



# The Lubbock SERRAN

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## President's Corner

Fellow Serrans,

Everything begins with prayer and thanksgiving. I have asked God to lead the Lubbock Serra Club on the journey He would have us to go. And I have already thanked Our Lord in advance for a fruitful year 2000-01! What an honor it is to serve the office of President-Lubbock Serra Club in the Jubilee Year 2000.



Debbie  
Schuknecht

As a club we are very blessed to have dedicated board members. Board members not in name only. Hardly! After our first board meeting, June 6, 2000, this fine group of gentlemen-working with the direction of seasoned, veteran, trustees-are "rolling up their sleeves" defining specific goals to lead the Serra Club forward.

The month of June is a time to build. To build the necessary committee teams for the Serran Year 2000-01. Time is a Gift from God. Please be generous with your gift of time and talent when one of the chairpersons calls upon you to help build our club to its potential.

I ask each of you to ponder a thought. Do you realize that your association with the Serra Club instantly elevates you as a role model for fellow Catholics? It is a privilege and responsibility to be taken seriously. By your example of prayer, dedication to the religious of our diocese and efforts to foster vocations, others are inspired by our keen focus.

Successful organizations develop similar elements. Two keys for success are

- Focused leadership with a vision and
- An informed, involved and content membership.

Our club has the potential for both. Much of the success of the Serra Club of Lubbock will depend on the effort you individually contribute to it. You have a full commitment from the Serra Board Members to work hard this year.

In an effort to keep each member informed I have developed a Serran 2000-01 workbook. This reference is a gift to you and it is also your tool. A full calendar of upcoming events, reminders, office & home telephone numbers, e-mails, and physical addresses are included to enable members to participate by communicating with officers and leadership. We are eagerly waiting to hear from you!

I hope you take time to read ***The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader: Becoming the Person Others Will Want to Follow*** by John C. Maxwell.

As I read the 21 characteristics I immediately identified one or several characteristics with each one of you; character, commitment, generosity, self-discipline, and so on and so on...

Yes, members of Serra Club of Lubbock you truly are leaders and role models in the eyes of your friends, with your family, in the Diocese of Lubbock and in God's divine plan for you. I thank you in advance for the privilege to serve you.

Let's pray as Blessed Junipero Serra must have on his journey building missions in California, "Always to Go Forward And Never To Turn Back."

Humbly Your Servant in Christ,

Debbie Schuknecht, President  
Serra Club of Lubbock  
2000-01

## Serra Spring Leadership Conference Termed... 'Outstanding'

The annual Spring Leadership Conference held in Plainview on Saturday, May 13, 2000 and attended by the Amarillo and Lubbock incoming leadership teams was rated as outstanding by the attendees. The meeting held to kickoff the start of a new Serra year was co-chaired by Bob Goyette, outgoing Governor of District 44 and David Dzik, Amarillo Serran and incoming District Governor. The day was spent in sharing thoughts, ideas and programs between the two clubs and workshop to set programs, goals and objectives for the year. A highlight of the day was a talk given by Father Malcom Neyland, Chaplain of the Lubbock Serra Club, on the upcoming Vatican Art Exhibit, scheduled for June through mid September 2002. Larry Craig was also elected District Governor-Elect by the two club presidents.

Lubbock Serrans in attendance at the meeting were, Goyette, Debbie Schuknecht-President; David Schuknecht, VP Programs; David Thief-VP Vocations; Larry Craig, VP Communications; Elmus Beale-Past President; and Al Arreola, Trustee.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Father Jesse Cruz**  
Ordained May 27, 2000

Assigned to  
St. Elizabeth's University Parish

**Father Raymundo Manriquez**  
Ordained June 24, 2000

Assigned to  
Christ the King Cathedral

# Try Wednesdays

Many of our current and prospective members have time conflicts and cannot attend our club's luncheon and dinner meetings. The best solution I have heard is to change to Wednesdays for our dinner meetings.



*Elmus Beale*

The logic is that few events are scheduled in Lubbock so that our Protestant brethren can attend church services. We Catholics could easily do the same.

Therefore, at the next meeting of the Board of Directors on July 11th, I will do the following. I will move that we change our last Friday dinner meetings to the last

Wednesday of each month for a trial period of 3 months. If after that three months the experiment is successful we can then decide whether to continue or return to Friday meetings.

If you have an opinion and feel strongly about this issue please let me know or tell another board member. I think our club would be better off in the long term.

Elmus G. Beale, Past President

## *Goyette Raised the Mark as District Governor*

Lubbock Serran Bob Goyette, who is just completing his term as Governor of District 44, has done so in an exceptional manner.

Examples of his activities include:

1. attended the District Governor training program in Las Vegas in February 1999.
2. visited the Amarillo Club and performed an evaluation of their effectiveness.
3. instituted a reciprocal evaluation of the Lubbock Club by David Dzik, the Amarillo based District Governor Elect.
4. published District Governor's Newsletters.
5. provided extensive materials to the boards of both clubs in the District.
6. utilized electronic media to communicate with the leadership of Serra in the District.

A big congratulations to Bob for a job well done.

## UPDATE ON SEMINARIANS

Assignments for Lubbock Diocese seminarians has been "fine tuned" since the March issue of the Lubbock Serran.

**Bill Anton** will be completing his pastoral year at St. Michael's Parish in Levelland with Father Glenn Rosendale.

**Ernesto Lopez** will do his pastoral year with Father Martin Pioa in Lamesa.

**Ruben Razo** has returned to Mexico for a year of discernment.

**Marcos Villanueva** also will spend a year in discernment in Mexico.

### *Prayer List*

JOHN GASCHEN

BOB PAIKOWSKI

DAN PREWITT

MILLIE CALLOW

VOCATIONS

SEMINARIANS

## *Local Drive for Serra Foundation Back on Track*

David Buescher, Lubbock Serran who has run our local campaign for many years reports that the local campaign is back on track and members should receive a letter from him in the next few days. The goal is 100 percent participation. We have been a "Banner Club" for the past several years and should be there again in 2001.

The Serra Club of Lubbock, Communications committee, publishes the *Lubbock Serran*. Larry Craig Vice President, 3532 154th St., Lubbock, TX 79423, (806) 863-2570, Severo Alvarado, Bob Goyette, Gary McDonald, Tom Nichols and Doug Record.



## Membership *Every Members Responsibility*

How long has it been since you have invited a prospective member to a Serra meeting? We have a great club that needs to be shared with others!

Think about it.

## SPECIAL EVENTS OF NOTE

October 27-29, 2000

Serra Regional Convention  
Houston, TX

June 29/30, July 1, 2001

2001 Serra International  
Convention,  
Los Angeles, CA

October 27-29, 2001

Serra Regional Convention  
Lubbock, TX

# Lubbock Serra Supports Youth 2000 Festival

The Lubbock Serra Club is backing the West Texas YOUTH 2000 Festival, scheduled for July 14-16, 2000 at the Christian Renewal Center.

As a result of Sharon Wilkes' presentation to the club on April 13th more than \$400 in cash donations were received. Additionally, Serrans Floyd Boone, Franklin Kitten and Larry Craig have constructed a unique altar to be used as the centerpiece for the event.

The altar, which measures 8 feet by 8 feet, will be used to display the Blessed Sacrament and will be surrounded by 72 candles.

Wilkes says that additional donations are needed in order to keep the cost to participants at \$20. Contributions can be sent through Tony Buxkemper or direct to Sharon Wilkes, 6004 Norfolk, Lubbock, TX 79413.

**WILLIAM "BILL" BURTON** was born in a farmhouse in Knox County, Texas, near the town of Munday. He graduated from Sunset Rural High School in Knox County. Bill joined the U.S Navy at the age of 17 just prior to end of World War II and worked as a storekeeper aboard a destroyer escort.

In 1950 he was recalled to active duty during the Korean conflict and was stationed in Guam and the Philippines.

Bill worked in the bag industry for a total of 51 years first for 19 with Lubbock Bag Company (later St. Regis) and 32 years with Bancroft Bag Sales. After entering the bag business, Bill attended Texas Tech University and graduated with a degree in Commercial Art. While he was primarily in sales, Bill designed labels for many bag products and continues this activity today.

Bill and wife Dorthy have 3 married children, 2 daughters and a son and 9 grandchildren. The families are scattered from Dallas to Houston to Atlanta, Ga. Bill's retirement pastimes include golf, flower gardening and fishing, especially at Lake Kemp. Bill is a charter member of the Lubbock Serra Club (1966) and is a member of Christ the King Cathedral.

**KURT WILKES** was born in Lamesa and spent his early years on a farm in Dawson County. His family moved to Lubbock in 1963 where he graduated from Monterey High School. Kurt attended Texas Tech and the University of Texas. He is a Pulmonary Technician. He "met" his wife Sharon by nearly running her down in the parking lot at Methodist Hospital on his way to a medical emergency. In spite of the near disastrous encounter they married and have three children, Jason age 8, Conner age 6 and Meagan 3.

Kurt's hobbies are anything to do with athletics. He is a member of the West Texas Running Club. He is serving his second term as Vice President-Vocations and is the multiyear chairman of the Serra Club Hospitality Committee. Kurt is also a member of the Knights of Columbus #3008.

## Tidbits

Hats off to **Floyd Boone** for creating the display cross for the Serra banner. Well done!

The Lubbock Club's Web site was named in The Serran magazine April 2000 issue article title Virtual Serra. Thanks again to **Gary McDonald** for his great work putting the Web pages together.

Thanks to Serrans **Al Arreola, Millie Callow, Larry Craig** and **Don Wanjura** for helping with kickoff of the Seminarian Retreat at the CRC on May 20th. Kudos also to **Elric Bordelon, Clint Lang, Bill Burton, Royce Ellison** and **David Schuknecht** for serving refreshments at the closing barbecue on May 23rd.

Serrans acted as ushers at the ordination of Fr. Jesse Cruz on May 27th at the Cathedral. They were **David Schuknecht, Don Wanjura, Larry Craig, Joe Botik, Paul Key, Royce Ellison, David Hentges** and **Elmus Beale**. **Debbie Schuknecht** was a reader.

Serrans served drinks at the Catholic Foundation barbeque on June 9, 2000. Thanks again to **Elric Bordelon** and **David Schuknecht**.

Congratulations to **David Buescher**, General Chairman of Catholic Family Service's Night to Remember. It was another smashing success. **Floyd Boone** for the second year in a row created a large trunk, which was the highest, bided merchandise item. Well done guys.

### IN MEMORIAL TO

### JOHN TRELFOED

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JUNE 30 Dinner Meeting CRC  
6:30 P.M.  
Fr. Glen Rosendale et al.  
"Challenges of Rural Parishes"
- JULY 7 First Friday Rosary & Mass  
CTK, 6:35 A.M.
- JULY 11 Board Meeting CTK Parlor  
7:00 P.M.
- JULY 13 Luncheon Meeting CRC  
12 Noon Floyd Boone  
"Missions of California"
- JULY 13 Holy Hour for Vocations, CTK  
7:00 P.M.
- JULY 28 Dinner Meeting, CRC  
6:00 P.M. Potluck Dinner  
and reception for newly  
Ordained Priests.  
(Spouses invited)
- AUGUST 8 First Friday Rosary & Mass  
CTK 6:35 A.M.
- AUGUST 8 Board Meeting CTK Parlor  
7:00 P.M.
- AUGUST 10 Luncheon Meeting CRC  
12 Noon Program TBA  
CTK 7:00 P.M.
- AUGUST 25 Dinner Meeting CRC  
6:30 P.M., Program TBA
- SEPT. 1 First Friday Rosary & Mass,  
CTK, 6:35 A.M
- SEPT. 12 Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.  
Location TBA.
- SEPT.14 Luncheon Meeting CRC  
12 Noon-Program David Dzik,  
District Governor.
- SEPT. 14 Holy Hour for Vocations  
CTK 7:00 P.M.
- SEPT. 29 Dinner Meeting CRC  
6:30 P.M., Program TBA

**DON'T FORGET YOUR 31 CLUB DATE TO ATTEND MASS!**

## Serrans Urged to Sign Up for 2001 Regional Convention Committees

At the Thursday, June 8, 2000 luncheon meeting, Elroy Simnacher, General Chairman of the 2001 Regional Serra Convention urged members to sign up for the various committees established to assure an outstanding west Texas convention. How about giving Elroy a call with your support? He can be reached at 795-4300 (office).

The committees established include:

**Supplies and Equipment  
Registration and Publicity  
Program  
Liturgy**

**Workshops  
Hospitality & Entertainment  
Food Service**

## Houston Clubs to Host TEX-LA Regional Convention

This year's Texas-Louisiana Regional Convention sponsored by Houston-Area Serra Clubs promises to be outstanding. The event is scheduled for October 27-29, 2000 and will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in west Houston.

"Vocations in the New Millennium" is the convention's theme and an outstanding group of speakers and presenters has been lined up. Archbishop Eden Curtis, Archbishop of Omaha and former Episcopal Advisor of Serra International, Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza, Bishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Jude Speyer, Bishop of Lake Charles, Louisiana, Bishop Patrick Zurek, Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio, Reverend Donald S. Nesti, Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit USA-West, Monsignor Chester Borski, Rector of St. Mary Seminary, Mr. Lloyd Crockett, President of the U.S.A./Canada Council and Mrs. Sue Cicherski, Vice President of Serra International all are confirmed

participants.

Two panel presentations are also scheduled. The first is titled "Vocation Responsibility of the Catholic School System" will be addressed by Reverend J. Michael Miller, President of the University of St. Thomas, Mr. Norman Glissman, Superintendent of School of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston and Mr. Richard Nevele, Principle of Strake Jesuit College Preparatory School in Houston.

The second panel is title "Serra Clubs and the Diocesan Vocation Office and will feature Reverend Stephen Tiemann, Director of Vocations, Sister Rosalie Ann Karstedt, Associate Director of Vocations, both of Galveston-Houston Diocese and Mr. Ray Schneider, Current Governor of District 10.

A very favorable hotel rate of \$78 per night with free parking included will be available to conventioners. All activities will take place at the hotel. Free shuttle will be provided for those wishing to visit the Galleria area or Memorial or Town and Country shopping malls.

**LETS SIGN UP LUBBOCK**