



# The Lubbock SERRAN

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## Serra USA Council Declares October as Membership Month

Lloyd P. Crockett, President of the USA Council of Serra informed all clubs that October 2000 has been designated membership month.

Kurt Wilkes, in response to questions from several members, has provided the following information about how the new membership process works.

1. Complete the application form and submit to the Membership Committee.
2. Membership Committee makes an investigation.
3. The proposed new member is reported to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation to accept or reject.
4. Eighty percent of the Board must vote their consent to accept.
5. The proposed member is then made known to the entire club. If any member has objections, he or she shall state them to any member of the Board of Trustees.
6. After a reasonable time, if 80% of the Board votes to accept, the new prospect is

invited to an orientation meeting.

7. Following the orientation the prospect is invited to join the club.

8. After payment of the initiation fee (\$25) and club dues (\$75 quarterly, pro rata) the prospect becomes a member.

9. At the next scheduled Induction Ceremony, the new member is officially inducted.

10. The treasurer fills out the Serra International form and sends it to headquarters along with their fees.

Serra USA is offering a very special bonus opportunity to anyone who recruits a new member between July 1 and October 31, 2000. The names of all successful recruiters, during the time frame, will have their names placed in a drawing for 2 free trips to the special Serra meeting with the Pope in Rome, December 5-9, 2000.

**LET'S WORK ON NEW MEMBERS- IT'S THE LIFE BLOOD OF THE CLUB**

## Board Looks to Cyberspace to Improve Efficiency - Cut Costs



In an effort to improve efficiency and to cut club costs the Lubbock Serra Club Board of Directors is looking into the use of personal computers as a potential vehicle to help.

All members who have access to Email are asked to send their Email address to club secretary Severo Alvarado at [snalvarado@handtech.com](mailto:snalvarado@handtech.com). Secondly you are asked to indicate if you would be

willing to receive items such as board meeting minutes, newsletters and other items via Email.

In a related area, discussions with Serra USA offices in Chicago reveal that nearly all correspondence with them can be via Email. They also advised that they no longer need minutes of regular Serra Club general membership meetings and the board voted to discontinue the creation of those documents. Minutes of board meetings will continue to be produced.

## President's Corner

Dear Serrans,

It is with sadness to begin the second quarter of the year with the death of a priest, Fr. Oscar Del Rio. We are down to ten seminarians from the previous 13; one seminarian was killed in an auto accident in Mexico and two others have discerned out of the program (at least for one year.) It is vital we continue our support in the Diocese of Lubbock. Each of YOU play an important role! We need you!

The second quarter of the year is here, so let's recap. The Serran Board is continuing to meet monthly and plan exciting opportunities for this year and beyond.



*Debbie Schuknecht*

HERE IS OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE:

USA/Canada Council have asked us to adopt the following theme for 2000-01: "Plant the Seed for Serra Vocations"

To implement this theme a joint venture with the Amarillo Serra Club to instigate the "Call By Name Program" is planned. The program will identify those persons in our respective diocese who might be considering the call to religious life.

In addition, the Lubbock and Amarillo Serra Clubs hope to sponsor a Discernment Weekend at St. Mary's Seminary in Dallas for young men who are discerning the priesthood. Lubbock and Amarillo Clubs  
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would provide bus transportation for these young men and the seminary would provide the room, board, and discernment retreat weekend for the men. Perhaps Serrans from both Lubbock and Amarillo Serra Clubs would escort these possible seminarians on this week. Our goal is to attract 20 young men from each diocese. This is our long range plan that may take 6 months to 2 years to completely implement.

We intend to ask the newly-formed Vocations Team for the Lubbock Diocese how we can help them to foster vocations. Fr. David Cruz is anxious to speak at one of our meetings in October 2000.

The board supports Elroy Simmacher and Bishop Placido Rodriguez in sponsoring the Serra Regional Convention 2001 in Lubbock. Working together we have an opportunity to welcome fellow Serans from the United States to hospitable Lubbock.

Our Chaplain, Fr. Malcolm Neyland is key in introducing the magnificent once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in housing the first ever Vatican Art Exhibit at the Texas Tech University Museum 2002 in Lubbock. Serrans from around the world will surely attend this event and again, we have a grand opportunity to showcase to our fellow Serrans, to our Catholic Church and to the entire Lubbock community just how dedicated the members of the Lubbock Serra Club are in their mission to "educate and foster vocations" in the Diocese of Lubbock.

We are also committed to increasing membership, thereby insuring the longevity of our club.

And, finally, responding to your surveys from June 2000... to provide spiritual opportunities for our membership to help us grow in our individual faith journey.

Some may say, Wow, this sounds like a lot of work and you're right. But it doesn't have to be if several things happen:

If everyone does just a small part, then only a handful of members will not be left to

carry the entire load. Think about what you like to do best, how you can continue to do Christ's work while on earth... then volunteer in that area. Don't be the one who waits to be "asked".

If we had new members (maybe some new ideas, strong muscles, to bring new energy into our club) it would be easier and we could move forward in fostering vocations. Think about how dynamic this club is and what is means to you. Do you want that for your fellow Catholics? Then recruit, recruit, recruit!

You may ask, if we get more involved will our dues go up? NO, not if we are careful stewards of our funds. Many may not realize that 56% of our \$300 annual dues goes to meals. Last year our meal cost approximately \$7.50/lunch and \$9.50/dinner. This year we have tried to keep food costs down to \$8.00/lunch and dinner. Additionally, linen tablecloths were costing \$2.25 per tablecloth or approximately \$16.75 per meeting. We switched to paper tablecloths and I have only heard 1 complaint. (If this practice is unacceptable to anyone, please let me know.)

By setting up and cleaning up the room used at the Christian Renewal Center at lunch meetings we are saving an additional \$75.00 a month.

These may sound like small savings individually, but when you add it up-our possible annual savings will easily add to over \$600 a year. \$500-\$600 is the amount necessary to fund a successful "Call By Name" campaign and finance a Discernment Retreat Weekend for young men considering the religious life. It is a small price to pay (without raising the dues) in order to accomplish much!

The Jubilee Year 2000 finds us truly filled with life, the Holy Spirit and a wonderful place to be in time as a Serran. I am proud of my Catholic faith and look forward to the challenge and opportunity to be witness of the "building up of the body of Christ."

Let us move forward and "Plant the Seed for Serra Vocations" together.

Please pray that God will continue to give all Serrans the courage and strength to be Christ to one another. Serrans you are needed at this crucial period in our Diocese!

I remain  
Your humble servant

Debbie Schuknecht, President

## Tidbits

Kudos to Joe Conboy, David Buescher, Ed Markham, John Connors and Lewis Eggenberger for another great job of setting up the Sister's Appreciation Dinner held on September 22, 2000.

Thanks, too, to Mars Alas, Lily Alas, John Gaschen, and Elmus Beale for running the annual Vocations Essay Contest.

## Memorial to Elmer "Schu" Schumacher

by **Loyal Bessire**

Elmer H. "Schu" Schumacher was born November 21, 1919 and died July 23, 2000. Schu worked for the International Harvester Company for 40 years, retiring in 1981. He served in the U. S. Army, 3<sup>rd</sup> Armor Division (Patton's Division) Headquarters Company during World War II in the European Operation and received the Bronze Star.

Schu and Beryl were married in January 1948. They were long time members of Christ the King Cathedral Parish. Schu served as an usher at the 5:30 P.M. Saturday evening Mass since it's inception.

He joined the Serra Club of Lubbock in 1985, served as president 1987-1988 and treasurer from 1992-1998. He worked hard at everything he did and it had to be done the right way.

We will miss Schu, his dedication to duty and his winning smile. Our love to Beryl.

## New Web Site

Serra International has a new web site. It went online August 15, 2000. Give it a visit at:

[www.serrainternational.org](http://www.serrainternational.org)

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### IN MEMORIAL TO JOHN TRELFOED

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## Prayer List

Tom Nichols  
Kurt & Sharon Wilkes and Family  
John Gaschen  
Millie Callow  
Joe Botik  
Dan Pruitt  
Bob Paikowski

## Serrans Contribute to Success of YOUTH 2000

The YOUTH 2000 weekend retreat, held July 14-16 at the Christian Renewal Center, was a resounding success. It was "something the youth today need. There was nothing left undiscussed", said Sharon Wilkes, co-director of the retreat. Co-director Paul Key added that "it was a highly motivational event."

Sharon Wilkes and Paul Key agreed that the only disappointment was the attendance of only about 180 teens. The typical YOUTH 2000 Retreat attracts 800-1000 teens. Key plans to hold another retreat in the Fall of 2001 and improve the publicity within the Diocese.

YOUTH 2000 is an international organization headquartered in Leeds, England, with offices in Dallas. The Dallas office of YOUTH 2000 provided the retreat format and as well as the priests who presented the programs. Their web site at [www.youth2000.org](http://www.youth2000.org) describes YOUTH 2000 as "an international initiative of young people working in cooperation with clergy, religious and older lay people, founded above all on adoration of the Eucharist. It promotes a true devotion to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, creating a worldwide network of youth in prayer around the Blessed Sacrament. It promotes a special love and veneration of the Virgin Mary through the Rosary."

At the Lubbock Retreat, the teens took part in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recited the Rosary, received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and listened to talks by the three priests on subjects of practical importance such as sex and drugs. A visiting Palatine Priest from Ireland, Father Brendon Walsh, said that he felt a tremendous healing among the teens in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As Serrans, we can be proud of our support of YOUTH 2000. We "passed the hat" and donated over \$400 to offset the cost of the retreat. Larry Craig, Floyd Boone, and Franklin Kitten built the pyramid altar that symbolizes the burning bush and held the monstrance for the adoration. Gene Igel, Severo Alvarado, David and Debbie Schuknecht, and Al Arreola volunteered to participate in the around-the-clock adoration during the nights of the retreat. Also, David Schuknecht obtained donations of carpet squares that the teens used as their kneeling pads around the Blessed Sacrament. We should be ready for the next YOUTH 2000 retreat in 2001.

With our prayers, money, and work, perhaps these retreats will influence a teen to consider a religious vocation.



*YOUTH 2000 participants gather around the pyramid altar built by Serrans.*

## Serran Profiles



**John Connors** was born in Stonington, CT in 1925. He graduated from public high school, received a BS from Brown University in History and English. John did his graduate work at the University of Minnesota and Cornell where he received his MS in Education-Administration. He met his wife, Betty while attending Minnesota and they married June 12, 1950.

John worked in northern Minnesota as Principal of a junior high school, and Superintendent of Schools in southwest Minnesota for 10 years. He and Betty became Extension Volunteers and were sent to Rowena, TX as teachers at a parochial school. John was employed as a Field Rep. for the Extension Society in 1965 and moved his family, which now included 8 children, to Lubbock.

John is a charter member of our Serra Club and is one of two members who have continuously been a member. He has served as president and most other offices of our club. He has attended more than 20 district and international meetings. He has always been active in his parish and diocese, serving in various capacities. He currently serves on the Building Committee of the Diocese of Lubbock. John feels our growth was due to the Bishop's interest and participation in our club and Catholics being more aware of our club and its mission.

**Tony Buxkemper** was born January 6, 1954 in Slaton, Texas. He attended St. Joseph School, grades 1 through 8 and enrolled in Slaton High School where he graduated. He attended Texas Tech University where he received his BBA in Accounting.

He married Kathy in August 1976 and they have two daughters, Jennifer-21 and Emily-17. Wife Kathy has been a grade school teacher for the past 9 years.

After graduating from Texas Tech, Tony worked for Peat, Marick and Mitchell accounting firm for 2 years and left to enter farming with his brother and also to practice public accounting. Several years ago he sold his farming interests to focus on public accounting with a specialty in the agricultural area.

Tony joined the Lubbock Serra Club in 1995 and has been club treasurer since 1998. He believes that our club is in a time of growth and that there will be a period of transition.

*(Interviews conducted by Loyal Bessire)*

# Happy Birthday Mary Our Mother!

By Rev. Timothy E. Judd

*Assistant Chaplain-Serra Club of Lubbock*

Our Holy Father Pope John Paul II met with two million young people on June 15-19 for "YOUTH 2000" in Rome. What a tremendous experience for both the Holy Father and the youth from 160 different countries. This was the fifteenth time that the Pope met with the youth for their semi-annual Pilgrimage. The students truly showed great respect and enthusiasm for His Holiness as was seen on Mother Angelica's

EWTN broadcast of many of the events that took place. The Holy Father spoke to the students many times in different languages and he mentioned that they may be called to martyrdom for the faith. He brought them to the Coliseum, where the early Christians were martyred during the first 300 years of the Church by the leaders of the Roman Empire.

Certainly, the time that the young people spent with the Holy Father will be great moments for them to think about during

their future life... perhaps even a vocation to religious life and priesthood.

The Eucharist was also a very important part of the visit the students had with the Holy Father. On the final day of "YOUTH 2000" there was the most beautiful Holy Mass celebrated by His Holiness for the youth.

If all goes well, I will be going to the Regional Meeting of Serra in October in Houston and the Special Serra Meeting with the Pope in Rome in December.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Oct 6  | First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M.  |
| Oct 10 | Board Meeting, Location TBA.  |
| Oct 12 | Luncheon Meeting CRC 12 Noon-Sandra Hester-"Getting in Touch with our Youth, How Can We Help" |
| Oct 12 | Holy Hour for Vocations CTK 7:00 P.M.   |
| Oct 25 | Dinner Meeting canceled. See you at the Regional Convention in Houston.                       |
| Nov 3  | First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M.  |
| Nov 7  | Board Meeting, Location TBA.  |
| Nov 9  | Luncheon Meeting CRC 12 Noon-Project Update Holy Spirit Church.                               |
| Nov 9  | Holy Hour for Vocations CTK, 7:00 P.M.  |
| Nov 24 | No Meeting-Happy Thanksgiving.  |
| Dec 12 | Serra Christmas Party Location TBA  |
| Dec 14 | Holy Hour for Vocations CTK, 7:00 P.M.  |

DON'T FORGET YOUR  
"31 CLUB" DATE

## Still Time Left To Sign Up for TEX-LA Convention

This year's Texas-Louisiana Regional Convention to be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in west Houston takes place October 27-29, 2000. Several Lubbock Serrans have indicated their intent to attend. The conference agenda is out and promises to be an excellent weekend. The theme is "Vocations in the New Millennium-Responsibility of **All** the Faithful".

Some of the speakers include Bishop Patrick Zurek, Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio; Most Rev. Joseph Fiorenza, D.D., Bishop of Galveston-

Houston Diocese and President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Most Rev. Elden Curtiss, Archbishop of Omaha Diocese, will be the banquet speaker and Lloyd Crockett, President of Serra USA Council will be the Saturday luncheon speaker. Several other speakers are also included.

It is important that many Lubbock Serrans attend the conference in order to give us a solid knowledge base to plan our 2001 Regional Conference. Deadline for registrations is October 12, 2000.

## New President of Serra USA Council Sends Message

Lloyd P. Crockett incoming president of Serra USA sent a letter to Serra Club presidents in early July outlining his plans and vision for Serra.

In opening his message, Crockett pointed out that effective June 2000 the Canadian Clubs have been authorized by Serra International to form their own National Council. He said the best wishes were given to them along with a promise for any and all help.

The new acronym for our council is USAC, pronounced "You Sack".

President Crockett's memo announced the theme for this year, "**Plant the Seed for Serra and Vocations**" and asked each Club President to adopt the theme for the 2000-2001 Serra year. Priorities set for the year included:

1. "In His Steps" renewal program which has been revised. Coupled with this program will be a prayer and a pledge form for each Serran to sign seeking the canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra. The forms will be presented to our Holy Father on December 7, 2000.

2. Membership Month which is covered in this issue's lead article.

3. Asking each club to work toward the establishment of Parish Vocations Committees/Activities in each parish area.

4. Encourage each Serran to join the Serra Great Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome, December 5-9, 2000.

President Crockett plans to attend the Houston Regional Convention, October 27-29, 2000.