



# USA Council, Serra International

October 26, 2009

To: USA District Governors USA District Governor Elects  
USA Council Board Deputy Regional Directors  
USA Committee Members USA Deputy District Governors  
Serra International and Serra International Foundation Boards

From: E. V. Verbeke, Executive Director

Subject: **Combined January 2010 District Governors and Regional Directors Planning and Training Meeting and Super Weekend**

At the request of the participants in the Super Weekend and the District Governor and Regional Directors Planning meetings, we have decided to try to combine the two meetings. This would reduce the travel and hotel costs for those people involved in both meetings. In order to accomplish this we will reduce the District Governors Training from two days to one day on Thursday, January 14, 2010 starting at 7:30 AM and concluding at 5:00 PM followed by a group dinner and discussion.

The Finance Committee and Board will meet on Friday, January 15, 2010 starting at 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM with the Finance Committee and Board Meeting followed by committee meetings until 5:30 PM with and optional dinner at 6:30 PM.

A General Meeting of all participants will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2010 followed by Committee meetings, Mass at 5:00 PM and a Banquet at 7:00 PM with remarks by Serra International President Alejandro Carbajal and USA Council President Doug McRoy.

Attached is the registration information for the January 2010 Combined Meeting. We need to have your reservation by no later than December 11, 2008. Please send it today. Also attached is an abbreviated Agenda for these meetings and directions to the Crowne Plaza O'Hare Hotel. Final Agendas will be sent along with the meeting materials preceding the meeting.

#### General Planning Instructions:

- District Governors Elect and Regional Directors will be sent a District Governor Manual and a Resource manual along with reading and data requirements prior to the Thursday meeting.
- Board Members will be sent a copy of the Board Book prior to the Friday Board Meeting.
- Friday afternoon and evening should be used as much as possible for meetings of committees that might conflict with the Membership, Communications, Programs and Vocations Committees.
- On Saturday morning a general session will be held with all participants to brief them on the current work being done by each of the committees and on any general information.
- Committees should plan to cover agenda items early on Saturday that might require Board action on Sunday and delay other items that do not require Board action to later on Saturday or Sunday AM
- Items that come up during the Sunday AM meetings that require Board action will be deferred to the next Executive Committee meeting.
- Council Board Members and Committee Chairmen should not plan early departures or to request preferential time at the Sunday Board Meetings.

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The Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare provides free transportation from O'Hare. Instructions are enclosed giving directions to the hotel and Crown Plaza Shuttle information.

We are able to accept credit card payment. You may use your credit card for your meeting reservation and banquet meal costs. You may wish to go to our website [www.serraus.org](http://www.serraus.org) and register online. However, because this is not a secure site, someone from this office will call you to get your credit card information.

We realize there are many demands on your time during the holiday season and we **strongly encourage** you to get your reservations in early.

Thank you for all you do for Serra.

Respectfully,



E. V. Verbeke

**USA Council of Serra International  
Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare  
Agenda  
January 14 -17, 2010**

**Thursday - January 14, 2010**

6:30 AM - 7:30 AM Continental Breakfast Buffet

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM District Governor/Regional Director Training

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Free time

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Group Dinner - Open question from Training Session

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM Hospitality

**Friday - January 15, 2010**

6:00 AM - 7:30 AM Continental Breakfast Buffet

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM Finance Committee Meeting

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM Regional Directors/Regional Coordinators Meeting

10:30 AM - 3:00 PM Board Meeting

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM Committee Meetings

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Free Time

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Optional Dinner

**Saturday - January 16, 2010**

7:00 AM - 7:45 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast Buffet

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM General Meeting

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Committee Meetings

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Board Bus to Our Lady of Hope

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mass

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Hospitality

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Dinner and Remarks by Bishop Christensen, Doug McRoy and Alejandro Carbajal

**Sunday - January 17, 2010**

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Breakfast on your own

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Committee Meetings as requested

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Board Approval Meeting

# SuperWeekend/Governor & Regional Director Planning Conference Chicago, IL • Jan. 14-17, 2010

Registration Form | *Registration deadline: December 11, 2009*

\_\_\_ I will attend the Governor/Regional Director Planning. (\$25.00 registration fee)

\_\_\_ I will attend the Super Weekend activities. (\$75.00 registration fee)

\_\_\_ I will attend both sets of activities. (\$100.00 registration fee)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse nametag, if attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Official positions you currently hold:

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Serra Club of \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

USAC committees on which you are currently active:

Your name as you would like it to appear on your  
nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

## Meeting Registration

### Registration Fees:

DG/Regional Director Planning Conference:  \$25.00  
SuperWeekend meetings  \$75.00

Saturday night dinner \_\_\_ x \$50 each = \$ \_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_

Check enclosed.

Charge my credit card below.

If you cannot attend this event, but would like to make a  
donation to the Bishop Britt Vocation Fund, please write  
the amount here: \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for: \$ \_\_\_

Charge my credit card below \$ \_\_\_

Please make checks payable to USAC.

## Hotel Reservation

I will not need a room for the weekend. (Leave this  
section blank.)

Crown Plaza room rate is \$79 per night plus taxes.

Type of room:  King  Double/Double

Rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_

(Your reservation will be placed under the name of the  
Serran scheduled to arrive first at the hotel.)

Arrival date: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure date: \_\_\_\_\_ (checkout is 12 p.m.)

\*Those attending the district governor/regional director  
planning conference should arrive on Jan. 13, 2010.

**The hotel requires your credit card number to guaran-  
tee your room.** Please enter your credit card information  
below. You will not be charged until you check out at the  
hotel.

### CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

Visa  Mastercard  Discover

Credit card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name exactly as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

# What in the world is SuperWeekend?

**T**he USA Council Board meets three times during the Serra year. The first meeting takes place at the Serra International Convention. The second and third meetings occur at “SuperWeekends,” normally scheduled for September and January in Chicago. This year we are combining our SuperWeekend meeting with our annual District Governor/Regional Director training conference.

At SuperWeekends, in addition to the board meeting, 14 standing committees convene to discuss, plan and develop the programs and resources used at all levels of Serra in the USA. Through their efforts, they hope to bolster the council’s image as a vital national Catholic organization and to stimulate the club participation and success so essential to fully realizing our mission. SuperWeekend has become an integral function of the USA Council. It provides opportunities for organizational as well as personal growth and new ideas. Throughout the course of the weekend there are formal and informal opportunities for Serrans to better understand what Serra's work is all about.

All Serrans are encouraged to experience SuperWeekend, and every Serran who attends is encouraged to share his or her talents. The committees would be delighted to welcome you as a new member.

**You can register for SuperWeekend (and District Governor/Regional Director Training) by mailing in the completed form on the reverse of this article to:**

USA Council of Serra International  
65 E Wacker Place, Suite 802  
Chicago IL 60601

**You can fax it to: 888.777.6803**

**Or fill it out online** at [www.serraus.org](http://www.serraus.org).

**Contact the USAC office in Chicago at 888.777.6681 if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!**