



Region 12 SERRA International

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NEWSLETTER

Dick Peterson - Regional Director



Greetings Serrans. I wish you and your families a blessed and happy holiday season.

Our annual Fall Conference, held in Tacoma, was a huge success. We had a marvelous time and learned a lot. The theme was *Vocations for Service of God & Country*. Archbishop Timothy Broglio gave the keynote address and several military chaplains spoke throughout the conference and explained what the military chaplain's role is in ministering to military members of any religion, not just Catholics. We ended Sunday with a guided bus tour of Lewis-McCord joint base.

We had a full business meeting on Friday afternoon that included:

- ✠ Election of two Governors Elect – Ken Harris from the Portland Club and Bernie Baird from the Spokane Club. Since then we have appointed a third Governor Elect – Richard Thorpe from the Everett Club. They will take office on June 1, 2012. Our very competent current governors will continue to be active until then.
- ✠ The delegates agreed that we should continue to have one Spring Leadership Planning Conference rather than two at this time. The Columbia River Club in Vancouver will host the 2012 conference.

Again, I would like to thank Mike Strong and the Tacoma Club for a fabulous and most informative conference. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for **Fall Conference 2012** to be held in **Portland September 21–23, 2012**.

We will have a new club in Lynwood after the first of the year. Jack Robinson is spearheading this effort. I hope as many as possible will attend their Charter Night. We anticipate having at least two additional new clubs next year as we work on several areas.

May you each have a Merry Christmas. Let's each try to help someone who is less fortunate to have a wonderful Holiday Season as well.

May God Bless you,
Dick Petersen, Region 12 Director



Dan Jones - Vice President, Vocations, USAC Board

Using the concept of seven touches (i.e., if you are exposed to or hear something seven times you're apt to remember!) Let me reiterate some very important items that need to be done on a regular basis.

NOMINATION OF NEW OFFICERS - Have you initiated your nominating process for your club officers? If not, you need to do so by the first part of January at the latest. Make sure each of your clubs sends your list of officers to USAC on an annual basis - even if the officers are similar as previous years. Include names & addresses (including zip codes) phone numbers (including area code) and email addresses. Every year (ANNUALLY) someone (your club secretary or whoever keeps the roster) needs to be responsible for making sure this gets done. If we don't have this information it is difficult to communicate with the clubs. I think this same information should go to the District Governor, Regional director and to the chairs of our Spring Leadership planning conference and Regional Conference.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR/REGIONAL DIRECTOR TRAINING - Make sure all District Governors are encouraged to come to the District Governors/Regional Directors training January 12-15 in Chicago. If you have district governor elect make sure they are coming too and send their names and addresses to USAC as well.

990 TAX FORMS - Each club must fill out the 990 Form. If this is not done, clubs could lose their non profit status.

USAC DUES - All clubs and encouraged to pay USAC dues on time!

For the record, our Serra clubs in Region #12 do a much better job of these items than most of the rest of the country. Keep up the great work team! Happy and Blessed Christmas and May God's grace be with you in 2012.

Blessed Junipero Serra – Pray for us!
Dan Jones, USAC VP Vocations





DISTRICT GOVERNOR LETTERS



Jack Talbott, Governor 1-S

Priesthood Sunday has passed with suitable recognition of our Pastors. We just celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas is coming. These are joyful times when we need to express our gratitude for our many blessings, especially for the service of our priests and sisters.

Looking forward, we need to plan appropriate observations of National Vocation Awareness Week January 9 to 14, 2012. Remember that Planning Kits can be downloaded free from the USA Council Website.

Nominations for next year's officers and trustees is a must ASAP! This allows time for appropriate plans to be made, not only at the club, district and region levels, but also to alert USAC so that the transition can occur seamlessly without any hitches. This also allows for the new incoming elected officers to plan for their attendance at the Spring Leadership Planning Conference starting the evening of Friday, April, 13 through Sunday, April 15, noon. The Serra Club of Columbia River (Vancouver/Camas) will be our host.

Many blessings to you all,
Jack Talbott, District Governor 1S

Tom Crossan, Governor 1-E

In six weeks, with much fanfare, we will welcome the birth of our Lord. Of course, we will be into the second half of our Serran year and getting ready to roll up our sleeves and get busy encouraging, promoting and affirming priestly and religious vocations for the Church. Each club has specific programs and events that they do in that endeavor such as a few mentioned below:

- ✚ Appreciation lunches and dinners
- ✚ Adopt a Priest / Adopt a Seminarian
- ✚ Clergy Appreciation Golf Tournaments
- ✚ Quo Vadis Days
- ✚ New club outreach and development.



In district 1E the Quo Vadis Days (Spokane and Yakima Archdiocese) has really taken off - as it has in the other districts. Seminarians from Bishop White Seminary along with young newly ordained priests have very successfully recruited attendees and ran the camp with zeal and enthusiasm producing positive results. There are a few young men presently in our seminaries discerning their vocation to the priesthood as a result.

New club outreach is active in the Walla Walla area by the Tri-Cities club and in the Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls North Idaho by the Spokane Club

On May 31st I will complete my term as District Governor, at which time our new District Governor, Barrie Baird (a member of the Serra club of Spokane) will take office. He will be installed at the USAC Super Weekend in Chicago Jan 12-15, 2012. Barrie is a very dedicated Serran and has been actively involved in many programs and events for the Spokane Club, including being as VP of Membership. He will be a very good District Governor for District 1E.

Meanwhile watch your email and snail mail for upcoming events and programs and do not be timid about visiting the Serra websites.....especially USAC at www.serraus.org It is too soon for me to be saying adieu but timely to say ...*always forward, never back*. May the coming weeks of Advent prepare us to receive the blessings and gifts that come from the remembrance and arrival of Our Lord Jesus at Christmas.

Blessings to all,
Tom Crossan, District Governor 1E



DISTRICT GOVERNOR LETTERS



Jack Robinson, Governor 1-N

- ✠ I held the second meeting of the District 1-N Council on Sept. 9, 2011 at the Isaac Orr Conference room at the Seattle Chancery. All 7 of the clubs in 1-N were represented. The major results were as follows:
- At the invitation of Colm Mc Glynn (President of the Seattle Club), Manuel Gutierrez (President of the Hispanic Club) agreed to co-sponsor with the Seattle Club the Seminarian Mass and dinner scheduled for June 7, 2012.
 - Carol Costello has been appointed Acting President of the Eastside Club.
 - The Hispanic Club of Renton charges no dues to its members. They hold fund- raisers after each of their semi-monthly meetings to raise enough money to pay Serra dues.
 - I reported my deep disappointment in my failure to get a Hispanic club going in the Snohomish Deanery.
 - Based on the Hispanic Club's desire it was unanimously agreed to sponsor an event for Spanish-speaking priests and religious.
 - The group said these District Council meetings have been helpful and should continue. Andy Tassani suggested that the meetings be used to plan where and how to form new clubs.
- ✠ I have scheduled the third meeting of the District 1-N Council for Monday, January 23, 2012 at the Chancery. At Fr. Bryan Dolejsi (Director of Vocations for the Seattle Archdiocese) request, he will meet with the Council to learn what programs Serrans have been conducting which we consider successful and to "brainstorm" some ideas he has for encouraging vocations.
- ✠ Another very successful fund raising BASH took place at Jim Murphy's auction company Sept. 18, 2011.
- ✠ Mike Strong developed and published a "Planning Calendar/Special Events for District 1-N from September 2011 through December 2012."
- ✠ The Region 12 Regional Conference "Service to God and Country" was sponsored by the Tacoma Club and held in Tacoma Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, 2011. With the able leadership of Mike and Judith Strong, the conference was well attended and the speakers were truly outstanding. A motion I made to hold Spring Leadership Conferences annually on both sides of the Cascades to increase attendance was defeated. Mike Strong was honored as "The Serran of the Year".
- ✠ NEW CLUB - St. Thomas More Serra Club of Lynnwood, WA :
- Fr. Francis K. Thumbi, Priest Administrator of St. Thomas More Parish, was appointed Chaplain by Archbishop Sartain.
 - A complete Board of Trustees was elected. Ellen Abellaro was elected President.
 - The Charter Application containing the names of more than 25 Charter Members was submitted to Peter Cunningham, USAC, for transmittal to SI.
 - Archbishop Sartain has agreed to celebrate the Mass at the Charter Night Celebration on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012 at St. Thomas More parish.
 - Jan Shrodes (Chairlady of the Extension Committee), Andy Tassani (President of the Cascade Club, sponsoring club for the new St. Thomas More club); and my wife, Janet, and I have been attending the new club's meetings. Some members of the STM club Board of Trustees attended a Cascade Club meeting to familiarize themselves with how club meetings are run.
- ✠ Dick Thorpe, Immediate Past President of the Everett Club, has agreed to become District 1-N Governor – Elect and will succeed me in office on June 1, 2012.....AND ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SAID: AMEN!!!!!!

God bless us all. Take five.

Jack Robinson, Governor, District 1-N