



News of West Orange County Serra Club

June 2008

[FUTURE EVENTS CALENDER](#)

June 24– Bro. Alphonsus, India, Brothers of St. Patrick,

Who is guest speaker at the general meeting [see bio page 3](#)

July 22 – Tom Kramer is guest speaker at general meeting to talk about Asia Missionary works, for his bio [see page 3](#)

**Oct. 17-19 is Reno/Tahoe Serra Western Regional Convention, Reno
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[CLUB OFFICER](#)

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President's Message , Bulletin Input for June 2008

Welcome to a new year in Serra – I hope it will be a productive one! Congratulations to our two newly ordained priests in the Diocese of Orange – Father Joseph Dung Nguyen and Father Loc Tran. In future issues of our bulletin, we will publish a list of our local parish priests and our current seminarians, so we can pray for them by name.

For many years, the Diocese of Orange has produced men and women willing to serve as priests, brothers and sisters, and we believe that our devotion to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a big part of this success. Bishop Brown has asked Serra to help restoring this devotion in places where it has been declining, so please pray for revitalization of this practice in our Diocese. On an exciting note, Msgr. Collins told Sister Sam that he is trying to establish Adoration at St. Anne on First Fridays 8:00 am - 8:00 pm. In future bulletins, we will keep you updated on local times and places where the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration by the Faithful.

This year in our Club, I ask for your help in supporting our officers. I would like each of our officers to have an assistant in their duties, to help them with their work and maybe cover for them if they are gone. For example, Delores could use help mailing out the dues notices quarterly, and Sandy could use a helper to mail out the monthly bulletin to the people who don't have email (Ernie is doing it now). Mary Gubser likes to write a personal note to each of the seminarians on special occasions, but I am sure she could use some more pen pals, and Jean could probably use some more help with hospitality at our meetings. Art has been doing a great job of recruiting new members, and he has had a lot of help from Blaine, but they could use some help too. In fact, I would ask each of our new members to let Art know if there are any people they know who might be interested.

So if you would like to help and can offer a little time, please let me or one of the officers know that you would like to help out. Please also keep our sick member in your prayers, especially Father Bob, Ernie Ramirez, Mary Gubser and Catherine Ehler.

Please don't hesitate to call me with questions or suggestions. Thanks for being a Serran!

[Serra Prayer for Vocations](#)

**O God, who wills not the death of
A sinner, but rather that he be
Converted and live, grant we
Beseech You, through the
Intercession of the Blessed Mary,
Ever virgin, Saint Joseph, her
Spouse, Blessed Juniper Serra,
And all the saints, an increase of
Laborers with Christ to spend and
Consume themselves for souls,
Through the same Jesus Christ,
Your son, who live and reign
With you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
Who's God forever and ever. Amen**

TOM KRAMER BIO

Tom Kramer

45 years old

- > - **Missionary** with 'Youth With A Mission' since 1982
- > - Missionary training in: Honolulu 1982 Hong Kong 1983 Tonga 1993
- > - Has served as a volunteer in the Philippines and
- > Honolulu from 1983 to the present
- > - Has served in short term missionary work in the following countries:
- > India, Bangladesh, Burma, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam,
- > Cambodia, Malaysia, China, Taiwan, Japan, Tahiti,
- > Tonga, Fiji and the Hawaiian Islands.

Am currently serving with a 'Youth With A Mission' in

- > Honolulu as the Assistant to the Director and
- > travels to Asia and the South Pacific teaching and ministering

NOTE: Tom has accepted an invitation as **guest speaker** at the **July 22, 2008** Serra Club meeting.

BROTHER ALPHONSUS BIO

Dear Sandy,

Thank you for your letter. Please find the Bio data below:-

My **name** is : **Bro.Alphonsus M.Thanicken,FSP.**

I joined the Brothers of Saint Patrick in 1957 and underwent training in Coonoor, South India. Did the Novitiate in Mussoorie, North India. I took my First Profession in Dec.1959.

I attended the University in Madras.

I taught in our school in Madras.

I was Formation Director in North India for 3 years. I did my Masters and also studied Theology.

I was the vocation Director of our Province in India for 3 years.

I was principal of our schools in West Bengal and New Delhi.

Thrice I was the Provincial Superior of the Province of India.

In 2006 I was sent by Superior General to California and now in Midway City.

That is Bio in brief.

I will remember the date 24th at 6.30 pm.

Thanking you and with prayers,

BRO.ALPHONSUS M. THANICKEN, FSP.

Hello Brother Alphonsus,

I would like to thank you for accepting my invitation to speak at the Serra Club meeting on June 24, 2004. We meet at Saint Anne Church at Seal Beach. Father Bob Vidal is our pastor at St. Anne's and the chaplain of West Orange County Serra Club. We meet on the 4th Tue. of the month. The mass is at 7:00 pm and the meeting follows immediately at the church hall. The presentation is for 30 minutes and question and answer session follows. We're looking forward to hear you speak on 'why you become a religious brother'. Of course, you can select any subject to talk about. Also, can you please send me your bio that I can put on the newsletter bulletin? It goes out for publication on the Jun 11. The announcement would serve as advance information on the guest speaker. Thank you very much.

Best regards, Sandy

NEW MEMBER

Introducing two new members: Interviewed by Ernie Ramirez

Another husband and wife team, **Peter** and **Loni Nguyen**, We have been asking them to join for a long time and they finally took the big step and were initiated into our club last month, May 2008.

Peter and Loni were both born in Saigon, Vietnam and met and were married in San Diego. They both received their educations in local colleges. Peter at UCLA and Loni at three state universities. Peter earned his degree in Mathematics and Loni three degrees, B.A. in Biology, M.D. in Medicine also with an M.P.H. in Epidemiology. Peter now is employed by Los Angeles County Public Library and Loni teaches Biology at a local college. They live in Seal Beach and attend daily Mass at St. Anne's Church. Peter serves as an altar server and Loni does the readings. They are both involved in local charities, youth groups and bible studies. They both are discerning as a couple to the vocation to deaconate. Loni likes to do floral arrangements, event planner, special topics speaker and travel in her leisure times, Peter enjoys video games, listening to music and also travel. I know they will be a very pleasant and interesting couple and bring much interest and support to our club. Please note that Loni's real name is Kim-Leiloni, she will fit right in at our Luau in August.



District Doings

Wally Drazba District Governor

The installation Mass and dinner was wonderful. Thank you to Clara and the team from the County Club for hosting the event in such grand fashion.

We also thank Father John Neneman, our Vocation Director, for concelebrating the Mass and installing the new officers. Thanks also to Bishop Tod Brown for showing your great support for Serra by being in attendance. District Council, the presidents and elects of all the clubs, will be meeting for an evening of Serra in July. Hopefully we will be able to arrange it so that both Father John and Bishop Tod can attend. We Serrans need to get involved in many ways that we can help our clergy promote vocations. I just had a meeting with Bishop Tod and he is behind us 100 %. There is much to do, let's ask Mary, the Mother of vocations to pray for us

PROMOTION RENO-TAHOE CONVENTION

<p>PLAN TO ATTEND!</p>		
<p> Serra Western Regional Convention <i>Reno • Tahoe</i></p>		
<p>October 17-19, 2008</p> <p></p> <p>Headquarters Hotel: John Ascuaga's Nugget \$99 Single or Double Telephone: 775/356-3300</p>		
<p>EXPERIENCE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● A Meaningful Convention!● The "Biggest Little City in the World"● Spectacular Lake Tahoe● Historic Virginia City● The National Automobile Museum● Top Name Entertainment <p>FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 775/849-0476</p>		

WELCOM E NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to all our new members. It would have been difficult to put out a new membership roster each month as new members came on board. To take care of the difficulty we have prepared a periodic membership roster, which an update is required, along with the street addresses and e-mail addresses. These addresses, especially the e-mail address is a fast means to send newsletter bulletin and other short-notice item. Please check the address to make sure that it is correct. Also, please provide us up to date address information. If you do not wish to receive the bulletin online or there are any corrections, please notify Delores Hartke at (714) 842-4590 or chdhart@hotmail.com.

Year Calendar of Serra Events

January	Altar Server Mass and Reception
Lent	Day of Recollection (City Club)
April/May	Trip to St. John's Seminary by bus – Mass & Lunch with the Seminarians, facilities tour
May	Permanent Deacon Ordination (every other year)
May	Serra Officers' Installation Dinner
June	Priest Ordination and Reception
August/Oct	Ordianti Dinner (for newly ordained priests)
September	Clergy Golf (County Club)

Throughout the year Serrans are kept busy. The clubs rotate hosting the activities. This is one of our ways of supporting vocations and our seminarians, and it is also an opportunity to get to meet members of the other clubs. In attending these activities, Serrans have the chance to attend Mass and share prayer for the success of these events and to “learn, live and love Serra!”

Besides the above activities, there are also two conventions held each year. The Regional convention in September/October covers the states of California, Nevada and Hawaii and in this year, the Regional Convention is being held in Reno. In June Convention is the Serra International which is usually held in foreign country. And to round up our yearly activities and functions, our club has one dine-out in March, an August BBQ, last Sunday in August and a Christmas dinner.

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