

Whispers from the Auxiliary Fellowship

He is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!! Spring is here, Jesus is risen, and we are surrounded with the beauty of God’s creation!

In our last newsletter, I talked about prayer and the Women’s Auxiliary commitment to daily prayer at 3pm for the success of the camp. This month, I want to focus on fellowship which is a key component to our mission.

I began to think back on all the amazing women who have gone before me in this role as president and how for the past 35 years the Women’s Auxiliary has continued to meet several times each year in fellowship with one another to pursue this shared interest which is the growth and development of Whispering Winds camp.

Beginning with Bernice and Kathy, there have been over 30 women who have served as president and hundreds of women who have served important roles on the governing board. We meet, we pray, we join together as a group of Catholic women in fellowship to support and encourage and plan events and activities that will bring others to Christ. Our events are open to everybody - members and non-members alike, who come together in fellowship and support our mission.

The current event that the Auxiliary is planning is the May women’s retreat weekend at Whispering Winds. This retreat is an opportunity for you to help us with our mission to “contribute to the growth and development of the camp” by inviting a friend to join you for the weekend. Once the friend experiences the fellowship of our group, ask her to join the Auxiliary and come to future events. Please read more about the May retreat below. I look forward to seeing you there!

Next month I will be giving a short talk at a Cursillo weekend. As I’ve been preparing this talk, I have realized how important it is to be in fellowship with other Catholic women. We are all individuals on our journey to grow closer to Christ but the journey is so much richer when we join with other women and journey together. As we meet and pray together and offer encouragement to each other in smaller groups, we are better prepared to bring others to Christ so they too can experience the fellowship of the larger Christian community. When this is accomplished, the church that Christ established grows, the world is a better place and our Lord is happy!

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“Called to His
Purpose”

Romans 8:28

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FELLOWSHIP (CONTINUED)

As I sit here enjoying my Easter jellybeans, I cannot help but be so thankful for this Auxiliary community. To every woman who has been a part of this Auxiliary before us and to each of you current members, I say Thank You for your commitment and fellowship and friendship. Each is like one of my jellybeans, a different flavor but so much better when enjoyed together.

Lent is now behind us and the Easter Season is here. I pray that you each can find the peace that surpasses all understanding this Easter season.

Angela

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice... Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God..." ~ Philippians 4:4-9.

Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary Women's Retreat

Date: May 17-19 2024

Theme: Your Heart, His Home

- 2 Nights Lodging & 6 Meals
- Friday Night Social
- Live Music
- Sunday Mass with
Monsignor Mark Campbell

Cost to Attend:

\$200 member
\$230 non-member

Please contact Linda Aguilera with any questions at laguilera@me.com

REGISTER HERE



GUEST SPEAKER:

LIZ KELLY

JOIN WWWA



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LET US REJOICE!

Dearest Auxiliary Sisters,

Alleluia and blessings upon one and all! The Easter Season is such a glorious time for celebrating Our Lord and Redeeming Savior's victory over the cross, sin and death... Let us REJOICE in the radiance of this great saving light!

Prior to Holy Week I had anticipated writing this article on a completely different topic. However, come Palm Sunday, God made it known that He had other plans and literally intervened in a life altering way! Due to God's own design, this year I experienced Holy Week and the Triduum in a more profound way than any other time in all of my 75 years!

When Palm Sunday morning dawned, my right leg was feeling swollen and warm, two signs that I might be facing a case of cellulitis, a skin infection. These symptoms were familiar because I had previously experienced them twice before. Both frustrated and annoyed by the timing of this development I proceeded to pull out my very special bottle of Lourdes Holy Water. I used it to anoint and pray over my leg and then told my dear hubby, Steve, I felt it was time to pay a visit to our Kaiser Urgent Care to get the leg checked out and to pick up an RX for an appropriate antibiotic medication. As a result, we headed to the clinic to get on with the process.

During my initial screening, the nurse observed that rather than walking I was being pushed in a wheel chair, my leg was very hot, red and puffy, and I also had an elevated body temperature. Due to these conditions and the possibility I might be septic, it was determined that rather than spending time in the clinic I needed to go directly to the hospital E.R., so, off we went and I was promptly admitted to Kaiser Zion's Hospital E.R.

The fact it was necessary for us to be in the hospital and I was needing to undergo treatment was definitely a huge surprise

for me! Within minutes of arriving in the E.R. I was hooked to an IV which began delivering the first course of heavy duty antibiotics to my system. While this was being set up my wonderful, attentive nurse had detected that I was also having great fluctuations in my heart rhythms, so I was outfitted with chest probes in order to monitor my heart activity. This also led to the insertion of another IV line in order to deliver the heart regulating meds that I was needing. At this point in time the attending doctor also made a point of discussing the gravity of my condition and also inquire if I had my Advance Health Care Directives on file. Furthermore, he segued into a discussion about my wishes should the need arise and I might need to be resuscitated. As you may have gathered, the doctor definitely had our undivided attention as both Steve and I were processing all that was so rapidly transpiring! In addition, the doctor also explained that since my infection was so aggressive there was an additional concern that it may have spread into my bone and if so I would need to undergo a surgical procedure to abate this. As a result, a series of x-rays, a sonogram and a CAT Scan of my leg were ordered to determine if the infection had indeed entered the bone. Fortunately, and praise be to the Lord, this didn't turn out to be the case, so it was a great relief that this scenario had been eliminated!

By 1:00 AM my condition appeared to have stabilized, so I was finally transferred from the E.R. and upstairs to the hospital's Cardiac Unit. This was very reassuring and things definitely felt like they were heading in a good direction. At 1:30 A.M. Steve kissed me good night and took off to head home. The nurses turned off my light, closed the door and headed back to their nurses station. I was very happy grateful that at long last I could just relax and settle in for some long awaited sleep... Not so fast!!!

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We are grateful to report, thanks to your generosity, WWSA was able to donate \$50,000.00 towards Camperships this year at the Whispering Winds Gala!

Fun Fact: to date, the Women's Auxiliary has raised and donated \$421,000 to WW Camp for scholarships/camperships Thank you once again for your generosity!

LET US REJOICE! (CONTINUED)

Within minutes, at 2:00 A.M., alarms were sounding and the nurses were charging back into my room flipping on lights and calling out my name! The monitors had detected that my heart had stopped and they were coming to revive me. However God took care of everything and my heart spontaneously restarted and had also returned to a normal sinus rhythm as well. What a gift! Although my body momentarily failed to function, God came to my rescue and healed my ailing heart. What amazing mercy was poured out upon me for which I am eternally grateful!

At the beginning of the Passion of the Christ movie the scripture displayed on the screen is from Isaiah:33. It states "He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; we by His wounds are healed." This scripture totally speaks to me right here and right now and captures how I am feeling. Although I know "by His wounds we are healed" refers to our sin and spiritual woundedness, I feel it also applies to my currently "broken" down body right now. God, our Master Vinekeeper, knew that in order to remain spiritually healthy and help me continue to grow even closer to Him, I needed a good pruning and nurturing in a special way that He had designed for me. The specific set of circumstances in which I found myself

during Holy Week allowed me to feel ever so humbly connected to Our Lord and His passion in a truly more personal and poignant way. Although ever brutally beaten, scourged and crucified as Our Lord was, I feel that the timeline of my infirmities coinciding with His horrific Holy Week sufferings truly served to unite my modest ones with those of our Lord and bonded us together in a new way which I had never previously experienced!

For the privilege of my incredible Easter Resurrection experience I can't thank our Redeemer enough and want to shout from the mountain tops all glory and praise belong to Him who has shed His Precious Blood and extended His amazing mercies to each one of us!

May the renewed life and joy of Easter live on in you and your loved ones now and always!

Your humble Spiritual Advisor & Sister-in-Christ,
Linda Crabtree



ASK AND WE SHALL RECEIVE!

We would like to welcome seven new members to the Whispering Winds

Woman's Auxiliary:

Shannon Piagentini

Anna Marie Leyba

Linda Biances

Mary Macie

Heidi Argandona

Therese DaSilva

Astrid Shannon – Life Member

Chris Franco – Life Member

We are now at 187 total members.

123 Life Members

64 annual members.

We have set a lofty goal of 224 for 2024 and were off to a good start.

Remember to ask a friend, ask a neighbor, ask any faith filled woman to

join this amazing group of women.

Let them know the benefits of being a member.

- ◆ Discount on our May Retreat and Fall Brunch
- ◆ Free Advent and Lenten evenings of reflection
- ◆ PLUS you get to be a part of a great group of faith-filled women who share a love for the Whispering Winds Camp.

Now is a perfect time to ask your friends or family members to join!

Susan Galichon and Kelly Sinclair
Membership

Join or Renew Here

WAYS AND MEANS

We hope that all of you are having a beautiful Easter season.

In spring we always look forward to our Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary Retreat!

Hopefully, many of you have registered for this annual event on May 17 th -19 th .

We are asking our members for their support. We will again have a quilt made by Tannie Wise, who generously blesses us with her beautiful creations! As for past retreat raffles we are asking members to donate gift cards for our gift card trees. We will also have an array of plants.

If you can donate gift cards either give them to any WWA Board Members, drop them off at the Whispering Wind's office or mail them to:

Whispering Winds
4636 Mission Gorge Place, Suite 203
San Diego CA 92120

We thank you for your continued support.

God bless all of you,
Patricia Viescas, Val Spooner,
Mattie Scull and Claudia Penczar



“THE JOY IN SURRENDER: A LENTEN PRESENTATION”

RECAP

This year our annual Lenten Retreat was held at St. Mary Magdalene’s. We arrived to witness an amazing view of the sun setting over the ocean. What a beautiful way to help open our hearts to receive our speaker, Erika Toraya’s message of finding The Joy Surrendering to His Will. She shared information about some of her favorite saints, healing prayers as well as ideas to help make this Lenten season a time to draw closer to our Lord. She shared her Lenten calendar (a God task to do each day) which included: get on your knees, ask God, “What is my hope, dream?”, learn about a saint, a day of gratitude and peaceful silence.

She asked everyone in attendance to write down our favorite Lenten practice which she then compiled and emailed out so we could all benefit from a host of wonderful

ideas: the Rosary, break from social media, Stations of the Cross, be kind and attend extra Masses, to name a few. Some of the resources we shared included: BustedHalo.com, 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory, Creighton Online Ministries and Best Lent Ever.

While our Lenten season will most likely be completed by the time you’re reading this, diving deep into this list of blessed actions will bring you closer to Jesus no matter what time of year!

A special thanks to all who were able to attend. Your participation and fellowship to our events encourage year round growth in our walks with God.

Linda Aguilera
Spiritual Events Chair



MEET ANNIE KORN



Annie Korn
WWWA Vice President

It seems a little odd to me that somebody has made it this far in life and has not been blessed with knowing Annie Korn. Annie is one of those people who shines with the light of Christ and lives to serve. It's no wonder that her daily prayer is to "surrender my life to do whatever God has created me to do".

Annie is your Vice President of the Women's Auxiliary this year. She has served as the Spirituality chair (and vice chair) in the past and has been very involved with the Auxiliary for many years. Annie grew up in Mira Mesa with her Jewish dad and Catholic mom. She has lived all over the county of San Diego. She loves to swim (with fins – she would love to be a mermaid), dance hip hop and help others.

Annie's passion for Whispering Winds camp is abundant. Over 15 years ago, Annie was the executive director at Camp Oliver in Descanso. That is when she got to know the staff at Whispering Winds camp. Annie says that the very first time she drove onto the grounds at WW, she knew it was a very special place and felt a deep calling to be a part of their team. Annie was on a spiritual journey, but not Catholic. She felt the call of the camp – she did not know it at the time but we know it was the Holy Spirit calling!

A short time later, Annie was asked to fill an entry level position at the camp's office in San Diego, but Annie declined. God then blessed the camp by paving the way for Annie to become the Camp Director at Whispering Winds. From 2011 until 2017 Annie served in this role. Many of us came to know her and fondly remember her entertaining address to each camping group explaining the importance of staying hydrated and remembering to flush the toilets often!

When Don Kojis got to know Annie at camp, he told her that she had to make her Cursillo. This began her journey to Catholicism. Annie says that the WW and Cursillo community "cursillo'd" her. This means "make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend to Christ". After completing RCIA classes, Annie was confirmed Catholic in 2013 right on the grounds of camp in Founders Hall.

Annie has a deep passion to serve on the Whispering Winds Auxiliary Governing board because the camp "changed her life". She says, "most all that is good in my life can be traced back to Whispering Winds". She would do anything for the camp!

Please welcome Annie to our Auxiliary board. She is easy to spot, just look for the beautiful one with the huge smile on her face!

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WWA Mission Statement

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!