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## June Speaker Recap: Robert Abel

By JoEllen Strait



Robert Abel, the Director of African Missionaries and Hope Street Ministries in Denver, was our June breakfast speaker. He is also the author of The Catholic Warrior, The Healing Power of Jesus, Healing Power for the Heart, Heavenly Treasure and Worldwide Adventure.

With help from a friend, Robert bought his first rental property when he was 18 years old. He worked at construction during the day and on his property at night. One day, after putting \$200 in the church collection, he received a settlement of \$4,000 because of a faulty clothes dryer in his rental unit. At that point, Robert thought he had discovered a well-paying relationship with God.

Later, after receiving a large settlement from a car accident, he went into business buying wrecked cars, fixing them up, and selling them. And, he tried to tie God into his goals by tithing. He continued on by buying HUD houses and kept on making "tithing goals". His money continued to increase each year. Eventually he bought a sub-division of townhouse lots and, at the age of 28, was basically financially retired. He attended daily Mass and gave credit to God. However, he wanted to give even more to God, so he began to tithe 40%.

Then Robert decided to sell everything and invest in the stock market....and everyone knows what has happened to the market over the last few years. Over a 6-month period he lost \$250,000. At that point Robert visited a pastor who suggested he go on a retreat. Robert was angry at himself and also with God, he wanted to have it out with Him. So, he went on retreat, hiked to the top of a mountain and back, and nothing happened. Robert was devastated. However, he realized he had been fighting over money his entire life, so he told God he would turn his life over to Him.

Before, Robert had prayed to God asking for various things, or just for God to help him in general. Now he prays for what God wants him to do. At one point, God told him to live on the streets for a weekend, and he ended up taking a homeless person back home with him. This experience taught him love and compassion for the homeless.

Robert has surrendered his life to God – and is happy he lost the quarter million dollars.

You can read more about Robert and his book The Catholic Warrior at: [http://www.catholicwarriors.com/pages/about\\_the\\_author.htm](http://www.catholicwarriors.com/pages/about_the_author.htm)

## June Business Person of the Month: Hazel Bondy



Hazel Bondy was our June Business Person-of-the-Month and is the coordinator of Stephen Ministry at Holy Spirit Parish. Stephen Ministry is trained, compassionate people who deal one-on-one with individuals going through rough times; providing support for anything causing distress such as death, illness, job loss, divorce, etc. Being interdenominational, they have helped people from other parishes and also non-Catholics.

For more information about Stephen Ministry you can visit their website at [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org), or the Holy Spirit website at [www.holyspiritfresno.org](http://www.holyspiritfresno.org).

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**Catholic Professional & Business Club of Fresno**  
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**FEATURED SPEAKER**



**September 9, 2011**  
**10:00 AM**  
**George Radanovich**  
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George Radanovich served eight terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and has written a new book, "The New World Order Is the Old World Order" in which he advocates rebuilding the four institutions of faith, family, work and government as the cornerstones for real change in American society and governance.

For questions, email [info@cpbcfresno.org](mailto:info@cpbcfresno.org) or call our office at (559) 433-1111.

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## President's Message

Welcome to the 2011-2012 Catholic Professionals and Business Club (CP&BC). We are looking forward to a great year of speakers, breakfasts, networking, and perhaps some pleasant surprises.

Feel free to drop me a note with any suggestions or questions. I hope to see you at our first breakfast, September 9, when our speaker will be retired Congressman George Radanovich.

Check out our web page, [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://www.cpbcfresno.org), for information regarding upcoming speakers, membership renewals, breakfast reservations, directory ads, past newsletters, and links to other CP&BC clubs around the country.

--Scott Jura, CP&BC Fresno President

## September Speaker Preview: George Radanovich

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According to an August 11, 2011 interview in the Mount Vernon (VA) Gazette, George said, "Sixteen years as a member of Congress in Washington have given me a clear view of what works and what doesn't. Americans have historically put their faith in their leaders to keep this

nation on the right track, but I am convinced that politics is downstream from culture. We have seen the country and the world in a slow decline over the past decades, and Washington politicians are not going to correct that. It's not just a matter of giving the power to the right person or the right political party. Real reform begins not in Washington, but in our culture at home and in our communities."

The New World Order Is the Old World Order is available through [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com), [www.BarnesandNoble.com](http://www.BarnesandNoble.com), or through its publisher, Xulon Press ([www.XulonPress.com/bookstore](http://www.XulonPress.com/bookstore)). It also can be ordered directly from Radanovich's website, [www.TheFourInstitutions.com/buy.html](http://www.TheFourInstitutions.com/buy.html). The introduction to the book and George Radanovich's bio is also available at [www.TheFourInstitutions.com](http://www.TheFourInstitutions.com).

## Mission Statement

As Catholic professional and business men and women, we are called to live our Christian ethics not only on Sundays but throughout our daily lives at home and at work.

Our goal in the Catholic Professional and Business Club shall be to incorporate and uphold our beliefs in every aspect of our daily lives, and to gather to share with others who seek a more ethical business environment.

Each of us shall strive to achieve a commingling of our ethical and professional obligations, in demonstration of the fact that ethics and business need not be mutually exclusive terms.

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## Personal Perspective By William Whitehurst

This nation was built on Christian principles

And acquired greatness under Christian principles.

All of the rights you enjoy in this grand country are assured by a nation under God

There are forces at work in the country  
Attempting to eliminate God in every shape  
And form from our daily lives.

We all agree with the separation of church and state.

And we've seen what has happened when you eliminate church and state takes over.

We've seen that in Russia and many other state-run countries.

The reverse poses the same problem, where the church eliminates government.

In America we've always had the perfect balance.

There are those who would remove that balance by removing Christianity.

Step-by-step they are moving ahead.

If they success, they will take away all of the freedoms we now enjoy.

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## New Spiritual Advisor Appointed



At the last breakfast meeting in June, Fr. Timothy Cardoza was appointed as the CP&BC's new Spiritual Advisor by Diocesan Administrator Rev. Msgr. Myron J. Cotta. Fr. Cardoza will step into the role previously held by Msgr. Laserian Byrne, who passed away last spring after many years of serving the club in the same capacity.

## 2011-2012 Board of Directors



The June breakfast also saw the installation of the CP&BC Board of Directors for the 2011-2012 year. Msgr. Cotta presided over the ceremony.

The officers of the club were also installed at the meeting.

From left to right:

Toni Porter—Treasurer

Kathryn Weakland—Vice President

Jess Saldana—Secretary


Fr. Timothy Cardoza—Spiritual Advisor

Scott Jura—President





## FINAL THOUGHTS



**CP&BC Membership:** CP&BC's annual dues are \$45.00 per person and the cost of each breakfast is \$12.00 for members. A membership form is included in this month's insert. For more information call Jeff Lauritzen at 559.288.7280.

**Prayer Network:** CP&BC has a "prayer network" to be used for member prayer needs for themselves or loved ones. We have members already signed-up to pray for special needs submitted; however, anyone else is invited to also become part of the prayer network. Sally Lauritzen is the point person to whom requests can be made, and once they are received she will email or phone the network. Contact Sally (salauritz@att.net or 559.439.8378) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

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