



# Whispers from the Auxiliary

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## From the President.....

There's nothing like getting away for the weekend in the company of friends to rejuvenate, let go and rest in God's loving arms. What a gift the Women's Retreat weened was! A time to worship, to heal, to laugh and eat, to reconnect with God's voice.

Besides the fun of planting our own pots of succulents and flowers, leafing through old auxiliary pictures, zipping through the air on the zipline, we were graced with many seeds of wisdom and truth from our wonderful speaker, Anne Trufant. Permit me to share just a few seeds that were planted in my heart.

*~Jesus' purpose on earth was to connect, to love, to form a family. He didn't want kids or servants, he wanted friends.*

*~It is key that we know ourselves as LOVED by GOD. We are his beloved, his chosen, his child, his heir.*

*~The greatest threat to the enemy is that we know how much we are loved!*

*~God's love humbles us so that all we can do is fall on his grace.*

*~Faith has risk. God will lead us there. Just SHOW UP!*

*~Courage is not an absence of fear, but fear that has said it's prayers.*

*~Your good intention and God's grace is enough for the next step.*

Anne spoke on prayer, especially praying scripture. She stressed the importance of being persistence in prayer, saying that whatever we are willing to fight for, to pray for, God will give us. Get HIS WORD into us! Thank the Lord for all we have, all we are and will be...as a thankful heart leads to increase even if we don't see it. On that note of being

thankful in all things, I send a great big shout of gratitude out to Laurie Mikolaycik and her amazing spirituality team for the well-planned, beautifully decorated, grace-filled, amazing weekend. You answered the call to God's purpose and may He richly bless you.

Thank you, Laurie, for sharing your giftedness and your spiritual depth with us this past year. Lisa Moritz will begin her term now as the Spiritual Chairwoman and she is already making plans for next year's retreat!

As you settle into Autumn take time to "Get God's word into you"! As Paul said to the Colossians "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" Col 4:16

May you be full of the life-giving goodness of God's love.

Here to love,

**Chris Villalobos**



**You are my favorite and I love you!**

### "Called to His Purpose"

Romans 8:28

### Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

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## WWWA Annual Fall Brunch “Seasons of Grace”

Guest Speaker: Dotti Hulburt

Saturday, October 27, 2018

St. Michael’s Holy Family Center  
15546 Pomerado Road,  
Poway, CA 92064

The day begins at 8:30 am with an  
optional Mass and doors open at  
9:00 am

Cost: \$35 per Adult  
\$20 children 12 & under

Watch for your invite in the mail!



## Advent Evening of Reflection “Prepare the Way of the Lord”



Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Our Lady of Confidence Church  
3131 Governor Dr.  
San Diego, CA 92122

More information to follow

# BE GRATEFUL

Wow! It's hard to believe we are approaching Autumn! Our summer seems to slip by at a fast pace. Summer has always had a special place in my heart. As a student, the approach of summer allowed me to reflect upon my current grade level and happily anticipate the adventures that awaited me in the next. Summer meant family vacations, trips to Disneyland or time spent in the mountains in Crestline. Being a teacher, the words "summer vacation" still mean something special to me. I love having time to relax, travel, garden, read or do whatever calls me. The troublesome part of summer for me, however, is that many of my usual spiritual supports are also on hiatus. With my spiritual routines on break, I find it all too easy to slip away from my beloved study habits.

That is just one more reason I thank God for my Groupies! Meeting each week with these women who are so filled with God's love gives me countless examples of walking alongside our Lord. I know that I can share my spiritual successes just as openly as my trials and challenges and my Groupies are going to listen and hear my words with abundant love and no judgment. Sharing my walk with God with my Groupies helps me go deeper in my faith and gets me back on track whenever I find myself straying from Him. Just last week I was sharing that I had fallen away from my daily study habits and that my plan was to reestablish my morning study habits.

God is so good! This morning, as I was praying and reflecting on what to write, I completed my morning study (thanks Groupies!) and one of the meditations I read for today really hit home. It's from Silent Insights ([www.silentinsights.com](http://www.silentinsights.com)) and it's fairly short, so I'd like to share it with you:

*The following excerpt is from a prayer by Pedro Arrupe SJ after he suffered a debilitating stroke, the effects of which he patiently endured for the final ten years of his life.*

*More than ever I find myself in the hands of God. This is what I have wanted all my life from my youth. But now there is a difference; the initiative is entirely with God. It is indeed a profound spiritual experience to know and feel myself so totally in God's hands.*

*- Source: Hearts on Fire: Praying with Jesuits (Paperback) by Michael G. Harter (Editor)*

While I know that my each of our walks with God are unique, Father Arrupe's words really touched my heart. As I get older, I find my relationship with Jesus to be so much deeper. Through good times and struggles, He is always there for me. It's my job to be aware of His presence and follow Him. In an effort to be more aware of Him throughout my day, I've set an alarm on my watch that goes off every 2 hours that reads, "Be Grateful". When it goes off, I stop whatever I'm doing and take some time to be aware of God at that moment in my life. It might be a time for me to spend 10 minutes in prayer or 10 seconds being thankful for the 24 darlings I get to share my school days with. Whatever is happening as my alarm goes off, the most important thing is that I'm reminded that I am totally in God's hands. What a great place for all of us to be!

You are in my thoughts and prayers, ladies. I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon. God bless!

*Linda Aquilera,*  
Spiritual Director

W H I S P E R S F R O M T H E A U X I L I A R Y

Our committee would like to thank all of those women who gave of their hearts and donated to the raffle at our beautiful retreat! Mo Kojis and Gloria Walton each donated two scarves made with love and prayers. Donna Wilkins made and donated numerous jewelry items, including necklaces, bracelets, and other items. We also had two Kathryn the Grape gift baskets donated by the camp. Always appreciated were the many gift card to fill our gift card trees donated by many of you.



To prepare for the WWSA Annual Fall Brunch on October 27th, we have mailed out letters to business donors who have been generous to us in the past. **If anyone has any suggestions for business donors or items and gift cards for the Fall Brunch you would like to donate please contact Claudia at [cmpenczar@gmail.com](mailto:cmpenczar@gmail.com).**

God bless all of you for your continuing generosity,  
 Claudia Penczar & Annie McConville



God Bless all you Spirit-filled Women of Whispering Winds Auxiliary. My name is Norine Millum. My first experience with Whispering Winds was many years ago when I was invited to go to the Women's Retreat. I fell in love with this Holy place and my love has continued to grow through the years. Three of my grandchildren have worked at the camp over the years and they have the same love for it. (Jayme & Audrey Jarvis & J.T. Millum). In 2016 I made my Cursillo which was one of the most spiritual experiences in my life. In December, 2016 Bernice Mascari

asked me if I would be the "Sunshine Lady", aka Corresponding Secretary, for the Auxiliary....I said "Yes". By saying "Yes" God has blessed me with wonderful friends.

My parish is Santa Sophia and has been since 1971. Many family Sacraments have taken place there. I was raised in Holy Trinity Parish. My husband, Jon, and I were married there 55 years ago. We have three grown children and 10 grandchildren (one in heaven). They all live here in San Diego, which is another blessing from God. I am still very active in my Real Estate career, which spans 42 years. I love being able to share my faith with my clients who most often become my friends.

I want to thank all of you in the Auxiliary for making me feel welcome. My prayer is that the camp will continue to flourish and many people will get to experience God's love on this Holy ground at Whispering Winds thru the effort and love of the Auxiliary.

# WWWA May Retreat 2018



# SUMMER GATHERING



The beautiful backyard setting at Cathy Sperrazzo's home was the location of the annual Past Presidents and board members summer dinner. What a joy for like-minded, faith-filled women to gather, visit, catch-up and share laughter. There was so much history and many memories to go around and recount. What a blessing that our mutual love of Whispering Winds brings us together. What a gift we are to one another and to the camp!! Thank you, Cathy, for hosting this event and allowing us to build stronger bonds and closer connections with one another!



# CELEBRATING 30 YEARS



Welcome our lovely Historian & Photographer, Monica Larson. In her words she says, “My favorite memory of WW may also sound like my worst. When my boys were 6 and 4 we signed up for family camp. At the last minute, my husband HAD to fly to Hawaii for work. Well, I decided that I would still take the boys to camp and be the COOL MOM and surprise them by staying in the teepees. The first night the wind whipped around the teepee and scared the boys. Trying to console them, I moved our cots together and cuddled them as best as I could. The next day we had great fun enjoying the camp, but the night was lurking. Once again, at bedtime, we had a repeat performance. My boys would not sleep, they cried and complained. I was at my wits end. I began planning my escape figuring out the details of how I’d pack up the car in the dark and leave a note for my sisters. I was almost ready to go when I realized I would wake up the campers in the next tipi with all my noise, so I said a

prayer and the next thing you know, we were all asleep.

I say this was my favorite memory because it is what families are about. We are not perfect. No matter how hard we try to plan, God chuckles and has a better one. Family life is messy and realistically we never know what we are going to get. But being a family is about loving each other and making the best in every situation. Despite our teepee experience, my boys enjoyed the camp but more importantly, they experienced God in the whisper of the winds. On Sunday, as we drove down the mountain, we were all singing along to our CD of the *Whispy Chicks*. From the surface it may not have seemed like such a great weekend, but is sure was one I’ll always remember.

Monica takes us back to 1976 when she was 8 years old and loved rainbows and Holly Hobby. She was spending a week with her family at Forest Home, the inspiration and model for WW. Her best friend Paula Mascari was there with her family, too. All kids were jumping up and down on the beds singing “Do Lord, Oh Do Lord, Oh do you remember me” and laughing with joy at the “oh lordy” line as only children do.

Now fast forward 40 years to today. Monica says, “I am amazed by God as I have witnessed the start and growth of WW. It is hard to remember a time when the camp was not a part of my life. I watched the impact the camp has had on my parents and certainly my family. After witnessing my mom’s example of service to the camp through the auxiliary, I joined and have been actively giving back the love I’ve received. I have been blessed and amazed at the faith, friendship and fellowship I have shared with the women in the auxiliary.

Finally, there is still that little 8-year old girl inside me who is joyful and singing for the love of her Lord. I know for sure that my Lord still remembers me...oh Lordy!”

YES WE WERE HOOKED ON YOU BLESSED THEM RIGHT UP

## You had me HOOKED at “Welcome to Family Camp!”

Well, the last weekend of the last family camp of the summer just ended. And what a way to end... with the Special Needs Family Camp Mass with Bishop John Dolan! It was a happy celebration in gratitude for all the fun activities, adventures and blessings of the weekend. The weather was beautiful with cool evenings! AMEN to that! The guest speakers, BERNICE and FRANK MASCARI, brought Jesus to life by sharing their lives with open arms to accept whatever God has in store for them. AMEN! The pool, the zipline, the mud pit, archery, the slip-n-slide were all hopping with happy campers. AMEN! And the food...oh boy, smoked pork sandwiches, pesto pizza, California breakfast burritos with freshly baked cinnamon biscuits. Lord, you blessed us with an amazing kitchen staff! AMEN, AMEN!

There is no doubt that the talented staff at Whispering Winds has planned and prayed to make this summer a success. We are grateful that they invite our auxiliary women to be a part of the summer fun and YES WE WERE! Thank you to Monica Larsen for running the crafts, Denise Casinelli for rising early and working the weekends in the kitchen, Vicki Youngers for chauffeuring 2 volunteers up on Sat. And how about those 12 auxiliary volunteers who showed up on a week’s notice to help out at the 3<sup>rd</sup> family camp (over 60 little ones under 5 years old!!!). THANK YOU, WOMEN of the AUXILIARY!! Your help is love paid forward and a mirror to what is in your heart. As the Bishop said at the closing Mass, “JESUS IS HOOKED ON YOU!”. AMEN!



I wanted to share that I had a fabulous time at family camp helping with crafts. They are using all the water bottles and shells we saved for them. Jesus is the Living water. Very smart kids told me different ways we see Jesus in the living water today in their life. After the session, there were approximately 12 WWA members up there camping or volunteering. We all sat down and had lunch together what a blessed day.

Kathy Cazin, Membership

## The 2019 theme for next summer’s Family Camps has just been announced!!



After the traditional final CHEER TO GOD at the Special Needs Family Mass, camp program director, Paula Bott, revealed the theme for next year’s camps...

**“OUR FAITH IS OVER THE TOP”.**

Get ready for some clowning around in the big top!





# 2018 Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary Board

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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.