
APRIL 18, 2013

NEXT WEEK:

The **next meeting** of the Tri-Valley Executives' Association will be held on **April 25th** at Vic's All-Star Kitchen at 7:00am.

GREETERS will be Real Estate Appraiser, **Larry Brumm** and **Mike Peel** of Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty.

The SPOTLIGHT will be on **Barons Jewelers** by **Cory Pinter** AND on **Cal Coast Plumbing** by **Kevin Gundry**.

New Member, **Kathy Lorenz** of Zen Strength Healing Journey will be giving the CLASSIFICATION.

BOCCE:

May 2nd at 6:30pm we will be at Campo di Bocce in Livermore for our Annual Bocce Tournament. \$60 per person will include bocce, appetizers and dinner. Family, friends and associates are welcome!

There will be NO MORNING meeting on May 2. A sign-up will be going around... or you can just email Cristin to get on the list.

DID YOU INVITE A POTENTIAL MEMBER TO THE MEETING?

MEMBER NEWS:

Keep **Andy Anaya** (new member – Anaya Electric) in your thoughts and prayers as doctors work to find out what is causing him to be ill.

THE WEEKLY "POT" REPORT:

TVEA's 50/50 raffle is at **\$51.00** with 9 white marbles (\$5), 1 blue (\$10) and 1 red (winner takes all).

DID YOU GIVE A REFERRAL THIS WEEK?

CLASSIFICATION:

Chris Rugaard grew up in Castro Valley, but moved to and worked in Nevada to establish residency to go to college there. In 1978 he graduated from the University of Nevada with a business degree.

Just out of college, a friend of the family offered him a job with the biggest salary he had ever had at the time, which he accepted and joined the union. He decided to continue with his education and graduated from the McGeorge School of Law.

Chris has been married for 26 years and has twin sons, both of whom are attending the University of Nevada.

Attorney Chris Rugaard has been practicing family law since 1984. He worked with partners in Dublin for 11 years, and opened the Law Office of Christopher P. Rugaard in 1995 in San Ramon. He works in both the Hayward and Martinez Municipal Courts to serve clients in Alameda and Contra Costa County.

His office specializes in divorce, custody, support and modifications; he does not however, draw prenuptial agreements.

Divorce, the dissolution of a marriage, takes 6 months and 1 day from the date it is filed. However, each one always takes longer, even the "amicable" ones (which are never amicable). The longest marriage ending in divorce, that he's worked with, was 45 years. The longest separation was 20 years; many people stay legally separated, not divorced, to be able to continue receiving health benefits of the spouse. The shortest marriage was 17 days.

The cost of his services is based on whether the parties agree or disagree. Loss of jobs and loss of income during the recession hurt his business. The courts do not require parties to retain attorneys, and they will now allow "limited-scope" representation. It is ill-

advised to not retain representation for a couple of reasons, but judges are unforgiving and can come down harder on those who choose to represent themselves.

Business has changed a lot due to technology and the availability of communication, i.e. email. In his line of work, communication is key. He reminds himself that while he has many cases he's handling, this is the **ONLY** case in that person's life. When a client calls, they want an immediate response. Chris is often called into the middle of a case because the client didn't feel their attorney was being responsive. The hard part of communication is that you never know what's on the other end when you answer the phone; his business is unpredictable.

Chris strives to give people assurance to help them get through a tough time. He always downplays his "wins" and tries to move quickly through the case to get people back on track. His business comes mostly from referrals; he has even been referred by the opposing party for the way he handles his cases.

To refer or to contact the Law Office of Christopher P. Rugaard, call 925.820.8288 or crugaardatty@aol.com.

NEW MEMBERS:

Classification: Attorney – Family Law
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Represented by: Chris Rugaard
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Classification: Health Care - Wellness Center
Member: **Zen Strength, Healing Journey**
Represented by: Kathy Lorenz
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Phone: 925.596.0145
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Website: www.kathylorenz.com

Classification: Electrician
Member: **Anaya Electric, Inc.**
Represented by: Andy Anaya
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OPEN CLASSIFICATIONS:

Advertising – Direct Mail	Insulation Contractor	Sporting Goods
Advertising – Internet /Social Media	Investigator	Tailor/Seamstress
Advertising – Newspaper	Janitorial Service	Tile Contractor
Advertising – Radio	Junk/Waste Removal	Title/Escrow Company
Appliances – Sales & Service	Landscape Architect	Towing Service
Architect	Limo/Car Service	Travel Agency
Auto Dealer	Linen Supply & Service	Truck Rental
Bakery	Liquor Distributor	Tutoring
Bank	Locksmith	Uniform Service
Boat – Sales & Service	Manicurist	Vending Machines
Bookkeeper	Masseuse	Veterinarian
Burglar/Fire Systems – Sales/Monitoring	Medical Supply	Water Coolers & Service
Car Wash	Med Spa/Esthetician	Web Design/Hosting
Caterer	Moving & Storage	Window Cleaning
Cement Contractor	Notary	Wine & Spirits Distributor
Chiropractor	Nursery	Winery
Club (Country, Golf, etc.)	Orthodontist	
Collection Agency	Party Rental & Supplies	
Communications (telephone, wireless)	Paving Contractor	
Convalescent Home	Payroll Company	
Counselor/Psychiatrist	Pet Groomer	
Cyclery – Sales & Service	Pet Shop & Supplies	
Dermatologist	Photographer	
Disc Jockey	Pool Supply & Maintenance	
Employment Agency	Pressure Washing	
Event Center or Planner	Public Relations	
Funeral Director	Restaurant – Chinese	
Furniture Repair	Restaurant – Coffee Shop	
Glass – Auto	Restaurant – Ice Cream Parlor	
Glass – Residential/Commercial	Restaurant – Italian	
Glass Tinting – Auto/Residential/Commercial	Restaurant – Mexican	
Graphic Artist	Restaurant – Pizza	
Gutters – Sales & Service	Restaurant – Sushi	
Hardware & Building Supplies	Restaurant – Fast-Casual	
Handyman/Home Repair	Roofing Contractor	
Health Club	Safes & Vaults	
Hotel	Secretarial Service	
House Cleaning	Shredding Service	
Interior Designer	Signs	