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Lubbock Serra Officers Installed at May Meeting

During a Mass at the Catholic Renewal Center on May 21, new officers were installed for the 2004-2005 year. (See list of new officers.) Fr. Tim Judd officiated at the Mass that began at 6 p.m.

Following the Mass and dinner, new president, Gary McDonald, presented past president, Brian Beauchamp, with a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the club. Brian served as president the past two years.

His term of office saw us host a very successful Region 10 Convention. We also experienced a healthy increase in our membership numbers. In addition to Brian, Bob Goyette, VP Communications; Elroy Simnacher, VP Membership; Jim McNally, VP Vocations; Elmus Beale, VP Programs; and Scott Piercy, trustee ended their terms of office. All of these officers contributed to

our successes.

A special word of thanks went to outgoing District 44 Governor Larry Craig. Larry did a great job of leading the district.

Lubbock Serra Club Officers 2004-2005

- Gary McDonald** President
- Art Chavez** Vice President for Programs
- Louise Sundell** Vice President for Membership
- Mary Lou Trelford** Vice President for Vocations
- Mike Custy** Vice President for Communications
- Ed Quitevis** Secretary
- Tony Buxkemper** Treasurer
- Don Wanjura** Trustee, 1 year
- Floyd Boone** Trustee, 2 years
- Elmus Beale** Trustee, 3 years



Fr. John Smith

John Smith Ordained to Priesthood

Congratulations to Father John Smith, who was ordained by Bishop Plácido Rodríguez at Christ the King Cathedral on Saturday, May 29, 2004.

Born in Long Beach, California, Fr. Smith's family moved to Missouri when he was two years old where his family owned a dairy farm.

Prior to attending the seminary at Holy Apostles College and Seminary, he earned a B.A. in psychology and spent 14 years as a recreational director working with people with mental handicaps and retardation.

Father Smith has been assigned to St. John Neumann where he spent his pastoral year in 2002-2003. He also spent a year as deacon at St Patrick Church prior to being ordained a priest.



(Left to Right) Brian Beauchamp, Gary McDonald, Fr. Tim Judd, Mary Lou Trelford, Louise Sundell, Art Chavez, Mike Custy, Tony Buxkemper, Ed Quitevis, Don Wanjura and Floyd Boone.

'Hi-Time in Cowtown' planned for Convention

By Elroy Simmacher

The Serra Region 10 Convention is scheduled for Aug. 27 - 29, 2004, and will be hosted by the Serra Club of Fort Worth. The theme is "LATE VOCATIONS...A NEW BEGINNING". Noted speakers including Most Rev. Joseph Fiorenza, Rev. Tom Knoebel both 'late' vocation specialists. It will be interesting to hear Rev. Josef Vollmer-Konig's recount his faith journey as husband, biological father, widower, seminarian then Reverend Father.

There are other noted speakers including Most Rev. John Kaising, Vicar of Vocations,

Archdiocese of the Military with experience in current practices and successes in the field of late vocations. A Saturday trip including lunch at Neiman-Marcus for spouses is scheduled. This is an opportunity to enjoy the social environment provided at the convention coupled with the opportunity to gain a broader knowledge of Serra.

For answers to questions you may have about the convention telephone or email Rosemary Hayes at 817.919.4131 or rosemfg@flash.net.

See you in Ft. Worth!

Spring Leadership Planning Conference

Officers Excited About Year

Twelve members of the Lubbock Serra Club joined their counterpart officers from Amarillo to begin planning for the 2004-2005 year. The Spring Leadership Planning Conference took place in Plainview on Saturday, May 22.

District 44 Governor Larry Craig and incoming Governor Jake Richards, Amarillo,

did an outstanding job of presenting material focusing on leadership skills, working with committees and setting goals. Assisting Larry and Jake were Gerald Diller, Brian Beauchamp and Elroy Simmacher.

Everyone left the planning conference enthused about the mission of Serra and ready to put newly formed plans into action.

President's Message



Brian Beauchamp

I would like to thank the club for letting me serve as president for the last two years. It has been a rewarding experience. I appreciate the membership's patience with my inexperience. I'm living proof that anybody can do a task if they just have enough good people around them. I would like to give special thanks to all of the outgoing officers who tried their best to keep the organization moving forward. They are the folks that got things done.

I was able to join our incoming officers in Plainview and the club is fortunate to have such a committed group. We had every new officer attend the training session and they did just not attend, they were participating and asking questions. You could look around and see the wheels turning on how to better accomplish the mission of Serra. It was great to see. I think we are in for some great years with the Lubbock Serra Club.

The semiannual Region 10 convention is coming up at the end of August in Ft. Worth. I would encourage all who are able to do their best to attend. We had great support from the Ft. Worth group for our convention a couple of years ago. I got the registration package last week and it looks like a great program. The Lubbock convention was the first one that I was able to attend but I found it a moving experience. Hopefully we can have a big showing from the South Plains.

God Bless.

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(Seated l to r) Fr. Tim Judd, Lubbock; Helen Sage, Amarillo; Louise Sundell, Lubbock and Mary Lou Trelford, Lubbock. (Second row l to r) Larry Craig, Lubbock; Bill Chudej, Amarillo; Brian Beauchamp, Lubbock; Floyd Boone, Lubbock; Don Wanjura, Lubbock; Mike Custy, Lubbock; Art Chavez, Lubbock; Gerald Diller, Amarillo and Gary McDonald, Lubbock. (Third row l to r) Dale Wood, Amarillo; Elroy Simmacher, Lubbock; Jake Richards, Amarillo; Ed Quitevis, Lubbock and Stew Bryant, Amarillo.

The Ten Commandments of Serran Membership

Thou shalt Make... membership everybody's responsibility. All Serrans should constantly seek the very best lay people and permanent deacons to be new fishers of vocations.

Thou shalt Educate... every Serran to bring the influence of each Serra club into every parish, business, occupation, trade and profession.

Thou shalt Motivate... every Serran to take an active part in the recruiting of new members and to formally recognize Serrans who have accomplished significant membership goals.

Thou shalt Build... lasting pride in your work as a Serran. Cast your net to introduce your friends to Serra. When they become Serrans, you have given them a wonderful lifetime gift.

Thou shalt Earnestly... be assured that the heavenly rewards will be great for any Serran who is instrumental in helping even one person to accept the calling to religious life.

Thou shalt Radiate... enthusiasm for the goals of Serra through your commitment to family, friends, work, leisure, parish and local Serra club. Retaining Serrans + inviting prospective members = Serra growth.

Thou shalt Sincerely... widen Serra to include more women, younger members, and minorities. Welcome new Serrans with a prompt, proper and proud induction ceremony.

Thou shalt Help... new Serrans feel they are a part of Serra by appointing them to at least one standing committee. Get new Serrans involved in club activities immediately.

Thou shalt Identify... your Serra club's talent and potential. Utilizing your strengths will make a difference and the prominence you gain from success will stimulate the recruiting of more Serrans.

Thou shalt Provide... frequent opportunities to be challenged by new ideas and approaches to achieving growth. "Always go forward and never go back."

—Tom Moretti, Serra Club of Forks of the Delaware, Pa. (reprinted from the Spring 2004 the Serra Leader)



Welcome New Members!

Polly Ahrens, Harriet Boone and Leland Brockman have joined the Lubbock Serra club in the past couple of months. All three are members of Christ the King Cathedral. Pictured above are (left to right) Carl Sundell, Polly Ahrens, Louise Sundell (new VP for Membership), Harriet Boone and Leland Brockman. Polly and Harriet were sponsored into the club by Floyd Boone. Elroy Simnacher is the sponsor of Leland. We are very excited to have these fine people join us. Congratulations to Floyd and Elroy for sponsoring these new Serra Club members.

District Governor Shares His Thoughts

In the April 2004 issue of The Lubbock Serran, I sort of bid the District Governor's job farewell. However officially I'm not out until the Serra International Convention June 25-27, 2004. New District Governors are sworn in at that time.

The District 44 Spring Leadership Planning Conference held in Plainview, May 22nd, went well according to the critique sheets filled by attendees. Our incoming DG Jake Richards reviewed the comments and reported that they were positive and no recommendations for change or improvement were noted. Also verbal comments from several incoming Lubbock officers were positive.

A lot of credit goes to those in Serra USA who designed the format and lesson plans. I also would like to give special recognition to Brian Beauchamp and Elroy Simnacher who acted as conference facilitators. Don Wanjura and Floyd Boone also attended as club Trustees but their experiences added measurably to the outcome. Can't forget Fr.



Larry Craig

Tim Judd for supercharging the whole group.

I'm awed by the energy and focus of the incoming leadership of the Lubbock Club. It should be a real joy to watch what is accomplished over the next year (or 2?).

OK, I'm out of here. Thanks again for all the support.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 25** Dinner Meeting
Catholic Renewal Center
6:30 p.m.
- July 2** First Friday Rosary
and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M.
Donuts and Coffee follows.
- July 6** Board Meeting
Mary Lou Trelford's house
7:00 p.m.
- July 8** Lunch Meeting
McInturff Center, UMC
12 Noon
- July 8** Holy Hour for Vocations
Christ the King Cathedral
7:00 p.m.
- July 30** Dinner Meeting
Catholic Renewal Center
6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 6** First Friday Rosary
and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M.
Donuts and Coffee follows.
- Aug. 10** Board Meeting,
Place TBA
7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 12** Lunch Meeting
McInturff Center, UMC
12 Noon
- Aug. 12** Holy Hour for Vocations
Christ the King Cathedral
7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 27-29** Region 10 Convention
Ft. Worth, TX
- Sept. 3** First Friday Rosary
and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M.
Donuts and Coffee follows.
- Sept. 7** Board Meeting, TBA
7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 9** Lunch Meeting
McInturff Center, UMC
12 Noon
- Sept. 9** Holy Hour for Vocations
Christ the King Cathedral
7:00 p.m.

Program Calendar		
Meeting	Speaker	Topic
June 25 Dinner Catholic Renewal Center	Elmus Beale (Discussion Leader)	Mission and Ministry of a Serran
July 8 Luncheon McInturff Center, UMC	TBA	
July 30 Dinner Catholic Renewal Center	Sr. Celine	Secular Order of St. Francis
Aug 12 Luncheon McInturff Center, UMC	Fr. Bill Anton	Dogma of the Assumption of Mary (Feast day is Aug. 15)
Aug 27-29 Radisson Plaza Hotel Fort Worth, TX	Region 10 Convention	Theme: Second Career Vocation— An Untapped Asset

A Letter from Fr. Tim Judd

Mr. & Mrs. Ed & Eileen Hester have four children: two boys and two girls. The oldest child is in the sixth grade. Mr. Hester teaches Theology at Bishop Gorman High School in Tyler, Texas. Just out of the blue, Mrs. Hester requested that I pray for the vocations of their children. Super!



Fr. Tim Judd

The officers for the Serra clubs from Amarillo and Lubbock met on a Saturday for six solid hours in Plainview. There were 17 persons who were indeed very interested in making their clubs better for the coming year. Mr. Larry Craig had been District Governor now, Mr. Jake Richards is our District Governor from Amarillo. It is truly a small world, since I know Mr. Richards from family connections. He is truly a marvelous person.

I had the most wonderful experience on Pentecost Sunday and the Feast of the Visitation of Mary at the Mount Carmel

Hermitage, Christoval, Texas. Fr. Fabian asked me to I give the homily in their most beautiful little chapel on Pentecost. All went very well. Brother Martin will be taking his vows on June 24, the Feast of St. John the Baptist. Also, Brother Martin was a member of Serra Club in Dallas prior to coming to the hermitage.

November elections are coming up soon and abortion is a key issue.

In our Blessed Mother Mary,

Fr. Timothy Judd

Prayer List

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

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- Current programs calendar and meeting schedules
- Club roster and contact information
- Announcements of current club activities
- Newsletters
- Member handbooks
- Club archives and history (under construction)
- Helpful links