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President's Message

Fellow Serrans,

August is fast approaching and before we know it the Serra Convention will be upon us. Fortunately, we have had a chairman and a committee that has been on top of the situation. Under the guidance and organizational talent of Elroy Simmacher, the committee has arranged housing, transportation, a convention hotel, speakers, banquets and libations, a Web site and much, much more. Elmus Beale, Brian Beauchamp, David Buescher, Bill Burton, Tony Buxkemper, Larry Craig, Royce Ellison, Bob Goyette, Scott Piercy, Debbie Schuknecht and Don Wanjura. I know there are others and I apologize for leaving them off this list.

Elmus designed our Web site and set up computerized registration.

Post cards were mailed to all Serrans in the region and the club members labeled them in 40 minutes. The Amarillo club is helping with registration.

We expect to have a banner convention with the incentive of the Vatican Art Exhibit so we will need the entire club to be volunteers during the convention.

The slate of officers was presented at the March meeting and Brian Beauchamp will be leading us in 2002-2003. The installation of officers will take place at the May dinner meeting on May 17th. Don't forget first Friday Rosary and Mass 6:35 AM at Christ the King.

Yours in Serra,
Joe Conboy



Joe Conboy

2001-2002 Leadership Team Ready To Take Helm

Congratulations to Lubbock Serra Club's new officers who will take command following their induction ceremony on Friday, May 17, 2002, at the Catholic Renewal Center. The evening will start at 6:00 PM with Mass including the induction followed by a brief reception and dinner. All spouses are invited.

The new leadership team consists of:

- Brian Beauchamp
President
- Bill Burton
President Elect
- Jim McNally
VP Vocations
- Elmus Beale
VP Program
- Joe Conboy
VP Membership
- Gary McDonald
VP Communications
- Al Arreola
Secretary
- Tony Buxkemper
Treasurer
- Scott Piercy
Trustee (One Year)
- Don Wanjura
Trustee (Two Years)
- Bob Goyette
Trustee (Three Years)

A special note of recognition goes to Gary McDonald for his second term and Tony Buxkemper for his nth term. Also kudos to Joe Conboy for jumping from president to VP-Membership and Elmus Beale from Trustee to VP-Program.

A big thanks to outgoing officers Floyd Boone and Deborah Schuknecht and trustee David Buescher.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 3 First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- May 9 Holy Hour for Vocations CTK 7:00 P.M.
- May 11 Spring Leadership Planning Conference-Plainview 9:30 A.M.
- May 13 Board Meeting, Place TBA 7:00 p.m.
- May 17 Dinner Meeting CRC Mass and Installation of Officers 6:00 P.M.
- Jun. 7 First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- Jun. 13 Holy Hour for Vocations CTK 7:00 P.M.
- Jun. 18 Board Meeting, Place TBA 7:00 P.M.
- Jun. 21 Dinner Meeting CRC 6:30 P.M.

Spring Leadership Planning Conference Slated for May 11

Newly elected and retiring officers of the two District 44 Serra Clubs, Amarillo and Lubbock have been invited to attend the annual Spring Leadership Planning Conference (SLPC) in Plainview on Saturday, May 11, 2002. The conference is designed to acquaint the new leadership team with lessons learned from the outgoing group, sessions on the committee process, and team building. A session on leadership principles and characteristics will also be conducted. In the afternoon workshops will convene to work on planning for the next year.

Bob Goyette, Former District Governor and Larry Craig incoming District Governor will conduct the SLPC. All Serrans are invited to attend the conference, which will be held at the Cotton Patch Café, 3314 Olton Road in Plainview. Times are from 9:30 AM until 2:30 PM.

For more information call Larry Craig at 863-2570.



Serra Region 10 Convention Update

Planning and scheduling for the Serra Region 10 Convention to be held in Lubbock, August 9-11, 2002, is proceeding smoothly. Post cards highlighting the convention were mailed to all Region 10 Serrans in March. A complete package containing registration information, program agenda, a Vatican Art Exhibition pamphlet and Lubbock area tourism information will be mailed to Region 10 Serrans this month.

Elroy Simmacher, Convention General Chairman urges all Serrans to complete their registration forms and mail in along with convention payment.

Prayer List

- Paul Meyer, Jr.
- John Gaschen
- Bob Paikowski
- Dan Prewitt
- Millie Callow
- Royce Ellison
- Joe Conboy
- Joe Botik
- Franklin Kitten
- Seminarians
- Vocations

Assistance from the Serra Club Needed for the Opening of the Vatican Art Exhibit

Fr. Malcolm some time ago had asked that the Serra Club help with VIP's arriving for the opening festivities of the Vatican Art Exhibition. Listed below is a rundown as an update to the article published in our September 2001 issue of *The Lubbock Serran*.

On Sunday, April 28th Fr. Richard Bourgeois, Vatican Patron of the Arts for the America's along with two others will arrive for a Sunday evening dinner and meeting. Fr. Bourgeois will be staying at Dr. Mark and Debbie Scioli's. The other two are yet to be determined. Fr. Malcolm will be at the airport but would like to have a Serran along to assist.

Francesco Buranelli, Director of the Vatican Museums and his wife Susanna will arrive on May 30th and remain until June 5th and likely will need help with transportation.

Friday, May 31st will be Media Day at the Texas Tech Museum with many dignitaries arriving. The political people will be taken care of by their own people but the remainder will need assistance getting from the airport to the place of residence and to the activities. A sit down dinner will take place at the TTU International Cultural Center that is located immediately South of the museum.

Saturday, June 1st is the Grand Opening for VIPs from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Opening of the Exhibit for the public is June 2nd.

129,800 reservations have been made to see the exhibit as of April 5, 2002.

Larry Craig will act as the contact point with the Vatican Art Exhibition office and will call on volunteer Serrans as needed. The Exhibit has access to some VIP automobiles and cell phones for drivers.

The 60th Annual Serra International Convention

- Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- June 28 - 30, 2002

Convention begins with a Mass on the evening of Thursday, June 27 and concludes with an evening banquet on Sunday, June 30.

See page 5, December 2001 issue of The Serran for Registration Form.

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Register for Convention

*Register online
or use the
registration
form on page 4.*

Let's have 100% attendance of our club at the Serra Region 10 Convention this summer. Visit the Convention web site at www.catholiclubbock.org/serraconvention.

Though you will find a registration form in this newsletter, we encourage you to register online. This will save a tree and a stamp, and it will reduce the chances of transcription errors. You can even pay by credit card if you like.

IN MEMORIAL TO JOHN TRELFOED

This newsletter is being printed at no cost to the Serra Club by The Print Shop, 2414 Avenue E, Lubbock, TX 79404, Robert Hurmence, Proprietor. Robert and John had a long-standing business relationship. Thanks also to Quinton Strube and the staff. Anyone needing quality printing might want to contact The Print Shop. Their phone number is 747-3512.

Ed Quitevis



Edward Quitevis ("Kuh-tay-vis") is one of our club's newest members. He was born April 2, 1952 in San Francisco, the eldest of two sons. Ed's father emigrated from the Philippines to Hawaii and then to California where he was a farm worker until

he joined the Navy and served on an aircraft carrier during WWII. He then joined the Military Sea Transportation Service and served on troop transport ships during the Vietnam War. He met and married Ed's mother in the Philippines.

After graduation from high school in 1969, Ed moved east, across the bay, and received his bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1974 with Highest Honors in Chemistry. He then moved much further east and received his Master's and then Ph.D. degree in Chemical Physics from Harvard University. He studied under Dudley Herschbach who received the 1986 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

Ed's education and professional interests led him to Lubbock in 1984 when he joined the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Texas Tech as an Assistant Professor. He has since been promoted through the ranks and has been Professor of Chemistry since 1998. Ed also holds a joint appointment as Professor in the Department of Physics. Ed teaches both general chemistry and physical chemistry and does research in the area of molecular dynamics in condensed phase materials (we'll get back to that shortly). When you visit with Ed about his job, it is clear that he loves it. He loves teaching and he loves his research. Even though the hours can be long and demanding, Ed says that he would choose a similar path, though perhaps with more of an emphasis on biophysical chemistry or biophysics, if he had it to do again.

What, you might ask, is "molecular dynamics in condensed phase materials", and why should anyone care? Ed's answer went something like this. Condensed phase means solids and liquids.

Basically, we are trying to understand how molecules move and interact in solids and liquids. These motions are important in chemical reactions. We use sophisticated lasers to "excite" molecules, and we use lasers to detect rapid changes in the molecules. I can't tell you that what we do has any obvious practical application. The object of our research is pure discovery. We want to discover new principles about how molecules in solids and liquids interact. All I can really say in defense is, look at all of the things we enjoy today that came from someone doing purely basic research. One of my favorite examples is MRI (magnetic resonance imaging). The basic observation was discovered about 60 years ago. Molecules emit radio waves at the moment after a strong magnet is turned off. What a cute observation, but how could it possibly be important? Today, we can see inside living bodies without doing them harm. Perhaps our work will lead to something great, but there are no guarantees.

The next topic was about Ed's thoughts regarding Serra. Ed reflected that he has only been a member for three months and is still learning how the club functions and what it does. He observed that the Church clearly needs more Priests and Sisters. Perhaps active recruiting may run the risk of getting children to commit too young. Potentially, they could end up feeling trapped and unable to extricate themselves should they decide the choice is an error. It seems that the Serra Club would best serve the purpose of fostering vocations by a nurturing approach with young people. This could take many forms, but its objective would be to help young people know what religious life involves and make sure that it is presented as a vocational choice. Ed expressed satisfaction with his decision to join and confidence that his role in the club would develop over the next year or so.

On a personal note, Ed's hobbies are golf, singing, drinking good coffee (Day Break is his favorite) and investing. He is a member of the Celebration Choir at Christ the King Cathedral. Ed is married to Jackie Wright Quitevis, who directs the Celebration Choir.

Serran Profile



Convention Registration Form