



## TRI-VALLEY EXECUTIVE'S ASSOCIATION

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### NEXT WEEK:

The next regular meeting of the Tri-Valley Executives' Association will be held on Thursday, **November 30**, at Vic's All-Star Kitchen at 7:00am.

The GREETERS will be **Darlene Crane** of Residential Pacific Mortgage and **Jon Gresham** of Lee & Associates Commercial Real Estate.

**Allen Eddy** of Cal Coast Plumbing will give the VALUE.

The CLASSIFICATION will be presented by **Frances Hewitt** of Tucknott Electric.

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### TVEA HOLIDAY POTLUCK:

This should be a great evening! We are looking forward to seeing everyone there and tasting all of your special dishes.

**When:** Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 6:30pm

**Where:** In the home of Harvey Tulchinsky: 120 Glasgow Cr., Danville, 820-6407

**What to Bring:** Dish to share, beverage of your choice and \$10 per person.

**RSVP:** Marilyn Lewis 417-0512

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### CLASSIFICATION:

Since the age of 2 **Jim Pease** has lived in the Tri-Valley, where as a teen he worked with the Streets Department for the City of Pleasanton, mainly doing leaf vacuuming and repairing potholes. In the summers he would take off two weeks to work for the Alameda County Fair as a parking attendant in the jockey lot.

He went to St. Mary's on a football scholarship; having enjoyed writing, he studied journalism

and thought of becoming a sports writer. During college he had a friend that got them jobs working security at concerts put on by Bill Graham Presents.

After graduating in 1985 knowing journalism wasn't what he wanted to do, he worked with his grandfather at his accounting business. He found accounting was in his "blood", and wanting outside experience began his accounting career working for Arthur Young (now Ernst & Young) where he worked for 5 years. He became a CPA in 1990 and went to work for W.H. Mayer Accountancy Corp. where he has been ever since. W. H. Mayer Accountancy Corp. was started by the grandfather of Jim Pease 50 years ago.

Personally, he met his wife in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and married her in 1987 after attending St. Mary's together. They have 4 children and stay extremely busy transporting them and involving themselves in their 4 different sports.

Jim has been a CPA for the past 15 years and has a degree in taxation.

Tax preparation is very important, so you don't get "blind-sided" when you start to work on your taxes on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Many people are now falling into the alternative minimum tax as the government lowers the tax brackets.

Tips for the end of the year:

- accelerate business expenses – you can write off up to \$108,000 on equipment
- fully fund your retirement plan
- take a tax credit for the phone company excise tax
- remember: when donating a car, you can only deduct the amount that the vehicle was sold for
- before buying a hybrid vehicle, check into the tax credit
- start a 529 plan for your children or grandchildren's college (see Jason Cooke of Herrmann Financial)



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- look into energy credits (up to \$500) for qualified home improvements

To make Jim Pease your tax professional or to refer friends and family, call him at W.H. Mayer Accountancy at 846-2600 to set up an appointment.

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### PERSONALLY:

Thank you so much **Joey Minahan** of the Door Doctor, **David Sanchez** of Hacienda Auto Glass and **Norma Vorhies** of Millennium Salon & Day Spa for filling in for me last week while I was out of commission with the flu virus and a secondary bacterial sinus infection – nasty stuff! Be sure to get your flu shot!

Cristin Kiper Sanchez  
*TVEA Executive Director*

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