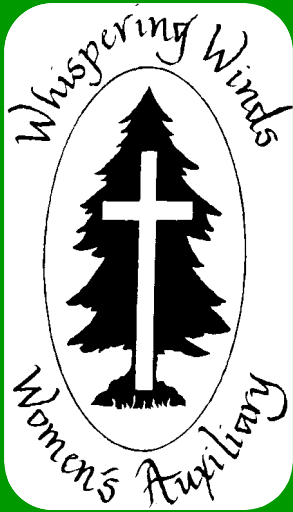


# Whispers from the Auxiliary

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**"Called to His Purpose"**

Romans 8:28

Whispering Winds  
Women's Auxiliary

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## From the President.....



On February 23rd, the Whispering Winds 37th annual Gala was held at the San Diego Marriott by the bay. It was a beautiful night of praise, worship, celebration and fund raising. It was my honor to represent our Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary and have the opportunity to briefly share about who we are, our events and our love for the camp. Denise Casinelli, our 2018 WWA Woman of the Year, joined me on stage to present our check for \$25,000 for camp scholarships. This money is allocated throughout the year to campers that span all ages and are in need financial assistance to make it to the mountain. Our scholarships can be the difference between families staying together, children and adults finding God for the first time, and broken spirits finding comfort. Your financial donations change lives. Your prayers heal lives. Your time and efforts matter. Many of our members volunteer at the Family Camps, Special Needs Camp and Senior Moments Retreat. Those efforts impact lives too through our giving of love, kindness, generosity

and talents. I think God calls us to show up in whatever way we can and I am always amazed at the many ways our WWA women step up to the challenge.

Our theme this year is  
**1 Peter 4:10,**

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

From my heart I say Thank YOU. Well done my friends and faithful servants. May you all have a blessed and profound Lenten and Easter season.

See you on the mountain!

*Karen*



A person with long brown hair, wearing a dark jacket and a black backpack with white reflective stripes, is walking away from the camera on a paved road that curves to the left. The road is surrounded by bare trees and is shrouded in a thick, white fog. The overall atmosphere is quiet and contemplative.

WHISPERING WINDS WOMEN'S AUXILIARY  
ANNUAL RETREAT

Presents Catholic Speaker and Author

**ROSE SWEET**

**“ADVENTURE INTO THE INTERIOR LIFE”**

**PACK YOUR BAG!**

ROSE WILL BE OUR GUIDE ON AN  
ADVENTURE INTO THE INTERIOR LIFE  
AND INTO THE HEART OF CHRIST IN A NEW WAY.

WHAT IS THE INTERIOR LIFE?

IT IS THE SOUL'S HONEST SEEKING OF GOD, AND THE TRUTH OF HIM, IN  
EVERYTHING—STARTING WITH THE ORDINARY AND LEADING TO THE EXTRA-ORDINARY!

IN THE INTERIOR LIFE, THE SOUL SEES AND MOVES US THROUGH AND BEYOND THE  
CREATED WORLD'S EXTERIOR TO THE LIFE OF INTIMACY WITH GOD, OUR BELOVED.

Date: Friday, May 17, 2019 – Sunday, May 19, 2019

Location: Whispering Winds Catholic Camp and Conference Center,  
Julian CA

Cost: \$195 for the whole weekend: 2 nights & 6 meals;  
\$100 for Saturday only, lunch and dinner included

Register: [www.whisperingwinds.org/www/?page\\_id=4686](http://www.whisperingwinds.org/www/?page_id=4686)

Questions: Lisa Moritz 619-871-9469

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# Make Your Crooked Road Straight

Here it is the beginning of April and spring is upon us. New life is everywhere, and yet, we are still in Lent. In fact, nearly half of Lent lays before us. John tells us it is the time to make our crooked roads straight. I am such a visual person, I always have to ask myself, "What does that look like?" How do I know if I am really working with God to change in the way He is calling me to change? I do know, I am called to become my authentic self, not Sally or Brenda or Marybeth, but Marty. I know it's important to not compare my insides with another person's outsides. I know that God has a wonderful vision of me perfectly formed that reflects His Spirit and not my own. I also know that all I have to do is to surrender to His will and do what is in front of me and I will slowly become the person that He sees.

I try to keep life simple. Most churches will be holding a penance service this first week of April, helping us to find our way towards the cross. As I prepare myself for confession here are two thoughts that I sit with in hopes of seeing the truth about myself.

Motive- something (such as a need or desire) that causes a person to act. This is what I keep my eye on when I get a great idea. Sometimes, it is hard to know if it's God's will or my own agenda that is speeding me down the highway of life. However, if I can be ruthlessly honest and look at the motive behind the action I am wanting to take or the words I am longing to speak it becomes clear quickly who is in charge. Then, it's up to me to make the road straight or let it be crooked. Do I really want His will in my life or my own?

I have fallen in love with the knowledge of the seven deadly sins. I find that I have a favorite sin that I return to over and over. If I don't see my actions for what they are, then I can romance the sin, pretending that it is a virtue. Keeping the seven deadly sins in mind, really helps me to see if my sin of choice is coming to life again with a new color of lip stick on so I won't recognize it. I use the Gilligan Island characters to remind me of the seven deadly horsemen:



The Professor - **Wrath**



Gilligan - **Sloth**



The Skipper - **Gluttony**

Mr. Howell - **Greed**

Mrs. Howell - **Pride**

Ginger, the Movie Star - **Lust**

MaryAnn - **Envy**



I pray that each of you find your way to the cross this Lent. That your path of honest reflection becomes well traveled and familiar to your soul. May the blessing of Easter Sunday be yours year round and may we always remember that as Catholics we are Resurrected people! The tomb is empty! Halleluiah!

Love,  
*Marty*  
Spiritual Director

## Become a Member of the Women's Auxiliary!

We invite you to become a member – no mandatory meetings required - and it's not too late to renew your 2018 membership.

**Annual Dues:** \$30  
**Lifetime Membership:** \$200

Just click on the link below. Current Lifetime Members may update their address, email, and phone numbers using the link as well.

[https://whisperingwinds.tofinoauctions.com/2019membership/register/ticket\\_sales](https://whisperingwinds.tofinoauctions.com/2019membership/register/ticket_sales)

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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Stefanie Battaglia at 619.227.5727 or [Stefanie.Battaglia@cox.net](mailto:Stefanie.Battaglia@cox.net)

Co-Chairs Membership Committee



Dear Sisters in Christ,

Looking forward to sharing this year's women's retreat on the beautiful mountain in May. Sometimes it feels like a family reunion because we connect with many old friends and meet wonderful new ones. One of the small highlights of the weekend is our raffle table items and gift card trees. If you are able to donate a gift card for our gift card trees it would be graciously accepted. Cards may be dropped off at Whispering Winds Office or contact Annie McConville at **619-980-0598** and we can arrange a pick up. Also, if you have some favorite items that you love to see on the tables we would love to have your feedback. Please send a text to Annie, **619-980-0598** or an email to [islandgur194@hotmail.com](mailto:islandgur194@hotmail.com). Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary and camp.

Your Sisters In Christ,

*Annie McConville, Val Spooner and Claudia Penezar*  
Fundraising Committee

Feast of Worship and Witness



What a feast we had! A feast for the eyes and ears that filled our hearts, and of course, a feast for the taste buds.

Families were greeted with a colorful Mardi Gras atmosphere of balloons, masks, feathers, and beads thanks to the inspiration and hard work of the hospitality team--Marla, Gloria, and Connie.

After feasting on Nachos and sweets as far as the eye could see, Mark P. Jacob kicked off the program with prayerful music and shared stories of the connection he has with the holy ground of Whispering Winds. As always, Jen Bedison and Letty Peck, lifted us up with their music. They shared stories of the impact music has had in their own lives and how the faces of the elderly/dementia patients light up when hearing a favorite song. Seann Richardson invited us into her inner self by sharing her musical prayers and a beautiful piano lullaby that carried us away into peaceful meditation. And what an honor to have our young people associated with Whispering Winds participate in our worship! The Montello kids, Noah and Victoria, and their friend Nicole sang 'It is well' and that is exactly right, it is very well with our souls.

Having child care available gave a wonderful couple an opportunity to enjoy the evening as their daughter with special needs filled our hearts with joy.

We are blessed to have such an amazing team inspired to create these events and thankful for everyone's participation in attendance.

*Lisa Moritz & Annie Korn*  
Spiritual Events Co-Chairs

*The prayer requests listed below were placed in the basket at our Lenten Evening. Please join us in lifting each request up in prayer.*

Dear God, please hear our prayers as we call out to you. Mother Mary, please wrap our loved ones in your mantle of protection, love and grace. As a community, we ask for your mercy and request that our petitions be granted.

Please pray:

baby.

For a healing between family members. Forgiveness is what is needed, old hurts need to be given to Jesus.

For peace among family members. For acceptance, understanding, forgiveness and happiness.

For the repose of all the souls in purgatory.

For my daughters to come back to Jesus.

For a baby for my love ones who have been waiting patiently.

For healing and protection for my youngest who has many special needs.

For a smooth transition and development at work.

For the recovery of my friend who is undergoing major heart surgery on March 13th.

For me please, that I may be joined with my husband.

For healing in my family.

For my 19 year old daughter who is turning against the sacraments and Catholic faith. Jesus bring her back to you. Mama Mary help us pray.

For gratitude for all the love and support over the years.

For my children and loved ones, that they will come back to the church.

For the Holy Spirit to lift up my brothers and sisters in Christ and to open the hearts and minds of those who have fallen away to move back into the heart of Jesus.

For all of my God children.

For grace of the Holy Spirit to come upon me this Lenten season so that I may truly hear the word of God and follow His will. I am so broken.'

For an end to abortion.

For those who are pregnant and feel abortion is their only choice. Guide them to what is right and to know there are options with others who will love and care for their

LORD IN YOUR MERCY. HEAR OUR PRAYERS.

# Feast of Worship and Witness



# Meet Your Board Member

Who has nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, loves to watch Grey's Anatomy and claims Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Lakeside as her parish? **Connie Finney**, that's who!

Connie's first time at Whispering Winds Camp was when she was leading youth ministry with Holy Trinity Church.



She and her husband Michael made their Cursillo at Whispering Winds in 2007.

Their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren live all over San Diego. The Finneys have one sweet little 10 year old granddaughter that lives in Portland, Oregon with her family.

The brain power of Connie and Mike's grandchildren spans across the ages...their four year old grandson, Vincent, can already write his name and their oldest grandson is studying molecular biology at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.



In 2015, Connie retired from the Diocese of San Diego after serving for over 20 years in Catholic ministry.

Connie's favorite color is red and she loves Mexican food. Her "go-to" prayer is the Memorare and she is spiritually connected to St. Therese of Lisieux.

Please join me in welcoming Connie to the Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary. She has joyfully joined Marla Carter and Gloria Rosales in our Hospitality Committee and was a part of the team that did such a beautiful job recently turning Our Mother of Confidence's Parish Hall into a Mardi Gras spectacular that included prayer, praise & worship music, nachos and a super sugary candy bar!

# A M O t h e r s r e s t e d w a l k

*Mary Wood's son, Jack, found this in a pile of papers that he was going through when he was cleaning up Mary's home. Jack shared at his mother's memorial and we would like to sharing it with you.*

The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is this the long way?" she asked.

The guide said, "Yes, and the way is hard. You will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy, and she could not believe that anything could be better than these years.

So she played with her children, gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed them in the clear streams. As the sun shone on them, the young mother cried, "Nothing could ever be lovelier than this."

Then the night came ... and the storm ... and the path became dark. The children shook with fear and cold. The mother drew them close to her and covered them with her mantle.

The children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near. No harm can come to us."

Then morning came. There was a hill ahead, and the mother and her children climbed it and grew weary. She would frequently tell the children, "Keep your patience because we are almost there."

So the children continued to climb. When they reached the top, they said, "Mother, we would not have done it without you."

When the mother laid down at night, she looked up at the stars and thought, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today I have given them strength."

The next day, strange clouds appeared which darkened the earth ... clouds of war, hate, and evil. As the children groped and stumbled, the mother said, "Look up! Lift your eyes to the light!"

The children looked. They saw above the clouds, an everlasting glory, and it guided them beyond the darkness.

That night, the mother said, " This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

The days went on, and the weeks, and the months, and the years. The mother grew old and she was little and bent over. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage.

When the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather. At last they came to the top of a hill. They could see a shining road with a golden gate that opened wide.

The mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. I now know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

The children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates.

They stood and watched her as she went on alone. The gates closed after her. The children said, "We cannot see her, but she is still with us. A mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence."

Our mother is always with us. She's the whisper of the leaves as we walk down the street. She's the smell of bleach in our freshly laundered socks. She's the cool hand on our brow when we're not feeling well.

Our Mother lives inside our laughter. She's crystallized in every tear drop we shed.

She's the place we came from ... our first home. She's the map we follow with every step we take.

She's our first love and our first heartbreak, and nothing on earth can separate us from her ...

Not time ...

Not space ...

Not even death!

~ Written by Temple Bailey ~



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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.