

Come and join us at our **CWIA Breakfast Meeting**
Saturday, September 26, 2009, 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria, VA.
GUEST SPEAKER: Terry Bork

You do not want to miss our next speaker, Terry Bork! Terry comes to us from Silver Spring, Maryland. She is a woman of great talent, and spirit-filled. Terry is the personal secretary to Father Tom Forrest, the International Director to Evangelization 2000, Washington DC, an office with 5 continents proclamation world-wide. She and her husband George are parishioners at Resurrection Parish in Burtonville, Maryland where they serve as lectors and in the healing ministry. Terry has been a member of the Legion of Mary for 48 years, and is now serving as Vice-President for the Washington Comitum of the Legion of Mary. They are parents to four grown children and eleven grandchildren. Terry travels world-wide bringing the message of our Lord. She had the opportunity to meet President and Mrs. Bush, and attended White House functions with other volunteers. Her favorite scripture is Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart". Bring your friends for a great spirit-filled morning.

Holiday Inn, 2460 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314 (703) 960-3400. Near the Metro Yellow Line – Eisenhower. **Cost: \$12, full breakfast included. For tickets call:** Kathleen Murray (703) 451-5737, Cathy Czaja (703) 354-8331, Patti Davis (703) 971-3633, Edelmira Cruz (703) 266-4850, and Gail Coates (301) 266-1276.

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From the desk of Stella Davis, President
"The footsteps of a servant."

My dear sisters, may God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.

"I give thanks to God as I remember you always in my prayers, night and day." 2 Timothy 1: 2-3

As I write my thoughts on paper for this newsletter, it came to me to share to you our trip to Poland this past month. So come along with us as we board the 747 flight to London, and see how the Holy Spirit moves our footsteps. Rosalie and I boarded the United Airline plane at Dulles Airport, after a 45 minute ride from our home. We make a habit of riding wheelchairs at the airport as it becomes so much easier for the two of us. We pray the Lord will use us no matter where we are or what we do. The ride from the airport counter to the gate took about 30 minutes, and that was all the time I needed to minister to the young fellow pushing my wheelchair to the door of the plane. Of course we were the first ones to board the plane, being in the wheelchairs, but was a surprise waiting! The stewardess upgraded our seats - why I do not know, but we enjoyed the move. A 45-minute wait in the plane for the rest of the people to settle in their seats, then we took off at 9 pm on Friday, up into the blue skies.

Soon after our dinner was served and our prayers were said, and off to sleep in the night for some, but not for me. I read most of the night or kept saying the Divine Mercy and every prayer I could think of. We arrived in London on time, but we would have to wait 5 hours before we could board our next flight to Germany. We walked up and down the airport corridors but we could not find a good spot to take a nap. We soon boarded our next flight for Germany and again they upgraded our seats! We arrived in Germany on time - it was a 2 hour flight. There we would have to wait 4 hours for our next flight to Poland. I still had not been able to sleep. Yes, we were very tired, but our next flight would only take one hour to the Katowiska, Poland airport. Arriving in Poland on Saturday at 3 pm, we took a taxi that would drive us another 35 minutes to Ceztohovia, the site of the hotel for the following week's conference. But, again the Lord did us a favor. I went to a taxi then that was waiting in line picking up passengers as they came out of the airport, and I asked how much it would cost for the trip to Ceztohovia. He said \$130 American dollars. We prayed. I soon saw a brand new taxi pull up. He said \$50. We jumped in that taxi. He "happened" to speak English, and had once visited New York, so our time went fast as we spoke with him about why we were coming to Poland. He was surely sent by God - he was a good Catholic gentleman. As he dropped us in front of our hotel, we walked to the front desk to find out we did not have a room. The young man at the desk had given our room to a priest and his friend that had no reservations. There we stood, very tired, hungry, and sleepy, and no place at the inn -- no place to go. This was Saturday at 6 pm. Our conference would start Monday morning. The young man at the desk felt so bad, he was calling every hotel in the area for a room for us, and he couldn't find a place since there were over 3000 people celebrating the Black Madonna on Sunday.

Every room was taken. Again Rosalie and I are praying, "Lord, what are we going to do?" The young man asked if we didn't mind going 8 miles away and paying \$48 per night. I said "No, just get us a room for the night." He called a taxi to take us to our hotel. I said to Rosalie "I wonder what kind of dump it will be for \$48?" To our surprise, it was a 4-star hotel, and they gave each one of us a private, beautiful room! The hotel had a restaurant. We ate supper and went upstairs to our lovely rooms. We slept 10 hours. In the morning we found out we had free breakfast, and that there was a Catholic Church close by. We took a taxi to church and found out we were only 7 blocks away, so we walked back to our hotel.. It was so good to be at that lovely church and receive the Body of Christ. We looked to see how the Lord could use us, but I seemed to hear the Lord saying to me "Be still, Be still," and that we did.

Monday morning we were ready to take the taxi back to the conference hotel, even though we hated to leave the comfort zone. We arrived at John Paul II Hotel, we checked in, and took our keys, but we did not know the rooms they gave us were around this huge building on the 3rd floor, with no elevators. We came back to the front desk to complain. Lord what's going on? Then they gave us a room to share, and the room was no bigger than my walk-in closet at home. The beds were smaller than our twin beds, and about 2 feet from the floor -- if I went down I couldn't get up, so here we go again, back to the front desk. As we were standing there refusing the room, Father Frank, who was in charge of the conference heard our dilemma that the two American women had no place to go. He came to me and said, do not worry, I am going to put you at the convent with the nuns, about 5 blocks away from the conference. So here we go back again rolling our suitcases. I told Rosalie, "Probably the Lord has a nice place for us." Sure enough, what was waiting for us was a room next to the Chapel. The convent was a beautiful place - inside as well as outside. My work for the Lord began there. And so it was until the day we left.

But what did the Lord give us on our way going and coming to our conference? We would have to pass an ice cream shop. Of course Rosalie and I love our ice cream! As we laughed and ate our ice cream, we would thank our Lord for His great love. Much was accomplished for His glory, and we learned a lot about spiritual warfare, as well as helping the priests and laity that came to us for help. We met a lot of priests and laity from all over the world. We shared a lot, as it was an international conference. A lot that we do at CWIA was confirmed, which was great to hear - we are right on target. Professors from the Gregorian College at the Vatican gave us the teachings. We kept long hours in the daytime, and spent much time at night at the Chapel.

On our way home another surprise awaited. As we boarded our plane for our trip back home, the stewardess put me on an aisle with 3 seats and told me "They all are yours and I won't have anyone sit with you." She turned around and put Rosalie across from me with another 3 seats to herself, and she never let anyone sit with us. We had a bed to lay down our tired bodies. Why did she do that? Because of your powerful prayers.

How we thanked the Lord for His marvelous ways in which He gives us favor and blesses us. To God Be The Glory! And thank you all who kept us in your prayers. We did the work together. Our feet took the message, and brought home the message -- the joy to serve the Lord in good times and in bad times. That is the work of a servant. Jesus is Lord!

Your Servant in Christ,

Stella 

CWIA BYLAWS

1. To worship, praise and glorify God in all areas of the members' lives.
2. To win souls for Jesus Christ, especially those not reached by commonly used methods of evangelism.
3. To share with believers and non-believers the full gospel of Jesus Christ, including Jesus as Lord and Savior, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit, Deliverer and Healer.
4. To work for spiritual unity among Christian believers.
5. To foster fellowship among women, especially the elderly, widowed, separated, single mothers, and the incarcerated.
6. To encourage women to participate in the activities of their local church.
7. To help women recognize their proper role and relationship according to the scripture.
8. To provide outreach meetings, bible studies, workshops, and weekend retreats for spiritual growth.

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- ❖ The next breakfast meeting will be **Saturday, November 21, 2009. Please make a note of the change in date! The meeting will NOT be on the last Saturday of the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday.** The speaker will be Father Dr. Thomas Weinandy, O.F.M. Father has a doctorate in historical theology, and is very well-known for his powerful spirit-filled teachings. He was baptized in the Holy Spirit on May 19, 1975.
- ❖ Don't forget to order your CDs from the last workshop, "Taming the Tongue." Call RonArt Associates Recordings at (703) 362-5373 or e-mail ronart.assoc@cox.net. Please honor this professional ministry so we can keep this service available to you. Let's keep him busy!
- ❖ Bible Study: Thursday mornings, Annandale area. Aleu: (703) 642-8378
- ❖ Intercessory Prayer Meetings, Mondays, 10:30am-1:30pm. Lunch is served. If you're staying, bring something to share. Stella: (703) 971-3633
- ❖ Our beloved Adeline Guilbaud went to be with the Lord August 4th. She was a member of our Monday morning meetings and our breakfast prayer meetings. Also, Don Richie was husband of the late Anna Richie. Anna was well known as one of the intercessors on the prayer chain, and a member of our breakfast meetings. Don joined Anna on August 10th. May they all rest in peace. They will be greatly missed.
- ❖ For prayer, call our Prayer Chain: Clara - (202) 244-7532