

"Called to His Purpose"
Romans 8:28

Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

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From the President.....

I am praying for special blessings on all of the WWWW members as we approach the holiest season of the Church year! Just as spring brings us the signs of rebirth in nature, so does Lent bring us a renewal of our spiritual nature.

This year's annual dinner dance fundraiser was on February 20th. Led by Vicki Youngers, the preparations and beautiful evening gave many auxiliary members and others a chance to support the camp we all love! The evening's theme, "And I think to myself WHAT A *Wonderful* WORLD", resonates the meaning of Whispering Winds to many people. To me, it also shows what a wonderful group of women we have!

Our Woman of the Year, Cathy Sperrazzo, presented the camp with a check for \$12,000 from the WWWW. As she presented the check Cathy shared the importance of the camp to her own family. Many others could share her example. This began a successful paddle raise to provide funds for the camp.

A few days after the dinner dance, February 24th, the Spirituality Committee provided us with a Lenten evening of reflection. The speaker was Sr. Joan Marie Sasse, a Benedictine nun from Grand Terrace, Riverside. Invoking the Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, Sr. Joan discussed being merciful and showing mercy to others and ourselves. The evening provided all participants with prayer, reflection, and beautiful music. Great job spirituality committee!

Registration is open on the Whispering Winds website for our annual retreat, May 13-15. The spirituality committee is busy preparing for the retreat. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

God bless all of you,

Claudia



Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary May Retreat

"Where Faith Meets Real Life"

Meet our guest speaker for the weekend...



PAT GOHN is an award-winning author with a Masters in Theology. She draws on decades of women's ministry experience, proclaiming the Church's compelling vision of every woman: you have dignity (blessed), you are gifted (beautiful), and you have a mission (bodacious). The lively and unforgettable Pat Gohn shares through moments of her life that have shaped her identity and understanding of womanhood – abiding love and talent for music, breast cancer in her thirties, and coming to understand true feminism in light of Church teaching and Mary's example. Pat presents with humor, faith, and the open-hearted tone of a trusted mentor.

- When:** May 13-15, 2016
Check-in 4-6:00 p.m. on May 13th
Departure ~ 1:00 p.m. on May 15th
- Where:** Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center
Julian, CA
- Cost:** \$165 for WWWA Members
\$195 for non-members (includes membership)
- Late Registration:** AFTER April 30th
\$190 for WWWA Members
\$220 for non-members (includes membership)
- Full Refund:** Prior to April 30, 2016



Mail checks (payable to WWWA) and form below to:
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Carolyn Kalb (619) 318-6493 or Marie Cizek (619) 582-9472

For partial scholarship contact: Chris Villalobos at (619) 444-1936
Registration is limited – Register early! Motor homes and trailers are welcome.

"Where Faith Meets Real Life"– WHISPERING WINDS WOMEN'S RETREAT 2016 REGISTRATION FORM
Please register online at whisperingwinds.org; click on *WW Women's Auxiliary*

Name: _____ First time attending? Y ____ N ____

Address: _____

City / Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

I need special diet (specify): _____

REFLECTIVE MOMENTS FROM A SERVANT

The beginning of the Lenten season I found myself on a camping trip in the Anza Borrego Desert. It was a great place to get my head and heart together for this beautiful season of Lent.

In Saint John Paul II's Letter to the Faithful, February 1979, he shares that: "Lent is a particularly appropriate time to awaken and form the conscience. It is precisely at this time that the Church reminds us of the overwhelming necessity for Sacramental Confession, so that we can all live Christ's Resurrection, not only in the liturgy, but also in our own soul."

We have the blessing of being reflective during this time as we seek God's mercy and show his mercy and forgiveness to those whom we love.

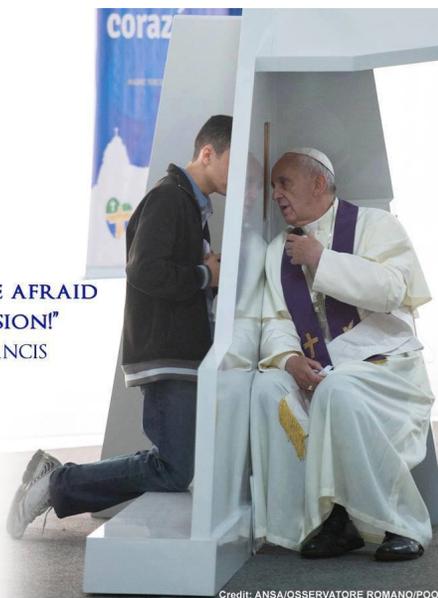
Jose Escrivia reminds us that our confession should be concise; just the words that are needed to say what we have done or failed to do, Concrete; to state sin and circumstances, clear; we make ourselves understand and declare the nature of our sin and complete; without leaving anything out because of false shame.

I am trying to do a daily examine and prepare for my Lenten reconciliation. I pray that as God extends His mercy in this Jubilee Year of Mercy that you will experience the gift of this sacrament.

Love in Christ your faithful Servant,

Annie McConville

"DO NOT BE AFRAID
OF CONFESSION!"
-POPE FRANCIS



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DON'T FORGET!

to pay your dues for 2016. Lifetime Membership is \$200 and Active Yearly Membership is \$30. Dues paid from May 2015 and later are good until December 2016.

Welcome!

Since the Brunch in November, we have had four new Life Time Members: Lisa Moritz, Loraine Bales, Cathie Senoff and Colette Hamlet-Davis.

We also want to welcome new and renewing members since the Brunch: Mary Jane Nigro, Diana Coram, Mishel Montello, Maureen Hogan, Emilia Belotti, Mary Rose Wood, Marla Carter, and Gloria Rosales.



PAY NOW

Not sure if you paid your dues? Please contact Monica Larson at (619) 435-4141 or l Larson.monica@gmail.com.

Payments can be made on line at
<https://secure-q.net/Donations/WhisperingWinds/10769>

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The WWVA's Lenten Evening of Reflection was held February 24th at Our Mother of Confidence Church in San Diego.

As we gathered and at the close of the evening spiritual music was provided by Annie Barrack on the guitar and piano. The opening remarks and prayer were given by Fr. Mark Campbell calling us to a greater love and forgiveness of one another.

Our speaker was Joan Marie Sasse, O.S.B. from Holy Spirit Monastery in Grand Terrace CA. Sr. Joan Marie's message was spiritual, inspirational and practical. Using interesting examples from life and science, she advocated using the Light of Christ to transform and heal areas in our spiritual and/or physical lives where we need healing and growth. She stressed positive thinking as a means to achieve healthier ways to view a world in which we are exposed to so much negativity. Her message was delivered with humor and in a down to earth manner.

Thank you to all who helped make this evening possible, your are greatly appreciated

Carolyn Kalb & Marie Cizek
Spirituality Co-chairs



Pictures provided by
Karen Goodman, Historian

MEMBER BOARD SHOWS YOU THEM

Hello, my name is Carolyn Kalb and it is a blessing to chair the spirituality committee of the WWA. It's been a wonderfully challenging journey and I have enjoyed this group of faithful and committed women in serving our Sisters in Christ.

I was born right here in San Diego and grew up in Fletcher Hills in a loving and faith-filled family. My parents, sister and two brothers and their respective families all currently live within 15 minutes of each other - there's 19 of us!..... and then there's the extended families, woo hoo!!!

Growing up my family enjoyed the outdoors and I especially loved swimming and horseback riding and our summer camping trips. A trip I am especially fond of is travelling with one of my brothers, in a Pinto Station Wagon, to Alaska for a 3 week summer camping and backpacking trip.

I've been able to pass along this appreciation for nature to my two beautiful children, Sarah & Benjamin, and in turn hope that they will share this love with others.

My daughter, Sarah, is a recent graduate of Franciscan University, Steubenville, and resides in Glendale, Ca. She is pursuing her love of writing, acting and theater..... although her latest project is: planning her wedding! July 2nd is the big day and we're so excited.

My son, Benjamin, has attended Grossmont college and is currently starting his own business in website design. He lives near me and we occasionally enjoy meals and outings together.

They are both sweet young adults with a larger than life heart for others.

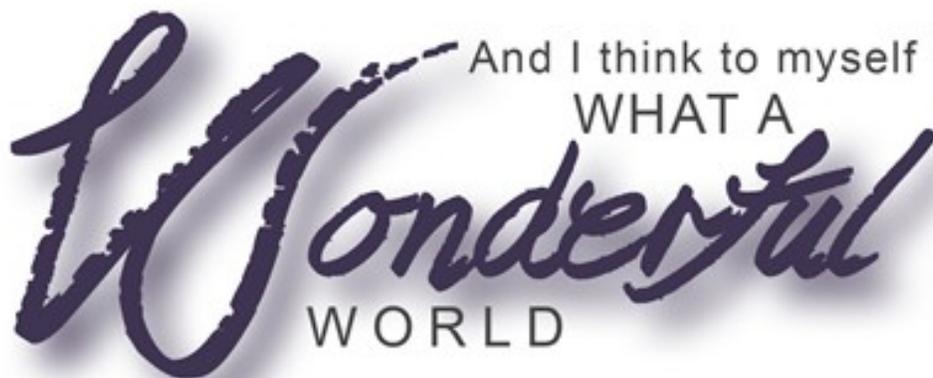
Our journey through life as a single-parent family can be summed up in one word: community!

I am a self employed residential landscape designer and LOVE my job. The creative opportunities to bring comfort and beauty to a residence is extremely satisfying and I look forward to the relationship process during the design and installation phases. My biggest challenge? Encouraging patience in my clients as they wait for the plants to grow!

Our Lord has been kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in His love to my family. I give thanks every morning by asking, 'Okay, what are we doing today?!!'



W W D I N N E R D A N C E G A L A



'This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.' Psalms 118

Our annual Dinner Dance Gala was held on Saturday February 20, 2016 at the Marriott Marquis San Diego Bayfront. To say that they just keep getting better is an understatement. It is like a 'shot in the arm' to attend this event as you are reminded over and over again that our involvement in the Camp changes lives and families. What a blessing it is to share our passion for the Camp in such a celebratory way!

As a Camp we are so blessed. We are not in debt and the Caster Family's donation of over \$6 million will complete the build out of the property. The money we raise from here on out it to extend the invitation to more and more people to be able to experience the mountain top. Our MISSION as Martin Rosales, Executive Director likes to say is to build the kingdom of God right here in Julian California.

A continued thank you to all those you participated in any way to make the evening a success! Our hearts are overflowing with thankfulness for each of you who were able to join us, prayed for us, placed ads, and donated your resources. You honor the Lord as you give tribute to the Camp that blesses us beyond measure. What WONDERFUL World where we are blessed to make a difference by helping to make Whispering Winds better and better! YOU are wonderful in His eyes...and ours.

Your Dinner Dance Team: Stacie Bales, Sue McCarthy, Claudia Penczar, Mattie Scull, Val Spooner and Vicki Youngers

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Our committees are always looking for helping hands.
Please consider volunteering for one of the committees
marked with **



UPCOMING EVENTS

WWA Women's Retreat

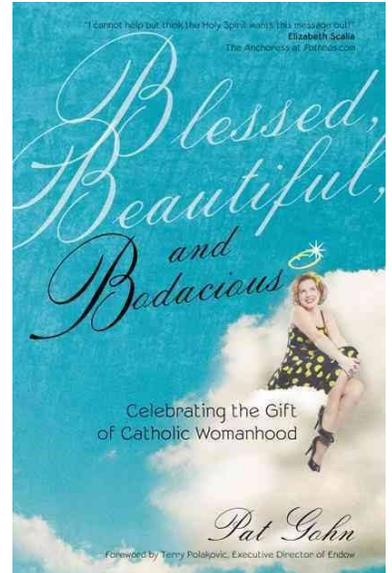
May 13 - 15, 2016

Whispering Winds Catholic
Conference Center

Guest Speaker: Pat Gohn

Topic: Where Faith Meets New Life

Online Registration is NOW open



Whispering Winds 2016 Camp Events

Cursillo: Men's April 7-10; Women's April 14-17

Family Camps: June 17-19, 24-26; July 8-10, 15-17

Special Needs Family Camp: July 22-24

Camp Emmaus: June 27-July 1; August 7-11

Middle School Camp: July 18-21

Senior Moments Retreat: Sept. 9-11

Diocesan Young Adult Retreat: Sept. 16-18

Golf Classic: Sept. 30

Cursillo: Men's Oct. 13-16; Women's Oct. 20-23

Confirmation Retreat: Dec. 9-11

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