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New Officers Installed



Photo Bob Goyette

New officers were installed at the May 30 dinner meeting at the Catholic Renewal Center. The meeting began with a 6:00 p.m. Mass followed by the installation of officers and a dinner enjoyed by members and spouses. Pictured (l to r): Bob Goyette, VP Communications; Jim McNally, VP Vocations; Brian Beauchamp, President; Fr. Tim Judd, Assistant Serra Chaplain; Elmus Beale, VP Programs; Gary McDonald, President Elect; and Don Wanjura, Trustee (two year term).

President's Message

We would like to welcome our two new members: Ross Allen from Christ the King and Sal Hernandez from Our Lady of Guadalupe. They will be great additions to our group. Next to



Brian Beauchamp

the spiritual aspect of the organization, I really enjoy its social aspect. We really do have an interesting mix of folks in our little group. As Elroy always says, "membership is everyone's responsibility, so please continue to ask potential members to a luncheon or evening meeting. The first step is to see what Serra is all about. We have potential member folders available that give a good introduction to Serra. Please contact Elroy or myself if you need some of these folders.

Mark July 10th on your calendar as a golf outing with the priests and sisters instead of our normal luncheon. It's the first time we have done this in several years and we hope to have a good turn out from the priests of the Diocese. We certainly plan to have a relaxed, enjoyable afternoon. Please plan to join us even if you do not golf. We'll be glad to put you on the beverage cart and you can join in the fellowship. Be sure to return the entry form to Elmus so we can have an accurate count for the teams.

We have started the initial planning for the Sisters' Appreciation Dinner and have a tentative date of Sept. 26th. Joe used to be a committee of one on this project and he

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Lubbock Serra Web Site Revamped



serralubbock.org

That's the domain name of our new web site. The target audience is you--the members of the Serra Club of Lubbock. We will keep the site up-to-date with the program calendar, upcoming meeting announcements, club roster, club history, and lots of other practical information. You can use it to keep track of what is going on in the club. Please let us hear your suggestions. Just tell the "webslave", Elmus Beale, or send an email to info@serralubbock.org. Check it out and use it often.

Planning Conference Provides Foundation for Club's Year

Lubbock Serra Club incoming officers joined their counterparts from Amarillo to plan the 2003-04 fiscal years' activities in Plainview on Saturday, May 24, 2003. The annual Spring Leadership Planning Conference was facilitated by Larry Craig, District Governor and Jake Richards, Amarillo District Governor Elect for 2004-06. The purpose of the meeting was to equip club officers with direction, tools and insight to carry out their individual duties

and for the clubs' leadership teams to lay out plans for the year.

Attending the meeting from Lubbock were; Brian Beauchamp, President: Gary McDonald, President-Elect: Jim McNally, VP-Vocations: Bob Goyette, VP Communications: Elroy Simnacher, VP-Membership: Elmus Beale, VP-Programs: Tony Buxkemper, Treasurer: Don Wanjura, Trustee and Fr. Tim Judd, Assistant Chaplain.



Ed Quitevis poses with Sister Lisa after our May 8 lunch meeting. Ed introduced Sister Lisa who presented our program that day. She gave a very moving talk about her life and how God led her to her religious vocation.

Presidents Message

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has shared his notes. With a little planning, we should be able to have a successful event.

The Serrans provided transportation for the speakers at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. Thanks to all who were able to share a ride with a new friend.



Photo Courtesy of Larry Craig

Participants attending the Serra District 44 Spring Leadership Planning Conference, held in Plainview May 24, 2003 are: (front row L-R) Larry Craig, Jake Richards, District 44 governor-Elect: Don Meyer, Secretary, Amarillo: Jim McNally: Don Wanjura (Second Row) Tony Buxkemper: Brian Beauchamp: Jim Schooler, VP Vocations Amarillo: Bill Chudej, President Elect-Amarillo: Gearld Diller, President-Amarillo: John Casasanta, Foundation Rep Amarillo: (Third Row) Elmus Beale, Elroy Simnacher: Gary McDonald: Fr. Tim Judd: Paul Harpole, Trustee-Amarillo: Bob Goyette.

Club to enjoy golf outing

Our July Thursday luncheon will be replaced by a 4-person scramble style golf tournament. It will be an afternoon of fun for us and, hopefully, a number of Clergy and Sisters. If you have never played golf, no problem, the format will allow beginners to have a great time.

Date: Thursday, July 10, 2003

Time: 3 p.m. till we finish (est. 8-9 p.m.)

Place: Island Oaks Golf Club in Idalou

The Serra club will pay for green and cart fees and provide food and drink. However, we will ask members for voluntary donations to offset some of the cost (\$25 per person). Bring your clubs and be ready to laugh and have fun.

If you need clubs, perhaps we can find some. Give Elmus a call at 743-2705 (w); 799-4675 (h); 743-2990 (work fax) or email at elmus.beale@ttuhsc.edu.

Prayer List

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



**white-collar
workers needed.**

Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations

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Gary McDonald

by *Elmus Beale*

The next president of our club was born August 9, 1950 in Lockney...the oldest of three children. Gary has one brother, a homebuilder in Lockney, and a sister who lives in Mansfield and works for a Dallas HMO. Gary's dad, now 85, is a retired building contractor still living in Lockney. His mom was a German Lutheran (a Boedeker) who died in 1982, only 5 months after being diagnosed with uterine cancer.

Gary graduated from Lockney high school in 1968. He left Lockney at age 18 to attend Texas Tech where he earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in 1972, with a major in advertising arts. That training prepared him for a career in the publishing industry.

Since his first job at the Amarillo Globe News, Gary has seen a number of revolutionary changes in his field. The first was the replacement of the linotype with computers that automated the photographic production of a galley (a single story in one long column) that was then manually cut and pasted onto a page layout and used to produce the final printing plate for the press. The late 1980s brought desktop publishing where this pre-press process is done entirely with a desktop computer. This newsletter is an example of Gary's skill in his discipline...it has been his bailiwick since 1999 when he and the then Communications VP, Larry Craig, were honored with the "Best Newsletter" award at the Serra International Convention. Let there be no doubt that the newsletter was deemed "best" in the entire worldwide domain of Serra International!

Gary met and married his first wife in Amarillo. After slightly less than two years in Amarillo Gary and his new wife moved to Mountain Home, Idaho where he worked for the Air Force as a graphic designer in the civil service. His daughter, Alicia, was born in Boise, Idaho in 1978. Alicia now lives in San Antonio and just celebrated her 25th birthday on June 18. Gary and his family moved back to Lubbock in 1980 but soon suffered through the anguish of a divorce.

Fortunately, God's plan was to have Gary cross paths with Clarisse. They were both members of Toastmasters and met in 1986. Gary and Clarisse were married in 1992. But this is more than a story of love and marriage. Gary was raised in the Methodist Church. Clarisse comes from Paiao, Portugal (near Fatima) and is a devout Catholic as a result of her upbringing with her father and two sisters. They lived across from the local Catholic Church. Clarisse attended a Dominican boarding school in a nearby town. Her devotion inspired Gary to enter the RCIA program. Monsignor Curtis Hoffman presided when Gary was confirmed and took first communion in the Catholic Church at the 1993 Easter Vigil at St. John Neumann.

Gary and Clarisse enjoy traveling. Recent trips include Galveston and the Gulf Coast last month, and Niagara

Falls last summer. Other recent memorable trips have included Minnesota, Yellowstone, and Portugal.

Gary's most recent interest has been genealogy. Its inspiration actually came from high school when a history teacher asked the class whether anyone had ancestors who fought in the Civil War. Gary raised his hand and told an old family story about his great grandfather Boedeker. The teacher refused to believe Gary and led the other students in laughing at him.

The story goes that great grandfather Theodore Boedeker emigrated from Germany in 1855. His father sent several of his sons to America to avoid having to fight in the Hapsburgs' army. Then the Civil War started and Theodore volunteered to serve in Waul's Texas Legion in 1862. He had little allegiance for the Confederacy, went AWOL, and soon joined the Union Army. Toward the end of the war, the story held that his unit was under the command of General George Custer. Theodore was said to have served as his orderly and became friends with General Custer and his wife. After the war, Theodore left the army and was reported to have exchanged letters with General and Mrs. Custer.

While Gary has not yet proved the story correct in its entirety, he has found much supporting evidence using the Internet along with family members as his sources. First, he found great-grandfather Boedeker's name in the Confederate muster roles which record the dates he joined as well as when he disappeared on a night march from which he was listed as "...missing and presumed captured." Gary hit a roadblock with tracing the Union Army part of the story until just last week when he learned that Theodore had kept a rifle and that a cousin in Lockney has it. Gary went to see the rifle and recorded its serial number, which he then looked up on the Internet. While he found no exact match, he did find that a series of 18 rifles, half with serial numbers above and half below, were issued to an Illinois cavalry regiment. Gary found a "Theodore Boedecker" (note the extra "c" in the name) on the roster of the regiment. While this could be another person, it is a common misspelling of Boedeker. Moreover, General Custer was listed as the commander of the regiment toward the end of the Civil War. The plot is certainly thick and we await the next chapter of the story.

Gary's story in the Serra Club has really just begun. He joined in 1998. Larry Craig was the first to give Gary a job when this newsletter began. Gary then served two stellar years as our VP for Communication. He is now serving as President-elect and will begin his term in June of 2004. Gary's leadership skills have recently begun to blossom. We are indeed blessed to have him on our team.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 4** First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 8:00 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- July 8** Board Meeting, Place TBA 7:00 p.m.
- July 18** Golf Outing, 3 p.m. Island Oaks Golf Club Idalou
- July 25** Dinner Meeting CRC 6:30 P.M.
- Aug. 1** First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- Aug. 12** Board Meeting, Place TBA 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 14** Lunch Meeting McInturff Center, 12 Noon
- Aug. 29** Dinner Meeting CRC 6:30 P.M.
- Sept. 5** First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- Sept. 9** Board Meeting, Place TBA 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 11** Lunch Meeting McInturff Center, 12 Noon
- Sept. 26** Sister Appreciation Dinner 6:30 P.M.



Program Calendar		
Meeting	Speaker	Topic
July Golf Outing 7/10/2003		
July Dinner 7/25/03	Fr. Rene Perez	Newly ordained priest
August Luncheon 8/14/03	Marcel LeJeune	College Youth Director
August Dinner 8/29/03	Fr. Bill Anton	Bible Lesson
September Luncheon 9/11/03	TBA	
September Dinner 9/26/03		Sister Appreciation Dinner
October Luncheon 10/9/03		Catholic Workers Movement
October Dinner 10/31/03	Clarke Cochran	
November Luncheon 11/13/03	TBA	

A Letter from Fr. Tim Judd



June 19, 2003
 The Spring General Meeting of the Cardinals, Archbishops & Bishops of the U.S.A. met in St. Louis, Missouri today. They will end their meeting tomorrow in a closed session.

The opening presentation was given by His Excellency Most Reverend Gabriel Montalvo, the Apostolic Nuncio to the U.S.A. His message was that of facing difficulties in life and he cited the lives of three women. Bishop Montalvo mentioned Mother Theresa of Calcutta, India who will soon be canonized. Also, he talked about Saint Frances Xavier Cabrine and Saint Katherine Drexel.

The meeting today was about the following: Deacon formation in the U.S.A., a Directory for Catechesis and development of a program for lay ecclesial ministers. These ministers would represent the staff persons in each parish. There was also a citation for the Korean Catholics on their 100th anniversary in the U.S.A.

Archbishop Michael Sheehan will now go to replace Bishop Thomas O'Brian who has retired as Bishop in Phoenix, Arizona.

If all goes well, I will be attending the Serra 2003 International Convention in Chicago July 3-6.

With love and prayers,
 In our Blessed Mother Mary

Rev. Timothy E. Judd
 Assistant Chaplain

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More Than Ever!