



*"Called to His Purpose"*

*Romans 8:28*

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## From the Outgoing President.....

Did you watch it during Christmas week? "It's a Wonderful Life" – my favorite holiday movie because where there is desperation, there can be hope and God is in all of it with us every day, every moment. Which reminds me...Have you read "Holy Moments" by Matthew Kelly yet? Another good, fast read! Just in time for the new year.

As we close this year, a few memories come to mind...First and foremost, I want to thank our tireless Whispering Winds Governing Committee for their time, leadership, and ideas! You ladies have supported and guided me in a warm and loving atmosphere.

The year began with the Advent Retreat Redemptive Suffering: Understanding Lent in a New Way by Cyndi Peterson at the Mission San Diego. Her talk gave us new perspective for the Lenten season.

The Women's Retreat was fun and informative. Speaker Liz Kelly focused on Jesus Approaches: What Contemporary Women Can Learn about Healing, Freedom, and Joy from the Women of the New Testament. She guided us through the story of Mary and Martha to remove obstacles of God's graces; to give ourselves permission to be childlike as daughters of Christ to keep our childlike awe and openness to him in a fearlessness; guidance to healing and taking care of each other, feminine receptivity; and lastly to the importance of women in the bible – as God brought Jesus to the world through a woman, Mary. The retreat provided time for reflection and inspiration.

The Fall Brunch was a success! Seann Richardson made an impact with her talk on "We are Given Our Time to

Prepare For and Advance God's Kingdom...Every Moment on the Journey Counts". With many examples, Sean guided us to see how we have so many moments and to recognize and appreciate God in our lives. Paula Bott as the auctioneer in her unique style created an atmosphere full of fun and giving! An announcement is coming soon regarding how much we are donating for camper scholarships to Whispering Winds. And, of course, the Woman of the Year - Karen Goodman - so deserving for the many ways she gives to the board and the camp!

Lastly, Anamaria Anthony, from Mater Dei Catholic High School gave us the opportunity to reflect on Advent with her focus on Mary's humble "yes" and how our individual challenges can be our "yes" to God's plan.

We are in the process of purchasing a small outdoor library in memory of Gloria Walton, a strong leader in WWA, retired school librarian, and fun lady! This library will be near the Welcome Center at the camp.

My theme for the year was from Psalm 28:7 "My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him." I am grateful for all of you and look forward to seeing you in future Whispering Winds gatherings!

Happy New Year, blessings to all!  
Kesa Waddell



May the faith of God  
be with you this year.  
May the peace of God  
surround you,  
and may you be blessed  
each day!

*Happy New Year*



Andi Finch  
2023 WWVA President

## From the Incoming President...

I have chosen 1Peter 4:10 as my theme for the year.

*“Like good stewards of the varied graces of God, use whatever gift each one of you has received to serve one another.”*

Happy New year! I am Andi Finch and I have the privilege of serving you as the 2023 president. I have been involved in camp for 20 years, most of it very intently after my Cursillo adventure in 2009. As I reflected and prayed for the theme for 2023 I chose it based on the journey of our beautiful camp. Think of all of the people from Don Kojis and Jerry Tisi on down over the last 45 years that make this place what it is. My own father-in-law was involved with camp several years into its creation providing what he could for supplies and funding, even when he didn't have much to give. He knew the mission was special and would touch so many lives, especially those of his own family.

The Women's Auxiliary founded by Kathy Brown and Bernice Mascari 35 years ago has been a blessing for the camp and all the women ever involved. As I was preparing for the brunch this last October, I was going through the names of past presidents and women of the year and thinking of all the personalities, time, God given gifts and talents these many, many women have contributed during their lives. I think of our current upcoming board and the women I have served with for the last 3 years and it is intriguing and fascinating to witness the gifts each has to offer for a bigger greater cause and common purpose that is dear to all of us. We know that our gifts are given to us by God for a reason and that by working together, using our gifts and collaborating with Him, great things happen. I cannot wait to see where God takes us, the “Body of Christ” a group of humble women, and uses us to bless camp and campers lives on this anniversary year. I read a book recently and in it a child was asked “What does Catholic stand for?”. She shrugged her shoulders in an puzzled manner and replied “help?”. Thanks to each and every one of you who helps and shares in our common purpose by using your own gifts of time, talent and treasure. The camp will flourish and we will say ALL glory be to God for using us!

*Andi*



# Save The Date WWVA Lenten Reflection



WHEN: FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

WHERE: ST. THERESE PARISH IN DEL CERRO

Joy and Peace Auxiliary Sisters!

When our beloved new president, Andi, invited me to serve as the your governing board's Spiritual Director, I was surprised, humbled, honored and delighted all at same time! Now I'm praying that I'm worthy to fulfill this job and that the Holy Spirit guides me through it while fulfilling my duties, so here goes...

Upon sitting down to write this article I noticed the many deep, long shadows dancing in the breeze outside my windows. A quick glance at the calendar's date of December 21st reminded me why. It was the winter solstice thereby making it the shortest day of the year. Although the days were growing shorter and we'd been having more darkness on a daily basis, the time for rejoicing was upon us because both the meaning and the message of Christmas brings eternal hope that never fades. Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, the Light of all the Nations, has come to redeem the world and has not only created this season but also our reason for rejoicing! On that first Christmas night, our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph knelt in adoration of the Creator of the universe, who'd humbled Himself, became incarnate and entered creation through the noble institution of the family. It seemed that all of God's graces were made visible in that one tiny, holy Christ Child's face. In recent weeks the arrival of our own sweet new granddaughter, Emma Josephine, has given our family pause as, we're again witnessing that same type of Christmas miracle and truly feeling like we're in the presence of the Holy Christ Child. Poignantly, we're now experiencing this all the more, because it was on the 7th of December just over a year ago, when our then youngest family member, Micah Joseph, at the tender age of nearly 4 months was abruptly called home to heaven during his morning nap due to a case of SIDS. His sudden passing was the cause of very conflicted feelings and a very dark and bleak time in our lives to say the least! By the amazing graces and mercy of our Lord our family has weathered countless difficult moments and with each passing day are feeling more peaceful about the loss of such a dear and priceless little soul. Thankfully, through Our Lord's strength and by His abundant graces our family has been able to journey through darkness and embrace the light, especially since we rest assured knowing our own awesome little St. Micah Joseph is our personal intercessor in heaven!

Through the mystery of the birth of Christ, God has indeed given us hope amid this darkness and enlightened us so we might understand that darkness will never prevail. In this "bleak mid-winter" of our secular culture, may the warmth of our Infant-King's embrace and grace reach more people as we continue to stand together in love. As we transition into our service for the Auxiliary under Andi's leadership, let us reflect on the following words of St. Francis of Assisi:

*"Enlighten the darkness of my heart. Give me right faith, sure hope and perfect charity. Fill me with understanding and knowledge, that I may fulfill your commands."*

May the love of Jesus, the joy of grace, and the peace of God, be yours today and always! Wishing you all continuing Christmas blessings and a joyous year in 2023!

Pax et Bonum,  
Linda Crabtree



# Invite a Friend

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year from the Membership team!  
 We are happy to report that our numbers continue to grow with 12 new annual members and 4 new Lifetime members in 2022.  
 We already have 6 new annual and 2 new lifetime members joining us for the 2023 year!

**A warm welcome to all!**

Rosie Haggerty  
 Kathy Kuebler  
 Marie Ferrantello  
 Judie Bowen  
 Sandra Adsit  
 Cathy Sperrazzo  
 Debbie Bradel  
 Paula Crowley  
 Sandy Adsit  
 McGinn Morgan  
 Kate Burge  
 Sarah Crabtree

Gloria Rosales  
 Lynne Mishky  
 Danielle McCay  
 Alice Beas  
 Kathy MacCarthy  
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 Therese Riis  
 Jennay Gunderson  
 Susan Galichon  
 Debbie Pizzo  
 Maria-Francisca Morales Sandoval

Within the next few weeks, an email will be sent out to all the annual members with a reminder to renew for the 2023 year. Annual dues will remain the same at \$30 per year. You will also have the option of selecting to become a lifetime member for one time dues of \$200. Both will be available to choose from on the Whispering Winds website soon.

Many of you may not have had the opportunity to express how you might like to contribute and share your talents. Please prayerfully consider joining one of our committees! If interested, send an email to the chair of your committee of choice (Page 9). We will add your name to the committee list and contact you when needed.

The committees are:

- Ways & Means (assist with basket making/raising funds)
- Hospitality (assist with food/decor for gatherings)
- Spirituality (participate in planning spiritual events, annual retreat)
- Membership (assist with maintaining Membership list and staffing Membership table at events )
- Historian/Photographer ( assist with keeping perment records of/ taking pictures at events)

Finally, we hope you were able to see the table banner that we were able to get made this year. It was ready just in time for the Advent mini-retreat. We hope that this will attract more attention to our membership table and encourage more women to join this amazing group.

Have a blessed new year,  
 Angela and Kelly



*“Emmanuel” --- God is with us, Matthew 1:23. Throughout this year we have found in Jesus a fellow human being who is so completely one with us that not a single weakness, pain, or temptation has remained foreign to him. ~ Henri Nouwen*

Our Lenten Mini Retreat Speaker, Dr Cyndi Petersen reflected Henri Nouwen’s quote in her presentation: **Redemptive Suffering and Understanding Lent In a New Way**. Her quest led her to Medjugorje where the Blessed Mother spoke to her. When both of her infant daughters died of the same genetic disease she and her husband learned to trust in how God answers our prayers. If you missed her inspirational presentation you can read their story in Cyndi’s book: *“Waiting For a Miracle”*.

The WWVA Women’s Retreat at Whispering Winds in May with retreat leader, Liz Kelly, continued the theme with her topic: **Jesus Approaches-What Contemporary Women Can Learn About Healing, Freedom and Joy From the Women of the New Testament**. Jesus is not waiting for you to be perfect; He is waiting for you to say “yes”. Liz generously participated in the prayer service and an open question and answer session as well. The retreat was well attended. Please see Liz Kelly web site for her retreat schedule, publications, pod casts for more information on her continuing schedule.

For the December Advent Evening of Reflection, Anamaria Anthony, Department Chair of Theology at Mater Dei High School, Chula Vista led us to discover how we might follow our Blessed Mother’s example of saying “yes” to the Father in a humble, obedient, loving, submission to His will. Reflecting her relationship with her own mother with love, wisdom, and humor she provided us with examples of how the ordinary can become the extraordinary. Merci, Grazie, Danke, to the musicians whose beautiful new songs set the tone for reflections on Anamaria’s presentation. Thank you to Gloria Rosales and Marla Carter for the exceptional décor in the chapel.



If you missed Anamaria’s presentation you can listen to it by clicking on the link provided <https://vimeo.com/779365279/6836288b10>

We are also grateful to Mission San Diego de Alcala for providing St Francis Chapel for the Lenten and Advent programs. It has been my most precious pleasure serving these past two years with the exceptional women leaders of the Auxiliary.

Judy Lemm, Spiritual Events Chair

Registration is *NOW OPEN* for *WW 2023 Gala!!*

*Save the Date!*

**Whispering Winds Gala**  
CELEBRATING 45 YEARS OF CAMP!



*This is What We Live For!*

Saturday  
February 18  
2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
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Secure your tickets for  
WW 41st Annual Gala:  
*This is What We Live For!*

**Register for the Gala**

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**When: May 19-21, 2023**

Where: Whispering Winds Camp in Julian  
Speaker: Paula Bott, Whispering Winds  
Director of Ministry Development and Programs

# 2023 WFWA Governing Board

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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.