



# Whispering Winds

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## 25th Anniversary Celebration 1978-2003

This year we are celebrating Whispering Wind's 25th Anniversary at our 21st Dinner Dance Gala Benefit!

The papers to purchase the land were signed in December 1978 and our payment of \$9,000 a month began a tremendous walk in faith for co-founders Dr. Jerry Tisi and Don Kojis. It took 17 years to pay off the land and the many major and minor miracles along the way clearly demonstrated that the Lord was watching over Whispering Winds Catholic Camp. Numerous families, individuals and groups joined in along the way and were named Trailblazers, Founding Families and Pioneers.

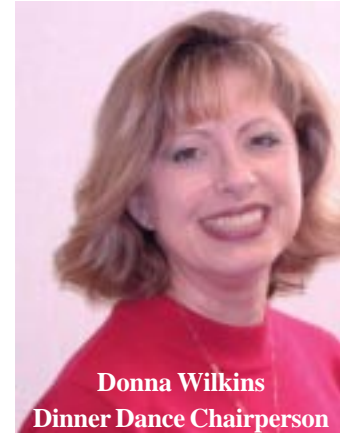
We are honoring at our April 26, 2003 Dinner Dance the **25 Trailblazing Families** that attended a week long Family Camp at Forest Home Christian Camp near San Bernardino from August 5 - 11, 1979:

*Jerry and Anne Tisi  
Don and Mo Kojis  
Bob and Barbara Bixel  
Pat Burke and Children*

*Bob and Marie Cizek  
Don and Shirley Costantino  
Mark and Paulette Faulk  
Fernando and Jan Garcia  
Mike and Lois Gubitosi  
Phil and MaryAnne Hanna  
Art and Dorothy Kuczynski  
George and Jane Meulmester  
Louis and Mary Jane Nigro  
Frank and Genevieve Offner  
Clem and Marge O'Neill  
Russ and Julie Pike  
Steve and Joan Purcell  
Rick and Pat Rauber  
Rudy and Marilyn Regalado  
Allan and Maureen Sipe  
Fr. Mike Smith  
Sam and Marilyn Trozzo  
Vince and Kay Ventura  
Fred and Adeline Williams  
Joe and Betty Wood*

We are also saluting the Firefighters that fought the Pines Fire from July 29-August 22, 2002 that burned 61,700 acres and destroyed 37 homes around Julian and saved our camp. The flames were stopped a little more than 1,000 feet from our camp border.

Please join us on April 26, 2003 as an answer to prayer for how our God watches over us.



**Donna Wilkins**  
Dinner Dance Chairperson

### 2003 Dinner Dance Committee

Chairperson.....Donna Wilkins  
Silent Auction..... Vicki Youngers  
Reservations.....Donna McKee  
Mary Beth Ekhaml  
Decorations.....Cindy Kojis  
Office Liaison.....Don Kojis

### SAVE THE DATE

**Whispering Winds'**  
**21st Annual Dinner Dance**  
**Saturday, April 26, 2003**  
**Doubletree Hotel**  
**\$125 per person**  
**(If reservation is received on or**  
**before April 18, 2003**  
**\$150 after April 18, 2003)**  
**Tables seat 10**  
**Silent Auction - 5:30**  
**Live Auction - 7:00**  
**Dinner - 7:30**  
  
**Free self parking**  
**\$10 valet parking**

# Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

A Marian Year is the theme for the Auxiliary this year with the verse, "Do whatever He tells you" as our call. With this in mind, be sure to mark March 22 on your calendar as the date for our **Spring Brunch**. "Befitting a Queen" will be our theme and it will be held at the beautiful Catamaran Hotel. The women have been working hard to make this the best brunch we have ever had. We will feature fashions by Weekenders. The Silent Auction is receiving wonderful treasurers to excite the bidders.

The Auxiliary is very excited about our new addition to the gift shop. We have more than doubled our size and

are making great strides in placing new merchandise in the shop. We will be selling ice cream bars and chocolate bars at the summer camps.

Our prayer warriors have been busy, as the requests have been many. God seems to be blessing our prayer time with him and it brings us closer to him and one another. It is a gift to us to be able to take these needs before him on behalf of family and friends.

New members to the guild are always welcome. Call Jennifer Molenda 619-253-2067 or e-mail her at LAURALEED@AOL.COM

## God Bless our Volunteers

Helen Kane - volunteer at the office

RCP - Tom Finch - road mix and 3/4' rock for the roads

Dinner Dance Chairperson - Donna Wilkins and her committee

Dinner Dance Silent Auction Chairperson - Vicki Youngers and her committee

All silent auction donors, volunteers, attendees, advertisers and underwriters

Thanksgiving Day Workers and Cooks - Rocky Graciano, Kate and Frank Costa, John, Therese, Danika and Edwin Markey, Eric Munson, Alma Bravo, Doug Ferry, Beverly and Gary Rossio and Family, Bob and Marie Cizek, Terry Donovan, Brad Denny, Lee and Barbara Pedlow, Mo Kojis, Jim Adamo and Marjorie Bialk

Workparties - Bob and Marie Cizek, George and Jane Meulmester, Ken Denbow, Phil Mascari and Ken Dube

Richard Blum - Accounting services

Broding's Battery - Chevy Tahoe repairs, watertruck batteries and fireengine alternator repair

Glenn and Susan Wilhite - donated large 52" chainsaw

Brickman Landscaping Co. - Fertilizer, grass seed, aerator and new Teepee

Rose Martinsek - Paper shredder

Kenny Hughes - Discounted bulldozer repairs

Jaye Park - 40 new tablecloths

John O'Malley - Foosball table

Jim Adamo - Complete fireengine repair and overhaul

WWWA - Thanksgiving pies underwritten by the Auxiliary

Jerry and Cathie Cozens - Chain link fencing materials

Jim and Darlene Schirmers - 2 BMX bicycles, shelving, electric leaf blower

Mark Malovic - 4'x26' stainless steel slide for treehouse, wire fencing, playground equipment

John Cadman - Web site setup and updates

Terry Thompson - Discount for printing and WWWA donations

B&B Heavy Equipment - D6 bulldozer work with operator

Doug Broding - Trouble shooter

Dan Kojis - SuperBowl memorabilia

Larry Manzer - Carpet discount

John Sawaya - Roofing at cost

### Need a Parish or Group Project

to buy and install two sheds on concrete slabs. The cost will be \$800 each. These sheds will be used for archery materials and batting cage sporting equipment. Call 619-464-1479.

# Director's Corner

We have been truly blessed here at Whispering Winds by loyal and generous supporters who "in lieu of flowers/gifts" have **named Whispering Winds as a worthwhile organization** to give donations to upon their passing to the Lord, wedding, anniversary, birthday, happy day or special event.

During this past year we thank the following for the benefits received by Whispering Winds:

*Brigit Luciani and Ken King wedding*  
*Bridie and John Juanico funerals*  
*Betteann Murphy funeral*

*Evelyn Parrott funeral*  
*Pat O'Brien - Jayne Lanham wedding*  
*Jim and Chris Villalobos anniversary*

Also, a sigh of relief and a **sincere thank you to all the Firefighters** who fought the 61,700 acre Pines Fire and saved our beautiful campgrounds. We appreciate all the people who responded so generously to our Pines Fire Letter that enables us to repair our bulldozer, clear more firebreak roads and cut and turn into firewood over 200 dead trees caused by the drought and beetle infestations. Special thanks to the "retired workers" who have formed the nucleus of our workparties.

## Family Camps 2003- "Cast a Net for Jesus"

We are very excited about our new program for the summer 2003. Our theme, "**Cast a Net for Jesus**" focuses on the life of Peter in 3 distinct ways. The call of Jesus to "**Come and follow me**"; our response to the call once we have been caught by Christ ~ to **Cast our nets for Jesus**; and a look at the whole life of Peter to discover **what God wants for his Church**.

Friday opens with a brand new theme song- the **Whispy Chix** have done it again! – and a fun-filled evening "under the sea".

Saturday includes a morning program specialized for every age, from toddlers to teens, while the adults enjoy a presentation and faith-sharing led by our guest speakers **Joe & Agnes McKnight**. Saturday afternoon we move "**From Galilee to Waikiki**" for a fresh rendition of our now famous water games. You'll want to dress island-style for our evening Mass and Luau. And you won't believe your eyes Saturday night as God's grace becomes evident in so many ways for you and your family.

Sunday comes too quickly as the weekend draws to a close with a unique family project you're sure to enjoy. And our closing ceremony will be an amazing look at the "greatest catch" of all!

The dream inspired by Forest Home is more fully realized this year as well. We have re-designed the weekend so that parish teams can actually relax once the weekend begins & fully participate in their parish family camp. We are recruiting a volunteer core team of camp staffers to help run our special events and programs, ensuring a consistent high-quality experience. ***If you would like to be a part of this core team – and can commit to a training session & several Saturdays between May 24 – July 26, please call the office at 619-464-1479 or send us an email at [WWCCC@aol.com](mailto:WWCCC@aol.com).***

We still have some *openings for summer 2004*, so talk to your pastor and sign up today – you won't want to miss this family camp – **for the good of the family and the glory of God!** *Please remember Family Camp 2003 in your prayers. Thank you.*

*Dorothy Hulburt- Family Camp Director*

PS. Be sure to see our wish list, included in this newsletter. Your contributions & donations make all this possible. There could be openings for families to still attend some of the Family Camp Weekends, particularly if you come in your motorhome or trailer. Call 619-464-1479.

# Wish List

## Camp

Forklift and metal detector  
Cleaning products for camp: paper towels & toilet paper  
First aid kits and current medical supplies  
Rototiller and disc attachment  
Athletic Equipment:  
Tennis racquet and balls; baseball bats and helmets for the batting cage, new outdoor basketballs, ping pong paddles and balls, bows, arrows and targets  
25' heavy chain  
Hydraulic bucket on truck to trim trees  
Underwrite canvas for Teepees at \$1,620 each  
Ride-on commercial mower  
Family Oriented Video Tapes for evening viewing  
Underwrite Dunking Booth for Family Weekends  
Volunteers for the Family Weekends to help with setup and take-down for the various activities

## Camp Repairs

Quadruplex Lodge - screens need replacing, decks need repair, exterior needs stain and new lighting  
Bunkhouse - needs roofing  
Meeting Hall - needs exterior paint, interior lighting and new entry door

Kitchen needs interior painting  
Fences need repair and replacing  
Treehouse needs netting  
Signage - directions to buildings, hiking trails and speed limit  
Chapel - 40'x52' brown colored carpet. Cost \$1,634

## Office

8 x 11 1/2 copier paper  
Office supplies - colored paper, scotch tape, white out, manila folders and blank 3.5" DS/HD diskettes  
1" x 4" white printer labels (Avery 5160)  
37 cent stamps (rolls of 100) and 3 cent stamps  
HP Laserjet 1200 Printer cartridges  
Underwrite Newsletter printing and mailing costs

## Family Weekends

Items for the "Cast a Net for Jesus" Family Weekends:  
(10 of each):

fishing nets, Hawaiian shirts, beach towels, 5' + big fishing nets, beach hats, pajamas, baby bottles, hippie clothes, hillbilly clothes, kid clothes, bandanas, eye patches, sailor clothes, Blue's Brothers hats and ties, dark sunglasses, cowboy hats and props, maracas, choir robes, fans, grass skirts and coconuts

One 8'-10' small flat bottomed rowboat (will be returned)

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