

CWIA Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, May 25, 2013, 9:00am – Noon, Holiday Inn–Eisenhower

2460 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia Phone: 703-960-3400. Near Metro Yellow Line–Eisenhower

Guest Speaker: Steve Ryan. Steve's journey to faith took many twists and turns – through New Age, Yoga, and more – unaware of the dangers and demonic undertones. After all, it was just a little stretching and breathing exercises, a way to relax, right? It took a crisis to wake him up. His son was born 2 ½ months prematurely, and this forced him to his knees, led him to prayer and awakened his faith. It was many years later, however, that he fully came to the Catholic faith. It was through Mary (the Fatima message and Medugorje) that he came to believe. Ladies, bring your husbands, boyfriends, sons & etc. It promises to be a great morning!

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, Gail Coates (301) 247-2442.

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Our breakfast meeting will be **Saturday, May 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Holiday Inn – Eisenhower**. Cost: \$15. **Men are welcome**. For info, call Patti at (703) 971-3633. Bring something for the newborns/AAA. **Remember to bring a flower for Mama Mary** – this month we crown her! The crowning will be done by Mary Ann Davis.



Our next breakfast will be July 27, 2013. Bring your friends and don't miss an opportunity to be blessed.

Join CWIA in a Pilgrimage to Poland. Join Stella (group leader) and Rev. Neil Buchlein (spiritual leader) on a pilgrimage that will be in the footsteps of Blessed Pope John Paul II and Saint Faustina. July 11-19, 2013. Go to cwiaholyspirit.org to link to our pilgrimage website for details and to make reservations. Secure your spot now, space is very limited!

Bible Study: Thursday mornings, Annandale area. Alelu: (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

Prayer Chain: Clara - (202) 244-7532

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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.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

One of the things I love most about Spring is the New Life that can be seen everywhere. There's something about it that is so encouraging to me. Where the landscape seemed dead and incapable of change, it has begun to come alive again. It shows us that just because we don't perceive anything happening in the difficult circumstances of our lives, that doesn't mean we should fear that all hope is lost.

This, of course, makes me think of the empty tomb. What seemed to be the most devastating defeat became the most awesome victory in all of history. We just celebrated Easter and reflected on what Jesus did for us on the cross – saving us from our sins and reconciling us to the Father.

This year, the year of Faith, I hope we all will continue to think about how important it is for us to live the resurrected life, existing above the challenges of this world and living in the same power that raised Jesus from the dead.

A good example of this can be found in the vibrant, colorful butterflies that have begun to appear in our gardens. They start out as unattractive caterpillars, slowly creeping and crawling low to the earth. They are  impeded by every rock and blade of grass, and they are in constant danger of attack by hungry birds. Each will eventually struggle its way up a tree, finding a leaf, and weaving a chrysalis. Its life, up to this point, is characterized by toil, labor and striving.

For weeks or even years, it may appear as if nothing is happening inside the cocoon. Like the winter landscape, or the outside of Jesus' tomb, things seem lifeless and unchanging.

But...beneath the surface, the most amazing transformation is taking place.



Ultimately, a stunning butterfly will emerge. It doesn't have to crawl back down the tree or worry about being eaten by birds. It can soar, and it will now be able to fly over anything that was once an impediment.

This is the kind of life God wants for every believer. He doesn't want us to creep and crawl through life with toil, labor and striving.

Rather, the Father wants us to soar by the power of the resurrection!

How are you living? Are we bearing the full weight of our burdens, feeling lifeless and wondering if things will ever change? OR, are we experiencing the Hope of New Life, the joy of the empty tomb, and the transforming power of the risen Savior?

Romans 8:37 promises "In all...things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us". Is this true of us?

We see these happenings every Monday. People will walk in to our prayer meeting like the caterpillar crawling in, but PRAISE THE LORD, they walk out like the butterflies soaring out with life, joy and peace! What A Great God We Serve!!! Come join us!

Your Servant In Christ,

Stella Davis



We are sorry to announce that our dear beloved CWIA members Pat Diliberto and Linda Coyne were called by the Lord this past month. They will be sorely missed. May they rest in peace.