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Bishop Placido Rodriguez accepts a check for the Bishop's Burse from the Lubbock Serra Club at our annual Christmas party. The check and a personal gift to the Bishop were presented by Lubbock Serra president Brian Beauchamp.

Lubbock Serrans gather for annual Christmas party

Serrans, spouses and guests assembled at the beautiful new Saint Elizabeth's to celebrate the 6 p.m. Mass on Thursday, December 19, 2002. Afterwards we traveled to the Bishop's house for a delicious meal. All of these events were part of the annual Christmas celebration for the Lubbock Serra Club.

After the dinner club president Brian Beauchamp presented the Bishop with a check for approximately \$1,300. The money is used to help with expenses to educate those who are studying for religious vocations in the Diocese of Lubbock.

A word of thanks to the Bishop for hosting our party and to Serrans Al Arreola,

Elmus Beal, and Brian Beauchamp for setting up everything for the event.

**CONGRATULATIONS
and
WELCOME
to our
NEWEST MEMBERS**

- Mary Lou Trelford
- Mike Custy
- Art Chavez

61st International Convention July 3-6, 2003 Chicago

Join fellow Serrans for a Fourth of July celebration to remember at the 61st Serra International Convention in Chicago. It's been 26 years since the convention last traveled to the headquarters of Serra International, and the city, like Serra has grown a great deal.

Based on feedback from convention attendees over the past few years, Chicago 2003 will feature changes in both the program and registration process. The new program will help make the convention an even more enjoyable experience.

The convention will feature a core program running from Thursday evening, July 3 to Saturday evening, July 5. This will make it possible for some Serrans who need to return home on Sunday to limit their stay at the hotel to three nights instead of the usual four. However, we encourage you to stay for a full program on Sunday, culminating with an exclusive optional event at the Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum.

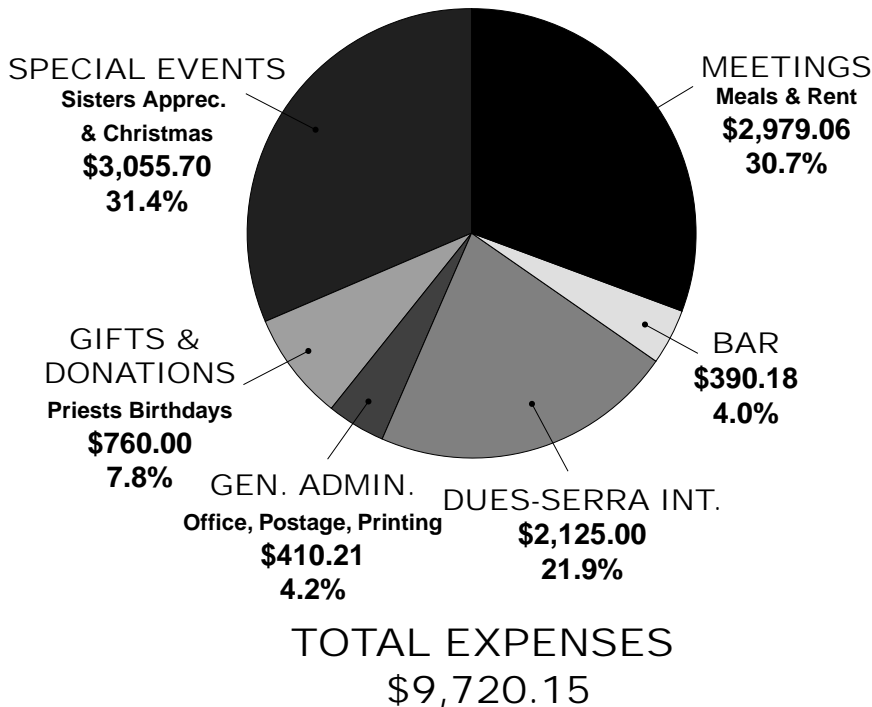
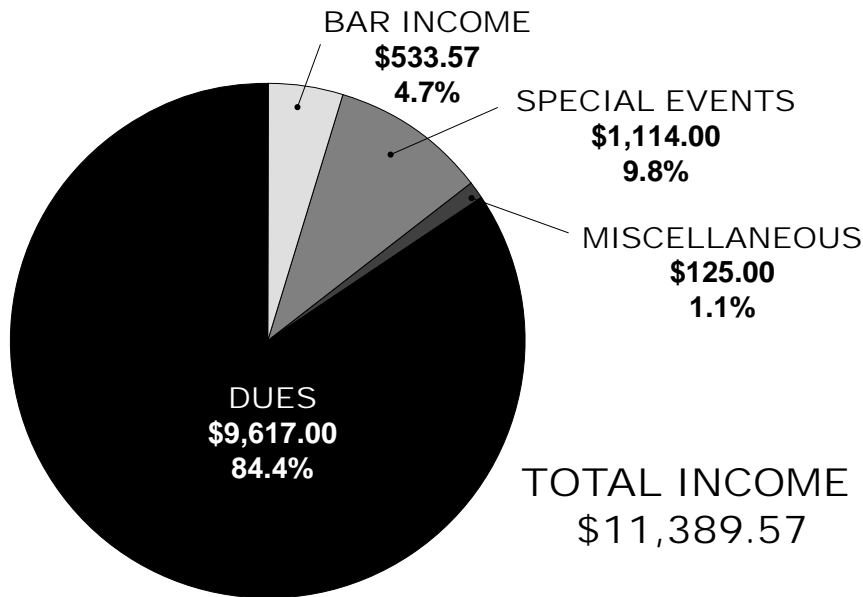
Convention registration rates are \$250.00 per adult and \$125.00 per child. All cancellations must be in writing, post-marked by June 15 to receive a full refund. Cancellations post-marked June 16-July 2 will receive a 50% refund. There will be no refunds given after the convention has begun.

This year, hotel registrations will be made directly with the Chicago Marriott Downtown either through our website at www.serrainternational.org, or, in the U.S., by calling Marriott reservations at (888)236-2427 and mentioning the Serra

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Income and Expenses

for the 11 month period ending May 31, 2002



Kudos to Serrans Behind the Scene

Many Serrans and their actions contribute immeasurably to our activities. We would like to name a few:

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Millie Callow-Chair
Franklin Kitten
Paul Meyer
Al Arreola
Jim McNally

HOSPITALITY

Elmus Beale-all by himself of late.
(any volunteers?)

CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH BISHOP RODRIGUEZ

Brian Beauchamp
Elmus Beale
Al Arreola

BISHOP'S BURSE

David Buescher

A VERY BIG THANKS TO ALL

Prayer List

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

IN MEMORY

Bill Burton
Royce Ellison

white-collar workers needed.

Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations

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Mary Lou Trelford

Mary Lou Trelford is one of the Club's newest members. She actually joined last year, though it has taken some time to formally induct her into the Club. Hopefully that will change by the time this Newsletter is published.

She was born Mary Lou Michel in Glennonville, Missouri—the youngest of three girls—an undisclosed number of years ago. Her mother (Magdalen Elizabeth Stolle) was of German descent, and her father (Alois Martin Michel) was of French/Alsatian descent. Mary Lou describes herself as her father's "right hand man". The Michels owned a highly successful flour mill in Glennonville where Mary Lou helped as a girl. She states proudly that the mill was engineered entirely by her father.

Mary Lou got her education at the "School of Hard Knocks". The depression left the Michels with a pile of worthless checks so they had to close the flour mill. They went from one of the wealthiest to one of the poorest families in town. Mary Lou's family went into the truck farming business raising beets, cabbage, cauliflower, 8,000 tomato plants, and cotton. Mary Lou well remembers planting, staking, tying, and trimming the tomatoes, and hoeing and picking the cotton. Unfortunately, Mary Lou's father was killed at age 52 in an accident. Mary Lou's mother also died young, at age 59, of a brain tumor. Mary Lou gets choked up at the memories.

Mary Lou was just 18 years old when her father died. She finished high school and got a job as a bookkeeper at the local bank in Malden, Missouri to make a living. She saved her money and bought a 1948 Plymouth as her first car. Mary Lou and her mother then moved to St. Louis where she met a young Episcopalian, John Trelford, at an accounting firm. John inquired into the teachings of the Church and was inspired to become a Roman Catholic. She and John were married in 1955 at the Church of the Little Flower in St. Louis.

Many of us fondly remember John as our former Club Secretary who passed away in 1999. Together they lived in St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Michigan, and Lubbock. Mary Lou and John have four children—two sons, Tim and John II, and two daughters, Michelle and Karen. Mary Lou is a grandmother six times.

Mary Lou has a long list of volunteer activities in addition to Serra. She is an On-site Inspector for the South Plains Food Bank. She is a member of the Texas Tech Museum Association where she has helped with the Vatican Exhibition. Mary Lou is on the Board of Directors for the annual MS Walk. She is a member of the Auxiliary at Covenant Lakeside where she serves as Placement Chairperson, and mans the Information Desk on Friday mornings. She is a Eucharistic Minister at Covenant Lakeside on Sundays, and she helps with plant care at Christ the King. Mary Lou is intensely interested in the purpose of Serra and is thrilled to now be a part of the organization. Her interest in vocations is not new. She and John helped to start the Vocations Committee at Christ the King under Fr. Jerry Kenny. She is still involved in the Vocations Committee and serves as the committee secretary. She sees, in the new Priests in the Diocese, that "our prayers are being answered."

Mary Lou's "most important" activity has to be golf, however. She is a regular golfer and tournament player. When asked for her handicap, the reply was a resounding "I'm not sure!". She also loves to play bridge and raise flowers.

Mary Lou "inherited" her strong Christian devotion from her mother and father who, early on, prayed the *Our Father* in German. Her many activities in the church, especially for vocations, will serve her well in Serra. Mary Lou hopes to inspire more of us to participate in the monthly Holy Hour for Vocations. We are blessed to have her.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 7** First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- Feb. 11** Board Meeting TBA 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 13** Lunch Meeting McInturff Center, 12 Noon
- Feb. 13** Holy Hour for Vocations CTK 7:00 P.M.
- Feb. 28** Dinner Meeting CRC 6:30 P.M.
- Mar. 7** First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- Mar. 11** Board Meeting, Place TBA 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 13** Lunch Meeting McInturff Center, 12 Noon
- Mar. 13** Holy Hour for Vocations CTK 7:00 P.M.
- Mar. 28** Dinner Meeting CRC 6:30 P.M.
- Apr. 4** First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- Apr. 8** Board Meeting, Place TBA 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 10** Lunch Meeting McInturff Center, 12 Noon
- Apr. 25** Dinner Meeting CRC 6:30 P.M.
- May 2** First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- May 6** Board Meeting, Place TBA 7:00 p.m.
- May 8** Lunch Meeting McInturff Center, 12 Noon

Program quality to be enhanced through evaluations

If you have been to either of the last two Club meetings you are aware that we have implemented a system to evaluate our programs. At the end of the program, each Serran is asked to complete a short questionnaire. Its purpose is to improve the programs to better meet the needs of the Club. Please be thoughtful and honest, though polite, when you complete these

forms for future programs.

In addition, we hope that you will feel free to contact a member of the Programs Committee if you have comments or suggestions regarding programs. These individuals are Fr. Bill Anton (advisor), Al Arreola, Elmus Beale (Chair), Tony Buxkemper, Ed Quitevis, and Elroy Simmacher.

2003, 1 st Quarter Program Calendar		
Meeting	Speaker	Topic
January Luncheon 1/9	Mrs. Christine Wanjura Mrs. Lynne Brown	Catholic Education in the Diocese, Part 1
January Dinner 1/31	Bishop Placido Rodriguez & Fr. Ben Kasteel	Catholic Education in the Diocese, Part 2
February Luncheon 2/13	Roberta Meyer & the Diocesan School Board	Catholic Education in the Diocese, Part 3
February Dinner 2/28	Fr. Vic Wanjura	The Marriage Tribunal
March Luncheon 3/13	TBA	Catholic Family Services Update
March Dinner 3/28	Larry Craig	Happenings at the Dist. Governor's meeting
April luncheon 4/10	TBA	
April Dinner 4/25	TBA	
May Luncheon 5/8	TBA	
May Dinner	Installation of Officers	

Serra Convention from page one

International convention in Chicago. Attendees can now discuss their accommodations and make any changes without the added step of calling the Serra office. This arrangement will provide our guests with quicker, more efficient service.

Marriott hotels are known the world over for fine cuisine, and the Chicago Marriott Downtown can legitimately lay claim to being the best of the best.

Convention rates at the Marriott

Downtown are \$129.00. As in past years, reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card, and will be made in the order received. Reservations requested after June 19,2003 will be on a space available basis.

For more information see the December 2002 issue of the SERRAN magazine. The convention registration form can be found on the center section of the magazine.

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More Than Ever!