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Special Edition
Serra Club
El Paso, Texas*



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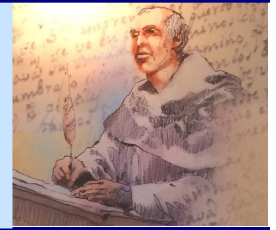
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Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations



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Introducing our New President: Pat Foley

What is Serra? Is it a club or ministry? Our Mission statement as a club is to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life in the Diocese of El Paso through this ministry and affirm our members Catholic Faith. So we are both a club and a ministry. Our Patron Saint is Junipero Serra {November 24, 1713 – August 28th, 1784} a Roman Catholic Spanish Priest and friar of the Franciscan Order who founded a mission in Baja, California and the first 9 of 21 missions in California from San Diego to San Francisco. Serra was beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 25, 1988 and was canonized by Pope Francis on September 23, 2015 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.; and Because of Serra's recorded acts of piety combined with his missionary efforts he was granted the posthumous title Apostle of California. [3]

I am humbled to serve as your new President in a long line of President's who have dedicated themselves to advancing our goals of continuing to support our seminarians with written encouragement including notes and cards, monthly support {stipends} and the occasional special thank you with gift bags at Christmas and this coming August 13th, 2017 at 3:00pm at my home for our 2nd annual Meet and Greet to Celebrate our Seminarians where we can take this opportunity to spend some quality time with these special men. Please bring a friend as last year's event resulted in a number of new members joining the Serra Club of El Paso. I count my blessings each and every day and welcome this opportunity to help us grow this club in membership and our bank account in anticipation of serving even more seminarians who are dedicating themselves to the Holy Priesthood. Happy Independence Day!

Yours in Christ

Pat Foley

Calendar Events for 2017

1. Every First Monday 11:30 AM Trustee Meeting at The Angry Owl
2. Every Third Friday 11:15 AM "Holy Half Hour" Luncheon El Paso Club Downtown: With Special Guest Speaker
3. **Events:** July Luncheon: El Paso Club Downtown: July 21, 2017 at 11:15 AM
4. **August:** 2nd Annual Seminary Summer Social: Sunday August 13th at 3:00pm (Please RSVP upon receipt of invitation)
5. **September:** 2nd Anniversary of Canonization of St. Junipero Serra Mass & Dinner with Seminarians from St. Charles Borromeo (RSVP requested)
6. **December:** 13th 2017: Serra Christmas Party (RSVP requested)

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Ordination Mass: Friday May 26, 2017 at St Patrick Cathedral El Paso Texas



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Rite of Ordination of Priest Cong Vo and Rite of Ordination of Deacons Germán Alzate and Victorino Loresca



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The Most Reverend Mark Joseph Seitz as Celebrant with Concelebrants on Friday May 26, 2017



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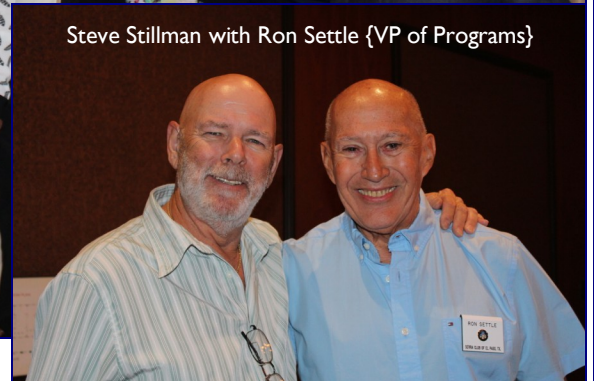
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June 2017 new Officers Installation Luncheon

{L-R}: Liz Carl, Dorothy Schatzman, Gilbert Estrada, Susan Elias, Ron Settle, Pat Foley, Fr. Mariano Lopez,, Bea Chavez, Pat Hoefner and JD Douglas. Please welcome our Incoming Officers and Trustees {2017-2018} Thank you for your Time, Talent and Treasure!



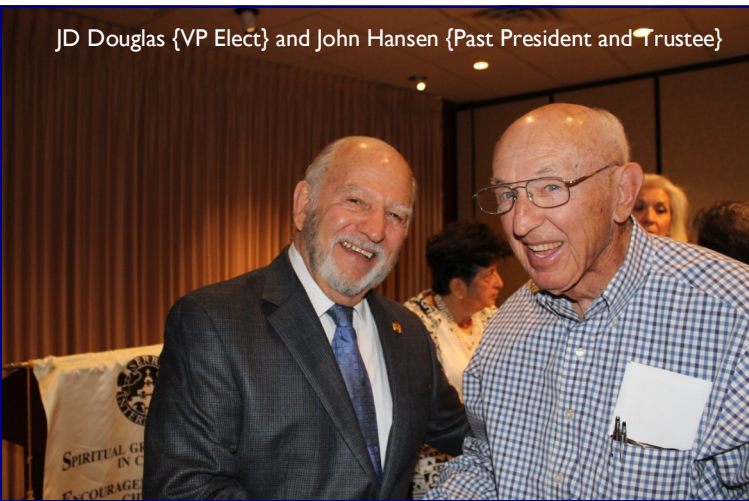
Alma Oaxaca with Bea Chavez {VP of Membership}



Steve Stillman with Ron Settle {VP of Programs}



Is the Lord calling you to join Serra Club El Paso Texas



JD Douglas {VP Elect} and John Hansen {Past President and Trustee}



John Middagh, Gilbert Estrada and Tom Beeman

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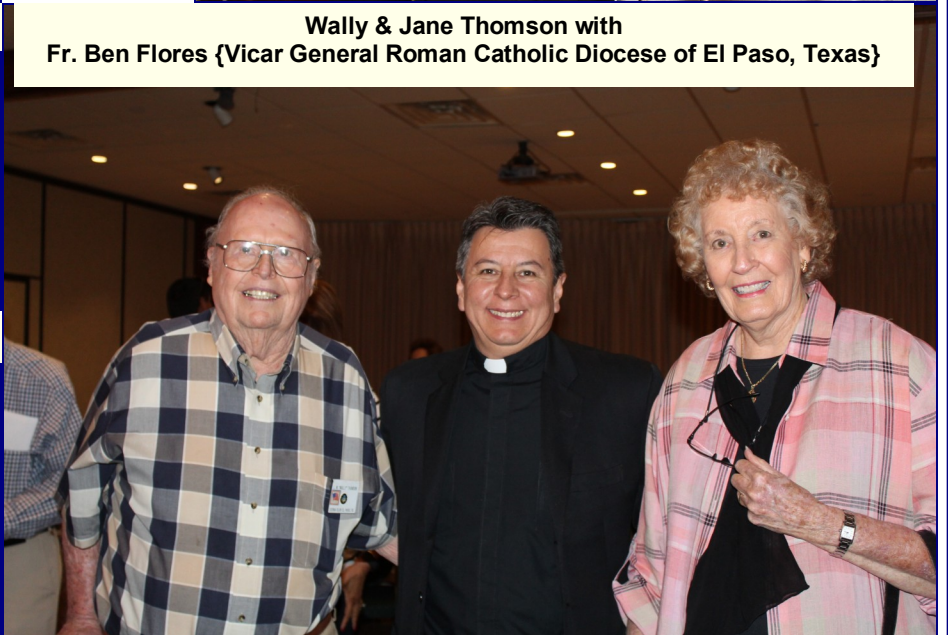
June 2017 new Officers Installation Luncheon {continued}



Fr. Mariano Lopez with Lili Leos



Jeannine Nobles and Bea Chavez



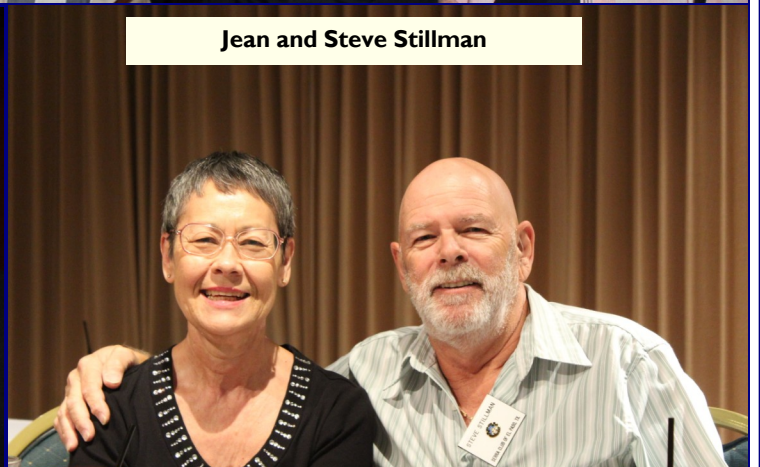
Wally & Jane Thomson with Fr. Ben Flores {Vicar General Roman Catholic Diocese of El Paso, Texas}



Liz Carl with Fr. Ben Flores



Jean and Steve Stillman



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Serra Members with Fr. Ron Gonzales {Sacred Heart Parish} May 2017 Luncheon



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Meet...Greet and Celebrate



Our Seminarians

Sunday, August 13, 2017

3:00 pm

Home of Pat Foley

RSVP for Directions

Featuring our Grill Master's:

Pat Hoefner. and John Middagh

Serving their World Famous Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

With all the trimmings

RSVP is Requested by:

August 7, 2017

Your ten dollar donation is appreciated!

Serra Club #52 El Paso, Texas

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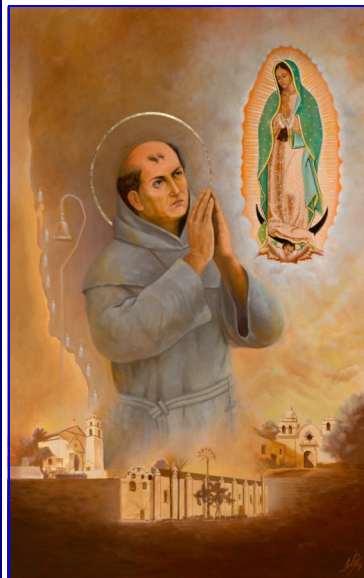
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Serra Club El Paso, Texas #52

Special Vocation Prayer



"While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer."
"

God Bless America,
Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home



Your Prayers are requested for:

Serra Members & Our families:

A special prayer for Wally & Jane Thomson, Jan Burgess, Julie Loomis, Jon Hansen, Peggy Navar, Mary Ann Haynes, Alice Fasano, Frank Gorman and Gilbert Estrada.

"Pray for all our benefactors" and "Pray for Serrans, living and deceased"

We also pray for an increase in Applicants to our club and for those aforementioned dedicated members whose legacy made our current formation possible. We accept that we are responsible for our efforts and Almighty God is responsible for the results!

Serra Club

El Paso, Texas

We now have Twenty {20} current Seminarians and another Seven {7} on the way hopefully before our Summer Seminarian

Meet and Greet!

Are you up for an evening of bowling?

Help support our

Seminarians by sponsoring a

Bowling Team!

Contact Pat Foley for more information!

August 4th 2017

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Please join us this month for our Holy Half-Hour, lunch and experience our guest speaker's as they share moments of their journey in this life with Christ!

SERRA CLUB:
Invite, Pray, Encourage and Affirm our Catholic Faithful!

Our next Luncheon:
July 21, 2017
El Paso Club Downtown
Guest Speaker
Fr. Cong Vo
Who are you Inviting?
Please RSVP! To
contact@serraclubelp.com

Sign up for newsletter email
May the Good Lord
Continue to Bless you!
God Loves you!

Our Mission Statement is...
to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life in the Diocese of El Paso through this ministry and affirm our members' common Catholic faith

Is God calling you to Serra Club as a Vocation?

- July 3 Trustee Meeting
- July 21 Monthly Luncheon
- August 7 Trustee Meeting
- August 13 Seminarian Summer Party 3:00 PM at Home of Pat Foley
- August 28 Trustee Meeting for September
- September 6th St Serra Mass Then Dinner with Seminarians and Member Guests
- September 15 Monthly Meeting



"Pray for all our benefactors" and "Pray for all Serrans, living and deceased"

Just a friendly Reminder:

Our Serra Trustee meeting is on the First Monday of each month.

Monthly Luncheon:

Lunch Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month. Please remember that a luncheon guest fee of \$20.00 per person invited is due prior to the blessing! Thank you!

Join Serra Club!


Support our Seminarians:


Today's Seminarians are our Pastors of Tomorrow


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Transcript of Dorothy Schatzman A Word of Thanks....

From Our Annual Officer Installation Meeting of
Friday June 18th, 2017

 would like to say a few words of thanks before I turn this gavel over to Pat. First of all I have huge appreciation for the great year we have had. Every one of you have been so supportive of our mission at Serra Club. We started off with our summer party honoring the Seminarians. This was the first time we celebrated in the summer, which was usually hosted in December, but due to school schedules we moved the event to July. May Ann Haynes organized and supervised the entire evening from the invitations to the food and beverage offerings. Susan Elias, Jeannine Nobles, Tammy Campbell and Virginia Neessen {God rest her soul} helped us with the menu. Pat and Lori Hoefner demonstrated their grill master techniques to the awe of everyone in attendance. Pat Foley won the most popular Serran of the evening award for creating the special appreciation bags gifted to the seminarians who really look forward with eager anticipation to the goodies inside.

In  August we attended the Sending Mass at St. Pius and celebrated the seminarians who are attending numerous schools, throughout the United States in pursuit of their studies. Due to the large turnout of Serrans and friends of Serra Club we called an audible to change our dining plans at the last minute seeking a restaurant large enough to accommodate our group. What a great problem!

In  September we celebrated the 1st anniversary of the Canonization of St. Junipero Serra with a Thanksgiving Mass at the Cathedral and then we joined Peggy and Louie Navar who planned a wonderful dinner and evening at The Greenery replete with the dining tables decorated as California Missions.

In  October I signed, sealed and mailed several hundred of our annual appeal letters which would not have been possible without Liz who provided our updated lists and Mary Ann who served as chief of printing; and because of the generosity of you our Serrans and friends of St. Serra we were able to collect almost \$16K which will be distributed to our seminarians in monthly stipends and special occasion gift bags!



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In December we hosted our annual Christmas Party here at the El Paso Club. The evening was planned and flawlessly executed by Liz Carl and enjoyed by all. Father Mariano and some of our seminarians were able to attend unfortunately other seminarians had not yet returned to El Paso from their studies away.

Our program chairman Jon Hansen with special assistance from Mary Ann scheduled the speakers for each of our monthly luncheon programs including Jane and Wally Thomson who offered a special presentation on bereavement and funeral ministry and Tom Beeman for reverently leading such beautiful prayers during our Holy half-hour.

.. And none of this was possible without our dedicated Board of Trustees who met faithfully each month. Our recording secretary Susan Elias insured we were organized and remained true to the straight and narrow path of our mission statement. Pat and Lori Hofner, serving as our Treasurers, collected dues, paid expenses and distributed seminarian stipends.

Pat Foley as Vice President indulged our collective sweet tooth with monthly deserts donated by generous Serrans and Jeannie Nobles was outstanding in her commitment of sending cards and letters of encouragement to our seminarians.

We rely on the wisdom, strength and experience of our Director General Liz Carl as we calendar from one event to the next. Liz I can only offer my praise for your leadership by stating that I hope you remain our Director General for the foreseeable future.

Tammy Campbell who serves as our webmaster and site administrator has been recognized by Serra International and other Serra Clubs for her award winning newsletters. The photos, colors, content and the Special Editions are really spectacular! This Independence Day Issue features the cover photo of a 4th of July celebration replete with cross fireworks consisting of acrylic on canvas as painted by Tammy.

We are grateful for our new members: Bea Chavez, Jerry Fasano, Ceci & John Middaugh, Peggy & Louie Navar, Ron Settle and Jean & Steve Stillman. We love you and welcome you!



Finally, I must say thanks to Fr. Mariano for serving as our Chaplain and who was so important to the formation and Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr. Frank Hernandez {May 2016}, Fr. Cong Vo {this May} and the Ordination of German and Victorino to the Transitional Diaconate.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ and fellow Serrans our prayers for vocations have been answered in abundance and will continue with the Lord's grace [1] Now I would like to turn the meeting over to our installing officer, Liz Carl. Please come forward, Liz. [2]

Editor's Note:

Dorothy Schatzman continues to serve the church in numerous capacities and demonstrates a tireless work ethic. We are very grateful for her service in growth of our membership and escalating our bank account from meager to sustainable while adhering to our mission statement: "to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life in the Diocese of El Paso through this ministry and affirm our members common Catholic faith." Please take a moment the next time you see Dorothy and thank her for her service!

References:

[1] grace-(in Christian belief) the free and unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings. [2] This text was edited for special edition link inclusion. [3] Wikipedia-Junipero Serra

Thank you for your encouragement, prayers and support!

