

Come and join us at our **CWIA Breakfast Meeting**

Saturday, January 30, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

*****A NEW FACE, A NEW PLACE*****

Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in Old Town Alexandria, VA, (703) 548-6300

GUEST SPEAKER: Terry Riggins

Our next speaker is Terry Riggins, Director of the Charismatic Renewal Service Committee for the Diocese of Arlington. Terry had her first power encounter with the living God 20 years ago. Since then she has been amazed at His love and power which transformed her life. She will share amusing and moving personal stories. On the leadership team of the St. Mary of Sorrows Charismatic prayer group and the Nativity prayer group, Terry has led and spoken at numerous Life in the Spirit Seminars, confirmation retreats, and praise festivals in the Diocese, and has been on mission trips to Mexico and Europe. Married to Ron Riggins for 30 years, they have two grown children and one teen. Come hear how God can change our lives when we let Him. Bring your friends to our new home at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Old Town Alexandria. Men are welcome.

Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 625 First Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 (703) 548-6300. Near the Metro Line – Braddock Road. **Cost: \$15, 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) 247-2442.

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From the desk of Stella Davis, President

“Arise and shine for your light has come.”

Dear Sisters in Christ, greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus! And a wonderful and Happy New Year to each of you!

As I sit writing this letter of greeting 2010, surrounded with 14 inches of white clean snow, the Lord reminds me of a clean start. There is a feeling of excitement in my heart that something wonderful is about to happen for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

It's 2010 and time to “arise and shine”. I am excited as I grab hold of the words spoken by the old prophet Isaiah so long ago when he spoke of the coming Messiah in the appearance of a great light and the manifest of the presence of the glory of God among the people and nation. This prophecy continues to be fulfilled as the brightness of His light shines through His people who carry the Gospel in this hour.

Arise, shine, for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness is over the people, but the Lord will arise over you and His glory will be seen over you. (Isaiah 60:1-2)

I truly believe this is the finest hour for the church to “arise and shine” and display the manifest glory of our Lord to a troubled, confused and sin-sick world. We as believers have the light of Jesus within us to disperse the darkness that covers the earth, and the gross darkness that is over the people and nations.

As was the case during the exodus from Egypt, darkness is on the wicked, while God's light is on His people. (Exodus 10:23) Deep darkness describes a cloud unfolding the glory of God (Exodus 20:21) and serves as a warning of His impending judgment. (Jeremiah 13:16)

It seems that the entire world has come under a great cloud of darkness. People seem to be paralyzed from fear and panic because world events are wreaking havoc upon the economy as it spins out of control. But our God reigns and is sovereign and is in full control of the economy and the world's events. Even though many of God's people have gone through painful and pruning exercises to prepare for these difficult

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days, we can put our trust in our God who made the heavens and the earth.

We as believers don't depend on the fallen world's system for resources or ride the rollercoaster of recession and depression. No need to worry or to wring our hands for God's great arm is not shortened, as we read in Scripture. During times of famine or judgment, God comes through with new means of provision and protection for His people and His purposes.

Be encouraged as our mighty God enables us to live as more than conquerors. A-men! Our mandate for 2010 is to be a voice for the one we hear crying, "Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord!"

In His love, my prayers!

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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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UPCOMING EVENTS:

(Please refer to our website for updates: www.cwiabolyspirit.org)

- ❖ Our breakfast meeting will be **Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.** Please make a note that for the first time, it will be at the **Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in Old Town Alexandria. Don't forget the change! Cost: \$15.** If you desire to spend the night before the breakfast, mention CWIA and you'll get a discounted room rate of \$99.

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Alexandria-Historic District

625 First Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, Hotel: 1 703 548 6300, 1 800 972 3159

- Directions: I-95 (North or South) to I-495, to exit 177-B (Rte 1) north to Old Town Alexandria, stay on Rte 1 for 13 blocks, right on Madison Street, 4 blocks to St. Asaph Street, make left and 2 blocks to hotel.
- Complimentary airport shuttle.
- Nearest subway -- Braddock Road, one mile away from the hotel. Hotel shuttle runs every 30 minutes. Or call the hotel and they'll pick you up.
- Valet parking is available, or park your car in the garage underneath the hotel.
- Mention the CWIA breakfast for discounted Friday night room rate.



- ❖ On February 13, 2010 from 9 to noon we are offering a **FREE MOVIE** of the Life of Padre' Pio at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Old Town. Reservations are required! If attending, please let us know ASAP so that we'll know what size room to get, and let us know if you're interested in a continental breakfast. Call Patti at (703) 971-3633.

- ❖ Please hold the date for our upcoming **CWIA Annual Conference on May 21-23, 2010** at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Old Town Alexandria.
- ❖ Call RonArt Associates Recordings at (703) 362-5373 or e-mail ronart.assoc@cox.net. Please honor this professional ministry!
- ❖ 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
- ❖ For prayer, call our Prayer Chain: Clara - (202) 244-7532