



**“Called to His purpose”**  
Romans 8:28

Whispering Winds  
Women's Auxiliary

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# Whispers from the Auxiliary

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## From The President.....

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord...  
Psalm 150:6

When I look back over this past year, I praise God for having had the opportunity to serve you as president. I praise God for each and every one of you. It has truly been an honor to work with all of you. Two years ago I was hesitant to accept the position of vice-president, not sure of what I was getting into. You encouraged me and offered your support and it has been a great journey together. I hope that someone reading this might feel a tug to get more involved in the auxiliary and consider stepping up and

volunteering to take this journey with the auxiliary as vice president, if not this year, then at some point in the future. I commend all who have taken on the leadership of the auxiliary in the past and only with the continued support of the membership to be willing to take a turn at steering the ship will we remain strong and committed to our mission.

I wish Marie Cizek, our incoming president, many blessings over the next year. I know that you will enthusiastically support her and that she will do a fantastic job. It has been a pleasure to work with her this year as vice-president. Marie has special warmth

that draws you in. Her spirituality shines and her faith is evident in everything she does.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank my board for all of your hard work and all the fun we had together this year. You have made me smile and I am grateful for all your support.

I look forward to serving the auxiliary as Hospitality Chair next year and know that we will have another great year together. I hope that you and your families have a wonderful summer. Hope to see you at the camp sometime during the summer!

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## Membership

Thirty new members were greeted at the women's retreat in May. Their membership in the Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary will add strength, prayer and creativity to the enterprise. Membership renewal is a time for our own renewal of purpose. It can be a reminder of priorities and ministries. **Dues are payable each July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

This can be a time to renew

our commitment to Whispering Winds, our hallowed ground. It is a time to renew our promise of prayer at morning and evening for the continued presence of God at the campground and for success in our endeavors on its behalf.

There will be a separate mailing with an addressed envelope in which to remit membership monies

symbolizing your commitment to Whispering Winds. The envelope will be addressed to:

Sharon Anderson  
Membership Chair  
5602 Baja Drive  
San Diego, CA 92115  
619-582-4023  
[seaaaa@cox.net](mailto:seaaaa@cox.net)

God bless you in all that you are.

WORLD OF WOMEN

Sacred Moments was a time to pause and listen to our God!

What a retreat!!!! Nearly 100 women came together on the Mountain to pray the weekend of April 30 to May 2. Our retreat director, Sister Macrina Wiederkehr, was a joy as she lead our faith filled group in song, silence, sharing. I have pulled at random three of the 67 retreat surveys. The answer to the question: What did you like best about "this" retreat were as followed:

1. Community
2. The mix of silence and sharing
3. The location, the fellowship. I think the chapel looked especially beautiful this year.

Nearly all of the surveys were positive and I am sure that all of the woman in the WWVA group will want to save the dates for next year's retreat. They are April 29 to May 1, 2011. We are also working on the Advent Mini-Retreat which will be open to the men this coming year! The Spiritually Committee will continue to do our best to bring to our community many days of spirit filled events that will aide all of our journeys towards the Father! May you have a blessed summer enjoying your family and friends!





# SACRED MOMENTS— 2010 SPRING RETREAT







# TERRY'S GREEN TIPS

With the summer months just ahead, I thought it would be a good idea to address “green” insect repellants or “debugging without toxins.” If you are bugged by all the bugs, don’t reach for the repellents containing chemicals, such as DEET. Try safer products made from natural ingredients – herbs and essential oils – to keep the mosquitoes, flies, ants and wasps at bay.

Peppermint, citronella, and cedar are just a few of the essential oils that

can be found in nontoxic bug repellents. Rosemary oil is the featured ingredient in the Herbal Insect Repellent from Burt’s Bees (burtsbees.com), and Aubrey Organics’ Gone! spray (Aubrey-organics.com) is a blend of herbal oils, including sage, lavender, eucalyptus, and rosemary.

You can also try making your own repellent at home, using one of the many recipes found online. (Try eartheasy.com.) A natural bug repellent does not have the “staying power” of products containing

DEET, so you may have to reapply it more frequently. But it’s a small price to pay to feel confident about something that you’re rubbing on your skin.

The Little Green Book, 365 Ways to Love the Planet  
Provey and Lockwood

If you have any tips you would like to share with the auxiliary, please e-mail them to me at [tpoletto@san.rr.com](mailto:tpoletto@san.rr.com)

*Tipster Terry*

## Long Distance Lesson

I am currently getting a treatment... the silent treatment. Oh there are a few grunts here and there and the occasional “bye” or “no”. Other than that it is just a case of Mom and son trying to just coexist for the last 2 weeks of a high school career. Although I miss the fun banter and big hugs that were ever present just days before, I am strangely “okay” with this transition. My son is processing a lesson.

It began with the arrival of our Citibank statement...and the next thing I knew I was holding 32 quarters in my hands and my son has barely spoken to me since. Let me explain. During the last few weeks of High School one incurs quite a few expenses.

Announcements -	\$100
Mother/Son Brunch -	\$50
Disneyland trip -	\$70
Sober Grad Night -	\$60
Senior Prom: Ticket	\$150
Tux/Vest -	\$120
Flowers -	\$23.91

The flowers...the flowers set off the

silent treatment. When he went to pick out the flowers, I told him that we would put \$20 towards them. Upon seeing that \$23.91 was charged to our card I asked for the \$4 difference. Granted the \$4 is nothing in comparison to the amount of money that is spent on the end of the year festivities...it was the point that if he wanted to get that little extra...then he should pay for that little extra. Bottom line it would be one less California burrito for him the following week...and I felt as if he would learn the lesson of really thinking about budgeting his money.

My dad taught me that same tough lesson 25 years ago. It was when the Indiana Bell phone bill would arrive. Each month he would highlight the calls that his college age daughter made when she came home on the weekends. Two dollars and thirty one cents here, one dollar and twelve cents there. It would all add up to a little over \$5 or \$6 per month. And he held me to it. And I didn’t like it. I would discuss it with my Mom behind his back. “I can’t

believe he will take us all out for dinner and pay for us...and yet he makes me pay him back for these measly little charges on the phone bill.” She would say something like, “He is trying to teach you to be accountable for things and really think about the way you budget your money.”

On my morning walk today, I got a “long distance call” from my Dad. He is in heaven now and I know the lessons he taught me are being carried on to his grandson. I know that my dad could have just paid the bill without saying anything, yet he knew that he had to teach me a lesson. I am sure I gave him a few grunts as I handed him the quarters. I only wish I could wrap my arms around him right now and let him know how much I appreciate his wisdom and the skills that he instilled in me.

Cost of a glimpse into the Circle of Life = Priceless.