

FINAL WORDS

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MEMBERSHIPS NEW & RENEWAL: June is the last breakfast meeting before we start a “new CP&BC year” in September. If you haven’t yet renewed your membership, our June 12th breakfast will be a great time to do it. Annual dues remain at \$35. You can also save \$2/breakfast by pre-paying for all nine in 2009-10 at just \$90. More information available from our website www.cpbcfresno.org ...just click on “membership” or easier yet just turn-in the insert membership form in this issue.

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Presidential Reflection - A Year in Review

By Rick Davis, 2008-2009 President

May CP&BC Speaker Reinforces “Following Dreams”

By Jo Ellen Strait



Michael Shanks treated CP&BC’s breakfast participants to a unique talk that included a PowerPoint presentation and even free gifts for a few lucky members! Michael’s company, Shanks DMG, is a marketing/design firm that has been named "the number one company you need to know in Arizona". Michael is married with four children and feels that you have to surround yourself with good and holy people. His mission is to make it to Heaven!

Michael is a devout Catholic who believes in the Pope; the sacraments; that marriage is between a man and a woman; and that we have to love our faith. He also believes that we have to learn and to trust God’s limits.

Michael has always followed his dreams, from wanting to be a football player to starting his own business. As babies we start out with no limits on what we can accomplish, but as we get older people tend to put limits on us. Sometimes a person just has to have faith and try something, even when others aren’t necessarily supportive. You don’t need to ask permission from others to live your dreams. To this end, Michael does three things: he chases dreams; he challenges himself and others; and he hopes to inspire.

Following this philosophy has allowed Michael to meet many interesting and famous people, including “Rudy” (of Notre Dame fame), Ronnie Lott, and Garth Brooks. He shared several interesting and often humorous stories of his successful business encounters with these individuals.

Michael told us that in the real world there will always be obstacles, but you have to keep going. And, along the same lines, we cannot quit on our faith either.



A Professional Football Player from the NFL; a “True Knight”; an actress from a Tony award winning Broadway Play; a 26 year-old evangelist who has been preaching since he was 15; a nationally recognized “no-contraceptives” pharmacist; a convert from the Lutheran faith who has authored articles with titles such as “The Goodness of Getting your Knuckles Slapped”; a “Radically Catholic, husband, father, entrepreneur”; and of course a Roman Catholic Bishop.

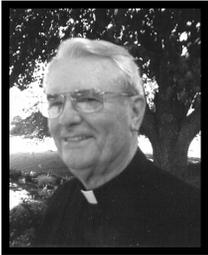
My gosh, where in the world can someone spend time listening to and interacting with such awe-inspiring individuals? Nowhere but the Catholic Professional & Business Club! I have loved this organization since the time I attended my first meeting; and now that my term as president has come to an end I look back and am amazed at what a great year it has been.

The wonderful programs that have been put together by Frank Borges have truly been the highlight of the past year for me. However, the support of you the members as well as the amazing camaraderie of the Board of Directors who have teamed up to keep the club focused on our mission is what has allowed us to continue to prosper. Our newsletters continue to inspire and motivate us; our ambassadors continue to keep our organization in touch with all of our local parishes; and our directory continues to be a powerful networking tool.

This has indeed been a great year – but not because of anything I have done. It is you who have made it a great year by continuing to support this terrific organization of ours and by occasionally laughing at one of my lowly attempts at humor during my remarks at the beginning of each breakfast. I look forward to you joining me as I continue to attend each breakfast, offering my support to the CP&BC and to my successor: 2009-2010 president Mr. Pat Ogle. Blessings, Rick.

“Food for Thought”

By CPBC Spiritual Advisor Msgr. Las Byrne



As you read this message we will be celebrating the wonders of the great feast of PENTECOST, the coming of the ‘Holy Ghost’ (if you are an old-timer), or the ‘Holy Spirit’ on the Apostles as Jesus had promised before his ascent into heaven. We know what a transformation took place at that time. Men who were disillusioned after the death of Jesus, who ran from the scene, who were cowardly and fearful, suddenly are filled with enthusiasm and renewed faith and began the work of building up the foundations of what is now our great faith community. We call it the establishment of the Church – or the birthday of our Catholic Church. On this day the infant church took its first steps in bold fashion thanks to the power of the ‘Holy Spirit’ and through the centuries has had its fair share of problems, but it is still being built. We understand that as Jesus foretold in his parable about the mixture of wheat and weeds in the field that we are not all perfect, but as we gather together as a faith community we are not a divided people such as class, age, wealth etc... We are still the builders working with the power of the ‘Holy Spirit’.

The Church is constantly growing – that is why I like the word HOLY SPIRIT instead of HOLY GHOST. With my Irish background the word GHOST conjures up my childish fear of ghosts, something from the past that might appear in the dead of night. The SPIRIT suggest something ALIVE, something that motivates us to aspire to know, to learn, to enthusiasm. We all received this ‘HOLY SPIRIT’ of GOD in Baptism and Confirmation. Do not bury this SPIRIT in the tomb but let Him work everyday of our lives to increase our LOVE OF GOD and NEIGHBOR to make our faith come alive.

During the summer vacation, take the time for useful reading and family discussions – and occasions to help others. May the good Lord help each of us in our efforts for spiritual growth. God bless and a safe summer to all and to our young drivers, please slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures of a strong faith.

Till the next time – God Love You.....

June 12th – Bishop John T. Steinbock



Join the CP&BC on June 12th when the 4th Bishop of our Diocese, Bishop John T. Steinbock, gives his annual “State of the Diocese” message. Bishop John is in his 18th year with the Fresno Diocese and is now in his 46th year as a Priest. See the insert for some of the thoughts shared by the Bishop in a recent Pastoral Letter on human rights. Be sure to make your reservations now for our June 12th breakfast!

Business Person-of-the-Month

Georgette Milla



A Fresno State graduate, Georgette Milla was our May Business Person-of-the-Month. Georgette is a marriage and family therapist who also deals with depression, anxiety, and substance abuse issues, in addition to conducting women’s groups. She has been in private practice for 15 years and is with Fig Garden Counseling in Fresno. Georgette says that in her work she now incorporates more self-disclosure and shares more about her faith than she used to. Georgette is a parishioner at St. Anthony of Padua.

Editor’s Note: You could be our Business Profile for a future edition by placing your business card in the fishbowl at the check-in table.

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Book Review

By John Kasaian

"The Flying Inn"

By G.K.Chesterton

A Dover paperback (\$11.95)

The Flying Inn is a novel, great for rainy days by the fireside. Like most of Chesterton's fictional works it is at the same time heroic and humorous, prophetic and fantastic, plus unmistakably Catholic. Imagine England during Chesterton's time, at it's zenith as a world power and rapidly plummeting from that lofty position (say, doesn't that sound like another country we know and love?) and grasping for any new idea, teaching, spirituality and technology to bolster its inflated ego.

The novel's main characters are delightful studies in the human condition. The two protagonists are old friends, one the owner of a tavern and the other an ex-sea captain in the Royal Navy. Both hounded by government regulations which were instituted by a politician who believed that they will lead to enlightenment and a better, more subjugated society. The "spiritual advisor" of this New Age is a huckster who bears strong and often disturbing similarities to both Benny Hinn and Barack Obama. But the new laws are impossible. Taverns are shut down, taxes are levied and military men like the sea captain are marginalized as puppets of the politicians.

Under impossible conditions, the two friends become fugitives traveling the countryside with a huge wheel of cheese and a keg of rum, and quaint sign... salvages from the original tavern. Setting up shop at different locations in the homes of destitute common folk unable to pay their rent, the profits realized during their brief stay keeps the rent collector at bay. When modern technology presents its self in the form of a motor car (this story takes place in the early 1900's) which is employed to catch up to the two fast moving entrepreneurs, they steal it and then can move their wheel of cheese and keg of rum around the countryside more easily.

It's a good book for laughs and a even better food for contemplation on the silliness which society entertains at the cost of human dignity. You can get your copy at The Holy Child Bookstore on the Northwest corner of Bullard and Palm in Fresno.

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KNXT Catholic Television *Changing Lives*

By Laurie Patterson



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Quick Facts:

Who's Affected? Viewers with older antenna television sets that are not hooked up to a cable, satellite, or a pay TV service will need to upgrade by June 12, 2009.

Web Site? For more information about the digital television transition you can go to www.dtvanswers.com

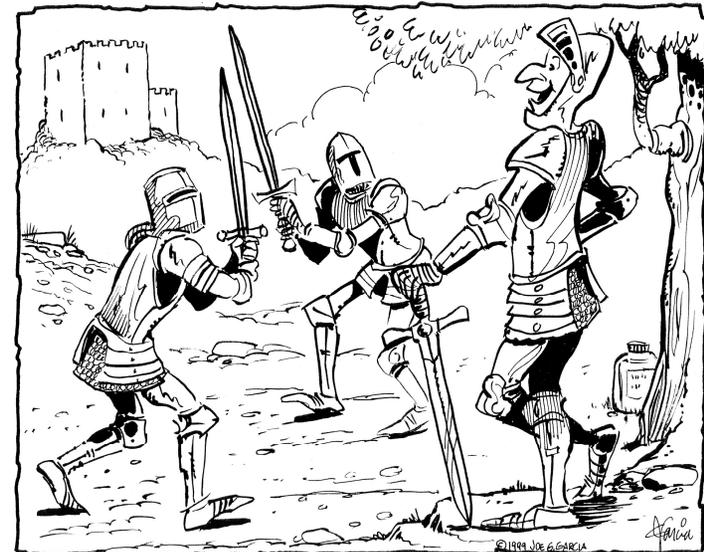
Phone Number? You may also call 1-888-DTV-2009 for more information about the DTV Transition and coupon program.

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By Joseph Garcia



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