



# The Lubbock SERRAN

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*New officers sworn in at Serra Meeting, May 17, 2002 (L to R) Bill Burton, President-elect: Jim McNally, Vice President-Vocations: Bob Goyette, Trustee: Brian Beauchamp-President: and Joe Conboy, Past-President and Vice President Membership. Not shown are Elmus Beale, Vice President-Programs, Gary McDonald, Vice President Communications: Al Arreola, Secretary: Tony Buxkemper, Treasurer: Scott Piercy, Trustee and Don Wanjura, Trustee. Fr. Tim Judd was the Mass Celebrant.*

## President's Message

It is hard to believe that it is already July. I used to work with a fellow who said "I don't know how the days can be so long and the years so short." I'm learning to appreciate that saying more all the time.

Our new year with Serra has already begun. It looks like we need to hit the ground running. We have our Region 10 Convention coming up Aug. 9-11 here at the Lubbock Plaza. Elroy Simmacher and his committee have done a great job in preparing for the convention. Larry Craig has lined up some great programs. I think we will all come away from the convention uplifted and with a new attitude.



*Brian Beauchamp*

We are extremely fortunate to have this event right here in our home town. As of last week, we only had about half of our club registered. As the host club, I would hope that we have a significant showing. I know a couple of folks are going to be away on vacation but if you are going to be in town, I'd urge you to register for the convention today. You can register on-line or by mail.

I'm excited about the opportunity to show a little West Texas hospitality to our fellow Serrans from around the region. The Vatican exhibit should help attendance so we will have a great chance to make some new friends and in my case learn a lot more about Serra. I'm excited to be going to my first Serra convention.

Thank all of you for putting up with a virtual rookie as president. I know I can depend upon all of you to help make this a successful year.

Brian Beauchamp

### 2002 Serra Region 10 Convention

**Friday, August 9 – Sunday, August 11, 2002**

**Holiday Inn Park Plaza Hotel  
3201 S. Loop 289, Lubbock, TX 79423**

#### Highlights

- Uplifting and informative speakers
- Workshops to take your club to new heights
- Sacrament of Reconciliation available Friday
- Exhibit of Vatican art

Web site: [www.catholiclubbock.org/serraconvention](http://www.catholiclubbock.org/serraconvention)

(For forms, program, hotels, events, travel, register/pay by credit card online)

Email: [serralubbock@yahoo.com](mailto:serralubbock@yahoo.com)

Serra Convention • Vatican Art Exhibit





Participants attending the Serra District 44, Spring Leadership Planning Conference, held in Plainview on May 11, 2002 are: (front row L-R) Dorthy Burton, Larry Craig, Gloria Apolinario, Amarillo VP-Communications: Jim McNally: Jake Richards, Amarillo President. Second Row: Bill Burton: Bob Goyette: Bill Chudej, Amarillo VP Membership: Gary McDonald: Brian Beauchamp. Third Row: Roy Steele, Amarillo VP Programs: Elmus Beale: John Casasanta, Amarillo Foundation Rep: Fr. Tim Judd.

## Spring Leadership Planning Conference Well Attended

A majority of the Lubbock Serra Club's new leadership team joined their counterparts from Amarillo in Plainview at the Cotton Patch Restaurant on May 11 to plan the next year's activities. The annual Spring Leadership Planning Conference was held to equip club officers with direction, tools and insight to carry out their

individual duties and hopefully to assure a successful year for Serra.

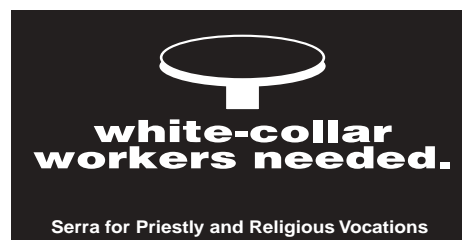
At one point, the attendees divided into two groups with members from each club represented within the two groups. They shared ideas and set goals for their respective clubs for the coming year.

Attending the meeting from Lubbock were, Brian Beauchamp, President: Bill Burton, President-elect: Jim McNally, vice-president Vocations: Gary McDonald, Vice President Communications: Elmus Beale, Vice President Programs and Fr. Tim Judd Club Assistant Chaplain.

Larry Craig, District 44 Governor and Bob Goyette, Lubbock Club Trustee and Past District Governor presented the Conference.

### Prayer List

Bill Burton  
S.J. Neyland  
Paul Meyer, Jr.  
John Gaschen  
Bob Paikowski  
Dan Prewitt  
Millie Callow  
Royce Ellison  
Joe Conboy  
Joe Botik  
Franklin Kitten  
Seminarians  
Vocations



## Two New Priests Ordained

Congratulations to Father William John Anton and Father Jaime Eduardo Guerrero Frausto who were ordained by Bishop Plácido Rodríguez at Christ the King Cathedral on Saturday, May 25, 2002.

Father Anton has been assigned to St. John Neumann to work with Father Vic Wanjura. Father Guerrero will be at Christ the King Cathedral to work with Fr. Ben Kasteel.

Serrans served as ushers for the ceremony.



Fr. Bill Anton



Fr. Jaime Guerrero

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## John Mosser

John Mosser is another of our club's newest members. One can clearly see the influences of his childhood on the person he is today. John was born the 9<sup>th</sup> of 14 kids (9 boys and 5 girls) to German parents on April 14, 1926 in Lindsay, Texas in Cooke County. John's dad insisted that the kids speak German at home, so that was his first language. John's earliest memories were of the depression when they didn't know where the next meal was coming from. Then to make matters worse, a car hit John's father while he was walking to work and he died on December 1, 1939.

John married Janell Barton on January 27, 1958. John and Janell raised a total of four daughters (all of whom attended Christ the King School), who have produced 11 grandchildren. One of their daughters came from Janell's previous marriage to A. J. Kitten who was killed in an explosion. John is very proud of his grandchildren. Two granddaughters are currently living with John and attend South Plains College. One of them was valedictorian of her high school class in Abernathy. John also has a grandson who was valedictorian at Cotton Center.

John's faith in Christ and his devotion to the Church came from his mother. She was a strong quiet woman who lived to age 98 and attended Mass daily. She and Janell were very close, especially during the last months of her life when Janell served as her caregiver. John also has two aunts who are Sisters and a first cousin who is a priest. That these family members chose religious vocations is further evidence of the Mosser family's dedication to the Church.

When John finished high school he was drafted into the Navy in September of 1944 and he served almost 2 years in the Pacific assigned to an amphibious landing craft. They patrolled the Palau Islands in the South Pacific. He considers himself very lucky to have never been in combat, and so his service was a big adventure for the boy from West Texas. After the war John was stationed in Korea and China. They went 500 miles up the Yangtze River with United Nations Rehabilitation Relief Association (UNRRA) supplies to fend off starvation in China. John also well remembers being caught in a Typhoon off Okinawa while enroute to China—an adventure he would not have minded missing.

When John returned to West Texas after being

discharged from the Navy he got a job first with the railroad and later as a carpenter's helper and apprentice. John then partnered with a friend for about a year in contracting trim carpentry. For the next 45 years John built homes. He built for quality, not quantity, which made it difficult to turn big profits. Interestingly, he did best when the building business was slow because he had better access to subcontractors and could complete jobs with fewer interruptions. John built his own home at 57<sup>th</sup> and Joliet 42 years ago where he and his family have made great memories.

John joined Serra many years ago but was unable to continue because of his contracting business. He could not attend luncheon meetings because he needed to give his attention to his workers and subcontractors. He could not attend dinner meetings because evenings were his time to contact subcontractors and do paperwork. Nonetheless, John believed in the purpose of Serra. Now that he is retired he is able to commit the time needed to be a good Serran. John was originally scheduled to be installed as a Serran at our 2001 Christmas Dinner. However, that plan was delayed because of the death of Janell, his wife of nearly 44 years.

Retirement has not sent John to his easy chair however. Father Ben has been keeping John and his brother, Paul, busy with building projects at Christ the King. The Cathedral recently dedicated the "John-Paul Youth Center" and gave John and Paul plaques in honor of their work. The Youth Center is an addition to the west side of the School Gymnasium, which is the first structure at the Parish that has been dedicated to the youth of the Parish. It has fulfilled a long-standing need. John and Paul are currently building a new classroom for Christ the King School to allow for the growth and expansion the school is experiencing. These are two of many examples of how John has provided his time, talent and treasure to the Church over the years. In fact, John is particularly proud of a recognition award that he and 5 other individuals received from Christ the King Cathedral in 1985. Pope John Paul II signed the award certificate and Janell framed it with his mother's rosary. John displays it proudly in his home today.

We are proud to count John Mosser among our number as a Serran.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- July 5** First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- July 11** Holy Hour for Vocations CTK 7:00 P.M.
- July 16** Board Meeting, Place TBA 7:00 p.m.
- July 19** Dinner Meeting CRC 6:30 P.M.
- Aug. 2** First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- Aug. 8** Holy Hour for Vocations CTK 7:00 P.M.
- Aug. 9-11** Region 10 Convention Lubbock
- Aug. 13** Board Meeting, Place TBA 7:00 P.M.
- Aug. 16** Dinner Meeting CRC 6:30 P.M.
- Sept. 6** First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- Sept. 12** Holy Hour for Vocations CTK 7:00 P.M.
- Sept. 27** Sisters Appreciation Dinner

Look for an announcement to come concerning the resumption of monthly luncheon meetings. Plans are to start the meetings in September. A location and dates are being researched at the present time.

**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.

*Dear Serrans:*

August 9, 2002, will begin a special event for the Serra Clubs of Amarillo and Lubbock. Through today we have 80 registered guests, twelve from our club and one from Amarillo. Our break even number of registered guests is Two Hundred and Twelve ((212).

Don Wanjura, Liturgy Committee Chair, has arranged for a traveler's Mass to be held Friday afternoon at the convention site, Holiday Inn, Park Plaza. Our club president, Brian Beauchamp, has selected the food for a get acquainted reception after the traveler's Mass featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres with cash bar. Saturday's Holy Mass will be celebrated at Christ The King Cathedral followed by a banquet with Archbishop Sheehan as our guest speaker.

In addition to Archbishop Michael, convention chair for programs, Larry Craig, has scheduled the following named to be keynote speakers, Fr. Lou Brausatti, Fr. David Cruz, Sue Cicherski, Ed Verbeke, John Woodwards, and Bishop John Yanta. Larry has also arranged for workshops "Membership the Key to Club Health", "Programs the Key to Club Vitality", "Communications the Key to Understanding" and "Vocations the Key to Club Fulfillment".

Don Wanjura, Liturgy Committee Chair, and members of his committee have arranged for the Sacrament of Penance to be available at the convention site. Deborah Schuknecht and David Buescher are scheduling some exciting live entertainment on Friday at the get acquainted reception.

Elmus Beale has opened a web site for our convention and has been instrumental



**Elroy Simnacher Wants You!**

in providing each Serran in Region 10 with a registration packet. Bill Burton, Royce Ellison and John Mosser are preparing to have the convention site ready for the events of the convention.

Scott Piercy has arranged for transportation to and from the Cathedral and the Vatican Art Exhibit.

The following named Bishops and Archbishops have stated their intent to attend, our Bishop, Placido, Archbishop Michael Sheehan, Archbishop Patrick Flores, Bishop Joseph Fiorenza, Bishop Raymundo Pena, and Bishop John Yanta.

A staggering amount of work has been accomplished by all of the Convention Chairs and Vice Chairs. Each of you will be called upon to assist prior to and during the convention.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Elroy Simnacher



*Serra chaplain Malcolm Neyland and Bishop Placido Rodriguez express their patriotism by marching in the 4th on Broadway Parade.*