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February 9 –Matt Allner

Profiled by Tom Lang

Matt Allner married his wife Jessica in 2000, and they have three amazing children. He has 17 years experience in public education as a science teacher and five years as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Graduate School level. He received his Master's in Space Studies from the University of North Dakota in 2009 and has worked extensively as a research scientist from 2005-12; he was also a finalist in the NASA Astronaut Selection Process three times (2004, 2008, and 2012).

Matt's research emphasis was in the area of space psychology where he developed original research in the areas of Psychosocial Issues for Consideration for Long-Duration Space Flight, as well as STEM Education and Student Engagement programs. He has presented his research at five different international space science conferences from 2006-10. He has published over 16 technical papers and abstracts in professional scientific journals, and his work was featured in an article review by the Smithsonian.

Today, Matt finds himself the owner of two small, and successfully growing businesses where he was the founder of Leadership & Legacy LLC in 2015, and now is also the owner of a small family-owned painting business in Monument, Colorado where he lives.

From the success and model of his businesses, he works tirelessly to improve the overall functioning of four primary pillars of society (businesses, church organizations, educational institutions, and youth sports organizations).

During his free time he still enjoys working out, hiking, camping, rock and snow climbing, mountain biking, surfing, SCUBA diving, hunting, and skiing/snowboarding. But most of all, he enjoys spending quality time with his family.



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Speaker Recap Annual Christmas Party

By Norma Williams



Once again, members received holiday inspiration from the St. Helen's School Children's Choir, approximately 40 strong, which highlighted the December CPBC meeting. Director/professional singer/songwriter/teacher Bill Thornbury provided guitar accompaniment on songs such as "O Holy Night" and "Mary Did You Know" with Susan Berg on keyboard. Choir students range in age from kindergarten through eighth grade. Bill also is a member of the Sons of the San Joaquin.

Business Person of the Month Michael O'Hare, one of 20 full-bearded members of the Central California Claus Ambassadors, described his involvement "making spirits bright" by playing Santa for the past 10 years. Mike is also a member of Christians in Commerce whose stewardship serves organizations such as Right to Life, Infant of Prague, and home visits through Nancy Hines Hospice.

Acting President Tom Lang interspersed trivia questions throughout the breakfast such as what state was the first to officially recognize Christmas as a holiday (Alabama 1836), what was Scrooge's first name (Ebenezer), who played the lead role in the movie "White Christmas" (Bing Crosby), and what country invented eggnog (England).

Pardini servers were acknowledged, thanked and presented with Christmas gifts from the club.

Spiritual Director Father Craig Plunkett concluded the meeting by reminding us of the reason for the season, admonishing all to watch, wait, and prepare during the final days of Advent. "Bring Christ with you wherever you are," he advised. Instead of saying "Happy Holidays" to those we encounter, wish them the joy of Christ during this holy season.

Business Person of the Month Jamie Martinez

Jamie Martinez has lived his faith since birth in Pegosa Springs, Colorado. He moved to Fresno and attended elementary school, Bullard High, Fresno City College, and graduated from Fresno State College in 1965.

Jamie has been a member of St. Anthony Church and held all the positions in Knights Of Columbus for 28 years. He has also been a member of Christians in Commerce which meets at St. Anthony's and our Fresno Catholic Professional and Business Club.

Jamie has had an opportunity to practice his faith in the Air Force Reserve which he served in for six years. He also has been a Loan Officer with United California Bank and worked as a flooring contractor for 37 years.

Jamie has brought Christ to the workplace as a Rotarian of which his division sponsored Angels of Grace which is a child and spousal abuse protection agency. His interests also were with the Fresno Board of Realtors and the Republican National Committee where he served as an area representative.

"Christ in the Workplace" has been a theme of Jaime's life. It is easy to see how many lives he has touched through his many positions, organizations, and leadership roles.



Prayer Research and Submission By Mary Borges



His Feast Day is February 14

Saint Valentine – The Saint of Love

O glorious advocate and protector,
St. Valentine

look with pity upon our wants,
hear our requests, attend to our
prayers, relieve by your
intercession the miseries under
which we labor, and obtain for
us the divine blessing, that we
may be found worthy to join you
in praising the Almighty for all
eternity: through the merits of
Our Lord Jesus Christ.

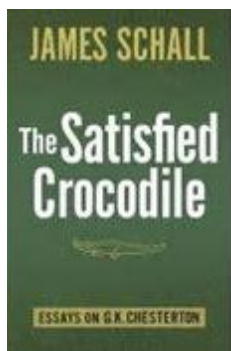
Amen

Upcoming Events

- March 9, 2018
- April 13, 2018
- May 11, 2018

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Book Review

By John Kasaian

The Satisfied Crocodile
By Fr. James Schall, SJ
ACS Books, Charlotte, NC, 2017
296 pages, paperbound \$16.25
ISBN: 978-1-50511-049-4

I had breakfast with Fr. Schall and shared his table at a banquet at the University of

Colorado in Colorado Springs, so I will try my best to be unbiased in my review.

The title of this book comes from G.K. Chesterton who said, "Let us suppose we have a man busily engaged in drinking his tenth whisky. We suspect this quantity is too much, so we want to convince him to change his ways. So we go up to him in the tavern, slap his back and say 'I say, be a man, you've had enough.'" "You can say this to a man because you know he has some power over his actions. He is the only one who does." We do not go up to a crocodile after he has eaten his tenth explorer, tap him on the nostril and say: "Be a crocodile." He is being a crocodile..." This is Chesterton's way of telling us "...that there is a standard to what it is to be human that we know, even when we are not being fully human with the tenth whisky."

Fr. Schall then takes us on an insightful and entertaining tour of G. K. Chesterton's essays, articles and debates, drawing on Fr. Schall's thirty years output as a columnist as well as a Chesterton Scholar. As an example, the reader is told of a scrap of paper, a bit of Chesterton's writing from before WWI which Fr. Schall kept in his filing cabinet, or a late library book set aside and lost, only to be rediscovered, and the intriguing reasons why Fr. Schall set it aside in the first place – each being grist for the intellectual mill of one's mind. Each of these relics are then explored and analyzed by Fr. Schall, and the results are every bit as delightful as Chesterton's. This is a book I've come to cherish having on my shelf. Fr. Schall retired from Georgetown University after a storied career teaching Political Philosophy in the Department of Government.

Cotter's Religious Goods can order a copy for you.

Board Members

Photo taken by Holly Gerardi

Board Members serve a two-year term and generously share their time and talents with our organization. Please pray that they bring wisdom and energy to the Board.



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Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network February Intention Universal

Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$45 per person and are due June 30, 2018. The deadline was December 31, 2017 to be included in the upcoming directory. For more information contact John Kanaley at 315-243-6597.

Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Lourdes Sanchez 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: Ad space starts at \$50. December 15, 2017 was the deadline to reserve ad space. December 31, 2017 was the deadline for ad artwork. More directory advertising information 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](tel: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.

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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