

Come and join us at our **CWIA Breakfast Meeting**  
**Saturday, September 25, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in Old Town Alexandria, VA, (703) 548-6300**

**GUEST SPEAKER: Susan Wallace**

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Susan Wallace's life is one of enduring through many peaks and valleys. She met her husband and believed the marriage would last a lifetime. After 22 years, he walked away, leaving her with two young teenage boys, little money and only a part-time job. Susan spent much of her free time in front of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Chapel. With the Lord's help, she now operates a successful business and put her two sons through college. Susan comes to us originally from Buffalo, NY and was baptized in the Holy Spirit in 1998. Come here how she now serves the Lord, and how each one is carried through life's seemingly most difficult times. Bring your family and friends. *Be encouraged and be set on fire for the Lord.*

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**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**

*“When He sent the multitudes away, He went up the mountain to pray...” (Matthew 14:13-23)*

My dear friends in Christ Jesus, the peace of the Lord be with You! I am writing to you from the top of the Blue Ridge Mountains. How beautiful is the Lord's creation! I see the deer roaming around, the clouds so close to us, and the beautiful wildflowers are in their glory! I see the wild ducks and geese enjoying the ponds of water. At night I see the bright stars and the moon shining in its fullness. His peace, His love, and creation is felt all over the mountains. Isn't this what the Lord intended it to be at the beginning of life? But, we have made it a place of troubles and sorrows, a place of fearing creatures.

In Matthew 14: 13-23, Jesus himself practiced retreating forward after a busy day of ministry in the region of the Sea of Galilee. When He sent the multitudes away, He went up the mountain by himself, to pray. When evening came He was alone in the presence of the Father.

In this fast-paced get-ahead world, it is easy to wear ourselves down, pressing ahead and moving forward at all costs, but even in our desire to be effective Christians, we must consistently be willing to retreat into God's presence. Only in the refreshing of His strength can we find the resources to move forward to face life's many challenges and overcome each test. The Lord tells us to take the time to stop, to pray, to rest. Alone with the Father is the only place to find the strength to press on, to walk in fellowship with Christ and sense His presence. His love - so deep and true - brings to the soul it's highest joy as nothing in this world can do!

My husband and I are very blessed to have had the opportunity to spend a week on top of the Blue Ridge Mountains - a time to refresh our bodies, minds, spirits, and souls with our Lord and each other - to slow our busy lives.

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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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- ✚ 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
- ✚ Call RonArt Associates Recordings at (703) 362-5373 or e-mail ronart.assoc@cox.net. Please honor this professional ministry!

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What a challenge to be able to shift to low gear and slow ourselves down to quietly hear the Lord and His thoughts. I heard Him say “*The closer you walk with me, the less room for anything to come between us. The Great Physician holds the cure that kills the virus of our sin; It's by His own atoning blood that we're made whole and pure within. Sin is the disease, Christ is the cure.*” Lord, help me to make my witness clear and labor faithfully, so my brothers and sisters turn to Christ through what they hear from me!

Remember, the best place to witness is where God has placed you today! May God be praised!

*Your servant in Christ,*

**Stella**



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

*(Please refer to our website for updates: [www.cwiabolyspirit.org](http://www.cwiabolyspirit.org))*

- ❖ Our breakfast meeting will be **Saturday, September 25, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in Old Town Alexandria.** Cost: \$15. Men are welcome. Bring your friends and family. For info call Patti at (703) 971-3633.
- ❖ The next breakfast meeting will be Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 9 am. Speaker to be announced. Note the change in date due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.
- ❖ Please join us at **CWIA'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET** on **Saturday, October 23** from 11am to 3pm. Our special guest artist will be Katrina Rae, a gifted award winning Catholic singer/evangelist for over 30 years has moved audiences with stories of hope through her music and teaching ministry. This special event will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Old Town Alexandria. Reservations are required. Cost: \$35. Call Patti for information - (703) 971-3633.

