unfolded to be the weekend of refreshment and renewal that we had been longing for.

Our retreat leader, Mary Lenaburg, International Speaker and Author of *"Be Brave in the Scared"* and *"Be Bold in the Broken"* delivered a spirit of joy, hope and trust in the Lord, in a brave, new way.

One of our retreatants shared with me that she had a moment where she felt like Mary was only speaking toher—guiding her to heal a part of her soul that was broken.

Another retreatant expressed how our Praise and Worship I team opened her heart to receive the love of Jesus in a way I that she has never experienced before.

The Saturday night Prayer Service was the Holy Moment of the weekend...we were reminded of God's love, and that He is the anchor that we are invited to cling to in times of need.

We trust that the environment our Hospitality Committee created made you feel loved and treasured.

...and the food! How about the Thanksgiving Dinner that Roberta and the Kitchen Team prepared for us on Friday night?!

Monsignor Mark Campbell, our faithful Shepherd, travelled up and down the mountain for us on Saturday for reconciliation, and Sunday for Pentecost Sunday Mass. Monsignor Mark's love for the Women's Auxiliary and the Christ centered environment of Whispering Winds shone through in the Celebration of the Mass, and in the anointing of the sick that he gave to everyone that was in need.

Thank you to the Whispering Winds Staff, the WWWA Board of Directors, the WWWA Spirituality Committee, the Praise and Worship Team, and the women that participated in Sunday Mass.

We pray that the spirit of this retreat, and the concept of Trusting God When the Stakes Are High, stays with you until we meet again.

> With love and special prayers, Annie Korn and Judy Lemm



Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

Fall Brunch



Saturday October 9, 2021

8:30 AM Rosary I 9:00 AM Brunch Guest Speaker: Erika Toraya Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala Save the Date a r d



Debbie Bradel Corresponding Secretary

What does the Lord do with someone who is baptized at 6 days old and gives their life to Him when they are 7 years old declaring "I want to love people as much as you love people!"? He gives them a beautiful smile, sweet disposition, incredible energy and the ability to always say "yes!" and puts them to work. The oldest of 6 kids growing up in Tucson she says she has always been driven to be an over achiever.

Married 43 years to her husband John (who is also on the WW BoD), their openness to life gave them 12 pregnancies, 8 children with one lost to stillbirth and 4 miscarriages. Some women would say that's enough grief and work but Debbie always has that "your will be done

Lord" attitude in ALL things. One of her greatest accomplishments, she declares, was being able to home school her children. They now have 3 grandkids with 2 more on the way, due the same day, BUT not twins!

As a nurse, Debbie is a caregiver that never seems to stop. They recently moved in John's 95 year old mom to live with them so they could care for her. Her mom is still in Tucson at 89. Her goal is to keep her nursing license active for 50 years- 5 more years to go. Having a broad range of nursing experiences and being a profound pro life devotee has given her some amazing jobs, stories, experiences and untold lives that she has helped rescue by being Jesus hands and feet. Her second greatest accomplishment was starting/developing/teaching and managing COLF's Abortion Pill Reversal network Hotline from the ground up when she was told by Dr. Delgado " just do it, it's what we need to do!" It has grown massively from 1 nurse, Debbie, to an overflowing international hotline. The dedication this woman gave to that project, and really any project she takes on, is SO inspiring.

What does she do in her spare time, even in winter? She puts on her wetsuit, if needed, and jumps in her pool and treads water for an hour. Of course she does, energy to burn! In the 12 years I have known her, I have never seen this woman tired, angry or even discouraged with anything. I'm pretty sure she is a mentor I will never find again. Debbie's life is true witness to the Lord in all areas, her marriage, motherhood, nurse and friend. All she wants to do is to satisfy Our Lord's thirst, much like a little woman in India we all have known and read about...In Deb's own words "I'm never satisfied that I've done enough to show the Lord how much I love Him". This is the love overflowing and the drive given to a woman that dedicated her life to God at 7. I hope you take the time to soak in her love and never ending smile when you have a chance!

Welcome to the board Deb, your energy and love will continue to be put to use here!

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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.