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June 9 Christopher Check

Our June 9th speaker, Christopher Check, is the president of Catholic Answers — the largest lay-run Catholic apologetics and evangelization organization in the English-speaking world. He holds a degree in English Literature from Rice University.

Chris served as vice president of The Rockford Institute, a think-tank based in Rockford, Illinois, for nearly two decades. Before that, he served for seven years as a field artillery officer in the Marine Corps, attaining the rank of captain while serving in deployments and expeditions in the Far East and the Persian Gulf.

He lectures on Church and military history and his writings have appeared in “Chronicles: A Magazine of American Culture,” “Catholic Answers Magazine,” “Touchstone,” “Wanderer,” “Angelus,” “New Oxford Review,” “Culture Wars,” and “The Chicago Tribune.” Thomas Roeser, Program Chairman for Chicago Legatus says, “When you combine the magnificent historical research done by Chris Check together with his passion for the Church, you have a combination of excellence that is hard to match, much less surpass.”

Chris and his wife, Jacqueline, have four sons. The Checks show and breed Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, famed companions of the Stuart kings, under the kennel name Top Meadow Cavaliers, named for G.K. Chesterton’s Beaconsfield estate.

We will be back at Pardini’s restaurant for our June Breakfast.

CP&BC can use your help

- We are looking for a Treasurer (and board member) to begin our new fiscal year in July 2023. QuickBooks experience is desirable. Please contact Tim Dodd or Tom Lang if interested or if you have questions.
- If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Tim Dodd at timothy.dodd@lpl.com
- If you are interested in assisting with the newsletter, please contact karen.boschcobb@netptc.net

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Discovering the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway

Compiled by the Volcanic Legacy Community Partnership

161 pages, \$10.00, spiral bound

The Volcanic Legacy Community Partnership, 2014

By John Kasaian

One of my favorite television programs is “Outside Beyond the Lens”, produced by local documentary cinematographer Jeff Aiello, a travel show highlighting incredibly interesting locations both locally and around the world.

One episode featured a section of the Volcanic Scenic Byway which courses through Northern California and Southern Oregon, and Mr. Aiello enthusiastically suggested the entire route was full of notable sights worthy of exploration.

Summer is upon us, and what better excuse is there for a road trip?

The first issue I confronted is what, and where exactly is the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway?

There simply isn't a whole lot of practical information out there, either online or through the automobile club and with the high cost of traveling these days I wanted to hedge my bets when it comes to making prudent travel plans.

So I ordered a copy of “Discovering the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway” from the Discover Klamath Visitor & Convention Bureau, and I've got to say, it is an impressive guidebook!

The area is divided into ten regions stretching from Lake Almanor to Crater Lake so the route can be digested piecemeal, as time allows, with plenty of information on places to stay, campgrounds, services, etc. in addition to the trail heads, hikes for all abilities, picnic areas, lookouts, visitor centers, museums and rest areas. Practical information that I expect will save time, money, and frustration.

So grab your copy of “Discovering the Volcanic Scenic Byway”, gas up the family sedan, and get out here before it becomes illegal.

May Business Person of the Month – Tony Drew



Born in Visalia and raised on a farm in Dinuba, Tony's father was a farmer, his mother was a registered nurse. He is the youngest of eleven — not the baby of the family. His father died when he was eleven months old. His mother raised eleven children. Tony graduated from Fresno State with a degree in Zoology and a minor in Chemistry. Then he went back home to farm. Later he decided to go to pharmacy school at UOP. He graduated in 1982 and has been a pharmacist ever since.

Tony's mother was awarded the Benemerenti Medal twice, first in 1952 by Pope Pius XII followed in 1996 by Pope John Paul II. He attended St. La Salle in Reedley. He is currently a member of OLPH and an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist as is his wife. He is a sacristan at 6:30. He also takes care of the courtyard at OLPH.

Diocesan Event Corner

If your parish or Catholic organization is hosting an event open to all the Diocese of Fresno, we ask for you to notify us no less than six weeks before the event. We will gladly post this in our newsletter mailed to all CP&BC members.

Contact Tim Dodd for more information (559) 860-9198:

Monday, May 22, 2023, 2:00 PM

St. Rita's Dedication Mass

Location: St. Rita's Church, Tulare

Monday, May 29, 2023, 10:00 AM

Memorial Day Mass

Location: Saint Peter's Catholic Cemetery, Fresno

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Come Away Retreat

Location: St. Anthony Retreat Center, Three Rivers

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday: Living Rosary Celebration

Location: PDDM Divine Master Convent, Fresno

Sunday, June 11, 2023

6 Day Silent Directed Retreat

Location: St. Anthony Retreat Center, Three Rivers

Our Diocese publishes a newsletter every Monday morning. Signup here: <https://dioceseoffresno.org/newsletter>

Stay Connected with Prayers!



Prayers when you and your loved ones need them the most! It's amazing, simply join the CP&BC Prayer Network, call or email your requests, and our network will pray for you.

To join, or update your email address contact Sally Lauritzen salauritz@att.net or 559-439-8378.

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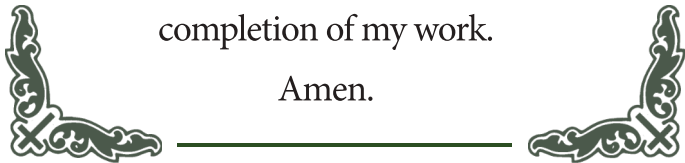
May Prayers

Prayer Meditation for The Ascension



O Lord Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary, my Savior and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first-fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task which You have given me. Let me labor diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work.

Amen.



May Speaker Recap



BRENDA GARCIA

By Norma Williams

“I was too attached to the world and the love of things,” reported May breakfast speaker Brenda Garcia. She thought those things plus career defined happiness, yet she found herself confused, uncertain, empty, and desperate. She was shocked to discover that her own family members did not trust her.

Brenda worked in journalism for a number of years, but she aspired to be an action actress and Hollywood stand-in. She states she was fortunate to be in the right place at the right time and in contact with the right people to get her started in stunt work about 2011. However, as time passed, she was asked to take roles that could have had the potential for disaster. She left the U.S. for a few years, and lived and studied in Spain.

When she returned to the U.S., she received an invitation to join the Screen Actors Guild and was able to return to stunt work. She is passionate about living out the commandments with emphasis on the sacraments. She reports encountering more and more Hollywood actors and actresses who openly profess love of God and testify to being Christian.

What helped her personally draw closer to God were silent listening, prayer and detachment, devotion to the rosary, adoration, and offering up suffering of self and others. She recommends monthly confession and daily Mass from which to take Christ into the world.

Brenda believes we are called to serve, to seek and find our own Calcuttas.

Upcoming Events

- June 9, 2023 Pardini's
- July and August, 2023 No Meeting
- September 8, 2023 Pardini's

Pope's Worldwide Prayer

June -- For the abolition of torture



We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$55 per person and are due August 31, 2023. The deadline for the 2024 Membership Directory is December 31, 2023. For more information contact Denise Correia at 559-999-9153 or email membership@cpbcfresno.org.

Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings held at Pardini's or Hotel Piccadilly's and can be made by sending an email to reservations@cpbcfresno.org or by calling Denise Correia at 559-434-2722 or by visiting the website www.cpbcfresno.org then click on reservation link. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. for coffee and networking.

The program starts at 7:15 a.m. and concludes at 8:30 a.m. The breakfast cost is \$25 for members and their guests and \$30 for non-members. An option to attend via ZOOM is available with a requested link and password for members only. An annual discounted cost of \$175 is available to members that prepay annual breakfast. Prepaid members are also requested to make reservations.

Membership Directory: Ad space in the annual 2024 Membership Directory starts at \$60. The deadline for advertising reservations and artwork is December 31, 2023. For more directory information, email directory@cpbcfresno.org or call Denise Correia at 559-434-2722.

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 Rodarte Productions 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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