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OCTOBER 25, 2012

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**NEXT WEEK:**

The **next meeting** of the Tri-Valley Executives' Association will be held on **November 1<sup>st</sup>** at Vic's All-Star Kitchen at 7:00am.

GREETERS will be **Dave Cherry** of Big O Tires and **Dave Jones** of Tiger Carpet Cleaning.

**Dr. Endre Selmeczy** will give the SPOTLIGHT on **Pleasanton Auto Repair**.

**Wayne Yeaw** will give the SPOTLIGHT on **Patriot Pest Management**.

The CLASSIFICATION will be given by **Jim Pease** of Pease Tax & Accounting Service.

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**DUES:**

Fourth quarter dues were due last week. Make sure you get your payment in to avoid a late charge.

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**MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Posting:**

*Proposing Member:* Dave Cherry

*Classification:* Jeweler

*Member:* Baron's Jewelers

*Represented by:* Chuck Eggers

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If you have any questions or comments about or objection to the proposed member, please contact the Chairperson of the Membership Committee: Sheri Facciolla at 447-7100.

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**SPOTLIGHT:**

BY HARVEY TULCHINSKY

In 2010, Jim Pease started Pease Tax & Accounting Services, Inc. Prior to this, for over twenty years, Jim has worked with hundreds of individuals and small to medium sized business in the Tri-valley area. Jim's areas of expertise include individual tax planning and preparation, business tax planning and preparation as it relates to flow through entities such as partnerships, LLCs and S corporations and estate and trust taxation planning and preparation. Quality, service and ethics are their commitment—the guiding principles they follow every day as they work with you toward a successful future.

It's time to start tax planning. Review your capital gains/losses as we count down the last 60 days of the year. If you haven't already, call Jim's office to make an appointment today: 230-9380.

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**POT REPORT:**

This week's TVEA 50/50 raffle is at **\$87** and 6 marbles: 3 white (\$5), 2 blue (\$10) and 1 red (winner takes all).

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**CLASSIFICATION:**

**Jim Bowen**, Pleasanton Auto Repair has been in the Tri-Valley Executives Association for over 25 years.

Jim grew up in Pleasanton and graduated from Amador Valley High School. He began his career working at a gas station during high school and after he graduated. In 1976 he married his first wife, which lasted for 8 years.

Jim went to work with his father as a heavy equipment operating engineer at their company, B&R Crane Service, and then became a lumber in an Oakland cold storage facility. Finding it to be a cold job, he tried his skills as a mailman, which lasted almost 5 years before

his legs gave out and the politics of the post office were too much to bear.

He then went to work full-time for Pleasanton Auto Service, established in Downtown in the 1930's, where he'd been doing side jobs as a mechanic. After he had attended Chabot College and a tech school, he got his apprenticeship and masters through the union. He bought the business in 1985.

In the meantime he had met Dale, who he married in the Livermore Courthouse on his lunch break. Dale lost her battle with breast cancer and passed away in 2010. Together they raised their 3 girls, two of whom were adopted. Jim has 3 granddaughters from the niece that he adopted away from his Washoe tribe. His other daughter, adopted from a friend, is a St. Mary's graduate. And Morgan, the daughter he had together with Dale, is a student at Colorado State majoring in Geotechnical Engineering.

In his spare time, Jim enjoys traveling and playing golf. He is a great golfer and was the golf coach at Hart Middle School. His newest hobby is on horse-back: cutting and sorting. He leases a stable in Crow Canyon and works with a nationally known trainer.

But if it's your car that needs his time, he does everything except for tires, bodywork and smog, which he refers out. He works with two other men in his shop and they have all of the equipment that the dealers have. They will work on just about anything, although they prefer not to work on Fiats and British cars because parts are difficult to get.

Jim goes to various schools to keep up on the new improvements. Technology has had a lot of advancements, especially in safety and environmental.

Regular maintenance will save you money in the long run; make sure to read your owner's manual to know your car's maintenance schedule in order to not void the warranty. Jim recommends buying extended warranties on new cars because they pay for themselves with just one repair.

Talk to Jim before buying your next car; he knows about historical issues with certain models and can steer you

toward a car that will suit your needs and only need his shop for regular maintenance.

To schedule maintenance or repair on your car you can reach Jim Bowen at Pleasanton Auto Repair at 463-1622.

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**UPCOMING:**

Dec. 6 – Holiday Party at Pasta's, 6:30pm

Dec. 13 – City Manager, Nelson Fialho, Guest Speaker

Dec. 20 – Dirty Santa Gift Exchange

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**HAVE YOU INVITED A GUEST THIS WEEK?**

Please make sure to let Cristin know that you'll be bringing someone and make sure there are no Classification conflicts.

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