



Serra Club of Boulder County

District 6, Club #723 Region 13
Chartered September 29, 1990 *Chaplain: Fr. Mark Kovacik*

August, 2019

Club Meeting Times: 1st Friday and 3rd Friday of *each* month following the 7:00 a.m. Mass at SHJ. Selected member chefs bring breakfast *for* those present. Bring a friend and encourage them to join our club.

President: Bill Fitzgerald
Secretary: Stan Peterson
V.P. Vocations: Nancy Sorenson
V.P. Programs: Lillian Price
V.P. Affirmation: Ed Theiss

President-Elect: Sue Husler
Treasurer: Ed Husler
V.P. Membership: Mari Camacho
V.P. Communications: Nancy Harris
Club Trustees: Vern Rogowski, Jerome Higgins

President's Message



I had the opportunity since we last met on 7/19/19 to attend my first Dist. 6 quarterly meeting. Thank you to all of YOU, our Boulder club members, for making it a proud moment when I introduced myself as the new Boulder Club president. The report distributed shows us as one of the top three clubs in the District for the number of members in the club. Our financial position is strong and the commitment of our

members matches that strength. That said we must not rest on our laurels. Serra International has introduced a contest with financial awards to the top three clubs in two categories. The winners and awards to be made at next year's international convention in New Orleans on June 27, 2020.

I will talk about this and ask all you for ideas to draw in new members at our August meeting.

Bill

Recent Past Events

July 5-Club Meeting

Our first speaker for the July 5 meeting, District 6 Governor John Gebhardt, was introduced by Vern Rogowski. Mr. Gebhardt is serving his 2nd term as governor. He discussed the past difficulties

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of recruiting governor-elect candidates but that the trend seems to be changing as they already



have a governor-elect for this year with possible volunteers for the future. Mr. Gebhardt said some district clubs have lost quite a few members but that the clubs in our district seem to be doing well. Our district also has a district council while many districts don't.

The second speaker was our own Boulder County Serran member, Stan Peterson. The club was fortunate to have Stan represent us at the Serra International Convention in Mexico City on Sept. 20-23.

Stan and Ann Peterson began their trip with a 6 day visit to Cuernavaca where they took part in the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ Mass and procession around the city for approximately one mile. Children dropped rose petals along the way.

After 6 days in Cuernavaca, Stan and Ann traveled to Acapulco for 3 days, then returned to Mexico City in time for the convention. The theme of the convention was Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The first day of the convention included meetings and an evening welcome reception.

The second day following Mass and a visit to the Basilica of Guadalupe, the most interesting presentation of the convention, according to Stan, was given by Fr. Eduardo Chavez about Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Fr. Chavez spoke in great detail about the tilma which was worn by Saint Juan Diego. The tilma is made of the threads of the maguey cactus and, usually, such tilmas will only last 20 to 30 yrs; however, the cloak worn by Juan Diego has lasted over 481 years.

The cloak shows no sign of under-sketching even after infrared photography was used. The image of Our Lady appears to change ethnicity and skin tones depending from the point of observation. The face has proved to be incorruptible after spills of nitric acid and a bomb. Sometimes the tilmo appears to be blue, sometimes green.

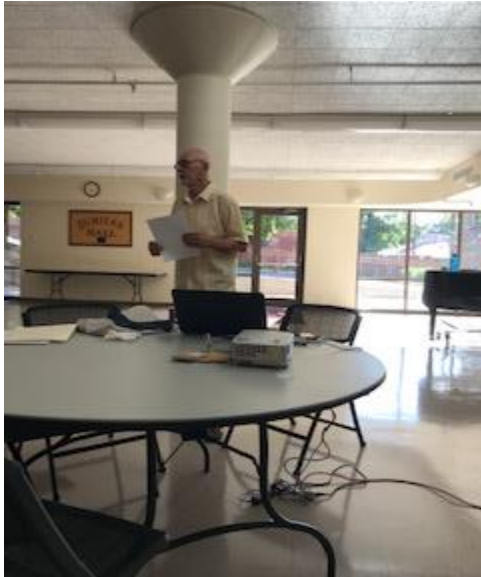
There were other presentations regarding Serra around the world. All clubs are desperate for memberships except for the Philippines.

The big vote on the agenda concerned whether small countries who could not afford to pay dues to Serra International but would still like to join should be afforded that opportunity. There was discussion from both sides, for and against the amendment to the by-laws. Stan was

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told by the club to vote “yes”. The resolution lost 78 to 58.

The slate of officers and the budget for 2020 were both approved.



Upcoming Meetings:

Friday, August 2, 2019

**Fr. Greg Ames, Spirit of Christ, Arvada
“Saint Terese and the Interior Castle”**

Chefs: Lillian Price and Peggy Morrow

Thursday, August 15, 2019

**Tour of St. John Vianney led by Fr. Daniel
Leonard, 10:00 a.m.**

**This is a Holy Day of Obligation (The
Assumption of The Virgin Mary) so Mass
will be at 7:00 a.m. at SHJ and carpooling
will be available from the parking lot at
8:45 a.m.**

PRIEST’S CORNER

Junipero Serra and 19 Franciscan friars set sail from Spain and in 1749 landed on the Gulf coast of New Spain (now Mexico) and

travelled to Mexico City. Serra and another friar walked the long rough road while the others accepted horses. They had only their breviaries without a guide or money. They trusted that God would provide through the hospitality of others. Let us ask the grace to trust in the providence of God.

God Bless,

Fr. Mark

GENERAL SERRA NEWS by Sue

This month I have a few news items from the Serra Trust meeting that Nancy Sorenson, Bill Eck and I attended. In the year 2019-19 the Trust gave out \$48,328 in approved grants.

The Vocation Walk is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 21; will have more info later.

Focus 11 – the 5th and 6th grades will meet Oct. 9 & 10 at Holy Trinity. Give your collected ‘God Stuff’ to Nancy Harris. Our club “cut outs’ will again be utilized and we will need ‘tons’ of cookies.

Serra Salute dinner (fundraiser) is Sept. 20th at Pinehurst Country Club. The honoree is Rev. Ron Cattany, pastor of Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Denver. He is Serra’s past District Governor. Invites to arrive soon. Hope you all can attend and support a past Serran.

District VI Convention – Oct. 14 & 15 – see attachment end of newsletter.

Masses for Seminarians

The club will be setting aside monies for masses for our seminarians once a month. If any club member is planning to attend or visit another church and would like to schedule a mass for the seminarians themselves, feel free to go ahead and do so but please notify the other club members.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

August Members Birthdays:

August 5-Margaret (Peggy) Morrow

August 7-Jeannine Myers

August 8-Mary Ann Hibl

August 24-Mari Camacho

August Seminarists Birthdays:

August 10-Juan Manual Madrid

August 30-Michael Pitio (2nd Phil)

August Members Anniversaries:

August 20-Joe & Sugar Calabria (1966)

August 27-Rosalie & Gil Garcia (1960)

August Religious Anniversaries:

August 2-Fr. Greg Ames (1986) Spirit of Christ – Arvada

**August 23-Sr. JoAnn Schmitz (1953)
Retired (Longmont)**

October 10 & 11-Focus 11, Girls at Holy Family, Boys at the seminary

October 14-15, 2019, District 6 Convention, John Paul II Seminary, Bonfils Building, Denver

Prayer list: Please pray for those in need of healing: Fr. Greg Ames, Rosemary Ames, Tiki Theiss, Teresa Christoff, Chase Curfman, Jeanette Denfeld, Luan Jesch, Audrey Kenney, Elaine Middleton, Helga Riedl, George Morzinski, Marcus Poulin-(Annette & Chase), Matthew Hibl, Bob Brockish

And for all men and women and young people discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life

Upcoming Events

September 21-Vocation Walk, John Vianney campus

September 20-Serra Salute, Pinecrest Country Club, Ron Cattany, honoree

September 29- Priesthood Sunday

October 4- FOCUS St. Therese Banquet