



Whispering Winds

TAKING CHURCH OUTSIDE

WHISPERING WINDS CATHOLIC CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

WINTER / SPRING 2011

A Grand Opening

by Don Kojis, Co-Founder and Community Relations Director



The Dedication Ceremony of Founders Hall and the Prayer Chapel on Saturday, January 28 was the culmination of many years of planning to replace our temporary Meeting Hall tent. The invitations for this grand opening went out to the founders, founding families and major donors of these new buildings. The major donors honored were the Adamo Family, Caster Family and the Finch Family who blessed us with their treasure. The event began with a ribbon cutting ceremony led by San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob, who was very instrumental in getting our plans and permits through the county Land Use Department.

Co-founders Anne Tisi-Denbow and Don & Maureen Kojis were also honored with a plaque that thanked them for faithfully planting the seeds from which Whispering Winds continues to grow. Our Founders Hall was named in their honor for their faith and dedication in the founding and building of Whispering Winds! Anne spoke about the challenges encountered in building the camp and praised all that gave of their time, talent and

treasure to get the camp to its current glory. She asked everyone to continue supporting the next building efforts which include a new Dining Hall and a Youth Lodge. She stressed the need to get new families, kids and young adults up here where God may touch their lives.

At a wonderful Mass celebrated by Msgr. Mark Campbell and co-celebrated with Fr. Gil Gentile in the new Founders Hall, it was mentioned many times that this celebration was not about buildings, but about all of the families and youth and the experiences waiting for them in "the whisper of the winds."

When the Mass ended everyone was treated to Champagne and a toast to all who have contributed to the growth of Whispering Winds. Our God was there, and everyone felt His Presence! Be looking on our website and in eUpdates for the opportunity to visit the camp, see the building and other great things that are going on!



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WHISPERING WINDS CALENDAR

<i>29th Annual Dinner Dance</i>	Apr. 16
<i>WWWA Women's Retreat</i>	Apr. 29 - May 1
<i>Family Camp</i>	Jun. 17-19
<i>Family Camp</i>	Jun. 24-26
<i>Family Camp</i>	Jul. 15-17
<i>Family Camp</i>	Jul. 22-24
<i>Labor Day Pool Party</i>	Sept. 5
<i>Diocesan Young Adult Retreat</i>	Sept. 9-11
<i>Diocesan Confirmation Retreat</i>	Dec. 9-11

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Built to Last

by Martin Rosales, Executive Director



The spirit of celebration is still felt at Whispering Winds since the day in January when we shared Founders Hall and the Prayer Chapel with those that founded our camp. As Executive Director, standing in front of these two buildings, where the intangible met the tangible and where prayers and sacrificial giving culminated was one of my most meaningful moments.

The face of the camp has completely changed with the addition of these buildings. As many marveled at this new gift that day, my heart was drawn to what these buildings stand for. They stand for the faith and passion that our founders had as they stepped out with a strong desire to see this legacy passed along to their children and grandchildren. They also stand as a symbol, that despite experiencing one of the toughest economic recessions in 80 years, our community still stepped up to the plate with their time, talent and treasure.

These buildings were built to last. But far outlasting them is the ministry that takes place daily at Whispering Winds. You make this ministry possible. I received an email from one of our newest board members sharing how God has touched her and her

family. As you read this, take in the beauty of a life being transformed for Christ and hear the Holy Spirit say "thank you".

Stefanie Bataglia writes, "As I drove home from the recent board meeting and reflected on the life-changing moments of the youth that I've had the privilege of witnessing, I was reminded of how God uses the camp. Moments such as this involved the meadow and the stars at night; mass at Mary's Grotto; small group discussions; and snow (if they were lucky enough to see it snow - some for the first time in their lives!). I personally witnessed my daughter last year at

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Camp Emmaus. After reconciliation, she came back to the tent in tears (as did most of the youth) and she and I shared a 10-minute hug where no words were spoken. These are the moments that a building, statue, or tree can't replace. Another youth said in front of the entire group (through his tears), that it was the most amazing experience he had ever had. Watching the youth transform is priceless and none of it has to do with 'stuff'".

We are challenged by the faith of our founders to continue God's work at Whispering Winds. By Taking Church Outside, we will continue to build a faith that lasts!

Dinner Dance Gala Saturday, April 16, 2011



All are welcome to join us in celebrating the latest achievements at Whispering Winds and honoring our 2011 Persons of the Year, Glenn and Susann Wilhite! January of this year marked the official

opening of Founders Hall and the Prayer Chapel, a feat that was accomplished in large part through the work of the Building Committee, chaired by Glenn. The Wilhites have both been dedicated servants to the mission of the camp, each sharing their time and talents during Cursillo weekends and on the Board of Directors. Glenn previously served as Board Chair, and Susann is a current Director. As a former Dinner Dance Committee Chair, Susann has supported the Dinner Dance Gala for over a decade and has mentored countless committee volunteers. Whispering Winds is truly blessed to have the support of the Wilhite Family!

This year the 29th Annual Dinner Dance Gala will be held at the beautiful Loews Coronado Bay Resort on Saturday, April 16. For registration info, visit www.whisperingwinds.org, or to place an ad or tribute in the event program contact Monica Wiley at dinnerdance@whisperingwinds.org. We hope to see you on April 16!

Bring Your Group To Camp!

Whispering Winds is the perfect place for your group! We would love to host you any time of year, weekends or week days.

Our staff is on hand to provide ministry support, as well as anything you might need for or during a retreat. Call or email our office now to schedule your retreat for 2011! office@whisperingwinds.org (619) 464-1479





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SUMMER 2011 FAMILY CAMP



SUPER HEROES

Preserving a Spiritual Legacy

"For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him." Philipians 2:13

Holy Spirit
Power Activate!

POW

FAMILY CAMP INCLUDES:

- Fun for the whole family!
- Mass & Catholic speakers
- Swimming Pool, Zip Line & Climbing Wall
- Programs for children, teens and adults
- 3 days + 2 nights (Fri. evening – midday Sun.)
plus 6 delicious meals
- Free child care, plus kids 3 and under are free

DATES

- June 17-19 Hosted By: St. Michael, Poway
 June 24-26 Hosted By: Mission San Diego; Guardian Angels;
 St. Lawrence Martyr, Redondo Beach
 July 15-17 Hosted By: St. Gregory the Great
 July 22-24 Hosted By: Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Immaculata

RATES

Because families' ability to pay varies, we are offering voluntary 3-tier pricing. Our Fully Subsidized rate does not fully reflect the cost of holding Family Camp. Our Partially Subsidized rate and Actual Cost rate more closely reflect true costs. This voluntary program will not change your family's experience in any way.

\$37 per person, plus:	Actual Cost	Partially Subsidized	Fully Subsidized	Single/Deployed-parent Family
Deluxe	\$505	\$410	\$350	\$280
Tent/RV	\$255	\$205	\$175	\$140

Please be sure to check our website for accommodations information.
 Horseback Riding (optional): \$55 includes one, 1-hour trailride

Registration opens for non-host parishes April 1.
Register online at www.whisperingwinds.org

Scholarships available, please check website.

Whispering Winds is located in the beautiful mountains near Julian, California (619) 464-1479

With great POWER comes great RESPONSIBILITY!



**FOR ALL GENERATIONS:
MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM**

Monthly donations are an automatic and cost-effective way to support Whispering Winds! Your consistent support allows us to make long term plans for facility and ministry improvements. If you are interested in participating, please see our website at www.whisperingwinds.org and click on DONATE. If you'd prefer to receive an application by mail, please contact us at (619) 464-1479 or office@whisperingwinds.org. To our 37 generous participants signed up so far – thank you!



**WHISPERING WINDS
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY**
www.whisperingwinds.org/wwwa

Women's Spring Retreat
April 29 - May 1

The Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary will hold its annual retreat April 29 - May 1, 2011 at the camp. We are blessed to have speaker Dorothy "Dottie" Hulbert for the retreat this year! Dottie is Director of Catechetical Ministries at St. Therese parish in San Diego. She brings to her ministry the gift and ability to share her love of the Lord in very human terms, especially through scripture, story, and our Catholic spiritual traditions. In the past, Dottie has directed Family Camps and women's retreats at Whispering Winds. She is returning to our community to help us celebrate and renew our faith among dear friends, new friends and the whisper of the winds. For a registration form, please go to: www.whisperingwinds.org/wwwa For questions, please call Marty Fowler at 619-445-2488, or Karen Goodman at 858-204-8768.

Board of Directors

by Barb Noerenberg, WW Board Chair



As Whispering Winds continues to celebrate the opening of the Founders Hall and Prayer Chapel and the beginning of the Dining Hall and Youth Lodge project, I am honored to welcome a number of new Directors to our Board. Greg Evans, Stefanie Battaglia, Kevin Roberts, Vic Reichert – thank you for accepting this responsibility.

I would like to thank our outgoing Board Members – Tim Binder, Larry Sheehan and Paul Cable – for their heartfelt commitment to serving the Body of Christ and our Whispering Winds community. We thank you for your continued love and support.

The Board and I also greatly appreciate the support of the overall Whispering Winds family. This year, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining a Committee in one of the following areas: Buildings & Grounds, Development, Finance, Programs, or Strategic Planning. These committees are the hands of the Board, executing the ministry and vision of Whispering Winds alongside our staff. Please email office@whisperingwinds.org if you are interested!

WHISPERING WINDS STAFF

Martin Rosales – Executive Director
Don Kojis – Co-Founder/
Director of Community Relations
Judy Burke – Business Manager
Lauren Prust – Director of Guest Services
Terry Henberger – Director of Sales & Marketing
Paula Bott – Director of Programs
Allison Wilhite – Volunteer Development Support
Annie Korn – Camp Director
David Rilling – Food Service Manager
Jose Montes – Caretaker & Grounds Keeper
Martina Montes – Housekeeping
Ofelia Aceves – Housekeeping
Karen Coleman – Camp Store/Food Service

"THANK YOU" TO ALL OUR 2010 GUESTS!

Academy of Our Lady of Peace	St. Anthony Youth Ministry
All Hallows Academy	St. Augustine Kairos
All Peoples Church	St. Brigid Young Adult Ministry
Bethlehem Lutheran Women's Retreat	St. Charles 8th Grade
Blessed Sacrament	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Bread of Life Christian Church	St. Francis Youth Ministry
Camp Connect San Diego	St. Jerome Youth Ministry
Camp Emmaus	St. John Middle School
Cathedral Catholic High School	St. Jude Youth Ministry
Christ Presbyterian Church	St. Juliana Youth Ministry
Men's Retreat	St. Kieran 8th Grade
Civic Youth Orchestra	St. Leo Youth Ministry
Cursillo	St. Luke Youth Ministry
Day-McKellar Prep	St. Marina Family Retreat
El Nido	St. Martin of Tours 8th Grade
Girl Scout Troop #6930 (Santa Sophia)	St. Mary 8th Grade
Good Shepherd Youth Ministry	St. Mary Magdalene Youth Ministry
Holy Rosary Family Group	St. Pius X Youth Ministry
Holy Spirit Youth Ministry	St. Raphael Elementary Camp
Holy Trinity 8th Grade	St. Rose of Lima Men's Retreat
Holy Trinity Youth Ministry	St. Rose of Lima Women's Retreat
Korean Catholic Ministry	St. Rose of Lima Youth Leaders
Lisa Shea & Friends	St. Therese Academy 7th Grade
Mary, Star of the Sea Campus Ministry	St. Therese Academy 8th Grade
Mater Dei Campus Ministry	St. Therese of Carmel Youth Ministry
Miles Christi	St. Timothy Youth Ministry
Ministros Eclesiales Church	St. Vincent de Paul 8th Grade
Missionary Encounters	Sts. Simon and Jude Family Camp
OECM Retreat	Sts. Simon and Jude Youth Ministry
Our Lady's School	The Brickman Group
RBHS Cross Country Team	The Hively Family
Sacred Heart Academy	The Klopchin Family
8th Grade Retreat	The Schnitzius Family
Sacred Heart Women's Retreat	The Way Church
Sacred Heart/St. Charles Borromeo	USD Founder's Chapel Choir
Youth Ministry	USD Men's Retreat
San Diego Feeling Good	USD SLIC Retreat
San Rafael Mother's Spirituality Group	Vincent Memorial High School
Santa Margarita Kairos	WW Women's Auxiliary
Spirit Ministries Women's Retreat	Young Artist Symphony



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