
AUGUST 21, 2008

THIS WEEK:

The **next meeting** of the Tri-Valley Executives' Association will be held on **August 28** at Vic's All-Star Kitchen at 7:00am.

You will be GREETED by Estate Planning Attorney, **Beverly Hoey** and **Dave Cherry** of Big O Tires.

The LEAD CHALLENGE: Our next challengers will face-off: **Mary Tuttle** of Best of Coupons Books will give a lead or sing to **Jim Isaac** of Valley Community Bank.

Skip Hinesley of Girasole Grill will be giving his CLASSIFICATION talk.

SAVE THE DATE:

TVEA **Luncheon** at the Big Horn Grill at 12:00 on October 2. Watch for details and the sign-up sheet.

SOCIAL:

Please join us for the **Annual TVEA Golf Tournament** on **September 11** at Callippe Golf Course in Pleasanton. Tee time is 11:30am.

The price will be \$120 per person and will include green fees, golf cart, raffle and dinner. Dinner only is \$30. Spouses, associates and guests welcome! Please call Cristin to sign up: 925/580-7719.

You can drop off your **raffle items** to Darlene Crane at Residential Pacific Mortgage on W.Neal in Pleasanton, or bring them to the next meeting.

There will be no morning meeting on 9/11.

DID YOU GIVE A REFERRAL THIS WEEK?

MEMBER NEWS:

THE BAD NEWS

The wife of John Oldemeyer, former representative of Onstad's Insurance, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please remember Karen in your thoughts and prayers.

THE GOOD NEWS

Grandson of Beverly Hoey, Mason James Sargent was born August 21st at 7:55 AM. He weighed 8lbs. 1oz. and was 20 3/4 inches long. He has an even temperament, tons of long dark hair, and handsome features. He is healthy and doing well. He was born by cesarean. Shannon is doing very well. Everyone is thrilled with Mason's arrival!

CLASSIFICATION:

Marilyn Lewis was born and raised on the San Francisco Area. She got married, had a son, got divorced, married again, had two more sons and now has two grandsons in Arizona and a brand new granddaughter in Italy.

She and her husband, Dave who worked for 7-11 Companies, briefly lived in Sacramento, moved to Union City for 12 years and finally to Pleasanton, where they live now.

Her career in travel began when she went into a travel agency to book a family vacation. The agent was impressed by the amount of research she had done and how prepared she was; so she set up an interview for her to work with Emporium's new outside sales program. They were also impressed with Marilyn and offered her the job.

She worked for Emporium until the owner of Suntrips bought them out, and canceled the outside sales program. At that time she had developed a client base and decided to go out on her own, forming Aweigh-to-Go Travel, Inc. At that time, many hotels, resorts and airlines wouldn't deal with home-based agents, but that has since changed.

Airlines no longer pay commissions to agents, so Marilyn will only set up air travel for people she knows and usually has to apply a small charge. She can arrange all types of travel, and is a preferred agent with Sandals resorts.

Marilyn subscribes to Star Reports that does independent reviews of resorts and cruise lines. She also has a specialized computer program that can provide information, such as activities, restaurants and points of interest on nearly every vacation destination in the world.

Marilyn used to do small-scale specialty printing and now uses those skills to personalize photo albums for her clients, and she gives conversion charts for foreign denominations of your destination from \$1-500, to name just a couple of the many "special" treatments you can expect from Marilyn.

Something rarely considered when we travel is travel insurance. Marilyn cautions to read the fine print of the policy, as some policies cover any reason for canceling or cutting a trip short, but others have very stringent rules. She also advises purchasing travel insurance for medical reasons, as some medical expenses are not covered when abroad. Marilyn is licensed to sell travel insurance and it is priced based on the travelers' ages and the cost of the trip. Travel insurance for one of her recent trips cost just \$89.

The travel industry is changing rapidly. Here are some things to consider when planning your next trip:

- Passports are required for every person traveling outside of the US, including Mexico and Canada.

- There are ever-changing rules and charges for airline travel; always get their current list of charges for bags and any new regulations prior to your departure date.

- Avoid Chicago and Atlanta for layovers – they're the worst.

Marilyn has recently joined a travel consortium and can now offer tours and show tickets to help make the most of your trip.

Call Marilyn at Aweigh-to-Go Travel at 417-0512 to talk to her about making your next vacation hassle free.

BENEFIT:

The Pleasanton North Rotary, Annual "A Starry Night" event will be held at the new Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery in Pleasanton on Saturday, September 27, 2008 @ 5:30 p.m.

New to this year's annual dinner/auction: For a charitable contribution of only \$100 you could win a Brand New Lexus.

Their mission is to raise \$100,000.00 to help many organizations like the "Wheelchair Foundation" and "The School Of Imagination" that has made great strides in helping handicapped children with speech difficulties all over our Tri-Valley.

Please consider purchasing at least 1 ticket for a chance to WIN your choice of Lexus Automobiles. There are only 1,000 tickets available so your odds really are pretty good!!!

See Darlene Crane-Peel, Dave Cherry or Wayne Yeaw for your raffle tickets or to get information about the event.



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