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WHISPERING WINDS CATHOLIC CONFERENCE CENTER

WINTER 2005

Whispering Winds invites you to attend our 23rd Annual Dinner Dance Gala & Auction
Come Celebrate Whispering Winds' 2005 Persons of the Year



let peace begin with me

Whispering Winds 23rd Annual
Dinner Dance Gala & Auction
Saturday, April 30, 2005
Mission Bay Hilton Resort
San Diego, California

Join us for an elegant evening to celebrate the spirit of Whispering Winds and support its mission. The hosted reception and silent auction will run from 5:30 to 7:30, followed by a delicious dinner and inspiring program starting at 7:45, an exciting live auction at 8:00, and dancing from 9:00 to midnight. The cost is \$150 per person or \$1,500 for tables of 10. Black tie is optional.

For additional information, see page 7. For reservations, call the Whispering Winds office at (619) 464-1479. To find out how you can volunteer, call Beverly Wight at (619) 469-0882.



Bob and Marie Cizek

Bob and Marie Cizek are definitely workers for the Lord and Whispering Winds. They truly live out their Christian faith through loving service. They are a founding family of Whispering Winds and have been involved for 26 years, starting with the first retreat held at the camp. From the early years, they have always volunteered their services to improve the camp grounds, work on Family Camp Weekends, retreats and beautifully decorate the tables and dining hall for our Thanksgiving dinners. Marie is very involved with the Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary, having served in many key roles including hospitality, spirituality, gift shop coordinator and spiritual director. Bob has been instrumental in getting the camp up and functioning again after the Cedar Fire.

Bob and Marie are members of the Mission San Diego de Alcalá with strong ties to St. Therese Parish in Del Cerro. Both are natives of Chicago, retired teachers, and will be married 45 years this year. They have two children, Rob and Anne, and four grandchildren. They enjoy the outdoors and have raised and trained five assistance dogs. We love you, Bob and Marie!

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Whispering Winds: Vision for 2005 and Beyond...

Proposed Master Plan



Our Board of Directors and Staff have been working with a master planning firm that specializes in camps. Designs for a swimming pool, mountain-top chapel and additional lodging are underway. Please pray that our dealings with the county and its permitting process proceed smoothly. Also, our facilities development committee is actively looking to hire contractors or individuals to build a campfire amphitheater, archery range, and mini golf course. Please call Don Kojis at (619) 464-1479 with any leads or referrals. We plan to source the development and build of our climbing wall, challenge/ropes course and children's nursery to outside firms. 'Thank you' to our committee members and major donors for their wisdom and expertise during this time of growth within our ministry.

Survey Results

Here are the results of our survey on the importance of these future offerings at Whispering Winds, ranked by their average response on a scale of 0 to 5, with 5 being the highest.

4.6 Chapel	3.9 Conference Center
4.2 Teen Camp	3.8 Additional 12-Room Lodge
4.1 Swimming Pool	3.6 Couples Weekend
4.1 Youth Day	3.4 Single Adults Weekend
4.0 Amphitheater & Campfire	3.1 Children's Nursery

Welcoming our new WW Board President, Steve Spooner



After serving six years as Board VP, Steve Spooner is setting a course for our future as the new President.

Steve on how he became involved with Whispering Winds...

My first experience with Whispering Winds can be attributed to a brake problem with our family van. A friend from Blessed Sacrament had recommended Don's Brake and Wheel as a good source for brake issues. It was there I met Don Constantino and my introduction to Whispering Winds. Don had this excitement in his eyes as he described the Camp and its vision. Well, at the time, the camp was in need of a lectern and once Don became aware I had a woodworking business, I was had. The year was 1990.

My first experience at the Camp was with a confirmation group, staying in the bunkhouse, using the original trailer kitchen and old recreation room as the dining hall. Although most of the camp facilities were quite rustic, it was easy to see the fruits provided by the Camp, where rest, reprieve and recuperation were taking place.

Through my experiences at Whispering Winds, I have witnessed God's works first hand. Whispering Winds is a place where hardened hearts are softened, where relationships have been restored and commitment to faith and family has taken place.

I joined the Board of Directors the winter of 1996 and recently accepted the role of President. I am honored to represent the Camp and will, through the Lord's graces, do my best to represent our community. I would like to thank Emmett Durnan for his service, stewardship and dedication to the Camp over the past 15 years and look forward to his continued presence on the future Advisory Board.

Awesome times are before us, opportunities and challenges abound, and Whispering Winds is on the move. With the hiring of John Sperrazzo as executive director and the anticipation of new facilities and programs scheduled for next year, the ministry of Whispering Winds is excitingly moving toward fulfilling the vision of so many. Buckle up for the ride.

—Steve Spooner

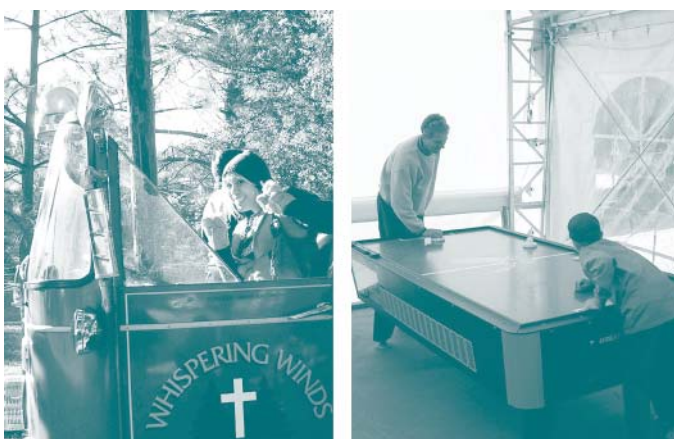


Thanksgiving dinner at Whispering Winds

Whispering Winds Gives Thanks!

On Thanksgiving day, many people enjoyed a beautiful day and bountiful feast at Whispering Winds. They shared a relaxing, fun-filled day with friends and family. Our chief cook, Mark Sperrazzo, and volunteer helpers prepared a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings and dessert too! Everyone enjoyed the fresh mountain air and scenery.

Besides dinner, there were plenty of other fun activities to partake in, including a pumpkin patch, fire engine rides and family hikes. The new Recreation Room was open, with pool tables, ping pong tables, foosball & air hockey games. Thanks to all the guests and wonderful volunteers who made this a truly memorable turkey day!



Turkey wasn't the only attraction on Thanksgiving day

Women's Auxiliary News



The Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary is busy planning the **Spring Fashion Show and Brunch**, "Beacons of Light," which will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Mission Valley on Saturday, April 2, 2005. This wonderful event includes brunch, the fashion show and a fabulous silent auction. The "Woman of the Year" award will be presented at this inspiring event. This is the Auxiliary's biggest fundraiser of the year, so mark your calendar and invite all of your friends, relatives, and co-workers. For more information, please call Mo Kojis at (619) 582-6300.

Save the date! Our annual **Women's Retreat** will be held at Whispering Winds camp on the weekend of May 13-15, 2005. Our speaker is the ever-popular Georgiana Rodiger, Ph.D. "Georgie" spoke at our retreat two years ago and many healings occurred. She comes to us with many years of Christian ministry and counseling experience. She is a dynamic speaker who is filled with the Lord's LIGHT. The theme of the retreat is, "God's Word Lights the Way" and the cost is \$115/person. All are welcome! To register, please contact Cathy Sperazzo at (858) 565-9100.

Whispering Winds Upcoming Events

<i>April 2</i>	Auxiliary's Spring Fashion Show and Brunch
<i>April 22-24</i>	Couples Weekend
<i>April 30</i>	Dinner Dance Gala & Auction
<i>May 13-15</i>	Women's Retreat
<i>May 27-29</i>	St. Therese (Del Cerro) Family Camp
<i>June 3-5</i>	Men's Retreat
<i>June 10-12</i>	Sacred Heart (Brawley) Family Camp
<i>June 17-19</i>	Diocesan-Wide Family Camp
<i>June 24-26</i>	Santa Sophia (Spring Valley) Family Camp
<i>June 26-30</i>	Kids Camp I (4th-8th Graders)
<i>July 1-3</i>	St. Francis (Vista) Family Camp
<i>July 8-10</i>	Sacred Heart (Coronado)/ Ascension (Tierrasanta) Family Camp
<i>July 10-14</i>	Kids Camp II (4th-8th Graders)
<i>July 15-17</i>	St. Gregory the Great (Scripps Ranch) Family Camp
<i>July 22-24</i>	All Hallows (La Jolla)/ St. Peter's (Fallbrook) Family Camp
<i>August 28</i>	Summer Festival 2005 (FREE)



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HAPPY TRAILS

Summer Family Camp

Arrive
Thursday
Evening -
FREE
Extra Day
at Camp!

Western
Hoe
Down
Saturday
Night!

Escape to Whispering Winds for music, crafts, bible stories and fun for each age group. Enjoy family time together, with many activities, including hiking, basketball, tennis, volleyball, batting cage, water games and fire engine rides. There will be great food, including a special Hoe Down Saturday night (dress Western)!

AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Parish/Weekend	Date	Parish/Weekend	Date
St. Therese (Del Cerro)	May 27-29	St. Francis (Vista)	July 1-3
Sacred Heart (Brawley)	June 10-12	Sacred Heart (Coronado) / Ascension (Tierrasanta)	July 8-10
Diocesan-Wide Weekend	June 17-19	St. Gregory the Great (Scripps Ranch)	July 15-17
Santa Sophia (Spring Valley)	June 24-26	All Hallows (La Jolla) / St. Peter (Fallbrook)	July 22-24

For more information, call Jen Bedison at (619) 977-4576

Accommodations - Each family housed separately

Cost - **\$400 per lodge room** (24 private rooms available) or **\$200 per tipi, tent or your own RV** (electrical/water hookups)

Includes up to 4 days and 3 nights, plus 6 meals and fun-filled programs, beginning Friday evening, for the whole family!

To register your family, complete the form below with full payment. Your payment is your registration confirmation.

Please make your check payable to: Whispering Winds, 8186 Commercial St., La Mesa, CA 91942

EIGHT WEEKS!

Parish/Weekend _____ Date _____

Parent's First & Last Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Tel. _____

E-Mail _____

Select One: Private Room Tipi Village RV Tent

Amount Enclosed _____ Check Cash

My family will be arriving on Thursday at ____ pm Friday at ____ am/pm

Children's Names _____ Age _____ Grade in _____

REGISTER TODAY!

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

FAMILY



FUN



FAITH

PAID POSITIONS AVAILABLE - Call Jen Bedison at (619) 977-4576 for more information

GO FREE - If you're 14+, have fun as a Child Care Assistant (CCA) - call Jen Bedison at (619) 977-4576 for more info



NEW

KIDS CAMP

CRAFTS
GAME ROOM
SNACK BAR

FISHING
FAMILY DAY & BBQ ON THURS.
HORSEBACK RIDING*

June 26-30 and July 10-14

Sunday-Thursday

for kids entering 4th-8th grades

\$250 per child includes 5-day, 4-night stay in deluxe lodge rooms, 12 meals, all activities, and 1 dedicated counselor for every 6 children.

Space is limited - sign up now!

For more information, call the Whispering Winds office at (619) 464-1479.



* Activities subject to change without notice.

KIDS CAMP RESERVATION FORM

Name _____

Grade in Fall 2005 _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Tel. _____

Select One:  June 26-30  July 10-14

Amount Enclosed _____  Check  Cash

Please make your check payable to: Whispering Winds, 8186 Commercial St., La Mesa, CA 91942

PAID SUMMER COUNSELOR POSITIONS OPEN

Call Jen Bedison at (619) 977-4576 for information



Couples Weekend



*"Meanwhile, these three remain: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love."
1 Corinthians 13:13*

**Come Deepen Your Marriage
at Whispering Winds**

April 22-24, 2005

Speakers: Deacon Bill & Stella Vasquez
Deacon Ken & Marie Finn

\$300/couple includes 2-night stay, 6 meals,
inspirational speakers and many surprises!
50% off for RVs, tents and Tipi Village.



Deacon Bill and Stella Vasquez have been in shared ministries for 25 years which include Cursillo, Awakenings, Teens Encounter Christ, Marriage Encounter, Evenings for the Engaged, and Retrouvaille.

They have been parishioners at Mission San Diego for 30 years and currently reside in San Diego. A USAF and San Diego City Schools retiree, Deacon Bill is in full-time ministry at the Mission. Stella specializes in Special Education for San Diego City Schools. Blessed with two adult children and three grandchildren, Bill and Stella will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this June.



Deacon Ken and Marie Finn have been married for 44 years. They have three children and 11 grandchildren. They are co-authors of the "Bread of Life Catholic Bible Study" and "Secrets of a Happy Family."

They have been in family ministry for over 20 years and have conducted seminars on the family all over the United States. Deacon Ken has been ordained for 26 years and was a prison Chaplain which led him and his wife to be founders of St. Dismas Guild, a ministry to prisoners, the poor and families. They both have a personal relationship with Jesus and have a tremendous love for God's Word. "His Word is a Lamp to their feet, and a light to their path" (Psalm 119:105).

Women's Retreat

The Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary presents a Spring Retreat for Women...

"God's Word Lights the Way"

May 13-15, 2005

Speaker: Georgianna Rodiger, Ph.D.

at Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center
\$115/person - registration limited to the first 100 women

For information, contact Cathy Sperrazzo at (858) 565-9100
or Mary Jane Weisman at (619) 463-9743

Men's Retreat for All Ages

**"In His Image -
Our Journey As Christian Men"**

June 3-5, 2005

Speakers:
Msgr. Mark Campbell - Pastor, Immaculate Conception
Deacon Ron Diem - St. Gregory the Great

at Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center
\$115/person - registration limited to the first 100 men

To register, please send payment to: Whispering Winds, 8186 Commercial St., La Mesa, CA 91942. Call (619) 464-1479 for more information.

Counselors Wanted

Earn up to \$200/session plus service hours! Applications are now available for Junior (16+) and Senior (18+) counselors to join our Kids Camp Program Staff (June 26-30 and/or July 10-14) as we host 4th-8th graders (see page 5). Help create a lifetime memory for our youth! For more information, contact our office at (619) 464-1479.



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5:30-7:30 Hosted Reception and Silent Auction
7:45 Dinner and Program
8:00 Live Auction
9:00-12:00 Dancing
Black Tie Optional



Chairperson - Beverly Wight
Auctions - Vicki Youngers and Donna Wilkins

\$150 per person or \$1,500 for tables of 10

Call (619) 464-1479
for Reservations

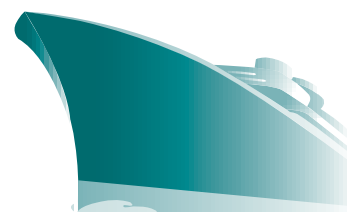


Win a Cruise of Your Choice!

Enter the \$5.00 opportunity raffle for a spectacular Holland America cruise! The drawing will take place on April 30, 2005, at the Dinner Dance Gala & Auction at the Mission Bay Hilton. The winner need not be present to win. Proceeds benefit Whispering Winds.

Win a 10 Day Cruise for two, double occupancy/ outside stateroom, and **choose your destination** from the following:

- Europe**
- Mexico**
- Caribbean**
- Panama Canal**
- Alaska (7 days only)**
- Canada/New England**



Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Tel. # _____
 Number of tickets at \$5.00 each _____ Total \$ _____

To enter, please fill out the above information and send with check to:
Whispering Winds Office, 8186 Commercial Street, La Mesa, CA 91942

Auction Contribution Form

- I/we wish to contribute.
 I/we have arranged for the following contribution(s):

Value: \$ _____

Donor's Name _____

Donor's Address _____

Donor's City/State/Zip _____

Donor's Tel. # _____

Your Name (if different than Donor) _____

Your Tel. # _____

NOTE: In all publications and publicity the Donor's name should be listed as:

 Please complete and return this form along with the donation to: Whispering Winds Office, 8186 Commercial Street, La Mesa, CA 91942
 (619) 464-1479 Non-profit Charitable Organization #95-3407343 An acknowledgement of each tax-deductible donation will be sent
 to the donor. Thank you so much! Your contributions will help the Whispering Winds dream come true!



Thank You to our 2005 Guests for Choosing Whispering Winds!

<p>January 7-9 Fri-Sun 14-16 Fri-Sun 21-23 Fri-Sun 28-30 Fri-Sun</p> <p>February 4-6 Fri-Sun 11-13 Fri-Sun 18-20 Fri-Sun 23 Wed 24-25 Thurs-Fri 25-27 Fri-Sun</p> <p>March 4-6 Fri-Sun 7-9 Mon-Wed 11-13 Fri-Sun 16-18 Wed-Fri 18-20 Fri-Sun 25-27 Fri-Sun 28-30 Mon-Wed</p> <p>April 1-3 Fri-Sun 7-10 Thurs-Sun 14-17 Thurs-Sun 22-24 Fri-Sun 29-May 1 Fri-Sun</p> <p>May 4-7 Wed-Sat 13-15 Fri-Sun 16-18 Mon-Wed 20-22 Fri-Sun 27-29 Fri-Sun</p>	<p>St. Bernard Catholic Church Our Lady of Guadalupe Our Lady of Guadalupe St. Mary Star of the Sea</p> <p>Beatitudes of Our Lord Holy Spirit St. Francis Marian High School St. Charles Catholic School OPEN - 1/2 Price</p> <p>St. Michael's Poway Vincent Memorial Queen of Angels Blessed Sacrament School St. Gabriel OPEN Our Lady of Guadalupe</p> <p>OPEN Men's Cursillo Women's Cursillo Couples Weekend Our Lady of Grace</p> <p>Group Genius WW Women's Auxiliary Intrarsity Campus Ministers OPEN St. Therese (Del Cerro) Family Camp</p>	<p>June 3-5 8 10-12 17-19 24-26 26-30</p> <p>July 1-3 3-6 8-10 10-14 15-17 17-22 22-24 24-29 29-31 31-Aug 4</p> <p>August 5-7 10-12 12-14 19-21 26-27 28</p> <p>September 2-6 9-11 16-18 23-25 30-Oct 2</p>	<p>Fri-Sun Wed Fri-Sun Fri-Sun Fri-Sun Sun-Thur</p> <p>Fri-Sun Sun-Wed Fri-Sun Sun-Thur Fri-Sun Sun-Fri Fri-Sun Sun-Fri Fri-Sun Sun-Thur</p> <p>Fri-Mon Wed-Fri Fri-Sun Fri-Sun Sun</p> <p>Fri-Sun Fri-Sun Fri-Sun Fri-Sun Fri-Sun</p>	<p>Men's Retreat Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sacred Heart (Brawley) Family Camp Diocesan-Wide Family Camp Santa Sophia (Spring Valley) Family Camp Summer Kids Camp (4th-8th Grade)</p> <p>St. Francis (Vista) Family Camp Broding Family Reunion Sacred Heart (Coronado)/ Ascension (Tierrasanta) Family Camp Summer Kids Camp (4th-8th Grade) St. Gregory the Great Family Camp Camp Jack All Hallows (La Jolla)/ St. Peter's (Fallbrook) Family Camp Camp Jack OPEN Camp Emmaus (Diocesan Office)</p> <p>St. Timothy Interfaith Shelter Network Renovacion Spirit Ministries OPEN Summer Festival 2005</p> <p>Mascari Family Reunion OPEN OPEN Filipino Cursillo Spirit Ministries</p>	<p>October 6-9 13-16 19-23 28-30</p> <p>November 4-6 11-13 18-20 25-27</p> <p>December 2-4 9-11 16-18 23-25 30-Jan 1</p>	<p>Thurs-Sun Thurs-Sun Wed-Sun Fri-Sun</p> <p>Fri-Sun Fri-Sun Fri-Sun Fri-Sun</p> <p>Fri-Sun Fri-Sun Fri-Sun Fri-Sun</p>	<p>Men's Cursillo Women's Cursillo Center for Action & Contemplation San Rafael's Mother's Group</p> <p>St. Lawrence (Torrance) St. Therese OPEN Vietnamese Fatima Youth</p> <p>San Rafael OPEN St. Michael's OPEN OPEN</p>
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Whispering Winds is the perfect place to host:

Youth & Young Adult Retreats	Family Camps
High School Retreats	Parish Retreats
6th/8th Grade Camp	Cursillo
Confirmation Retreats	Marriage Encounter
Singles/Couples Weekends	Family Reunions
Corporate Leadership Training	RCIA Retreats

To make your reservation, please call our office at (619) 464-1479.



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