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MAY 1, 2008

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**NEXT WEEK:**

The next meeting of the Tri-Valley Executives' Association will be held on **May 8** at Vic's All-Star Kitchen at 7:00am.

You will be GREETED by **Dave Silva** of Silmar Flooring and **Dan Brown** of Onstad's Insurance.

The LEAD CHALLENGE: Our next challengers will face-off this week: **David Sanchez** of Hacienda Auto Glass to **Dr. Barry Winston** of Amador Valley Optometry.

We will have a special **GUEST SPEAKER:** Neslon Fiahlo, Pleasanton's City Manager.

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**DID YOU GIVE A REFERRAL THIS WEEK?**

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**CONDOLENCES:**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Larry Smario of Larry Smario Landscape and Tree Service on the loss of his father.

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**SUPPORT OPPORTUNITY:**

The Bras for the Cause Walk is an incredible, high-energy event with hundreds of walkers, volunteers, and spectators. The walk is a unique and exciting event, with a very compelling purpose—to find a cure for breast cancer now.

As many of you know, **Jim Bowen's** wife, Dale, has battled breast cancer. Jim will be walking (and wearing a bra) along with his daughter on May 10<sup>th</sup> in Downtown

Pleasanton. To sponsor Jim, please call him ASAP 463-1622.

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**NEW MEMBER:**

*Classification:* Electrician  
*Proposed Member:* Tri-Valley Electrical Service  
*Represented by:* **Ron Mize**  
*Address:* P.O. Box 2171 Livermore, 94551  
*Phone:* (800) 449-6244  
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Welcome back, Ron!

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**CLASSIFICATION:**

**Allen Eddy** was born in Oakland, California in 1950. Orphaned at a young age, losing one parent at the age of 6 and the other at age 8, Allen was taken in by his cousin who was a plumber.

After graduating from Castro Valley High School, he and a friend enlisted in the service. When he received his discharge only 2 years and 6 months later, Allen went to college. He took psychology classes and computer classes, but decided that there was no future in computers.

While searching for what he wanted to do with his life, a relative told him that he had come from a long line of plumbers. He found out that his great grandfather was a plumber that died in a horse-and-buggy accident, and that his grandfather was also a plumber, whose life ended in a car accident. His father thought it would be safer to enlist in the service and go off to war rather than be a plumber. But alas, after his discharge from the military, he became a plumber. One day, his truck broke down on the freeway and as he was getting out to assess the situation, he was hit and killed by another driver.

At the urging of a friend's father, despite his grim family history, he took the test for the plumber apprenticeship program. Knowing that

there were 900 applicants for only 13 positions, he felt fairly confident that he would not be accepted. He was unable, however, to escape his destiny and was accepted into the apprenticeship program. In 1977 Allen Eddy became a licensed plumber.

In 1974 Allen married a brilliant dental hygienist who had graduated at the top of her class. Joanne, the love of his life, battles multiple sclerosis and seems to be doing better right now. Their first son was born in 1979 and the second was born in 1982; both have the initials A.C.E., so that Allen would always have a pair of aces!

In 1982 Allen started teaching, but was never accredited. He was very interested in engineering and took a lot of engineering classes until he found out that he would have to take a significant pay cut to be an engineer; so he went back to plumbing.

In 1990, Allen opened Cal Coast Plumbing. With plumbing “in their blood” both sons are 5<sup>th</sup> generation plumbers and now work with Allen.

Cal Coast Plumbing does service, repairs and tenant improvements for residential, commercial and industrial clients, including the Zone 7 water district.

As many will attest, Allen is always there in the time of need with prompt and extremely conscientious service. They use state of the art technology to fix even the most complicated plumbing issues, but are just as professional when performing simple jobs such as installing a new faucet.

To recommend Cal Coast Plumbing or to have them exorcize the demons from your plumbing, call Allen at 462-1090.

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