



# Serra Club

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## October 2016

Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

11:15 AM: Adoration at St. Patrick Church for Vocations  
12:00 Noon: Mass

Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

6:45 AM: Adoration at St. Raphael Cathedral  
7:30 AM: First Friday Mass  
Coffee and Donuts after Mass

Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

12:00 Noon: Serra Club of Dubuque Board Meeting  
Location: Mario's Italian Restaurant (13<sup>th</sup> & Main)  
**Please note the date – Second Wednesday**

Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

7:45 AM: Mass for Vocations at St. Anthony Church  
Breakfast following Mass at the Village Inn

Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

Monthly Serra Club Meeting at the Holiday Inn  
11:30 AM – Rosary  
11:45 AM – Serra Club Meeting  
Speaker: Sr. Pat Conlan, RSM  
Topic: Human Trafficking



**Vocation Prayer:** Lord, Jesus, we ask you to send more servants to your people. Choose from our parishes, from our homes, from our schools and colleges, an abundant harvest of apostles for your Kingdom: priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay ministers. We pray that those you call may never lose awareness of the dignity and need of their vocation. O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, teach to all those the Master calls to say a joyful “yes” as you did at the Annunciation. Amen.

## **Dubuque Area Serra Club Board Meeting – Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2016**

Present: John Freund, Larry Friedman, Joyce Honkamp, Leo Mallie, Karen Michels, Chuck Olson, Pat O'Neill, Barb Schroeder, Mark Singsank and Len Uhal.

Absent: John Mauss

Meeting was called to order by Pat O'Neill at 12:00 pm

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting:** John Freund motioned to approve the minutes, second by Karen Michels. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of August 31, 2016 the general Serra account has \$14,603.30 and the Aschenbrenner account has \$3,339.92. Larry Friedman motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Karen Michels. Approved.

**Membership Committee:** The annual banquet will be Sunday, November 13. Serrans will attend 5:30 Mass at the Cathedral followed by dinner and program at the Holiday Inn. Karen will ask Fr Thoman to be our honored guest and give the key note address. Five new members will be inducted. At this time, four deceased members will be remembered. It was suggested to shorten the review of the deceased members' lives and to not read their obituaries verbatim. Karen and John Freund will prepare the wording.

**Program Committee:** Joyce Honkamp noted that programs for the remainder of the year are set – Diane Fasselius with Hospice of Dubuque will be the speaker for the Sept 28 program. Sr. Pat Conlon will present for our October program and Don Koppes will be the December program.

**Vocations Committee:** John Freund continues to take the boards to the local parishes. Barb has contacted the archdiocese about photos of new seminarians to update the boards.

**Communications Committee:** The September newsletter has been mailed or emailed to all members.

**Old Business:** Pat will meet with a few members to consider more program ideas for young people that would promote vocations, perhaps for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Pat will also consider changes to the altar servers' party.

Pat has been in contact with Sr. Gail at Our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey. The abbey is creating a vocation fund to assist women with outstanding student loans, who would like to join the order. This fund will make interest only payments until a woman makes her final vows. At that time the entire loan balance will be assumed by the vocation fund. There are currently two serious applicants with outstanding loans.

Pat is writing a letter of support to the Serra Foundation asking the foundation to make a grant to this fund. He will also write a letter to all Serra Club members asking them to consider making a donation to the vocation fund. The abbey is starting with a goal of \$25,000, but would like to build the fund to \$100,000.

**New Business:** Dave Becker is seeking someone to help him as a backup for setting up the doughnuts and coffee for the First Friday Mass at the Cathedral. If you are interested in helping Dave please contact him. The next board meeting will be October 12.

**Adjournment:** Barb Schroeder motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry Friedman. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Mark Singsank, Secretary