



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



April 2011

Charter Night Change

Charter Night had been identified in our February Newsletter as May 1 this year. However, **due to a scheduling conflict, the date for our 57th annual charter night function has been moved to Sunday, May 15.** It will be held at Hennessey's restaurant in Aston once again..

This is always a good opportunity to publicize the many things we do each year to promote religious vocations and support those who have committed themselves to these needed vocations. If you are able to do so, please consider sponsoring the attendance of your pastor or other priests by paying for their attendance.

Please call Dolores Lavelle at 610-876-0709 or Lou Soscia at 610-876-7408 **by April 26 with your reservations and your menu choices** (prime rib or crab cake).

AD BOOK REMINDER

In order to get the layout set up and the books printed by our May 1 Charter Night, **all returns must be received by our April 2 meeting.** Also remember to turn in the names of all patrons to be listed with \$10 per listing.

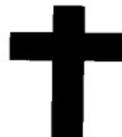
Vocations Talks Completed

March saw our Club continuing its mission of encouraging and fostering vocations .

On the weekend of March 5 – 6, Bill Grogan and Jerry Farrell spoke at three Masses at St Katherine Drexel parish in Chester. Other Club members handed out printed matter and were available to parishioners as they left Mass.

On Friday, March 11, Bill Grogan and Jack Betzal spoke with children at St. Maximilian Kolbe parish school.

Thanks to all involved. Keep up the good works!!


**Jobs with a
Future.**

Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations

Schedule for March - April 2011

April 2	Monthly 8 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Charity. Membership Meeting will follow immediately in the basement Rectory Meeting Room (RMR). Our speaker will be Sr. Elizabeth DeWaele, O.S.F.
April 19	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.
May 7	Monthly 8 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Charity. Membership Meeting will follow immediately in the basement Rectory Meeting Room (RMR). Speaker to be announced.
May 15	Annual Charter Night dinner and installation of 2011-2012 Delchester Serra Club officers at Hennessey's in Aston.
May 17	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.

Essay Contest Update

The Delchester Serra Club's 2011 Essay Contest generated significant interest both from parishes which sent entries in the past as well as from parishes new to the contest. Of the fifteen parishes submitting entries, six were parishes which were submitting for the first time. Eleven were Delaware County parishes while the remaining four were Chester County parishes.

This was also the first year that the contest was open to sixth grade students as well as the seventh and eighth graders. Forty-eight parishes were invited to submit essays.

We received thirty-two essays on this year's essay topic: "How does a family's life foster God's call to a Religious life?" The essays were all read by 7 individual Delchester Serra members who then gathered to review and discuss the entries. The winners and their parishes will be named in a future newsletter.

Thanks to all those who read the essays and participated in judging them. Special thanks to Judy Doolittle and Natalie Pino for their efforts in publicizing, soliciting, accumulating, organizing, duplicating, and distributing the essays as well as notifying winners and thanking participating parishes.

Keep in Touch

Remember, you may always view current and past newsletters at the Delchester Serra Club web site at www.delchesterserra.org and also contact us through the email link there.

Serra International and Serra USA

We have received a few communications over the past two months revealing an organizational dispute between Serra International and the USA Council of Serra International.

Although Serra International voted to order USA Council to cease operations and surrender its assets to Serra International, the USA Council has sought input from its Episcopal Advisor, the Bishop of the Diocese of Superior, Wisconsin, on what to do. Accordingly, the USA Council will seek professional mediation with Serra International to resolve their differences.

These documents are lengthy (fourteen pages total), so I will not copy them and mail them out to all club members. However, I will forward the relevant emails to all Club members whose email I have. I will also have a printed copy of all of the correspondence with me at the April 2 monthly meeting for anyone who wants to review them. More information will be disseminated as it is received.

Seminarians at the Phillies

This year's Seminarians at the Phillies game will be on Wednesday, May 4, against the Washington Nationals.

Serra District Governor Art Burke is hoping that some Serrans will sponsor a seminarian or two for this outing. Serrans wishing to attend should send **\$28 per ticket via check made out to** the "Serra Club of Philadelphia" by April 1 to Art Burke.

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