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## May 10—Diana Marie Wehbe

Profiled by Tom Lang

Our May 10th breakfast speaker is traveling to Fresno from Moreno Valley, California.

From living in sin and the enjoyment of worldly possessions to a devout Catholic life consecrated to Jesus through Mary, Diana Marie Wehbe has been through illness and human rejection following a world-class career in secular radio with fame and fortune. But she has left all that behind to follow Christ in the mission of the New Evangelization.



Featured in Women's Health Magazine, her testimony has been heard on Immaculate Heart Media; she has been interviewed by Terry Barber of Relevant Radio; and she has appeared on countless other outlets and events.

Diana has changed the hearts and lives of thousands for Christ. Her God-given testimony and wisdom from the Lord help others see what God is truly calling them to.

Her talks have been heard at Disneyland, on secular and Christian radio, as well as by over 80,000 students at middle schools, high schools, and colleges. A humble Evangelist with a heart after Christ, Diana will light a fire under everyone who hears her!

Diana studied Theatre Arts at Cal State Los Angeles, has worked in Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, and runs a nonprofit organization called The Purpose Foundation, leading youth and young adults by example and by the foot of the cross.

Her story begins with an ovarian cyst, a health diagnosis that God would use to change her whole life. She began to fast and pray, losing 100 lbs. in the process, reversing a verbal diagnosis of Type II diabetes, and all the while growing in her faith. Her time in secular radio taught her that fame and celebrity did not bring her true and lasting happiness. This could only come from Christ.

Her testimony proves that loss, pain, suffering, and rejection can bring us into the Wounds of Christ.

### Become Part of Our Prayer Network Today!

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, contact [Sally salauritz@att.net](mailto:Sally.salauritz@att.net) or 559-439-8378



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# Speaker Recap | Rose Sweet

By Norma Williams

Rose's goal is to help put religion back into relationships. There is a universal desire for happiness, both now and eternally. In Christianity we are called into a beautiful love story. Thirty years working with and getting to better know her real estate appraiser father was the doorway to knowing God the Father. A 1920s convert, he openly talked about his religion with friends, at work, and at the dinner table. Rose was a real estate appraiser herself before becoming a motivational speaker and retreat leader. Her father advised being an apprentice to whom one wishes to emulate. Rose's mentor was best-selling author Florence Littauer who asked: "Do you have anything to offer, and does anyone want to hear it?"

Rose believes there are four rules in relationships:

**LISTENING**—paying attention, avoiding distractions

**LEADING** —desiring to be led, as one would do when leading others—to instruct, counsel, admonish, and comfort (as outlined in the Corporal Works of Mercy)

**LOVING**—willing the best for another. Love equips us to use our freedom wisely, which we often fear. Service flows from love. Love also permits suffering; remember that Jesus fell three times

**LETTING GO** (and knowing when it is appropriate)—eliminating unrealistic expectations, guilt, anxiety, bitterness, and attachments

A resident of Palm Desert, Rose is author of 12 books, a frequent guest on Catholic radio and TV, and was a presenter at the World Meeting on Families.

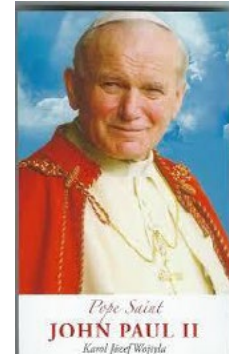
"Happily ever after can be ours," she states.



Tom Ferdinandi, CP&BC Past President, and Rose Sweet, May Speaker

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## Prayer Research and Submission By Mary Borges



Pope Saint John Paul II  
Canonized April 27, 2014

### May Prayer—A Final Blessing

I leave you now with this prayer:  
that the Lord Jesus will reveal Himself to each one of you,  
that He will give you the strength to go out and profess that you are Christian,  
that He will show you that He alone can fill your hearts.

Accept His freedom and embrace His truth, and be messengers of the certainty that you have been truly liberated through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

This will be the new experience, the powerful experience,  
that will generate, through you, a more just society and a better world.

God bless you, and may the joy of Jesus be always with you.  
Amen.

## You're Invited - New Member's Social

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED Donna Shepherd (559) 333-3703



**When:** Friday, June 21 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

**Where:** Piazza Del Pane (Southeast corner of Herndon & Palm. (Patio Area)

**Why:** CP&BC would like to welcome you to our organization. To get better acquainted and to network in a social and friendly atmosphere, please join us June 21st. There will be a choice of Wine, Beer, Non-Alcoholic Beverages, and Appetizers.

**RSVP:** Donna Shepherd (559) 333-3703

New CP&BC Member Up to 2 Years	Complimentary
CP&BC Member, NonMember, and/or Spouse/Significant Other	\$10 No Host Bar

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## Upcoming Events

- May 5—Membership Sunday
- May 10—Breakfast Meeting
- June 14—Breakfast Meeting
- June 21—New Member Social
- July and August—No Meeting

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## Business Person of the Month—Ana Paula Redditt

Ana Paula Redditt is a Portuguese immigrant who earned her American Citizenship over 20 years ago. She was born in Mozambique, a country in Eastern Africa, and moved to Portugal when she was 14. The experience of being raised in diverse cultures and moving to the United States at 25 created a unique perspective on life and grew a deep faith in God.



Ana Paula has been blessed to build her business with Guarantee Real Estate over the last 4 years. God has granted her the opportunity to be one of the top producing agents in her office over the past year. She feels so fortunate to have family, friends, and associates that help her to succeed in her business. She often expresses how grateful she is for the trust her clients have placed in her to handle their real estate transactions and securing a place to call home.

She works daily to develop and grow her knowledge of real estate and most importantly, of her relationship with God. She volunteered as a special advocate with (Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for over 9 years and is the Vice President of the Cabrillo Civic Club. She is a parishioner at Holy Spirit Church, where she sings in the choir every Sunday. Ana served as an Eucharistic Minister in a prior parish.

She often draws inspiration from her favorite Psalm, (91) “He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, *He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust,*” and uses it as a guide for how to best live a serving life in faith.

## Board Profile—Steve Rodemeyer

Steve was born and raised in Freeport, Illinois, and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry at the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota. In addition to mowing lawns, delivering newspapers, and working in retail, summer jobs were at Burgess Battery Co, Freeport, and GE Research Center, Schenectady, New York. He then earned his PhD in Chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley.



While in Berkeley, he attended the Newman Center where he met his soulmate, Risa. After their wedding, they moved to South Bend, Indiana, for two years where he did further research at Notre Dame University.

Steve’s professional career was spent at California State University, Fresno as a chemistry professor. He also was the Director of the first ten years of the Smittcamp Family Honors College. He retired in 2009 after 42 years at the university.

Their home parish is the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, with ten years at St. Anthony’s while their daughters went to St. Anthony’s school.

Risa passed away in 2017 from Alzheimer’s Disease.

What do most people do not know about you?  
Risa and I hiked down to the bottom of the Grand Canyon with some other Newman students while we were dating, camped out, then hiked back up. Then we did the same hike 20 years later with one of our daughters.

What is important about being a Catholic in today’s society?  
We should be known for our love. Look for ways to help others; there are many times I have had support from individuals that brought me through a situation. These people are angels—try to be an angel yourself.

Why did you agree to be on the CPBC Board?  
After years of enjoying the great programs and breakfasts, I felt I needed to step up and do some work to help out. The fellowship is wonderful, and we need to ask, “Who is not here that should be?”

### Pope’s Worldwide Prayer May Intention: The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

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**CP&BC Membership Dues:** Annual dues are \$45 per person and are due June 30, 2019. The deadline for the 2020 Membership Directory is December 31, 2019. 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 Denise Correia at (559) 434-2722 or by visiting [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://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:** For the 2020 Membership directory, ad space starts at \$50. December 15, 2019 is the deadline to reserve ad space. December 31, 2019 is the deadline for ad artwork. More directory advertising is available at [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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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