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February Speaker - Kevin Reilly



Profiled by Tom Lang

Kevin Reilly's story is a tale of overcoming great adversities to become a true champion. Many well-meaning people were quick to point out what Kevin couldn't do after cancer surgery left him without his arm, four ribs, and a large portion of his left shoulder.

Kevin joined the NFL in 1973 when he was drafted in the seventh round by the World Champion Miami Dolphins. Later that year, Kevin returned to his home in Wilmington, Delaware, and joined the Philadelphia Eagles, serving as captain of the special teams. Kevin's NFL career was cut short in 1975 when he was diagnosed with a rare desmoid tumor.

Fortunately, Kevin went on to do things that make you marvel at the strength of the human will when confronted with a life-threatening — and life-altering — challenge. When a human being is forced to come to terms with a serious disability, the victories frequently happen during those dark hours in the middle of the night when no fans will cheer for you and your toughest adversary is yourself.

Today, Kevin is the pre-game and post-game radio co-host for all Philadelphia Eagles games which broadcast live on 94.1 WYSP-FM, Sports Radio 610WIP-AM, and WDEl. Kevin never gave up athletics either — he is an avid runner and golfer, two of the many things people told him would be impossible after his surgery. In addition, Kevin is a board member with Easter Seals, a nonprofit charitable organization.

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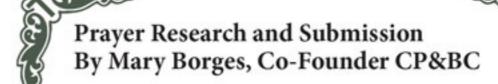
Speaker Recap By Pauline Smoke

Although Vicki Quade's resume focuses on her career as a journalist, playwright, and performer, at the Catholic Professional & Business Club's Christmas party breakfast, she slipped seamlessly into the

role of an old-style Catholic school sister. Wielding a ruler and claiming a "commission from the Vatican to find out if you know your catechism," she quizzed the audience. Correct answers earned prizes such as a "Toddler" Jesus of Prague prayer card bearing the classic image of Jesus in his "Liberace costume." Those who roused Quade's disdain through imperfect attitudes or incorrect answers got a guilt-laden scolding — and perhaps an "I made the baby Jesus cry" sign to wear.

A competitive quiz highlighted the morning. Three women and three men — either volunteers or subjects of coercion — were seated on a platform facing the audience. Another volunteer attempted to keep score. The women pleased Quade by knowing facts such Santa's full name and how many wise men visited Bethlehem. The men didn't fare nearly as well, being unable to identify St. Nicholas as the patron saint of brewers, and knowing the names of only two of the three magi. Quade ignored suggestions that her quiz favored the women. They won 5 to 2, and received lovely cards of Santa kneeling at the manger. The men left with cards of St. Jude — patron saint of hopeless causes.

Ending on a more serious note, Quade encouraged donations to Catholic Charities and to retirement funds for women religious, most of whom don't receive Social Security. Quade's own efforts have raised \$3 million for charitable fundraisers since the 1990s.



Our Lady of Lourdes Novena Dates: February 2-10, Feast Day: February 11

O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfort to the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession.

Obtain, O loving Mother, the granting of my requests. Through gratitude for favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues that I may one day share your glory. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)

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Did You Know?

Our chapter is a member of the national Catholic Professional & Business Clubs, Inc., a nonprofit organization which serves as the support entity to the regional and diocesan chapter ministries. Frank and Mary Borges founded both our local and the national clubs.

The first chapter club was founded in 1990 in Santa Rosa, California. Chapter clubs host monthly breakfast and/or lunch meetings with a speaker who shares their faith-filled message demonstrating that faith and business ethics need not be mutually exclusive terms. Through the blessings of the Holy Spirit, CP&BC chapters have continued to grow throughout the nation. There are currently seventeen chapters, including eleven in California, and one each in Indiana, Montana, Nevada, Nebraska, and Washington.

The national CP&BC organization was incorporated in 2003 — supporting an annual national conference — provided that all chapters have paid their annual dues on time.

Upcoming Events

Breakfast Meetings

- March 13th
- April 10th
- May 8th

Interested in sponsoring the newsletter?

Send us an email: directory@cpbcfresno.org

Catholic Business and Professional Club Board

Our board has 25-30 members; the professional and business make-up of our membership base and the large size of our board enable us to always have a talented mix of board members. Board members serve a two-year term. Terms run from July-June. If you are interested in serving, contact President Tom Ferdinandi, or any officer. Board members are expected to attend each breakfast on the second Friday of the month and the board meeting on the fourth Friday.



Top Row: (left to right)

Tom Lang, Ranae Holody, Bud Elliott, Pat Ogle, Karen Bosch Cobb, Don Cardell, John Kanaley, Larry Holody, Karen McCaffrey

Bottom Row:

Amanda Patterson, Katherine Andes, Mara Erlach, Tom Ferdinandi, Fr Timothy Cardoso, Donna Measell, Denise Correia, Toni Porter

Not shown: Frank and Mary Borges, Jeff Lauritzen, Molly Fagundes, David Austin, John Houlihan, Steve Hudec, Bishop Armando Ochoa, Jess Saldana, Deacon Bill Lucido

December Giving



"More Than Meals" is a philanthropic organization created by high school students from San Joaquin Memorial, Clovis West, and Clovis North in the spring of 2013. At our 2013 Christmas breakfast, they presented a check to Catholic Charities in the amount of \$4,000. In 2014, the new board and their committee raised \$9,000 and presented the check to Kelly Lilles (pictured above) at our December Breakfast. The Board was comprised of the following students pictured from left to right: Frank Dalena, Franko Roque, Lauren Kazarian, Joey Schiff, Zoe Pappas, and Jon David "JD" Freitas, all students from San Joaquin Memorial High School. These students recruited their peers from all over the valley to work on the campaign. The Board designed the logo and had the tee shirts printed, which they sold to classmates at their individual schools. These sales along with a letter writing campaign yielded an impressive fundraising accomplishment.



President Tom Ferdinandi thanked our breakfast servers for their gracious service at our breakfasts at Pardini's.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$45.00 per person. A membership application form is available on our website at www. cpbcfresno.org. For more information contact Denise Correia at 559.999.9153 or David Austin at 559.473.9667.

Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Denise Correia at <u>559.434.2722</u> or by visiting www.cpbcfresno.org then click on the reservation link. Doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee and networking. The program starts at 7:20 a.m. and concludes at 8:30 a.m. The cost for each breakfast is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests.

Membership Directory: The deadline for advertising in the 2014-15 Directory has passed but it's never too late to start thinking about next year. Ad space starts at only \$50. Contact Denise Correia at directory@cpbcfresno.org for more information. The 2014-15 edition will be coming soon!

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.

Website: Please be sure to visit www.cpbcfresno.org for all the latest information about our club. CP&BC thanks Rod Silver of ARTCO for the design and maintenance of the website.

Misson 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 & 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 obligations and our professional obligations in demonstration of the fact that ethics and business need not be mutually exclusive terms.

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