

A Voice for Vocations

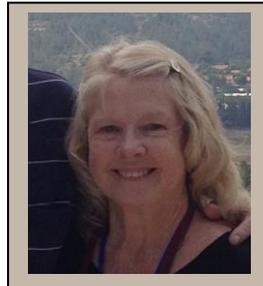
February 2018

Serra Club City of Orange
Region 11, District 127, Charter 643



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2017-2018

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Matt Ivary

Upcoming Events

FEB 6: Fat Tuesday Potluck
Speakers: Londa Woods
Topic: Jail ministry & Fr. Boyle's Homeboys

SAVE THE DATE: Feb 10
Day of Reflection
Fr. David Robinson, S.J.
St. Joseph Center, Orange

FEB 20: MEETING
Speaker: Deacon Bill Weeks
Topic: his Diaconate journey

MARCH 6: MEETING
Speaker: Tristen Seagondollar
Topic: Habitat for Humanity

SAVE THE DATE: March 11
Bus Trip to St. John's Seminary

Servant Leadership

This month, during the national Serra Rally in Phoenix, Arizona, there was a keynote speaker by the name of Thomas A. Thibodeau from Viterbo University. The topic for his presentation was "The Positive Power of Servant Leadership".

Some people may not consider that one person could embody both the attributes of "servant" and "leader". However, that was precisely the concept that Thomas proceeded to explain during his talk. Just as all Serrans were encouraged last year by Pope Francis to be "friends" first, in our mission of support to clergy and to those answering the call to religious life, Tom began with the point that groups of people who may go on to work together, to accomplish more together than they could ever dream of doing on their own, begin with FRIENDSHIP. He defined three components of friendship:

1. Friends enjoy each other
2. Friends collectively can work towards a greater good
3. Benevolence-Friends are blessings to each other.

Service in our world equates to God made visible. We were chosen to be servants of others. The concept was introduced that "if service is beneath you, than leadership is beyond you". In an excerpt from Robert K. Greenleaf's "The Servant as Leader" he states "The forces for good and evil in the world are propelled by the thoughts, attitudes, and actions of individual beings.

Our Mission... to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and all ministries in the Catholic Church, and through this support of all ministries, to deepen our members' personal faith lives.

What happens to our values, and therefore to the quality of our civilization in the future, will be shaped by the conceptions of individuals that are born of inspiration. Perhaps only a few will receive this inspiration and the rest will learn from them. The very essence of leadership, going out ahead to show the way, derives from more than usual openness to inspiration."

The quality of actively listening is one that might be sorely lacking in our world today. When acting as "servant leaders" in our daily lives, let us keep in mind that "the world is run by those who show up". Do not underestimate the value of your presence to anyone that you encounter. How often, when facing a crisis, would the first plan of action be to pose the question to a group of our peers, and truly listen to the responses? Most often, we might see an individual "dig in" to their own position and to cease to listen. As servant leaders we can ask ourselves the following questions:

1. Do those served grow as persons?
2. Do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants?
3. What is the effect on the least privileged in society? Will they benefit or, at least, not be further deprived?

A FINAL THOUGHT ON LEADERSHIP:

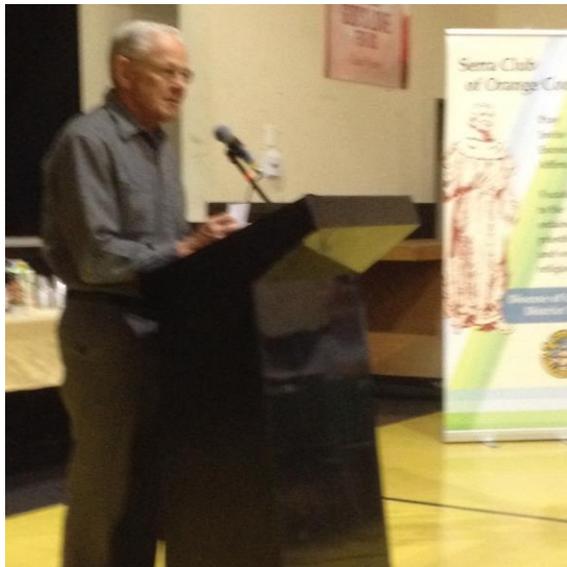
A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He doesn't set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the quality of his actions and the integrity of his intent. In the end, leaders are much like eagles, they do not flock; you find them one at a time!

Club Newz

The officers of our club spoke with our group on January 16. They provided information on the responsibilities of their respective positions in preparation for the installation of new officers on June 1. Listed below is a synopsis of the positions. We were asked to prayerfully consider how we might serve and be a leader as we move forward.

Patty Baer has been in charge of Programs for the last 4 years. She plans and schedules the speakers for our bi-monthly Serra meetings. She has used various sources including word of mouth, other clubs and the OC Catholic.

Ed Haske has been our faithful treasurer for the last 4 years as well. He collects all dues, and is responsible for paying any bills. In addition to keeping the books and accounts, he handles all banking functions.



Ed Haske shares his experience and knowledge as our club treasurer.

Brigid Noonan has served as Secretary and Newsletter Editor for the last two years. She is responsible for recording and publishing the minutes of our meetings. Her duties as newsletter editor include writing a summary of each speaker's presentation at our meetings and determining the layout for the publication of the newsletter.

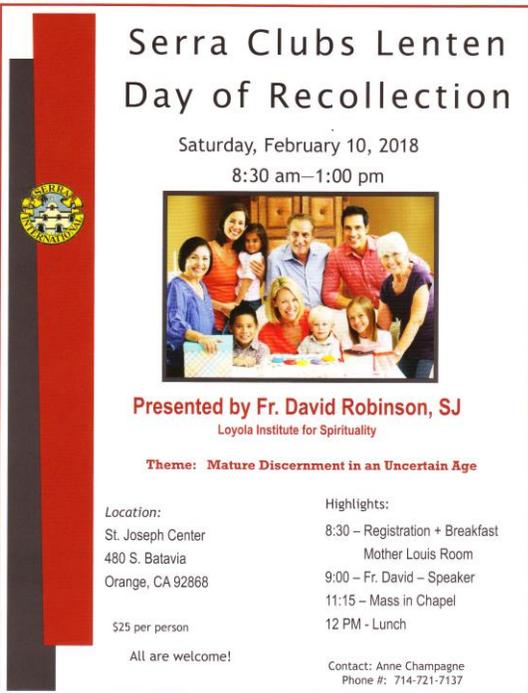
Officer Presentations

Beverly Truzzolino has been the chair of our Membership Committee for the last six years. One of her goals has been to invite new members into our club. She is responsible for orienting new members and organizing an Induction Ceremony where they are formally welcomed into our club. In order to retain our new members, she believes it is essential that we keep them engaged.

Maureen Neglia has been the leader of our Hospitality Committee for the last two years. Hospitality provides coordination for the major events throughout the year. Each club shares responsibility for these events: Ordinati dinner and the Installation dinner. In addition, the city club hosts the Serra Day of Recollection each year. This year we have been called on to help facilitate events at the parish level, specifically at St. Cecilia. We were asked to provide receptions for Deacon Bill Weeks along with priesthood Sunday, for Fr. Bao's installation and for the anniversary of Fr. John Bradley's ordination to the priesthood. We have also assisted with our bi-monthly meetings.

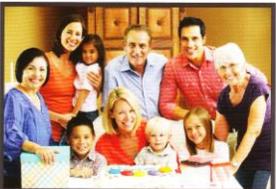


Matt and Nancy Ivary shared their information and experience from the Phoenix, AZ Serra Rally

Spread the Word!


Serra Clubs Lenten Day of Recollection

Saturday, February 10, 2018
8:30 am – 1:00 pm



Presented by Fr. David Robinson, SJ
Loyola Institute for Spirituality

Theme: Mature Discernment in an Uncertain Age

Location: St. Joseph Center 480 S. Batavia Orange, CA 92868	Highlights: 8:30 – Registration + Breakfast Mother Louis Room 9:00 – Fr. David – Speaker 11:15 – Mass in Chapel 12 PM – Lunch
\$25 per person All are welcome!	Contact: Anne Champagne Phone #: 714-721-7137



January 16 - Carol De Feo
January 22 - Georgia Mottl
January 24 - Shirley Salapski
January 31 - Fr. Nicolaus
February 27 - Joe Costanza

*Something to think about...
 Who can you invite to our
 next Serra meeting?*

Jeanne Warren

In order for our members to get better acquainted with our newest club member, we had asked that she prepare a brief bio. In the January newsletter, we ran the first half of her biography. Please continue to read part two of her journey.

(continued from January Newsletter)

I had a good set of moral values. But, I could live a good Christian life. However, I didn't see the necessity of going to church every Sunday. That was until 9/11 happened in 2001. I realized then, that I was pretty complacent with my life. However, it seemed like something was missing. I didn't have a church in my life, and maybe I needed to start going to church. I was confused; there are thousands of churches to go to. So, I started praying. I said "Dear God, I am confused about what church I should go to. I'll go wherever you tell me to go." The Holy Spirit said go to the Catholic Church. I said "Did you say the Catholic Church?" Oh, I guess you are wondering how I ended up becoming a "Warren". In February of 1982 I married a man by the name of Orris Warren. And, after we got a divorce, I decided to keep my married last name. I believe, by now, you know something about me.

**WELCOME JEANNE, WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU
 AS A NEW MEMBER OF OUR CITY OF ORANGE
 SERRA CLUB!**

Vocation Prayer

2018

Pray Always

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come, follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice. Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to Your service. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "Yes" to the Lord Who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

Lectors

Ministers for Serra Masses

EMs

- FEB 6 St. Cecilia at 6:30
- FEB 20 St. Cecilia at 6:30
- MAR 6 St. Cecilia at 6:30



"Always forward, never back!"
Junipero Serra



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