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March 12 — Vicki Quade

Profiled by Tom Lang

Our Friday, March 12th speaker

Nuns4Fun Entertainment was created by Chicago playwright and producer Vicki Quade, who has performed live for us before at CP&BC. Vicki will be our Friday, March 12th Zoom Breakfast speaker and will present an original Easter-themed morning of fun.

Nuns4Fun specializes in producing one-woman religious comedies, including: Late Nite Catechism, Put the Nuns in Charge!, Sunday School Cinema, Saints & Sinners, and Mother Superior's Ho-Ho-Holy Night! The company also produces a hilarious Bingo-themed series and Christmas-themed interactive performances.

Even though they have been sadly shuttered during COVID-19, Nuns4Fun comedies have a home in Chicago at the Royal George Theatre. Vicki is looking forward to the day when the theater will re-open to audiences, and the company will be able to resume their tours, school and church fundraising, and corporate events.

It's important to note that Nuns4Fun gives back to real sisters who did so much for all of us and wants to encourage us to support the various religious orders with our own donations. Many of these women do not receive diocesan, social security, or any other governmental support.

We look forward to a great CP&BC turn-out for this outstanding Zoom program and some much-needed comic relief!

Visit cpbcfresno.org to make your reservations. Current CP&BC Fresno members will be emailed the Zoom meeting ID and password once we receive your RSVP.



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Board Profile of Tim Dodd—CP&BC Vice President

Born and raised locally in Selma, Timothy Dodd is one of the CP&BC's newest Board members and is currently serving as Club Vice-President. Tim and his wife Teresa have lived in Clovis for the past 11 years and are proud parents of three children. Tim and his family actively support their parish, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and he is a third-degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Growing up Catholic he remembers walking from school to St. Joseph's for catechism, then afterward walking to his grandparent's clothing store, of course, stopping at Fosters Freeze along the way. Discussing the day's catechism class with his grandma, doing homework, and eating ice cream in the back of the store, while listening to his grandpa talk to customers as they shop, is a memory that will never be forgotten. The experience taught him how valuable prayer and customer service is to the success of a business—a value he takes exceptional pride in today as the owner of Dodd Wealth Management in Fresno.



Tim took the time to answer a couple of questions to help the CP&BC membership learn a little bit more about him.

How do you incorporate your faith into your daily life?

Upon waking I give thanks for the day, my life, and the multiple blessings the Lord has given me. One of the first things I do when getting to my office is open the USCCB Daily Readings email and listen to the day's message. Then I try to live each day setting an example for my kids and others that may be paying attention or looking for guidance.

Why did you agree to be a member of the CP&BC Board?

I accepted a position on the Board so I could often be reminded to give of myself, even if it is only time and effort. I also believe that surrounding myself with those of the same faith and moral beliefs will assist in continuing my growth spiritually and professionally in business.

Business Person of the Month—Tom Lang

Our business person of the month for March is Tom Lang, CP&BC's current president and executive director of Aquarius Aquarium Institute, the educational nonprofit organization working to build the Fresno Aquarium on its 10-acre site along Highway 99, overlooking the San Joaquin River.



Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Tom received an outstanding Catholic education and achieved the rank of Eagle in the Boy Scouts. His Eagle project was assisting behind-the-scenes to establish the first saltwater aquarium exhibits at the Minnesota Zoo in the late '70s before graduating from the Academy of Holy Angels High School and moving with his family to Fresno in 1979.

In 1980, while attending Fresno State University, he co-founded Aquarius Aquarium with his future wife, Aletha. The 40-year-old company has designed, installed, and maintained hundreds of aquariums in homes and offices throughout central California.

Tom and Aletha were married in 1981 in her hometown of Mill Valley at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and the couple attended Sacred Heart Church in Fresno, where Tom played guitar at Sunday Masses for several years.

In 2000, Tom and Aletha were guided by their faith to found the nonprofit 501(c)(3) Aquarius Aquarium Institute to develop educational outreach programs about our aquatic world for local schools and to gather support to build a freshwater saltwater public aquarium in Fresno for the entire Valley.

As they moved to different homes in Fresno over the years, with their two children, Eileen and Peter, Tom and Aletha have been active in Our Lady of Victory (CCD), The Shrine of Saint Therese and Saint Mary parishes. Tom served as Confirmation Director and Choir Director at Saint Therese for ten years and then Choir Director at Saint Mary's for another ten years. Tom and Aletha have been members of Saint Helen's parish since moving to Fresno's Sunnyside neighborhood in 1999. Tom has served twice as CP&BC's president since joining the club twenty years ago in 2001.

Upcoming Events

- April 9, 2021
- May 14, 2021
- June 11, 2021

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Prayer to the Holy Spirit

We Read This Prayer at the Start of Each Breakfast at Pardini's

Come, Holy Spirit fill my heart with Your holy gifts. Let my weakness be penetrated with Your strength this very day that I may fulfill all the duties of my state conscientiously, that I may do what is right and just.

Let my charity be such as to offend no one, and hurt no one's feelings; so generous as to pardon sincerely any wrong done to me.

Assist me, O Holy Spirit in all my trials of life, enlighten me in my ignorance, advise me in my doubts, strengthen me in my weakness, help me in all my needs, protect me in temptations and console me in afflictions.

Graciously hear me, O Holy Spirit, and pour Your light into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Assist me to live a holy life and to grow in goodness and grace.

Amen

Speaker Recap—Joseph Warren

By Karen Bosch Cobb

Three pastors who were good friends were drinking a beer. One pastor described a rat infestation which cost hundreds to repair; the second said they too had an infestation, and that they had to knock out walls, and it was terrifically expensive. The Catholic pastor said he had the same problem, but he baptized them and gave them Confirmation, and they never came back!

Lapsed Catholics—Joseph was one ...

He grew up in a large family with a father who was a Vietnam Marine Veteran, who married and decided to raise a good Catholic holy family. His father combined the rules of Catholicism with the rules of Marines, and Joseph did not learn about the mercy of God. When he was just over eight his parents divorced, and each child had to select spending life with mommy or daddy. He chose his mother, but he felt betrayed by both parents and decided never to love again.

He left home young, started a business, and substituted hard work and money for God. Burnt out at 24 he retired, partied, spent all his fortune, and lost his friends. Lonely, miserable, and controlling, he nearly committed suicide. His oldest sister invited him to Tampa, Florida to start over. The first morning at his sister's home, he witnessed the pure love of his young nieces and nephews. Joseph attended church, but had no real relationship with a loving Father in heaven.

He stressed that we are all control freaks and do not want to give control to God, but he kept hearing "Come spend time with me in Eucharistic Adoration." He bargained with God in an honest prayer, and said "Here are all my bills, give me enough money to pay my bills, and I will come spend time with You." His friends hired him for life coaching. He still stumbled, but over time, his heart and wounds were fed by the water of love.

Joseph says you must give God permission to enter your life by asking, "God heal me." Then you must quit being a control freak and surrender your problems to God. God has blessed him with a beautiful wife, a daughter, and another child on the way.

In his podcast Broken Catholic he interviews Catholics, brings in top influencers and ordinary people, and they talk about their struggles and where they are resisting God.

Finally he has a business he is keeping—he coaches men to blow up rocks between themselves and those they love. Joseph concluded, "I Help Men Blow Up Rocks." Joseph was an inspiration for all of us to blow up the rocks between those we love and ourselves, to give God permission to enter our lives, and to surrender our problems to God.

Podcasts: Broken Catholic

Coaching: "Blow Up Rocks" josephwarren.net/coaching.html



Pope's Worldwide Prayer March Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth,
to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$48 per person and are due June 30, 2021. The deadline for the 2022 Membership Directory is December 31, 2021. For more information contact John Kanaley at 315-243-6597. The 2021 directory is underway.

Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Denise Correia at (559) 434-2722 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 breakfast cost is \$17 for members and \$22 for non-members. An annual discounted cost of \$120 is available to members that prepay for the year; this is a savings of \$33. Reservations are still required for prepays.

Membership Directory: For the 2022 Membership directory, ad space starts at \$50. December 15, 2021 is the deadline to reserve ad space for the 2022 Directory. December 31, 2021 is the deadline for ad artwork. More directory advertising is available at www.cpbcfresno.org.

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 J. Colin Petersen of J - I.T. Outsource for the design and maintenance of the website. CP&BC also thanks Uhuru Network, LLC for their design and preparation of the newsletter.

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 & 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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