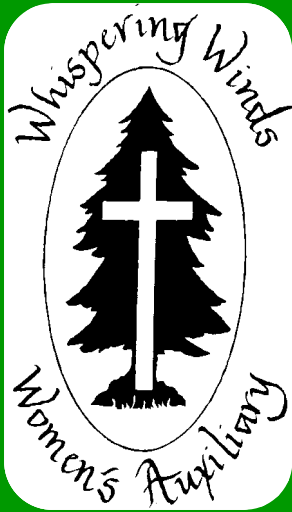


# Whispers from the Auxiliary

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## "Called to His Purpose"

Romans 8:28

### Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

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## From the Presidents.....

### Outgoing President Reflections

It has been an honor this year to serve the Lord, the camp and my sweet sisters in the Auxiliary. As I look back over the year, from the Installation dinner last December to the one we just had in January, I see evidence of the guidance of the Holy Spirit within each of us. Your thoughtfulness, generosity, willingness to hold each other and the camp up in prayer, precious smiles and hugs are the Markings of God on your lives to me. I am excited to be a part and follow Chris Villalobos and the Lord leading us this year! In Psalm 1, verse 3 encourages us to each be like a tree planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit is every season, God bless and keep you close to Him.

*Val Spooner*



From the incoming President

*"For whoever does the will of God is my sister"* Mark 3:35

Greetings dear sisters,

Welcome to the gift of another year in service to Whispering Winds! What an honor and a joy it is to take the helm as president! I'm thrilled to be in the company of Spirit-filled sisters who seek a closer walk with the Lord and strive to do His will. Having grown up with 5 boisterous brothers and no sisters, it's refreshing to be around like-minded women who encourage and support me in my faith walk. You are a powerful

witness to me as you pray, serve and live your life for others. It is no accident that we are here now to be in community as an auxiliary for one another, "Here to Love", as the theme for this year announces. We are "Here to Love" in the prayers we offer for one another and the camp, for the sacrifices of time and money that we make, the compassion we show as we volunteer, and in all the small ways we chose to imitate Christ. Nothing matters more, and at times, nothing is harder to do than to be "Here to Love". We **trust**, as our motto states, that "God makes all things work together for the good of those who love God and are called to His purpose".

Val's theme last year set the tone of who we are, "Marked by God" ...God who has set us apart and has placed his mark of ownership upon us. We are His precious daughters called to love. Come be filled with the light of Christ as we journey together into another spectacular year. Together we will "put on, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience...and over all these put on love." Col.3:12-13 We are here to love one sweet and not-so-sweet soul at a time!

Because of your amazing generosity at the Brunch this past October, the auxiliary is thrilled to donate a record breaking financial gift to the camp. The amount will be revealed in our next newsletter or better yet, come join us at the Dinner Dance on February 24, 2018 and see for yourselves. Single? We've got a "Girls Table" just for you. Couple? There's a table with your name on it! We are always inspired to gather as a community of faith to see building progress at the camp, to hear testimonials of hearts renewed and lives transformed by the love and grace of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Your sister, here to love,  
*Chris Villalobos*

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Our committees are always looking for helping hands. Please consider volunteering for one of the 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 for all functions held at the Camp, Providing monies for scholarships and projects for the upgrading of the facilities at the Camp.

# Opening Our Hearts

Hello My Sister in Christ,

A few months ago I received a call from our beautiful, newly appointed Auxiliary President asking me to fill the role of Spirituality Advisor. Knowing in my heart that the work of our auxiliary touches the hearts of so many in such a variety of ways, I told her that I would do whatever she asked of me. Skip forward to now - with me sitting in front of my laptop feeling completely unqualified to be a Spiritual Advisor but I know that He will guide and lead me, as He always does, to grow in my faith and help me remember that it's all about HIM not me and my insecurities.

An example of how He has guided me is with my Groupies. After I made my Cursillo, I was fortunate to find a few groupings to try out to find that perfect fit - close to home, not too late, you know, something that feeds MY needs. After three adjustments, I found myself without any Group ☺ but after a conversation with one of my former Groupies, I rejoined them and I am so happy to be back! God let me do my "Groupie Shopping" and then led me right back to where I belong. This beautiful group of ladies has filled me with caring love and support but more importantly, I am growing in my faith with them. In fact, we recently did a pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Sierras in Hereford, Arizona.

With our plans in place, Sparky started his attempts to thwart our pilgrimage (casting doubt in our group that it was too far for such a short amount of time, family illness, family obligations) but He prevailed and 5 members out of our group of 7 loaded into a Mazda 5 for our 8-hour drive. While we greatly missed our 2 Groupies that stayed home, everything else about our pilgrimage was served to us on a glorious golden platter. Every step of the way brought us closer to our Lord and His amazing mother, Mary. To make Mary's shrine even more special, we read "*Mary's Way of the Cross*" -experiencing the Stations of the Cross from Mary's perspective. Walking the steep incline in the middle of the desert with a 75 foot Celtic cross and a 31 foot statue of Mary over our shoulders and each of us taking turns reading out loud Mary's perspective of her son's Passion moved me beyond words. I cannot think of a better way to lead into our Lenten season.

This is the type of thing that occurs when I take the focus off of myself and give it to God to lead me. When my mind stops obsessing on doubts and fears and know that I just need to follow His guiding hand.

I hope that each of us gets to have our own pilgrimage this Lenten season. Whether it's traveling to a shrine or taking a metaphorical journey to deepen your faith; whether it's with friends and family or sitting in your prayer chair; whether it's through reading something that touches your heart or spending quiet time with our Lord - wherever He leads us, I pray our hearts are open to Him.

You're in my prayers,

*Linda Aguilera*

Spiritual Director



FOR THE LIGHT OF REFLECTION

Spirituality

# Lenten Evening of Reflection and Sharing

## *"This is How Love Wins"*



Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Our Mother of Confidence  
3131 Governor Dr  
San Diego, CA 92122

"This is How Love Wins" will be an evening of reflection and sharing, based on the story of the encounter of 3 women with Jesus in the gospels .

We will be taking up a love offering, no charge at the door.

Thank you to all who came out for our Advent Evening of Reflection. It was a beautiful evening with scripture readings and reflections from several of our members on the Light of the World. We are truly grateful for the women who were willing to be open and share their own stories and reflections, Annie Korn, Kesa Wadell, Mo Kojis, Karen Goodman, Linda Aguilera and Lisa Moritz. As the darkness in the sanctuary was pierced with each reading and candle lighting, it was easy to feel the love and the light of the Savior - and to see His grace reflected in their lovely faces. And of course, nothing could have bathed us all in the Holy Spirit as beautifully and tangibly as the amazing music provided by Jen Bedison, Letty Peck and friends. As always, God showed up with all of His abundant grace to help us to prepare to celebrate the birth of His Son. The Spirituality Team would like to extend our gratitude to all who came and participated in a special way by donating pajamas for children and teens at Polinski Center as well as food for local food banks.

Please save the date for our next evening of reflection - our annual Lenten Event - "This is How Love Wins". See information above.

# *Advent Evening of Reflection - The Light of The World*



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### This could be YOU!



Are you ready to connect with some joyful, generous, kind-hearted women who love Whispering Winds? Are you being called to serve and do you have 2-3 hours every other month to volunteer? This job may be the one to brighten your life!! You are invited to be a part of our 2018 amazing auxiliary board as **recording secretary**. Duties entail attending 4 board meetings throughout this

year, recording discussions and emailing those minutes to the board. If this opportunity resonates with you...GET READY TO BE BLESSED! Email Chris at [chrisvillalobos5@gmail.com](mailto:chrisvillalobos5@gmail.com) to reply! We're here to love!

Do you like photography? Do you enjoy digital scrapbooking? If you answered yes to either of these questions, WWA needs you! Please contact Monica Larson (historian) at 619 435-4141 or [larson.monica@gmail.com](mailto:larson.monica@gmail.com), if you would like to help document this year's events.



Hello women of Whispering Winds! My name is Marie Hickey. I joined the WWA in May, 2017 after the Women's Retreat. My previous experience with the camp was in 1994 when I made a Cursillo. Wow, Whispering Winds has come a long way! My sisters and I were impressed with the camp and the mission of the Women's Auxiliary. In joining, I volunteered to help with the Membership Committee and agreed to co-chair in 2018.

My husband Mike and I are co-parents to five adult children. We attend the Church of St. Luke in El Cajon. My background includes 25 years in business and am happy to say I'm semi-retired now.

I look forward to getting to know many of you and serving this wonderful organization.



**My special memories of Whispering Winds**

Hello to Brigit Luciani King, past president of the auxiliary in 1992 and Woman of the Year in 2004. Brigit had the special honor of being asked to be on the original board for Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary. She was deeply touched by the faith and spiritual lives of these women and the love they extended to her. Experiencing this friendship drew her closer to God.

One special memory Brigit tells is when she was going through a particularly hard time in her life 18 years ago. The auxiliary loaned her the prayer quilt. One day, as she was struggling in tears over an issue, she held the prayer quilt close. She knew that many women were praying for her and it gave her the strength she needed to go forward.

**My amazing journey learning about the most High God**

I was raised in a non-practicing Jewish home. As I look back, I am amazed at how God brought me to faith and allowed me to discover him in such a non-threatening way, little by little.

My first experience of God was when I went to a Girls Episcopal boarding school. I didn't have to go to church with the girls if I didn't want, but I did go so I was able to learn through the sermons and readings.

During my high school days, a Methodist boyfriend and I had many conversations about religion and I often went to church with him. At that time, I knew I wanted to join a church, but which one? I made the decision to join the church of the person I would someday marry...If I could believe their beliefs. So, as it turned out, I met my husband and he was Catholic. Once he knew about my decision to join the church, I received instructions and was baptized. The next morning, I went to Mass with my fiancé and received first communion. It was an amazing experience. After further instruction and four days before I delivered our first child, Kathy, I was confirmed. So, I would say at this point I felt well protected under God's wings.

The biggest test and comfort of my faith came when my daughter, Kathy, at the age of 16 years was diagnosed with a form of Leukemia. As Kathy went through 3 years of various treatments, I knew God was with me, comforting me and giving me the strength I needed. As much as I prayed for Kathy's recovery, I was at peace in God's Will.

Kathy just turned 58 and brings me joy.

I can say with assurance that when there is only one set of foot prints, I know Our Amazing God has been carrying me.

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Exciting Camp Updates! Live & Silent Auctions, Dinner, Music & Dancing!

'It's not just a gala, it touches people's lives!'

You don't want to miss this! It is an amazing evening that helps support faith-filled ministry to children, teens, adults and seniors!

Please join us. [www.whisperingwinds.org](http://www.whisperingwinds.org) to register online or call Stacie at the Whispering Winds office (619) 464-1479

### Shepherds Hall Grand Opening

Friday, January 19, 2018 Whispering Winds' friends, donors, WWSA board and WW board and staff gathered to dedicate the new Shepherds Hall. After the ribbon cutting, Shepherds Hall was blessed by Fr. Mark Campbell, Fr. Gil Gentile along with all who attended. Mass and a reception to conclude the celebration.

