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DECEMBER CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

By JoEllen Strait



Our Christmas Social this year will always be very special to all of the CP&BC members. While enjoying good conversation and fellowship with each other, listening to lovely music performed by singers from Holy Spirit, laughing at President Pat Ogle's jokes, and being reminded of what this season truly is about through Msgr. Byrne's message – we also fondly remembered Bishop John who had so recently passed away. Our

December breakfast was dedicated to him, with his picture and a white rose at his place at the table where he had sat for so many breakfasts.

Msgr. Byrne presented several thoughts, reflections, and suggestions for this Christmas season. He reminded us that God gave us His Son, and that we should honor Christ's love. Gift giving is sharing some of what He has given us. Perhaps this year we should "give" something personal to someone instead of actually buying them a gift, or say "I'm sorry" to someone. Msgr. asked us to remember Mary. What would we have done if we had been in her shoes?



We were also entertained by a trio of singers (Tim Casares, Marty Frantz, and Marina Askenov) who provide music for the 4pm Saturday Mass at Holy Spirit Parish. They performed several Christmas songs and were warmly received by everyone.

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February 11 – Joe Condit



Plan on joining us at our February breakfast to hear Joe Condit's fascinating personal testimony from entrepreneur in online companies to restaurant ownership and venture capital portfolios. His brainchild, CMG Booking, LLC, a Catholic-Christian speakers' bureau has provided many of our national speakers in past years. Please see the insert for more information. Be sure to make your reservations early for our February 11th breakfast!

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To help those less fortunate in our community, this year members were asked to bring an unwrapped toy or make a donation to Catholic Charities for their annual Toys for Tots Drive. All toys were placed under the Christmas tree – adding even more Christmas spirit to our breakfast.

Appreciation gifts were presented to the Pardini staff who do such a fantastic job at our breakfasts. And, in keeping with the professional nature of our organization, Pat Ogle asked our members to share anything special that they or their business do for Christmas. Activities ranged from donating blood to donating produce, providing Santa visits, and passing out Starbucks' gift cards to strangers who showed kindness!



Remembering Bishop John



So many people were touched by Bishop John....

"I am still in mourning over the loss of our dear friend, Bishop John T. Steinbock. I have been reminiscing back to 1990 when we first met; not only did I treasure his friendship, but admired his

Christ-like Priestly life. I always felt comfortable listening to his spiritual direction, inspiring me in my own spiritual growth which I am most grateful for. In 1990 Bishop John was instrumental in the start-up of the first CP&BC Chapter in Santa Rosa, Ca. After

Mary & I moved to Fresno in 1996, Bishop expressed his trust and confidence in our past experience, and gave us his blessing for the start of the Fresno Chapter – going on the 14th year. At present time, there are 13 active Chapters throughout the country. I give thanks to God for his friendship, because I now

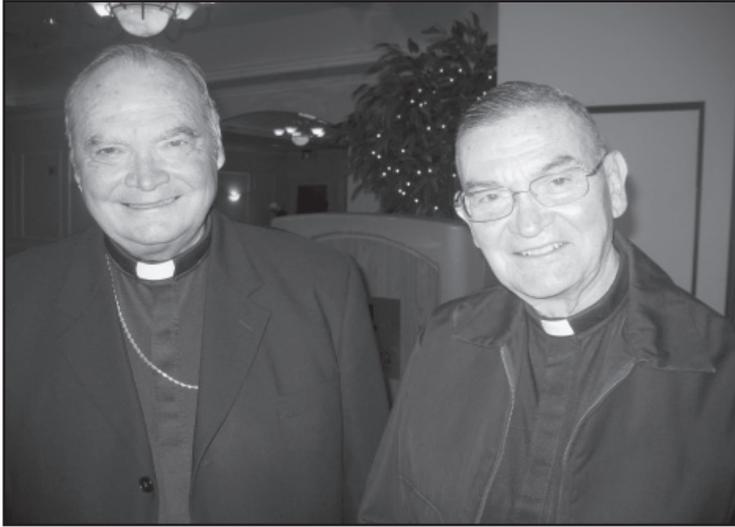


know, that the Holy Spirit had a plan. It will seem impossible that we will not see our dear Friend, Bishop John T. Steinbock sitting at the head table at our Breakfast Meetings. Mary & I will miss him very, very, much." -Frank A. Borges, Founder, CP&BC Fresno



Remembering Bishop John

"Bishop John was a great supporter in approving the start-up of our Catholic & Professional Business Club. When in town, he attended nearly all breakfast meetings of the past 14 years." -Pat Ogle, CP&BC President.



"We had such a grand time when Bishop attended our garden party. We were so blessed to have him in our lives and he was such an inspiration for all of us." -Ranae Holody regarding the October garden party with CP&BC board and ambassadors.



Note: Please visit the special website devoted to Bishop John that includes a photo gallery, papers and letters at www.dioceseoffresno.org/johnsteinbock/gallery.php. The diocese is also selling his book, "Silent Reflections- A Bishop's Message of Faith and Hope to Priests." The cost is \$8 with an additional charge of \$2 if it needs to be mailed. Information is available at 488-7414.

BOOK REVIEW - By John Kasaian

Cloud of Witnesses---Dead People I Knew When They Were Alive

By Fr. George W. Rutler

Scepter Publishers New York Paper, 172 pages



Imagine all the different people a priest in New York City might get to know during his life? The inimitable Fr. Rutler writes short sketches of 56 people he knew when they were alive. Prefaced by George Cardinal Pell, Fr. Rutler's book is nothing short of amazing. The people remembered cover the spectrum of humanity that spans three centuries.

These aren't so much biographical sketches of 56 people, ranging from the extraordinary to the ordinary, but rather autobiographical in that what Fr. Rutler writes about are the lessons which he gleaned from people whose lives he came in contact with.

Some of the best times I remember were hanging out at a garage where I used to get my Volkswagen serviced. Customers from all walks of life would come and talk while waiting for their automobiles. The stories were as diverse as the people who told them. World War 2, the Great Depression, the New Deal and the Cold War were all laid out as no history book dare, recounted by the people who were cast by fate in the original stage production. Fr. Rutler's book reminds me of those days.

What could you learn from Edward Pizsek, the founder of Mrs. Paul's Frozen Fish Sticks? Or writers Robert Frost, William F. Buckley Jr., Barbara Cartland or W.H. Auden? Or sports figures such as Wellington Mara the chief architect of the National Football League and Bowie Kent Kuhn the youngest commissioner of baseball? Being a priest, Fr. Rutler knew several religious leaders: Blessed Mother Theresa, John Paul II, Terence Cardinal Cooke, Ignatius Cardinal Kung Pin-Mei, Avery Cardinal Dulles, Fr. Richard John Neuhaus and Fr. Stanley Ladislav Jaki.

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TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE

The Toys for Tots Drive we had at our December breakfast was a huge success! Members were asked to bring an unwrapped toy or make a monetary donation to Catholic Charities to purchase toys. Catherine Manfreda, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, said they were overwhelmed by the generosity and greatly appreciate the club's support. They received \$825 for Toys for Tots along with 56 toys.... and \$165 in memory of Bishop John. In addition, the CP&BC Board made a memorial gift of \$200 on behalf of the club membership in memory of Bishop John.



BUSINESS PERSON OF THE MONTH- STEVE HUDEC Knights of Columbus



Steve Hudec, Insurance Representative for the Knights of Columbus, is our current Business Person of the Month. Many people are unaware that the Knights of Columbus is actually an insurance company and is #929 on the Fortune 1000 list! Steve represents ten councils in the Central Valley. In addition, he is also our newest CP&BC board member. More information about the Knights of Columbus can be found on their website at <http://www.kc9445.com>.

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.

BOOK REVIEW - Continued

Fr. Rutler is gracious in sharing these and many, many more acquaintances with us. As an astute observer of humanity on a personal level, Fr. Rutler reveals that greatness is echoed in humility and that some of the best stories are the ones told by people you know.

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KNXT February Programming Highlights

- **Life Report**

Wednesdays 10:00 pm; Thursdays 8:30 am

The award-winning radio show and pod-cast is now a weekly series with video, televised exclusively on KNXT!

- **Forum for a Better Understanding**

Monday, 9:30 pm; Friday, 11:30 am

KNXT's Jim Grant hosts the new season of **Forum** with special guests from educators, legislators, community leaders, and the Interfaith Community.

- **Daily Meditations with Msgr. Patrick McCormick**

Weekdays 6:50 am and 11:20 pm

Msgr. Patrick McCormick & RosaMaria Henry reflect on the Saini of the Day, Liturgical seasons, and sundry religious and spiritual topics seasonally appropriate.

FINAL WORDS

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 439-8378) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

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www.cpbcfresno.org

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- Make reservations on-line by clicking on "**Reservations**" and then by clicking on "**Make Reservations On-Line**"
- Find links to other catholic organizations
- View previous newsletters

CP&BC thanks Rod Silver and ARTCO for maintaining our website!

FUTURE CP&BC PROGRAMS
Pardini's – Van Ness Blvd. & Shaw – 7:00 to 8:30 a.m.
(Before Breakfast Is Served Enjoy Coffee & Networking)

Friday, February 11 – Joe Condit

Our February speaker will be Joe Condit, who has provided many of our national speakers in past years. Hear Condit's own fascinating personal testimony from entrepreneur in online companies to restaurant ownership and venture capital portfolios. One of his most prized ventures has been his brainchild, CMG Booking, LLC, a Catholic-Christian speakers' bureau promoting speakers of faith, and helping organizations afford and book them. Currently, CMG Booking is one of the most visited websites in the country for Catholic speakers. In 2007, an unfathomable twist to Condit's business career unfolded which would change his life forever, teaching him priceless lessons of life, business and the power of God. A gripping story of going from everything an entrepreneur could want, unknowingly being tied to the second highest profiled Ponzi scheme recorded in American business history next to Bernie Maddoff, losing it all, and the journey of rediscovering the importance of his Faith and a second chance. In July of 2010, Condit's CMG Booking hosted and sponsored the renowned Fr. John Corapi before an audience of 10,000 faithful in Cincinnati, Ohio at which Condit gave the opening address. Condit has become a highly sought after speaker sharing his experiences and inspiring audiences across the country with messages of perseverance, faith in life and business.

Future Speakers

March 11 – Msgr. Myron Cotta - Fresno Diocesan Administrator
April 8 – Tom O'Toole - Author of "Champions of Faith: Catholic Sports Heroes Tell Their Stories"
May 13 – Lisa Hendy – Fresno Author of "The Handbook for Catholic Moms"

Meetings Scheduled

2nd Fridays of the month except January, July & August - \$12 for Members / \$15 for Non-Members.
Reservations (434-2722) Deadline is Thursday Noon of Breakfast Week.

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Phone – 434-2722

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Please note that CP&BC also requests that Pre-Paid Members call each month to confirm their attendance.



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Diocese of Fresno

Membership Renewal / Application 2010 / 2011

The Catholic Professional & Business Club of Fresno is a membership based organization that traditionally meets on the second Friday of each month excluding January, July & August. Annual membership dues include a monthly newsletter subscription and listing in the Club's Membership Directory of fellow professionals.

CP&BC strives to obtain outstanding speakers in their professional field with a message to encourage and motivate members to live an ethical and exemplary Catholic lifestyle in their business and in their environment.

Renewal (Name only unless there are corrections to last year's information)

New Member

NAME: _____ PARISH: _____

OCCUPATION: _____ COMPANY: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE (Work): _____ (Home): _____ (Cell): _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ I PREFER PAPERLESS CORRESPONDENCE BY EMAIL

- Enclosed is my check for the \$45 annual membership payable to Fresno CPBC ; or
- Enclosed is my Business Card for Advertising in the Annual Directory with my check for \$50
- Enclosed is my check for (9) Pre-paid Breakfasts (save \$2/breakfast) for \$90
- I will pay online using my credit card with Paypal @ www.cpbcfresno.org
- My Company may advertise in the Annual CPBC Directory. Contact: _____
- Please do not publish my Personal Information in the Directory.

**Please Mail this form & your check to: Fresno CP&BC
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