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WHISPERING WINDS CATHOLIC CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

WINTER / SPRING 2010

Founders Hall & Chapel Coming Soon!



Founders Hall
Ground Breaking

Founders Hall

Chapel

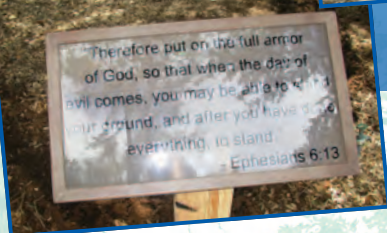


Founders Hall and the Prayer Chapel are under construction! We have received our grading permit and this project is underway. As we celebrate, please join us in prayer for the next few months of construction! Look for photos and updates in our monthly eUpdates. If you do not receive the eUpdate, please email office@whisperingwinds.org

Serenity Garden Eagle Scout Project "Thank You," Eric Skaare!

Early in March, Eric Skaare completed his Eagle Scout project at Whispering Winds, constructing and installing prayer stations along the walking path within the Serenity Garden. Each of the

ten stations has a back-lit plaque with a verse of scripture on which praying walkers can reflect. This project is a tremendous blessing that we know everyone will enjoy. Many thanks to you, Eric!



Dinner Dance Gala Sat., April 24, 2010

"A Dwelling Place" • Mission Valley Marriott



In the Year of the Priest, join us in honoring Rev. Gilbert Gentile, SJ at the 28th Annual Dinner Dance! The theme of this year's event, "A Dwelling Place," references the presence of God at

Whispering Winds. Our 2010 Gala will be a time to celebrate our priests and the Founders Hall / Prayer Chapel project, with the fund-an-item supporting the Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment (FF&E) to fill the buildings.

To place a tribute in the event program or for registration information, visit www.whisperingwinds.org or contact the chair of reservations: Ms. Patricia Hughes: 1044 Agate St. #7, San Diego, CA 92109 (trishhughes@live.com)

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WHISPERING WINDS CALENDAR

28th Annual Dinner Dance	Apr. 24
WWWA Women's Retreat	Apr. 30 – May 2
Family Camp	Jun. 18-20
Kids Camp	Jun. 28 – Jul. 2
Family Camp	Jul. 9-11
Family Camp	Jul. 16-18
Kids Camp	Jul. 18-22
Single-Parent & Deployed Family Camp	Jul. 30 – Aug. 1
Labor Day Pool Party	Sept. 6
Diocesan Young Adult Retreat	Sept. 10-12
Men's Retreat	Nov. 11-14
Diocesan Confirmation Retreat	Dec. 10-12



Our Prayers Are Being Answered

by Don Kojis, Co-Founder and Community Relations Director



This is a very exciting time in the history of Whispering Winds. When the late Dr. Jerry Tisi and I first talked about building a camp, we knew that the road ahead would be lengthy. In looking back over the last 30+

years, the Lord's movement becomes clearer.

In Matthew 7, Jesus tells his disciples:

Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks will receive, and anyone who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to those that knock.

He doesn't say, "Ask and you may receive an answer"; he says we **will be** answered.

As we rebuild from the fires and make Whispering Winds what God calls it to be, I find myself recognizing this scripture more and more. You are our prayer warriors; you are our answers to prayer. Because of the Lord working in and through you, we are able

to fulfill our mission – to provide a Christ-centered environment, apart from the everyday world, where all are welcome to increase their knowledge of and commitment to Christ, and join as fellow pilgrims on their journey of faith with God. As I have said many times, our job is just to let the Lord do His business with the people who come to the mountain.

Recently, I had the opportunity to speak to some of our guests at the camp, sharing some of the history and faith foundation of the camp. Afterwards, I was humbled by the gratitude of the teens, young adults, and adults who came up to me with thanks to Dr. Tisi and me for building "a place like this."

I am sure Dr. Tisi would agree that the Whispering Winds community has embraced our vision more than either of us ever imagined. I am proud of what our dream has become, the leadership that has come forward, and the family that ensures its future. As we continue experiencing the Lord on the mountain, I pray you will remain a part of our journey!

Taking Church Outside

by Martin Rosales, Executive Director



One of the joys of my job is living at Whispering Winds and starting every day with a walk. This is my time to connect with our Creator and examine different projects on site, noting progress, listing others, and simply connecting with the place where God touches lives.

Walking through the camp, the trees we've planted in the last three years are my favorite things to see. Having been a part of planting most, I have great memories of watching guests and volunteers working together to recover from the Cedar Fires. Recently, I had a moment of discovery that, I believe, is a message for Whispering Winds today. I had just walked through a grove of apple trees planted last summer, looking at each tree and measuring the recent growth. I continued my walk and was stunned to see the hill across the road filled with pine trees that had come up on their own. I could hear God say, "Look over here, Martin... see what I've been up to?" It is encouraging to be reminded that, while we are working towards the recovery and growth of Whispering Winds, our God is right there with us doing the same and exceeding our expectations.

Recently our staff went through an exercise of trying to encapsulate Whispering Winds in three words. We threw words like refuge, living sign, extension of the Church, refresh – restore – revive, experiential faith, nature, and place to fulfill the "Great Commission" on

the white board in our office. We knew that the idea we wanted to get across with these three words was the way Whispering Winds supports the faith within the Church by providing opportunities to live and experience that same faith in the world. The Holy Spirit pointed us in the right direction, of course, and we realized the answer: **Whispering Winds is Taking Church Outside.**

We are in a unique position to provide support to the Church from "outside" – literally outside of church buildings and figuratively outside of the traditional Church setting. Whether this is experienced through a retreat experience in a place where Catholic language is commonplace, by going to camp and recognizing how many others believe what you do, or in looking up at the multitude of newly visible stars in the sky, Whispering Winds aids the universal Church in these moments.

Thanks to the vision of our founders, the commitment of our Board of Directors, the dedication of our staff, and the grace of God, we continue to move forward with a passion for fulfilling this opportunity. I pray the vision of **Taking Church Outside** will resonate in your spirit through your own experiences at Whispering Winds. We are blessed to know and serve a God who is always working on our behalf and who takes pleasure blessing his children.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us! – Eph 3:20

Mary Statue Maquette Raffle



We have all experienced the prayerful beauty in Mary's grotto. Thanks to the generosity of the sculptor, you have the opportunity to take Mary home with you.

The scale maquette has a value of \$2000; tickets are being sold for \$25 a piece! Contact George Anderson by email (george@whisperingwinds.org) or our main office (619-464-1479) for more information.



Board of Directors Update

by Larry Sheehan, Whispering Winds Board Chair



As Whispering Winds continues to celebrate the opening of the swimming pool and the beginning of the Founders Hall & Prayer Chapel project, I am honored to welcome a number of new Directors to our Board. Dan Ryan, Jeanne Shannon, Maria Sittmann, Phil Jelsma, Shirley Gauvin, and Susann Wilhite – thank you for accepting this responsibility.

I would like to thank our outgoing Board Members – Dennis Dahm, Diane Halfman, Emmett Durnan, Kevin Helfers, Pat Rauber, and Steve Holtz – 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.

Summer
2010



FIT FOR THE
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Kids Camp

Monday, June 28 - Friday, July 2
Sunday, July 18 - Thursday, July 22



FAMILY CAMP

June 18-20 • July 9-11 • July 16-18 (Friday-Sunday)



SINGLE-PARENT/DEPLOYED FAMILY CAMP

July 30 - August 1
(Friday-Sunday)



Register Online at
www.whisperingwinds.org

YOUR GROUP IS WELCOME AT WHISPERING WINDS!

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 our office now to schedule your retreat for Fall 2010 and 2011!



WHISPERING WINDS WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

www.whisperingwinds.org/wwwa

As women united by faith in Jesus Christ and by a common interest in Whispering Winds, the Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary (WWWA) proposes to contribute to the growth and development of the Camp through: Prayer and fellowship, Assisting in fundraising, Disseminating information, Providing support for all functions held at the Camp, and Providing monies for scholarships and improvement projects

The WWWA welcomes women of all ages to be a part of their service to the camp. To request membership information, contact Sharon Anderson: 5602 Baja Drive, San Diego, CA 92110.

"THANK YOU" FOR GIVING!

Thank you to the following families for supporting Whispering Winds "For All Generations" Monthly Giving Program!

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"THANK YOU" TO ALL OUR 2009 GUESTS

ACES Women's Retreat
All Hallows Academy
Blessed Sacrament
Camp Emmaus
Camp Oliver Staff
Cathedral Catholic High School
Christ Presbyterian Church
Civic Youth Orchestra
Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus
Corpus Christi Youth Ministry
Credo 2.0
Crockett Family
Cub Scout Pack 690
Cursillo 254-257
Eastside Catholic High School
El Nido
Ethnos Church Leadership
Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy
Foothills Christian Church
Girl Scout Retreat
Good Shepherd Youth Ministry
Han Bit Korean Community
Holy Trinity 8th Grade
Indian Hills Dean Retreat
St. Columba Korean Catholic Ministries
Mary, Star of the Sea Campus Ministry
Mater Dei Campus Ministry
Maureen Barrera
Miles Christi
Ministros Eclesiales Church
Mission Valley YMCA Staff Retreat
Missionary Encounters
Naras Family
New Creation Church Children's Retreat
Notre Dame Academy 6th Grade Camp
OLP Junior & Senior Classes
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Our Lady's School 6th Grade
Rancho Vista Church
RBHS Cross Country Team
Rossio Family
Sacred Heart 8th Grade
Sacred Heart Women's Ministry
Sacred Heart/St. Charles Borromeo Youth Ministry

San Diego Feeling Good
San Diego Legacy Softball
San Rafael Mother's Spirituality Group
Santa Margarita Catholic High School
Santa Sophia Youth Ministry
Serra High School
Spirit Ministries
St. Brigid Young Adult Ministry
St. Charles 8th Grade
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
St. Elizabeth of Hungary VBS
St. Francis High School
St. Francis of Assisi
St. John Middle School
St. Jude Youth Ministry
St. Juliana Youth Ministry
St. Kieran 8th Grade
St. Leo Youth Ministry
St. Marina Family Retreat
St. Martin of Tours Youth Ministry
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St. Pius X, Chula Vista
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Sts. Simon and Jude Family Camp
Sts. Simon and Jude Youth Ministry
Sweetwater Union HS District ASB
The Brickman Group
The Way Deacon Retreat
UCSD Delta Gamma
USD EDLD 162
USD Founders Club
USD SLIC/UFMC Leadership Retreat
USD SOLES Staff
USD Ultimate Greek Adventure
USD Women's Softball
Vets 4 Vets
Vincent Memorial High School
Vision San Diego
Whittier Softball Team
WW Women's Auxiliary



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