



Men's Club Newsletter

February 2017 Edition

Next Meeting

What: Speaker Lesley Wharton, Team Director @ UC Berkeley for Fellowship of Catholic University Students, www.focus.org

When: Tue February 7th @ 7:00 pm

Where: Parish Hall

Pizza \$5, Beer \$2, Sodas and Bottled Water \$1

Free to Perspective Members & Guests

President's Message

Our speaker this month is Lesley Wharton. She is the Team Director @ the UC Berkeley chapter of Fellowship of Catholic University Students, www.focus.org. Come hear how they are making a difference with young adults on campuses across the nation.

Hard to believe, but it is now time for us to gear up for the Chuckwagon BBQ which is only 8 weeks away on Saturday April 1st. As always this will be a fun & rewarding event, but will require "all hands-on deck". If you have a favorite job you do each year that you enjoy, please email me sfconn@gmail.com with your preferred assignment. Otherwise, please be open to helping out when asked to fill all the assignments. This will be my first year running the event, so your help, guidance, and corporation will be appreciated.

Please continue to think about how you can be more hospitable. Specifically:

1. Can you transport a member who cannot drive themselves to our meetings?
2. Look for someone at Mass who seems to be alone and welcome them.

Steve Conn

2017 President

Board Member Spotlight

Hello, my name is Axel Brisken, your Men's Club treasurer for 2017. A brief note about myself. I'm a retired physicist. Most of my career was in the research and development of medical ultrasound, from imaging to therapeutics. I met Fr. Manny at the parish office recently and introduced myself. He asked if I was good at math. I think I've got it covered.

As your new treasurer, I would like to thank the Men's Club members for your confidence in me being able to effectively serve the group. First, I would like to thank Richard Lightholder and Mike Picard for teaching me in the details of the job - I already feel fully trained. Second, since taking office I have worked with Gina Mehta, our parish business manager, in simplifying the procedure for obtaining a reimbursement for expenses incurred. It is now down to one sheet of paper. The new forms are on the Men's Club web site, along with instructions. Furthermore, Steve Conn has created a version of the form which can be filled in on the computer, and emailed directly to myself. You will still need to attach original receipts, or clear copies. The Men's Club budget has been completed and is ready for a final board review.

This year's budget features several Men's Club events ranging from the Parish Banquet to the Christmas party. These events include attendee contributions. It will be important for the Men's Club members who organize these events to meet or exceed the budget so that our service and fellowship projects can continue to be properly funded.

General Meeting Minutes

- 01/03/17 at Camp de Bocce with ~20 members in attendance.
- Enjoyed casual games of Bocce and Appetizers + Pizza.
- Assuming we can reduce the costs a bit, we will likely do this again next year.

Board Meeting Minutes

- 01/17/17 at Ministry House.
- Attendees – Steve Conn, Axel Brisken, Jim Denzel, George Perry, Dennis Dubro, Jon Dunn, Bill Irvin.
- Summary of Discussion
 - Crèche & PA System set-up and tear down when without any issues.
 - Discuss January 22nd Men's Club Mass & Spouses Lunch – planning was well under way by Jon Dun.
 - Reviewed proposed 2017 budget. Made a few modifications. Axel will incorporate these changes and present final budget for approval at the February board meeting. The club is beginning the year with ~\$13K in the bank. Our projected budget shows ~\$18K in receipts and ~\$20K in expenses.
 - Made a few changes & corrections to the Annual Calendar. See the latest version below.
 - Our Yahoo Group website permissions were reviewed and set back to private.
 - There was an action item on the agenda carrying over from the December Board meeting regarding what we should charge members for extraordinary general meetings, like having our January meeting at Campo de Bocce. After a thorough discussion a motion was made by Jim, seconded by Bill, that we set aside \$500 in the budget to subsidize a major social/fellowship event. The motion passed 4-2.
 - During the concluding roundtable Jon noted a request from the Women of St Joseph to bring back the St Patrick's Day dinner. WOSJ volunteered to contribute their labor to make the event successful. The Board has already settled on the Chuck Wagon BBQ for this year and started its planning. From a manpower point of view, even with the assistance of the WOSJ, the St Patrick's Day dinner was much more labor intensive than our Chuck Wagon BBQ, and our members are getting older and fewer. Any proposal to bring back the St Pat's Day dinner would have to be made in September.

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Membership

The Men's Club of St. Joseph Catholic Church at Mission San Jose share common interests in three aspects of life within our parish community. These are **Fellowship, Service, and Spirituality**. Our club welcomes men of all ages, and our members range in age from the 20s to 80s. General Meetings are typically held on the 1st Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00 pm in the Parrish Hall. We begin with Pizza & Beverages, followed by a speaker, and finishing with a brief discussion of upcoming items.

To join the Men's club:

1. Send your contact information to our Membership VP (name, address, email, & phone)
2. Write a check for \$40 to St. Joseph's Men's Club (\$20 for dues, \$20 for shirt {specify size})
3. Confirm the date & location of the next meeting: <http://bit.ly/2iKOW9s>

Please join us at our next General Meeting. We look forward to meeting you!

St. Joseph's Men's Club Membership Application

First Name	Street Address
Last Name	City
Spouse's Name	Zip Code
Email Address	Check # or Cash
Cell Phone	Shirt Size
Home Phone	Date

2017 Calendar

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<p align="center"><u>January</u></p> <p>3rd: Meeting, Campo de Bocce 17th: Board Meeting 22th: Men's Club Mass & Brunch</p>	<p align="center"><u>February</u></p> <p>7th: Meeting, Membership Drive & Speaker on www.focusoncampus.org 21st: Board Meeting 24-26th: Ski Trip</p>	<p align="center"><u>March</u></p> <p>3rd: Soup & Stations 7th: Meeting, Speaker TBD 21st: Board Meeting</p>
<p align="center"><u>April</u></p> <p>1st: Men's Club Chuckwagon BBQ 4th: Meeting, Speaker TBD 7th: Grade 4 Mission Walk BBQ 9th: Palm Sunday Celebration 15th: Easter Vigil Reception 18th: Board Meeting</p>	<p align="center"><u>May</u></p> <p>2nd: Meeting, Speaker TBD 16th: Board Meeting 18th: Accelerated Reader's Lunch TBD: Faith Formation Receptions TBD: Santa Cruzan Celebration TBD: Pancake Breakfast</p>	<p align="center"><u>June</u></p> <p>6th: Meeting, Harry's BBQ & Games 20th: Board Meeting TBD: Youth Award Scholarships</p>
<p align="center"><u>July</u></p> <p>4th: <i>No General Meeting in July</i> 12th: BBQ for the Homeless 18th: Board Meeting 28-30th: Family Camping Trip</p>	<p align="center"><u>August</u></p> <p>1st: Meeting, Speaker TBD 15th: Board Meeting 16th: BBQ for the Homeless</p>	<p align="center"><u>September</u></p> <p>5th: Meeting, Spouse's Dinner @ Dominican's 19th: Board Meeting TBD: Welcome Back School BBQ</p>
<p align="center"><u>October</u></p> <p>3rd: Meeting, Retreat Prep 17th: Board Meeting TBD: Pancake Breakfast &/or BBQ for International Festival</p>	<p align="center"><u>November</u></p> <p>7th: Meeting, Speaker TBD 17-19th: Men's Weekend Retreat, led by Fr. Jim Sullivan 21st: Board Meeting 24th: Support Crèche Set-up TBD: BBQ Lunch for Olive Harvest</p>	<p align="center"><u>December</u></p> <p>5th: Meeting, Election + Retreat Download & Discussion 19th: Board Turnover Meeting TBD: Christmas Party TBD: Support Christmas Set-up</p>