



# *The Lubbock* **SERRAN**

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## Elections to take place at April dinner meeting

With the end of this Serra year quickly approaching, it is time to elect officers who will lead us in 2004-2005. The nominating committee made up of Scott Piercy, Floyd Boone, Don Wanjura and Brian Beuchamp, has put together a slate of officers that we will vote on at the April 30th dinner meeting (see side-bar for office and name).

In addition to electing new officers, club members will vote on a dues increase of \$3.33 a month. The increase will bring our quarterly dues up to \$85. Bob Goyette, representing the board of directors, stated at the April luncheon meeting that the dues increase is needed to pay for the \$100 the CRC is now charging each time the club

uses the facility. This charge is to help the CRC pay for utilities and upkeep of the building.

"The board recommends that the club support the CRC and the Bishop by increasing our dues to cover the cost and thus continuing to meet at the CRC for our dinner meetings," said Bob. He also pointed out that this is the first dues increase we have had in several years.

As you can see we have several important items of business to take care of at the April dinner meeting. In addition to these items, Leroy Behnke will be presenting Part II of his History of the Diocese of Lubbock.

Hope to see everyone there!



*Bob Goyette presents a plaque to Fr. Malcolm Neyland for his many years of service as Chaplain to the Lubbock Serra Club.*

### *Serra Officer Nominations* 2004-2005

President

**Gary McDonald**

Vice-President for Programs

**Art Chavez**

Vice-President for Membership

**Louise Sundell**

Vice President for Vocations

**Mary Lou Trelford**

Vice President for Communications

**Mike Custy**

Secretary

**Ed Quitevis**

Treasurer

**Tony Buxkemper**

Trustee (One-year)

**Don Wanjura**

Trustee (Two-year)

**Floyd Boone**

Trustee (Three-year)

**Elmus Beale**

Past President

**Brian Beuchamp**

Foundation Representative

**David Buescher**

Presented by nominating committee:  
Scott Piercy, Floyd Boone, Don  
Wanjura, and Brian Beuchamp - March  
26, 2004

## Those who wish to serve

During rosary group recently, one of the ladies mentioned that her nephew, Rudy, who is 22 years old wants very much to become a priest. He is a college student in El Paso, TX. On further questioning, I discovered that his parents do not want him to become a priest. He is the sole support of his parents and this may well be part of their reason for not encouraging his vocation. This brings to light the fact that not only should our prayers for vocations be for the person who is discerning a vocation, but also for his family and friends who may be influencing the discernment in a negative way for whatever reason.

I believe it is for this type of person we must pray. In our hurry-up life style, we sometimes minimize the effect of our prayers. We look for quick solutions to problems like the example above. When thinking about a more direct way to help

foster a vocation, we finally come to the only solution that we have as Serrans - prayer, meditation, and words of encouragement.

They speak without a sound or a word;  
Their voice is silent in the skies;  
yet their message goes out to all the earth,

And their words to all the world.

Psalm 19:3,4

Father, hear those who are called to your service so that they might assist us in obtaining eternal happiness with You.

Father, help those who wish to serve gain the freedom to serve. Give each Serran the grace and strength to continue to pray for more vocations.

Amen

Jim McNally

## 2004 Serra International Convention in Pittsburgh

"A Confluence of Cultures and Serra's Mission" is the theme for this year's Serra International Convention. The annual convention takes place June 24-27 in Pittsburgh.

The keynote address will be delivered by Francis Cardinal Arinze. Born in Eziowelle, Onitsha, Nigeria, Cardinal Arinze was ordained a priest in 1958, and bishop in 1965. He was appointed Archbishop of the Diocese of Onitsha in 1967. After serving several years as President of the Nigerian Council of Catholic Bishops, he was called to work in the Vatican in 1984, where shortly thereafter he was elevated to Cardinal Priest by Pope John Paul II.

Also speaking will be Fr. Mark Gruber, OSB, a Benedictine monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology/Anthropology at Saint Vincent College.

Registration for the event is \$275 per person. Room rates for the Pittsburgh Hilton and Towers is \$129 for single and double occupancy.

This year, all adult registrations received by May 15 will be entered into a drawing to receive three free nights (room + tax) at the Hilton on 24, 25 and 26 June 2004. The winner will be notified after May 15. Each adult registration counts as a separate entry.

Register online at [www.serrainternational.org](http://www.serrainternational.org)

## District Governor Shares His Thoughts



Larry Craig

Serrans who will have leadership roles in District 44 are invited to attend the Spring Leadership Planning Conference (SLPC) scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2004 at the Cotton Patch Cafe in Plainview.

This year's SLPC will be led by Larry Craig, District Governor, and Jake Richards, incoming District Governor.

The conference runs from 9:15 AM until 2:30 PM and is designed to equip officers with the tools to effectively manage their clubs. Topics include discussions on committee process, team building, leadership principles and characteristics. Workshops will be held to share experiences and ideas. Planning sessions will be held, by clubs, to map out the coming year's programs and activities.

All Serrans are invited to attend the SLPC, even if they are not a current office holder. For further details contact Larry Craig, 863-2570.

Congratulations to the 2003-2004 leadership team of the Lubbock Club for a successful year. Many of the officers are actually completing a 2-year term of office which has resulted in better continuity.

My term as District Governor is coming to an end. Many thanks to all for their support, help and encouragement. Jake Richards, the new DG, is very well qualified, full of ideas and energy and will be a real boost to District 44.

That's all folks.

Fort Worth Serra Club has set a date for the  
2004 Regional Convention

**August 27-29, 2004**  
**Radisson Plaza Hotel**  
**Fort Worth, TX**

"Second Career Vocations - -  
An Untapped Asset"

*Find and mark your Calendars!*

## Membership Committee offers thanks to members

The membership committee wishes to thank each member who has introduced the Serra Club of Lubbock to another person by bringing a guest or guests to a club meeting. Elmus Beale and Floyd Boone are given special recognition for bringing in a new member or members.

Recruiting new members is a part of each member's responsibility. We have a duty to assist in nurturing new members by informing them that we value their presence at our meetings and by showing a personal interest in each of them.

A special thanks goes to my mentor Bob Goyette who substituted for me during my many absences. Please remember to lend your support to my successor.

Elroy Simnacher

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# Art Chavez

by *Elmus Beale*

Art Chavez has been a member of the Serra Club since December of 2002. He is a long time Lubbock resident and member of Christ the King Cathedral



*Art Chavez*

Parish. Art was born Feb. 14, 1948 in Midland, Texas. He is the oldest of three children. Brother Robert, a bachelor, earned his law degree and works in the attorney general's office in consumer protection here in Lubbock. Sister Sylvia earned her law degree and currently serves as associate judge in Midland where she

deals with children's issues.

Art's parents, Joe and Paula Chavez, still live in Midland. Joe was born there and Paula was born in Stanton 20 miles East. "They are smart and have gumption", says Art. Joe ran for Midland City Council in the late 1960s and came close to winning. When Joe and Paula were growing up, social pressures did not permit Hispanics to go beyond the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, so neither one received much formal education. Nonetheless, they held their kids to high expectations and sacrificed greatly to see that they were educated. They were active in the PTA and so many other activities that involved the kids' education. Art remembers his mother being the only parent who came to the elementary school on a special day to hear their kids read. Art was proud. Paula ran the household and, both Joe and Paula worked very hard to make a living for their kids. The first job Art remembers his father doing is driving a trash truck in Midland. Later, a friend introduced Joe to the retail grocery produce business. Art began working at age 14 with his dad when he was produce manager. When Joe had back surgery, Art was able to step in and replace his father for a few months to support the family. Art also has many fond memories of Sundays at the baseball park. Joe was a gifted pitcher and played semi-pro ball with the Midland Colts.

Mom ran a tight ship so Church was mandatory. Church has always been a central part of Art's life. His personal interactions with the Priests also made a difference. Art fondly remembers many Priests that influenced him as he grew up. Fr. Bill Meagher, an Oblate of Mary Immaculate, led the formation of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Midland. Art and his family were heavily involved in the formation of this new church. Fr. Bill encouraged Art to be an altar boy and later, at 13 years old, to attend a summer workshop at St Anthony Seminary in San Antonio for the purpose of discernment. Art went again for a second summer and then entered the

Seminary for grades 10 and 11. He describes that experience as "two of the best years of my life."

Some kids viewed it as a 'very restrictive environment', but not Art and a few others (one underclassman, Rufus Whitley, is now a priest at the Vatican). Art loved the early daily masses and the camaraderie. He did well in academics and athletics. He participated in football (honorable mention all-state quarterback), baseball, track and soccer. Because everything was taught by Priests Art came to know their humanity. He names them fondly. Fr. Bill Davis was football coach, Fr. John Sokoloski was baseball coach, and Fr. Ed 'The Arm' Vrazel was a brute with enormous strength. All three priests later spent time in Midland as parish priests. But for reasons he cannot really explain, even to himself, Art did not return for his senior year. Art graduated from Midland High School in 1966 and then came to school at Texas Tech the following Fall. He met Alice Lara soon thereafter.

When the first military draft lottery was implemented in the late '60s, his number came up #4. He decided to join the Marine Corps Reserve and went to boot camp in San Diego. After boot camp, Art worked full time in the grocery business and drove a Dr. Pepper truck. On July 8, 1972 Alice and Art were married, and as is often the case, she inspired him. Art returned to school at Tech and his grades soared. He even earned a 4.0 while taking 21 hours of heavy duty coursework during his last semester. He graduated with a BBA in 1974.

Art reflected on his life and observed how successful he had been professionally. He was doing well and receiving many accolades. But it was never enough. He just wanted more of what the world had to offer. Then in April of 2002, he "received a rude awakening" from God. Those who know Art will remember it as "the time when I was hobbling around on crutches". Art says I heard the Holy Spirit saying, 'What are you doing?' It marked a change for the positive. He promised never to say no to God again. He answered the call to join Serra and take on many other responsibilities and activities—daily mass, adoration, a member of the Spiritual Life Commission, coordinator for Cursillo Activities at Christ the King, a lector, and an RCIA sponsor. With Fr. Ben Kasteel's guidance and encouragement, he is currently planning a Spirituality for Men program at Christ the King. More importantly, Art is praying about the Deaconate Program, and would love to be a part of the next class, if it is God's will.

For Serra, Art looks forward to becoming involved in a leadership role in the near future. I know he will lead us in important new directions.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- April 2** First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- April 6** Board Meeting, Place TBA 7:00 p.m.
- April 8** Lunch Meeting **Catholic Renewal Center** (note: change of meeting place) 12 Noon
- April 8** Holy Hour for Vocations Christ the King Cathedral 7:00 p.m.
- April 30** Dinner Meeting Catholic Renewal Center 6:30 p.m.
- May 7** First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- May 11** Board Meeting Bob Goyette's house 7:00 p.m.
- May 13** Lunch Meeting McInturff Center, UMC 12 Noon
- May 13** Holy Hour for Vocations Christ the King Cathedral 7:00 p.m.
- May 21** Dinner Meeting Catholic Renewal Center Installation of new officers 6:30 p.m.
- May 22** Officer Training Meeting Cotton Patch Restaurant Plainview, TX 9:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- June 4** First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- June 8** Board Meeting, Place TBA 7:00 p.m.
- June 10** Lunch Meeting McInturff Center, UMC 12 Noon

Program Calendar		
Meeting	Speaker	Topic
April 30 Dinner, CRC	Leroy Behnke	History of Diocese, Part 2
May 14 Luncheon, UMC	TBA	
May 21 Dinner, CRC	Installation	Installation of new officers
June 10 Luncheon, UMC	TBA	
June 25 Dinner, CRC		Mission and Ministry of a Serran
July 8 Luncheon, UMC	TBA	
July 30 Dinner, CRC	Sr. Cilene	Secular Order of St. Francis
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## A Letter from Fr. Tim Judd

He has Risen! Alleluia!  
 May the Risen Christ fill you and your family with every Grace & Blessing during this Easter Season and always!



*Fr. Tim Judd*

The great Saint Augustine wrote: "The Resurrection of Christ was God's supreme and wholly marvelous work."

On March 24, the Supreme Court heard the case of a California atheist, Michael Newdow, with regard to the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. One member of the Court, Justice Anthony Scalia, has asked to be a recusant since he has a son who is a Catholic priest. That means that the other eight justices will rule on the case this summer.

Mar 25 was the feast day of the annunciation of our Blessed Mother. The angel Gabriel's announcement of the coming birth of Jesus. We call the feast that of the Incarnation. This was also the day that the U.S. Senate voted to make it a crime to harm a mother with a child in her womb. The Senate voted 61-38 for the Bill. This was a great day indeed for the pro-life supporters.

The most Rev. Bishop Placido Rodriguez and Rev. Eugene J. Driscoll will be going to Rome next month. They will be giving a five year report to the Holy Father. The visit is called "ad Limina". Reportedly, the curial official's agenda will contain three major concerns for discussion: marriage and family life, war and peace, and the clergy sex abuse scandal.

Please be advised that each and every day you and your families are remembered in my daily Holy Mass.

May the Lord continue to bless you for all the many good things you do for the Church, especially the Vocation to the priesthood and religious life.

Rev. Timothy E. Judd  
 Assistant Chaplain

### Prayer List

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| Franklin Kitten | Millie Callow |
| Paul Meyer, Jr. | Joe Botik     |
| John Gaschen    | Seminarians   |
| Bob Paikowski   | Vocations     |
| Dan Prewitt     |               |

Serra NOW More Than Ever!