



"Called to His Purpose"

Romans 8:28

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From the President.....

Blessings on your day and thank you for opening up your heart to our WWVA newsletter. It's hard to believe that Fall will be upon us soon. The lure of pumpkin spice lattes and fleece jackets seem far away as we sweat through the end of summer. With all that is going on in the world, living in a community that wavers around 72 degrees, partly cloudy with a morning fog layer that burns off by noon, it's not hard to be thankful and grateful for my humble surroundings. I pray that you find a similar thread of peace in your lives.

Thank you to everyone that responded to our survey and voted on our proposed update to the existing ByLaws. Our new Operating Guidelines were approved unanimously. You will find them posted on our Women's Auxiliary page, under www.whisperingwinds.org/getinvolved. In addition to our operating procedures, you will find descriptions of the various roles of our Governing Committee. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact me or anyone on our committee. We are always looking for new women to share their wisdom and experience in a leadership or supporting role. My life continues to be enriched by the friendships created by being involved in the WWVA. Please consider our group as a fun and spiritual place to share your talents, passions and gifts.

A simple prayer came to mind recently that I wanted to share. It began with **I thirst**, followed by **I**

trust and finished with **I love**. As I tried to make sense of it, this is what emerged. **I thirst** calls on my desire and God's desire for me to want more of life, to live life to the fullest, take it in, so as to replenish my spiritual hunger and fill my very being. **I trust** asks my faith to be strong enough, to believe that in everything that happens, God is present and to trust that His plan is for my good. **I love** is a call to simply try to do everything with love. When they are all together, **I thirst - I trust - I love**, it almost feels like the motion of our breathing, I thirst (breathe in), I trust (feel the presence) and I love (release His presence.) The deeper the inhale, the more my lungs expand, the more I receive and the more I have to give. It feels like a simple, natural way to breathe in God, hold it long enough to feel it, and then give it back for others to take in. Each step is a simple choice to be life affirming. In this crazy world we live, can't we all use a little more of this goodness?

I hope to see you at our Annual Brunch on October 9th. In addition to our amazing speaker, Erika Toraya and God centered fellowship, this is our BIG fundraiser. Last year, thanks to your generosity, we provided \$31,000 in camperships, bringing all God's children closer to his loving embrace at Whispering Winds. We make a difference!

See you in October...

May God bless each of you abundantly,
Karen

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It's coming! Our Annual Fundraiser WWWA Fall Brunch on Saturday October 9, 2021 at the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala in the California Room.

Address: 10818 San Diego Mission Rd
San Diego, CA 92108

The Rosary (optional) starts in the Church at 8:30am; doors open at 9:00am in the California Room for the brunch.

Our guest speaker, Erika Toraya is a local cursillista, youth minister, now a talented Christian actor and blogger who resides in Los Angeles. Come hear her talk about **"Climbing the Mountain - Together!"**

Tickets are \$45 and you are automatically enrolled in an opportunity to win the Spring Women's Retreat in May 2022!

Registration is now open!

You can register at <https://tinyurl.com/WWWABrunch2021>
Please indicate who you'd like to sit with during the brunch. See the invitation below for more information.

Come join us for fun, basket bidding, donation opportunities, great food, and an uplifting talk while supporting our camp!

Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

Fall Brunch **Saturday**
October 9, 2021

8:30 AM Rosary | 9:00 AM Check In

Guest Speaker: Erika Toraya
Climbing the Mountain - Together



Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala, California Room
10818 San Diego Mission Road, San Diego, CA 92108

\$45 Registration Includes:
Brunch & One Opportunity Drawing Ticket for 2022 Retreat
<https://tinyurl.com/WWWABrunch2021>

Please register by October 1, 2021 Include the names of friends you wish to sit with.

Questions? Kesa Waddell 619-504-7620 | kwaddell@swccd.edu

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Psalm 100:4 beautifully sets our hearts and minds on God, as we move from the last days of summer, to the pumpkin spice filled fall season,

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.”

Thank you God, for the summer adventures that we had... swimming, climbing mountains, spending time with our loved ones, and most of all, loving us with your unconditional love.

The date and time of our October 2021 Spiritual Events Meeting is To Be Determined however, **if you would like to join us, please email anniekorn@gmail.com** to receive an invitation.

Everyone is invited to participate in these meetings. We begin and end in prayer, and fill the center of our time together with creating our Spiritual Events...how do we want to bring our faith alive, who will be the speaker, which musicians shall we ask to share their talent with us, what kind of decorations will there be?

Our October meeting will plan our Advent Mini-Retreat...we would love to have your input on how we can prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus.

More information to come in the next newsletter.

*“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
His love endures forever.” Psalm 107:1*

With love and special prayers,
Annie Korn and Judy Lemm



MEMBERSHIP

We would like to welcome our new members for 2021:

Debbie Bradel
McGinn Morgan
Claudia Penczar
Deborah Rey
Kelly Sinclair

Did you know? The WWA has a total of 134 members! There are 25 annual members who pay dues every year, 5 are new this year in 2021. There are 109 Life Members who continue to show up to serve our Lord and beloved Camp.

Its very easy to sign up for membership on our updated WWA link on the Whispering Winds website. When you invite your non-member friends to the Annual Brunch in October, they can sign up for the brunch and join the WWA all at the same time!! Simple!

This year we will be printing hard copies of the WWA Directory. If you have made any changes in the last 4 years to your address or phone number please send the correct information to Angela avarela@san.rr.com or Kelly ksincl505@cox.net by Sept 16 , 2021.

May God continue to bless you all and keep you safe
Angela and Kelly

Ways & Means

The Ways & Means Committee is now preparing for the Silent Auction for the WWA Auxiliary brunch on October 9th at the Mission San Diego. As you are aware, this is our main fundraiser of the year, providing camperships for those who want to attend summer camp. Without these funds many families and individuals would be unable to attend.

Because of your generosity at the Women's Retreat in May, we have gift cards to begin preparing for the Silent Auction. We again need to appeal to your generosity for donations of gift cards or certificates for the Brunch. We especially need donations for restaurants. Any amount is greatly appreciated! See donation letter on the next page.

Send or drop off donations to the Whispering Winds office:
4636 Mission Gorge Place
San Diego, CA 92120

Indicate these donations are for the WWA Brunch.

If you have any question, call Claudia Penczar, 858 699 4705.

Thanks for your generous support!

God bless you,
Val Spooner
Cheryl Doss
Claudia Penczar
WWA Fundraising Committee



*Whispering Winds
Women's Auxiliary*

August 30, 2021

On Saturday, October 9, 2021, **The Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary** will be hosting their annual fundraising brunch "**Climb the Mountain-Together,**" to be held at Mission San Diego de Alcala in San Diego, California. We raise money for camper scholarships for kids and families who could not otherwise afford to attend our camp.

Whispering Winds offers family and parish weekends as well as weeklong kid's camps during the summer months. Unfortunately many of the kids and families that deserve to go just can't afford it! **The Women's Auxiliary is working diligently to raise scholarship monies so more people can attend our camps.**

Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center is a refuge nestled in the Cuyamaca Mountains five miles south of the historic gold-mining town of Julian, a place where people can get away and hear God's voice in the beauty of nature. We are a lay-directed, tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation formed with the goal of providing a Christ-centered camp and conference center for youth, individuals, couples, families and groups. The only Catholic-based camp of its kind in all of Southern California, Whispering Winds is open to all faiths. We are growing! Our prayer is that more kids and families can have the opportunity to attend our camp.

We are so thankful for your generous donations in the past. **Will you please help us again with a donation? Your gift card/certificates provide a sizeable portion of our funds raised.**

Thank you so much for taking the time to consider supporting us. Your donation will go directly to Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center, a 501 c (3) non-profit charitable organization, #95-3407343 ("donee organization") in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code.

If you have any questions please contact Laura at the Whispering Winds office (619) 464-1479.

In appreciation,
Claudia Penczar

Val Spooner

Cheryl Doss

WWWA Fundraising Committee

Summer Past Presidents Gathering

After a year off from our traditional summer Past-Presidents' gathering, we met once again with great joy in reunion! For some of us, we hadn't seen one another in a few years and boy, it was refreshing to be together again. The spirit of love and friendship was palpable.

Mattie Scull, our lovely Woman of the Year, was our gracious hostess and opened her backyard "Garden of Eden" for us to chat and eat. A prayer was shared for our beloved camp, for auxiliary members who are no longer with us and for those members who could not make it to the event. Brunch was a mouth-watering potluck of quiches, casseroles, salads and pastries. Catching up on one other's journeys was heartwarming and so life affirming. God's grace and miracles were shared in our stories with one another as we broke into small groups under shady spots around the pool.

What a blessing we have in one another and in the common mission that brings us together. It can only make God smile as it surely did all of us!



Pictures provided by Chris Villalobos

Meet Your Board Member



Angela Varela
Membership Chair

A love letter to Whispering Winds through the eyes of Angel Varela

By Annie Korn

It was a very good sign that scripture organically flowed from Angela Varela's mouth when she answered my question that asked, "What inspired you to join the WWWW Leadership Team?"

Angela joined because she wanted to be a part of the Auxiliary because she wanted to join a group of women who love and serve the Lord... that sounds a lot like 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."

In addition to serving the Lord, Angela wanted to get involved with a group of likeminded women...well, mission accomplished Sister in Christ!

Angela, her husband Larry Varela, and her three kids Samuel, Thomas and Rachel attended Family Camp over the years and they LOVED IT!

Angela loves camping...and Whispering Winds is like camping...she loves how peaceful and quiet our Holy Ground is. She feels so close to God when she's On the Mountain...she feels surrounded by the Holy Spirit in a special way...how could she not? Especially when she's communing with our Lord in her beloved Mary's Grotto.

Now empty nesters, St. Mary Magdalene Parishioners, Angela and Larry are enjoying this new phase of their life. Their last child to graduate college is now out in the world, living his life.

Samuel is enjoying the beach life in San Diego, Thomas is embarking on life after college in Ventura County and Rachel... well...she's living her dream in Alaska.

Angela definitely sees a future of RV'ing across the country with Larry...as soon as she retires from the laboratory at UCSD.

One thing we know for sure, Angela is the light of Christ, and salt of the earth, wherever she goes.

Thank you for being our Membership Chair Angela. Thanks be to God, you are serving in God's vineyard with us.

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.