



"Called to His Purpose"

Romans 8:28

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From the President.....

A few weeks ago we had the sweet ceremony for the installation of (3) new governing board members (Linda Crabtree, Linda Aguilera and Susan Galichon) and a thank you to our outgoing members. When we gather, I am always humbled to be a part of a group that the Holy Spirit led Bernice and Kathy Brown to start 35 years ago- Happy Birthday to all the founding members, you ARE dedicated, spiritual giants!

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ...and the auxiliary! Most of you have heard this phrase, I just took the liberty of adding "bring that friend to the auxiliary". It is when we are in community that we are so powerful! One of my goals as president this year is to grow our member group. The more of us in this mission together, all the more ripples we can spread when we use our gifts to really make our "mission" and God's work on the mountain known .

Our Mission: *As women united by faith in Jesus Christ and by a common interest in WWCC, we propose to contribute to the growth and development of the Camp through prayer and fellowship, assisting in fundraising, disseminating information, and providing support for functions held at the camp, providing monies for scholarships/ camperships and projects!*

When I see what has been accomplished over the last 35 years as a group it is exciting to think where it could go if we even had another 25-50 people! Sign up your moms, your daughters and friends! Join us on a committee and really get involved, if you choose, or just be happy to be a part through the communications and functions that we have!

We have voted as a governing board starting this year, as an "Active" member, (life \$200 or annual \$30) you will be thanked and appreciated by receiving a discount price to the retreat and brunch. We thank you for choosing

to be a part of a bigger picture that God is designing at camp! If you have let your annual membership end just because you forget to pay every year, start again now and we will do better at reminding everyone when fees are due. If you have paid since October of 2022 you are considered an "active" member for 2023, thank you!

Why do we have a membership? Who doesn't love to belong to a group that serves such a beautiful purpose for others, and at the same time, be "fed" in love and friendship with a common goal! Money generated from our fees serve as our "functioning fund" The fees from new/renewing members helps us to fund our free events during advent and lent and to cover some retreat/brunch expenses to keep the cost to attend as low as possible. That way, more of the monies we raise at our brunch gets sent directly to camp for scholarships and special projects, not camp operating expenses. We hope you will consider joining us as an "active" member. This year we will be publishing a new directory, and we would love to add you to it! The little green book is a treasure collection of great women!

I have made growing our membership my goal because I was the volunteer nurse at camp last summer for special needs and confirmation retreat and I have truly seen and heard the impact God makes in so many lives of people who may not have been able to attend camp. The scholarships we give are made possible from the prior year's generosity of your gifts of time, talent and treasure!! So as I see it: the bigger the drop (group) the bigger the ripple (splash) we can make for God to work!

I hope to see you at the Gala Feb. 18 for the surprise \$\$ donation we will present to camp from our 2022 fundraising. Then, I hope to also see your name as a new/renewing member on our next newsletter in March!

Thank you and Shalom!
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LENTEN EVENING REFLECTION



FROM LIFE TO DEATH AND DEATH TO LIFE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023
6:30-8:30 PM
ST. TERESE PARISH SOCIAL CENTER
6026 CAMINO RICO,
SAN DIEGO, CA 92120

WITH GUEST SPEAKER SARAH CRABTREE



This Lent, we invite you to answer Christ's call to "get up, and walk" as we contemplate: from Life to Death, and from Death to Life.

We experience various kinds of death in our lives, and each death makes room for Christ in our hearts, giving birth to new life.

Sarah Crabtree, Mother of six beautiful children, was born and raised in East County, San Diego. She will share how God's plan for our life is infinite. Our choice to walk with Him in faith will require death in our life. How do we respond? Contemplate this question as we prepare our hearts for the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. and how His death brought us new life.

The Attitude of Christ

In preparation for writing this article my prayer has been asking the Holy Spirit for direction as to the subject for reflection. With Lent rapidly approaching, the natural answer came to focus on this truly important Penitential, liturgical season.

"Lent" is an ancient word for spring, and as we well know is an period of six weeks when we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Paschal Mystery, the Easter event that forever changed history. As Bishop Barron so eloquently states, "During Lent we apprentice to Jesus in His 40-day sojourn in the desert...doing what He did there, facing what He faced there. The desert is a place of clarification when we have been stripped of the relatively trivial desires that preoccupy us, we can see, with somewhat disturbing clarity, who we essentially are and what most presently matters." It's also a time in our personal lives for us to be nourished, grow and flourish. During 40 days Jesus went through His own personal time of reflection and prayer. Like Him this is what we too are called to do as well. Jesus came into this world to share His life with us. He thought about His mission here on earth and made choices accordingly. With His Father's will in mind He was very intentional about His use of time, power and personal gifts. He sought to do the will of the Father and show us the way for all persons to be brothers and sisters so that we too might one day enter and dwell with the Father in heaven for all eternity.

In addition, Lent is a time of instruction for us and our faith comes to us by hearing, reading, study and good conversation. Our faith needs to grow and we need to ask questions and to reflect on the answers. To grow in faith calls for an alert and attentive person, one who listens to the Word of God, to others, to self, to one's speech, to one's conscience and also to the world. In this season, the Church uses the Word of God with an abundance of great themes of faith, conversion and turning back to God, who is already waiting and loving us. We are asked to do more because Lent is a time when we are also asked to look to scriptures and personally evaluate our lives and do penance and reconciliation. While writing this I had the good fortune to listen to Pope Francis address a million people gathered for the celebration of Mass at the Ndolo Airport on his Pilgrimage of Peace trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo. A statement he made that I'll never forget was, "May our sins be drown in the silence of Your mercy." What a profound and beautiful image this conjured up for me, one that truly speaks to my heart and I'll frequently be meditating on!

The Gospel during Lent is chosen each day in accordance with Lenten themes and preparation for baptism, penance, prayer, an effort to live a good Christian life, and to accept the mystery of Salvation through the cross. As Cale Clark from Relevant Radio says when speaking about scripture from the Bible, "Even though it's an old book, God can speak to us afresh every day." Recently, on the 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time in the Gospel of St. Matthew (5:1-12) we were presented with the Beatitudes from The Sermon on The Mount. This presents us (perhaps "afresh" to some) with "the attitude" of Christ and calls upon us once again to live our lives by following this code of conduct.

This got me to thinking that since Lent is a time for new life to appear, it's a good time for challenging oneself to more fully live out one or

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The Attitudes of Christ

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more of these Christ-like attitudes and or ask when and where do I tend to stray from the beatitudes? Such reflection might even shed light some of our old rigid or frozen attitudes making them more apparent and even helping us to modify them or even make them disappear. As the saying goes, sunlight is the best disinfectant!

It is said that a tree with deep roots can weather any storm. If we more fully sink our roots deep within our Catholic spirituality during our daily living, we should be able to weather any storm. In turn, we will also come to know the abundant life that Jesus invites us to experience both here and for all eternity...As Bishop Barron so eloquently says "With our eyes fixed on this coming Glory of Easter let us together enter into this desert time of self-denial ready to break out of the darkness of sin and death and into the light of the Risen Christ."

During this grace-filled season let us hear with our hearts and as Christ's true followers strive to truly let our lives shine forth as witnesses to the "be-attitudes" of Christianity.

Happy "Lenting" to you one and all!
Linda Crabtree

THE EIGHT BEATITUDES OF JESUS

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:3-10

Lord Jesus Saves †

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Do not whisper in the wind! Shout it from the mountain top with the women of WWWA!!!

Join today or renew your membership and let the voice of all our faith-filled women inspire you. You can update your contact information here also. Don't forget to invite a friend to join! \$200 for a life member and \$30 for annual renewal.

Share the link below.

<https://www.whisperingwinds.org/getinvolved/womens-auxiliary/>

Join, Renew, Update Here

All active members signed up by March 1st will receive a discount on our May retreat.

Welcome to new Members:

Katherine Dunn

Avery Heid

Shelby Finch

Kelly Sinclair and Susan Galichon

619-884-8981 or 619-889-1259

Membership Committee



Here is how your generous donations from WWA 2021 Virtual Brunch were used and the check in the amount of \$59,000.00 was presented at WW 2022 Gala.

2022 SCHOLARSHIP TOTALS

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$8,457
WWA GRANT		\$59,000
WWA Retreat	\$2,738	
Family Camp #1 (31 Families)	\$5,128	
Family Camp #2 (29 Families)	\$6,180	
Special Needs Family Camp (30 Families)	\$15,919	
CCA's	\$2,702	
Senior Moments	\$495	
Camp Emmaus (Catholic Youth Leadership)	\$4,775	
Boys to Men Mentoring Network (Challenged Youth and Their Mentors)	\$3,350	
Noah Homes (Developmentally Disabled Adults)	\$7,285	
Confirmation Retreat: (Disadvantaged Parishes) (Life Teen Production, \$300 value, charged \$40)	\$18,886	

Meet Your Board Member

Welcome Susan Galichon to the WWA Board!



Susan Galichon
Membership Committee

If I had to use one word to describe my friend Susan it would be “worker Bee”. Ok so two words but there are so many more! Susan is an amazing faith-filled, generous, thoughtful, helpful, loyal, dependable, sincere, kind and considerate woman to say the least. Susan is a native San Diegan growing up with two sisters and some pretty awesome parents who she calls her role-models for how to really live your best life. Having no boys but “Pops” in the house Susan became the sponge that would learn anything from fixing the ceiling fan, dishwasher, kitchen faucet down to changing the tires and spark plugs on the car. I am not sure I have ever met anyone who really can do it all but even if she doesn’t know how to do something she will figure it out

anyway. This drive and gift has made her truly a jack of all trades, including what she learned from her mother that in turn became her hobbies and interest. Susan can sew, cook and garden with the skill set of a master!

Susan became Catholic when she was Baptized along with her two infant children as well as also receiving her First Holy Communion and being confirmed at the Easter Vigil in 2004. Susan has been widowed by her husband, Chris, since 2014. Together they have one son Garret and two adopted children, Taya and Cole, who are only 56 days apart! Life was fun in the Galichon home! The Galichons’ hail from France and have a very deep-rooted Catholic faith that welcomed Susan into the Catholic Faith. Their home was always one of family meals with gratitude for one another.

Susan says her biggest faith builder now is learning by reading and studying to learn more about the Catholic faith. She enjoys daily meditation and book clubs to increase her understanding and faith.

I have been blessed to meet Susan in the cry room at The Church of St. Luke’s many years ago and we continued our journey as our kids went to school together at St. Kieran’s. Susan’s attitude of “how and where can I help” carried into her stepping in to fill a position in my company in our purchasing department. So when trying to find an assistant to help on the membership committee who else would I ask but my good friend Susan! You will find true joy and friendship having Susan as a new member on our board!

Written by Kelly Sinclair

Mark Your Calendar!!

SAVE THE DATE



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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

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