

"Called to His Purpose"

Romans 8:28

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From the President.....

Happy Fall! This is my favorite time of year with the aroma and color of this season's harvest in full bloom. It's a constant reminder for me to stop and soak it all in. With a warm cup of coffee in my hand, I sit and take in the hopeful sunrise, the sounds of Charlie Rey's upbeat song "Undeniable Love" joyfully dancing over me, like autumn leaves:

Every day
Every breath
Every moment I'm living
Every beat of my heart
Every morning I'm giving
A soul so grateful
So lost in wonder of
This undeniable love
Unbelievable
Unconditional
Unmistakable
It's unstoppable
Undeniable love

With a grateful heart, I offer my sincere thank you for all the ways each of you have shown up to embrace and provide support to our Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary throughout this year. Our theme this year has been Proverbs 16:3, "Commit to the Lord and He will establish your plans." It's been hum-

bling to ride the wave of ministry, offering up events to nourish our souls in fellowship and praise. Each time we made plans, with God's grace, you made it a reality. Our brunch was an amazing success, shattering all previous year's donations. This could not have happened without our talented, creative, hard-working board members, and the generous supporters we have in each of you. Whether it is financial supporters, faithful prayer warriors, or participating in our events, you are each living examples of God's undeniable love. May the Advent season bring unexpected blessings and an acute awareness of God's undeniable love in your life.

See you at our Advent evening!

All for His glory,
Karen Goodman



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Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

Advent Mini Retreat

Wednesday, December 1, 2021
6:00 PM Social | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Program

Mission San Diego, St. Francis Chapel
10818 San Diego Mission Road, San Diego, CA 92108

Retreat Leader: Laurie Mikolaycik
Music Lead by Letty Peck
Special Guests: Jubilate Deo Youth Choir

Everyone is welcome to this Free Event.

Advent is no longer a time of waiting...Jesus has already arrived!

All are welcome to this Free event.

Guest Speaker: Laurie Mikolaycik
Music Lead by Letty Peck

Advent is often referred to as a time of waiting...as Catholics we know, that Jesus has already arrived!

All are invited to join us for a contemplative evening with our very own, Laurie Mikolaycik.

We will explore the three obstacles to preventing us from receiving the gift of Jesus...fear, anger and grief.

Laurie will guide us into receiving the FAITH and ASSURANCE that Jesus has already come...Advent is actually a time to celebrate with the recognition that Jesus is WITH US here and now.

Dear sister in Christ, YOUR heart is a manger...Laurie will tell us how.

There will be times for reflection throughout Laurie's talk, along with joyful Christmas carols lead by Letty Peck and her blessed Worship Team!

If you have any questions, please contact Annie Korn
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**Signup for our Advent Mini
Retreat Here**

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

This year's WWWA Woman of the Year is Letty Peck. For many years, Letty has shared her musical gifts with the WWWA Community, Family Camps and other Whispering Winds events. It's not just that she sings, plays the guitar or gets our heart pumping with the cajon, Letty puts her heart and soul into everything she does. She makes it look easy, like we can just call out a song and she is good to go. It wasn't until later that I realized all the time and preparation that goes into each offering. She mindfully picks songs, works with the retreat speakers, and puts together an ensemble of musicians, practicing for hours. Even during the events, she is thinking, adjusting, adapting to the spirituality of the event and embracing where the Holy Spirit takes her. I've often heard that a favorite time at our May retreat is the prayer service. Letty knows just how to bring us into the presence of the moment. She is a kind, humble and compassionate person. Only God knows just how many lives have been changed, hearts healed, and spirits lifted by the gift of Letty.

Fun fact, not only is Letty, kind, humble, and compassionate she is also the author of *“.01%: A Book of Faith, Music and Cancer”*. Her book will tickle you, deplete your supply of tissues, and give you hope all at the same time. It is a delightful telling of Letty's compelling battle with cancer. She invites her readers to enter into her most intimate and tender moments allowing them to join in her outrageous optimism in beating the odds (.01%)! Letty's book will inspire, empower, encourage, and delight you.

It is with thanks and praise that we recognize and congratulate
Letty Peck!



MEMBERSHIP

Blessings from the membership committee!

We would like to welcome our newest members to the WWSA.

Annual Members

Kathleen DiGiglio
Marie Ferantello
Sandy Adsit
Rosie Haggerty

Life Members

Sarah Crabtree
Andi Finch
Gloria Rosales
Linda Drabek

We hope you are enjoying the new membership directories that were available at the annual brunch. For those of you who were unable to make it, don't worry! We will have the directories available at the Advent Retreat on Dec 1st, for you to pick up. Directories will also be available for you to take and deliver to your friends who may not be attending.

Directories that are not picked up at the Advent Retreat will be mailed out in December.

We look forward to seeing you all soon,
Angela and Kelly
Membership

WAYS & MEANS



Our fundraising activities for our annual WWSA Brunch on October 9th were very successful. First of all, we want to thank all who contributed to the baskets with their generous donations! Your gift cards and donations made it a success. We made a total of \$5,020 from our silent auction, \$495 from the raffle, and \$300 for centerpieces. We are fortunate to have many generous and creative contributors!

God bless all of you,
Val Spooner
Claudia Penczar
Fundraising Committee



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It was incredible! The Fall Brunch was a conglomeration of multiple successes. The Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá was a wonderful location to gather. The Mission staff, Peggy, Ricardo, and Lorenzo were beyond helpful and easy to work with planning and implementation of the Brunch. Lorenzo was available to us the entire day!



Our speaker, Erika Toraya, shared her story and acceptance of God's will in her life with grace and fortitude. She spoke about "Climbing the Mountain – Together" which brought laughter and connection. Erika created special bookmarks for everyone and shared her plethora of faith items at each table.

The food by Cupids Catering was beyond our expectations. Scrumptious quiche in generous servings, salad, and baked items made a full meal! Their staff was professional and thoughtful, gracefully removing dinnerware without a notice.



Special thanks to all who made the day happen. Our Ways and Means Committee (Claudia, Val, Mattie, & Vickie) provided tremendous basket offerings for the silent auction. They search throughout the year to find the best items. I was able to secure the Blessings jean jacket – what a find, although I bid on so many baskets! The

most memorable item, a hand carved wooden statue from Spain of Mother Mary and baby Jesus was stunning and sought by all.



The Hospitality Committee (Marla & Gloria) never fails to amaze! Their gift of displaying the fall theme brought a sense of God's fall color brilliance to the event. For a small donation, many of us brought home a centerpiece that continues to add delight to our homes.



W W W A A n n u a l F a l l B r u n c h R e c a p

Angela and Kelly from the Membership Committee updated the Directories and made them available on the day of the Brunch. The paddle raise – Paula Bott was the perfect fit! She shared her stories of witnessing God’s grace at the camp and brought out our desire to donate to camperships! Last and certainly not least, the Whispering Winds staff – Laura, Ashlyn, Steve, Pedro, Katie and Abbey for making the donation process smooth and easy.

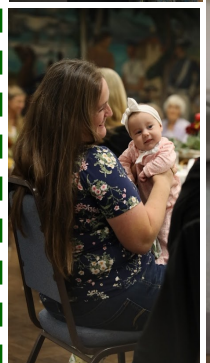


The greatest surprise of the day was Woman of the Year. Letty Peck who has contributed so much to the camp and Whispering Winds through her music, humor, and candor, was beyond surprised. Her husband Gary made a special appearance to congratulate her. It was so joyful to recognize her for her generous heart.

While all these items set the tone for a successful event, it was the generous donations of the women who attended (and some who could not) of contributing more than \$65,000 in camp scholarships and silent action that brought the house down! You demonstrate your gift of giving, your love of the camp and its purpose to bring people to God’s haven on the mountain.

**Thank you on behalf of the Whispering Winds
Women’s Auxiliary!**

WWA Annual Fall Brunch



Pictures provided by Chris Villalobos

Meet Your Board Member

Meet My Beautiful Friend– Kelly Sinclair

by Andi Finch



Kelly Sinclair
Membership Co-Chair

I would like to share with you my friendship with one of the most faithful, dependable and warm women in my life, Mrs. Kelly Sinclair! She is beautiful inside and out with her warm blue eyes and dazzling smile. She is inside what she is outside, just beautiful. She is humble, honest and has a way of just making you take a deep breath and slow down in your thoughts and words.

Growing up in Nebraska, the Midwest charm and warmth has never left her. She was guided early on in her life by her mother's grace and faith growing up the youngest in a LARGE family that always brings challenges. She also gives thanks for a Holy man in her life, Fr. Kramper, a gentle soul she is still in contact with and she refers to frequently.

Now, her constant rock and guide is her husband Jerry as they navigate their 3 kids and a thriving office furniture business that Kelly runs on a few hours sleep every night. I am always jealous that I get 8 hours of sleep, she will have 4 and look so great and not have a single bag under the eye or a drop in energy or attitude.

She is so keenly aware of who she is and strives to focus on the gifts God has given her as a good listener, which of course, produces a good leader. She is humble (and incredibly generous) to have a business that allows her to employ/ network people and provide for others, not just as a job, but an environment where she thrives on picking people up, cheering them on and supporting them in whatever way she can to make them feel happy and taken care of.

Being such a giving person, she recognizes that she can get overwhelmed in wanting to do so much for others that she becomes ADD and feels like she gets nothing done (which I know why she sleeps so little, similar to St. JPII, "I'll rest in eternity.")

What grounds her and keeps her going? Her own answer, "My faith. Some days I spend so much time praying and reading I think I accomplished nothing and somehow God takes care of everything!"

Kelly doesn't just plants seeds everywhere, but she also strives to be the fertilizer and the water to watch someone come to Christ, continuously drawing people in her gentle and nudging way being greatly respectful of where someone might be in their journey of faith and challenges.

Growing together and challenging each other in our faith for about the last 12 years, she has been one of the largest (and prettiest!) rocks in my own faith foundation. I hope that if she ever extends any sort of invitation to any of you, for anything, just say yes because you will not regret the time you get to be with her!

Kelly, we are blessed with your presence on the team!

40th Annual Whispering Winds Gala

Save the Date
40th Annual Whispering Winds Gala
SATURDAY 2.26.22
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This year’s Gala will be an in-person event!

It’s time to save-the-date for our annual Gala fundraiser! On February 26, 2022, we will be hosting an in-person event at the Marriott Marquis Marina. You can expect fine food, special drinks and of course our popular mobile bidding. The fellowship will surely be the highlight of the night as our community gathers to enjoy the festivities in-person. We will have all the special features you've come to love, including exciting camp updates and inspirational testimonies witnessing the power of camp.

If your business would like to be a corporate sponsor for the event or you know a business that might, please email **Katie Gange** at **katieg@whisperingwinds.org**

Mark your calendar today for our February 26 Gala and keep an eye on our website and your mail for more details!

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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.