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May 14 — Ms. Cheryl Sarkisian

Profiled by Tom Lang

Our Friday, May 14th Zoom breakfast speaker, will be Ms. Cheryl Sarkisian, who was appointed Chancellor of the Diocese of Fresno on May 19, 2020. In addition to her duties as Chancellor, she will continue to serve as the Victim Assistance Coordinator, a position she has held since July 1, 2012. With a strong desire and commitment to serving in pastoral ministry, education has been a constant thread woven throughout her professional, personal, and spiritual life for over 40 years.



Ms. Sarkisian, has over 25 years' experience serving as a catechist to children, youth, and teens, leading over ten years of adult Bible study, and for the past ten years journeying with adult inquirers seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith. Upon graduation from "New Wine," an adult lay formation program in 2007, Cheryl was hired as Director of Religious Education at her parish, and with certification as a Master Catechist, she continued her commitment to accompanying others in their faith formation through religious education and training.

Her employment at the Pastoral Center began in 2012 as the Safe Environment Coordinator and the Victim Assistant Coordinator. In 2014, Cheryl was asked to serve as the Executive Assistant to the Vicar General in addition to serving as the Victim Assistant Coordinator.

Ms. Sarkisian has a Bachelor of Science, Nursing degree from CSU, Fresno and worked for over ten years in nursing and health education at Leon S. Peter Rehabilitation Center at Fresno Community Hospital, Fresno County Department of Public Health, Valley Children's Hospital, and Clovis Adult School. She is the mother of five adult children.

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. If you miss the meeting, members may request access to the online recording for up to a month after the meeting date. You must be a current member. Send your request to speakers@cpbcfresno.org.

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Book Review

By John Kasaian

Cowboy Gear

By David R. Stoecklein | Dober Hill Ltd

Stoecklein Publishing Helena, MT

1993 | 227 pages hardbound



One of my favorite places in downtown Fresno was the old Carmel Saddlery. It smelled like heaven as all good saddle shops do. Carmel Saddlery was a shop steeped in the history of the west and Leon, the saddle maker, could recount the western lore handed down by his uncle along with the business.

Each year a shipping container full of worn tack arrived from the huge Parker Ranch in Hawaii for Leon to repair. Leon also made saddles and harnesses for the Hollywood movie industry – he was especially proud of the harness he made for the Wells Fargo stagecoach commercials, and he'd sometimes discuss what Hollywood got "correct" about the Old West, such as when a Texas Ranger (or gunslinger) rides into town and could tell who came from where just by looking over the horses tied to the hitching rail in front of the saloon. Yup, Pardner, they could really do that.

A cowboy's gear was unique to the geography where a cowboy worked – it wasn't a matter of style but a necessity driven by long days in the saddle. A cowboy's gear from the high chaparral in the Sacramento area is very different than a cowboy in the Arizona desert, who would have different gear than that belonging to a cowboy from Montana. Weather, flora, and terrain dictated the requirements rather than reruns of Urban Cowboy on the cable.

The Old West, the real West, is part of our shared culture, and it's good to know something about it, even if it's considered esoteric. That's where Stoecklein's book comes in. It is a beautiful coffee table photographic portfolio explaining the ins and outs of cowboy culture through its gear. What separates Stoecklein's book from others is the photography of real gear being used by real cattlemen. It's a beautiful book – I can't smell the leather like in Carmel Saddlery but with a little imagination it comes close.



Prayer from Patris Corde

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father

and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph." It is a wonderful opportunity to increase our love for St. Joseph and knowledge, "to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.

(Patris Corde).



Upcoming Events

- June 11, 2021
- No meetings in July and August
- September 10, 2021

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To join, contact [Sally salauritz@att.net](mailto:Sally.salauritz@att.net) or 559-439-8378

CP&BC Membership

By Karen Bosch Cobb

Each of us has a story about why we became and remained a member of the Catholic Professional & Business Club of the Diocese of Fresno. Over the years, those stories have been enriched by the meetings at breakfasts with friends, family, and business acquaintances. We have all probably had the experience of seeing someone at a breakfast whom we have known in our profession or business for years, and yet had no idea they were a Catholic—then after the meeting that relationship became deeper, richer, more trusting. And, just as important, we have heard some amazing speakers, made new friends, been inspired by colleagues, and found people with whom to do business.

After a year without in-person meetings, we appreciate even more the importance of in-person meetings with friends and colleagues, plus the opportunity to make new connections and to hear about and grow in our Faith.

We are pleased to report that CP&BC leadership is in discussions with Pardini's about reopening. This will of course be done in accordance with local health rules. We plan to livestream and record our speakers via Zoom this fall so members may make their own decisions regarding joining us at our in-person breakfasts.

Watch for the renewal form to arrive in your mailbox soon. Dues are \$48 and are due June 30, 2021. Please renew today!

Speaker Recap – Chris Faddis

By Norma Williams

April 9 Zoom speaker Chris Faddis from the Phoenix suburb of Chandler, Arizona, recapped the story (which was well detailed in the April newsletter) involving his first wife Angela's struggle and 2012 death from colon cancer at age 31. A number of lives were transformed, and several people returned to church inspired by her message of surrender. In October 2013 Chris published the book "It is Well – Life in the Storm" documenting the couple's journey.



In frustration with traditional healthcare, Chris was moved to co-found Solidarity HealthShare, which opened to the public in 2016, a tax-exempt, shared-pay program which strives to be simple, affordable, and ethical. Individuals or families give a monthly amount, then are eligible for bill sharing by fellow members. Many health professionals are happy to accept negotiated medical costs, often paid above Medicare reimbursement rates, without interference by federal bureaucracy or insurance companies.

A team of professionals helps the approximate 24,000 members navigate the healthcare system, plus offering spiritual support, and prayer. Members agree to a common set of beliefs, guided by moral and ethical teachings of the Catholic Church, though one does not need to be Catholic to belong. There are no network providers; and, naturopaths, and alternative medicine practitioners can be included. Members qualify for exemption under the Affordable Care Act, and are not subject to fines for lacking regular insurance.

Solidarity is based on the principle that our bodies are gifts from God, to be respected and cared for through healthy lifestyles. Vision and dental are excluded, as are expenses related to drug and alcohol abuse.

Website: SolidarityHealthShare.org

Pope's Worldwide Prayer May Intention

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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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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