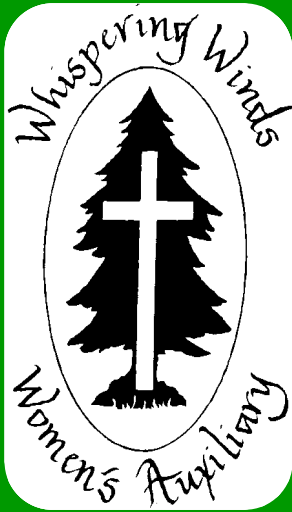


Whispers from the Auxiliary

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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 Reflection

It has been quite a year of opportunities to love in 2018! As last year's theme stated, we are "**Here to Love**" and it was truly lived out in the selfless acts of service I witnessed from this amazing auxiliary. From the kindness of **Val Spooner** to host last year's installation dinner, to the hours of planning and preparing for our Lenten and Women's Weekend retreat by the amazing Spirituality team lead by **Laurie Mikolaycik** and **Lisa Moritz**, with **Annie Korn** joining in for the Advent retreat. From the hospitality team of **Gloria Rosales** and **Marla Carter** to the brunch committee led by **Karen Goodman** and the hard-working Ways and Means gals of **Claudia Penzcar** and **Annie McConville**, your love was evident.

Lots of love was in motion behind the scenes, too, as **Joni Deiters** shared the latest news with us digitally and **Tammy Knapp** shared it by editing our newsletter "Whispers from the Auxiliary", **Monica Larson** snapped photos to capture precious memories, and **Denise Casinelli** lovingly represented us on the camp board. **Norine Millum** shared our love with you in cards and notes and **Rosemari Spooner** showed kindness and patience as we balanced a budget. You certainly felt the love from **Kathy Cazin** and **Marie Hickey** as they welcomed new members to the auxiliary. And wrapping us all in love was **Linda Aguilera** with her prayers and smiles. Your thoughtfulness, generosity, and willingness to hold each other and the camp up in prayer is a testament to the love you live. I am so truly grateful for each of you.

I am excited to be apart of a new year with Karen Goodman at the helm, guided by the Holy Spirit, taking us into a new season.

May God bless you and your service to the camp,

Chris Villalobos

From the Incoming President

Happy New Year! 2019 is off and rolling! Our theme for this year is:

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

This resonates deeply with me. We know that within each of us resides God's given gifts, uniquely bestowed upon each of us. We each shine brightly when we are using these gifts.

One way I feel aware I'm using God's gifts is when I feel intensely alive, it just feels right. All my senses are engaged, and I'm acutely aware of the moment, it all feels harmonious, in alignment. Another simple way I am aware of using my gifts is when I'm doing something I enjoy that others see as a job. This weekend I was raking leaves in my mom's backyard. This is the time of year when the 3 big trees in her yard dump all the leaves. We're talking buckets. My mom says "oh, you are working so hard" but I don't even notice. This is my meditation time, time to chat with God while I put my mechanical body parts to work: brain and muscles. While they scrape, gather, lift, and stuff into bins, my soul says "these things that fall from above, they no longer have purpose and it's time to take them away." Even though more leaves will fall, I will never have to clean up these leaves in front of me again. As I extend the rake out, I breathe in and as I pull the leaves to me, I breathe out. Spoiler alert: I love doing yard "work." In the midst of work I rest with God.

In January we held our 2019 WWA Board Installation Dinner, pictures on page 2. It was a lovely evening with food, fellowship and reverence for the roles that each woman will be taking on this year.

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FROM THE WHISPERING WINDS

WWA Installation Dinner

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As the current President, I'm beholden to the talents and time each will put forth to make this an amazing year. We are a team and we each have unique gifts that serve a purpose. Every event has their distinctive handprint, an impression of their years of life experience. They are sharing their God given gifts with each of you. In return, **you** are called as well to share your gifts. It could be as simple as inviting a friend to one of our events, sharing a flyer with friends or coworkers. From the monies donated at our Brunch, our group, WWA, provides financial support in the form of scholarships to attend

Whispering Winds camps. They can be used for a child, a family, our Senior Moments group, our friends, and of course, each of us. We don't want financial hardships keeping people away. We want to invite everyone to the mountain because we have seen and experienced the miracles and healings that take place at the camp. So as we share our gifts, we ask you to share as well. Thank you for being a part of the Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary community.

May your gifts flow freely with God's grace,

Karen



FEAST of WORSHIP & WITNESS



Music, Nachos and Rosary Beads? YES!

Celebrate and prepare for lent with an evening of praise and worship featuring local musicians and Mark P. Jacob as MC, hosted by the **Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary.**

Complimentary childcare will be available upon request.

Serving nachos and sweets at this family friendly event.

Although there is no fee, free will offerings will be accepted.

Please register online and also note if you are requesting *childcare*.

Go to https://whisperingwinds.org/www/?page_id=2444
Then click 'Lenten Retreat'

**When: Tuesday, March 5th, Social at 6:30 pm
Program 7:00 - 8:30 pm.**

**Where: Our Mother of Confidence Hall
3131 Governor Drive, San Diego 92122.**

YESES LORD

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Oh dear, I have been sitting and reading the last two years of articles written by the past Spiritual Directors, so centered, so holy, and selfless. I feel a bit overwhelmed and out of my league.

So, I will start with a prayer. Father God, I have no idea what I am to say to all these wonderful woman who love you so much. Please place upon my heart the words, ideas, or thoughts you would have me share. May your will be done not mine. Amen

For the last few years I have been working with another group, volunteering my time and gifts as needed. I have worked out of our country traveling to very poor areas to either help build homes or to fit people for eye glasses. It is such a thrill to witness a grandmother see her grandchild's face for the first time clearly. However, this work took me from my family for long periods of time and was also very physically demanding. So, I prayed. "God, my family needs me here, but I want to serve you. I am open to any form of work you have for me. Amen." The next day the phone rang and here I am.

When the call came and I was invited to return to Whispering Winds, to join the board, and to be the Spiritual Director my first reaction was, "No! I am not prepared for that",but, then my prayer came back to me. So, I was able to stammer, "Thank you for the great honor, let me get back to you."

Oh, how many times I have offered up a prayer of surrender only to be shocked when the future did not hold what I had in mind. Have you ever done that? Have you ever shut the door on someone or something because they or it did not look like what you had imagined when you prayed, God, your will not mine?

My prayer for all of us this New Year is that we might have a year of "yeses". Yes, to God, yes, to each other, yes, to our families. That we might stretch ourselves and try new adventures, new volunteer challenges, even new recipes. That we might put on 2019 like we would a beautiful new outfit. Walking into this new year with a smile on our face, love in our heart, and a "Yes, Lord!", on our lips with confidence in God, that He would never give us more than we can handle. Let's unfurl our hands this year, so the blessings might fall into them. Let's keep our eyes wide open so we see each miracle no matter how small as a gift from God not as a coincident. And then taking all that love, happiness, joy, and knowledge, let's serve as the daughters of the King that we are.

The scripture chosen for this year, 1 Peter 4:10-11 "*...serve one another with the gifts that God has given to us. If any one serves, they should do so with the strength God provides.*" If we are serving and feeling tired and drained perhaps we are working from our own will, not from our God given gifts. I try to take a day or two to pray and discern that it's God's will and not my own when I am asked to do something. That way, when I serve I am energized and not drained, but we can talk more about that another day.

May Whispering Winds, the staff, volunteers, all the members of the Auxiliary, our nuns, and Priest all be richly blessed this year as we continue to surrender to His will.

Your Servant in Christ,

Marty

Membership

2019 Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary Membership Renewal and Information Update

As an Annual Member, we are inviting you to renew your 2019 Membership before February 28, 2019. Lifetime members may update their address, email, and phone numbers as well using the link below.

Annual Dues: \$30

Lifetime Membership: \$200

We look forward to seeing you at the camp and at our events throughout the year. If you have any questions please contact:

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Co-Chairs Membership Committee

Use link below to renew

https://whisperingwinds.tofinoauctions.com/2019membership/register/ticket_sales



Feast of Worship & Witness

Music, Nachos and Rosary Beads? YES!

Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Our Mother of Confidence

Join us for a new way to enjoy the spirit of the Lord that we've experienced on the Mountain.

This free event will feature music and witness shared by musicians who have led Praise and Worship on our Holy Ground in Julian. MC will be Mark P. Jacob, friend of Whispering Winds and a local Liturgical Musician and Youth Minister.

Complimentary childcare will be available and supervised by Laurie Mikolaycik, WW Family Camp's Child Care Assistant Coordinator. Tweens and Teens are invited to participate in this event with their families and friends.

Sweet and savory treats will be offered for the whole family. Although there is no fee, free will offerings will be accepted.

Please register online and also note if you are requesting childcare.

See the flyer on page 3 for more detail!

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, May 17, 2019—Sunday, May 19, 2019
Whispering Winds Catholic Camp and Conference Center

WWWA Annual Retreat will feature Catholic Speaker and author Rose Sweet with an Adventure into the Interior Life.

During the retreat we will celebrate the Eucharist, pray with friends, form new relationships, Praise and Worship, have an adventure, be inspired by Rose Sweet, and of course, enjoy fabulous meals!

"Pack your bags and buckle up for an adventure into the 'Interior Life', where the soul seeks authentic happiness, enters into relationship with, and considers a mystical proposal from Christ!" To learn more about Rose Sweet please visit her website at www.rosesweet.com.



Registration opens in March 2019, fee is \$195 for the full weekend or \$100 for Saturday only. Camperships are available. Women aged 18 and up are welcome to attend.

Please join us on the Mountain and be refreshed by the Holy Spirit with your Sisters in Christ.

Meet Your Board Member

Meet Marty Fowler – Spiritual Director by Nelda McComb

Directing spirituality is not new to our current board member, Marty Fowler. She has walked in God's light for many years, mentoring and teaching his ways.

Marty married the love of her life, Bob, 40 years ago and they settled in Jamul – aka God's country to commune with the rustic and quiet. Partners in their company, Bob and Marty worked side by side in business and in raising their two boys. Their grandson now plays in their yard daily.



Prayer time often finds Marty on her horse marveling at God's beauty in the Cuyamacas and throughout San Diego County. Her spirituality and relationship with Jesus helps her to see His miracles reborn after the fires, as she rides through the once dense woods and meadows. This time with her Lord keeps her grounded and in love with her mission.

Although Marty is degreed in English, Philosophy and Theology, she can create a gourmet meal to knock your socks off.



We thank you Jesus for calling Marty to WWVA Board and we look forward to a Spirit filled year.

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We hope all of you and your families had a blessed Christmas season! We pray that we all share in a faith-filled New Year.

Through your generosity our beautiful October brunch again has given us funds to support Whispering Winds Camp. Karen will present the check at our annual Gala on February 23rd. Thanks to all of you this is possible.

As we begin 2019 we again ask for your help and generosity. For our women's retreat in May we will raffle the gift card trees. In order to do this we ask for your donations of gift cards to movies, restaurants, and any other ideas you may have. These can be sent to the Whispering Winds office.

Also, it's never too early to begin getting donations for our fall brunch. We appreciate your help.

God bless all of you,
Annie McConville
Val Spooner
Claudia Penczar
Annie Korn

Ways and Means Committee



Celebrate Whispering Winds' 37th Annual Gala

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Marriott San Diego Hotel & Marina

Pacific Room

333 West Harbor Dr.

San Diego, CA 92101

Phone: 619.234.1500

This evening will feature special guests, a silent auction with sports memorabilia, restaurant certificates and much more.

Our live auction items include many fabulous vacation getaways!

Join us for an elegant evening of great food, music and dancing!

For more information please visit whisperingwinds.org

(the amount of WWA Donation Check to the Camp will be announced in April/May Newsletter as we want it to be a surprise?)

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**Please consider volunteering for a committee.
We especially need help on 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.