

### **New member**

On April 1, Tim Kelker officially became a member of the Serra Club of Indianapolis. Tim is the first club member from the parish of SS Francis and Clare in Greenwood.

### **Essay Winner Recognition**

Sixteen Serrans joined five of the six essay contest winners, their parents, and sponsors at a luncheon on Tuesday, April 7, at Fatima Retreat House. The winners read their essays and received their cash awards and plaques commemorating their accomplishments.

Fr Eric Augenstein and Elizabeth Escoffery from the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations also joined the celebration. Louise Collet was the master of ceremonies and Lisa Kelley presented the awards.

### **Vocation Holy Hour – April 13**

Nine Serra Club members joined Archbishop Tobin for a Holy Hour service at St Barnabas on April 13. On that same evening, 5-6 Serrans participated in Holy Hour at St Luke's.

### **Board Meeting – April 15**

The Board of Trustees met on April 15 at the CYO Center. A motion was approved to change the club by-laws to move the board election from April to July and move the induction of new officers and trustees from June to August.

Kevin O'Brien had banners made for our club; these can be displayed at all club functions.

Carl McClelland is serving on the Clergy & Seminarian Coordination and Reconciliation Committee for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) which will be held in Indianapolis in November.

### **Charlie Farrell – April 25**

Charlie Farrell died on April 25, 2015. He had been a club member since 1991.

### **Seminarian Cookout – April 27**

On April 27, 27 Serrans and 6 guests enjoyed a cookout with the seminarians and priests at Bishop Brute College Seminary.

### **Mass for Vocations – May 3**

A Mass for vocations was held at St John Catholic Church on May 3. At least eleven Serrans and two guests attended. Dave Fink arranged for a pizza social attended by many young adults following Mass.

### **Program – May 18**

23 Serrans with 3 guests and 2 priests visited and shared dinner with Sr Mary Montgomery, SP and Sr Joni Luna, SP from St Mary-of-the-Woods and listened to Sr Joni tell her very interesting vocation story at the May 18 club dinner meeting.

### **Board Meeting – May 20**

The Board of Trustees met on May 20 at the CYO Center. The club will purchase 120 pamphlets describing the life of Bl Junipero Serra to provide the Archdiocese Office of Vocations and schools. Ken Scheer reported on the Serra Club Spring Leadership Conference in Lafayette.

The Membership Survey has been completed and results will be reported at a forthcoming dinner meeting. Invitations to the Membership Drive were sent.

Carl McClelland is working with the Archdiocese to prepare a new prayer card with a picture of Junipero Serra and a prayer for vocations.

### **Dr. Paul Muller – May 23**

Dr Paul Muller, a member since 1957, and past president of the club, died on May 23, 2015, at the age of 100.

### **Mass for Vocations – June 12**

Fr Joe Feltz celebrated the June Mass for vocations at St Malachy at 11 AM on Friday, June 12. Twelve Serrans and two spouses attended the Mass and enjoyed a pitch-in luncheon with parishioners.

## Board Meeting – June 17

The Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, June 17, at the CYO Center. The board approved motions:

- To donate \$1000 to Serra International's Spread the Word campaign to publicize the work of Serra Clubs;
- To approve a 1 time exemption to club by-laws allowing the election of six trustees to the next board;
- To provide financial support to efforts by the Archdiocese and other Catholic organizations to counter attacks by the public media on family values, morals and religious vocations.

The nomination slate for the new board was approved. Marilyn Ellis provided about 250 Server Certificates to 24 parishes in the Archdiocese.



## Bishop Brute days – June 16 - 19

More than 40 boys, age 13-17, attended Bishop Brute Days summer camp at the Castle, and Serrans were there providing lunches on June 16-19, 2015.

## Membership Drive – June 25

At the invitation of the Little Sisters of the Poor, 72 Serrans, spouses, prospective new members, priests, and Little Sisters attended the

membership drive held at the St Augustine Home on June 25, 2015.

The Little Sisters sang songs, talked about vocations, and thanked Serrans for our work for vocations.

Club chaplain Fr Jim Bonke, Vicar General Msgr Bill Stumpf, club president Ken Scheer, and VP of Membership, Michael Eagan all talked about the need for priestly and religious vocations and the value of membership in the Serra Club.

## Coming in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2015

- July 10, 8 AM – Mass for vocations at Cathedral High School.
- July 15, 1:30 PM – Board of Trustees Meeting, CYO Center.
- July 20, 6-8 PM – Club Dinner Meeting, Fatima Retreat House; Speakers: Daughters of Charity.
- August 7, 8 AM – Mass for vocations at St Lawrence.
- August 19, 1:30 PM – Board of Trustees Meeting, CYO Center.
- August 24, 5:30 PM – Night of Rededication, Fatima Retreat House.
- September 3, Time TBD – Mass for Vocations at St Jude.
- September 13, 4-7 PM – Celebration of the Year of Consecrated Life, SS Peter & Paul Cathedral
- September 16, 1:30 PM – Board of Trustees Meeting, CYO Center
- September 21, 6-8 PM – Club Dinner Meeting, Fatima Retreat House
- September 23 – Canonization of Bl Junipero Serra by Pope Francis, Washington DC

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