

JULY 31, 2014

THIS WEEK:

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

GREETERS will be **Lawrence Ling** of QES Computers and **Manny Martin** of Amador Valley Property Management.

The SPOTLIGHT will be on **Pease Tax & Accounting Service** by **Dan Brown**.

If you'd like to **volunteer** to give the CLASSIFICATION, please email Cristin as soon as possible.

MEMBER NEWS:

Congratulations to Grandpa **Wayne Yeaw** of Allegra Print and Imaging on the birth of your fourth grandchild and third granddaughter, "Hannah" this morning!

BlueSky Wealth Advisors, formerly known as Pleasanton Financial Advisors, is pleased to announce that it has been included in *Financial Advisor* magazine's 2014 survey of the top Registered Investment Advisor firms in the U.S. BlueSky also placed fourth on the list of the Top 50 Fastest-Growing Firms in the country with a year-over-year increase in assets under management of 230.6 percent. The inclusion marks BlueSky Wealth Advisor's fifth appearance in this prestigious survey (the firm appeared four times before as D. L. Blain & Co.) and its first on the Top 50 list. For more information on their client services, call Richard Gross 846-3768.

UPCOMING:

August 14 – **City of Pleasanton Drought Presentation**

August 21 – **Sheri Facciolla**, Patriot Pest

August 28 – **Jim Bowen**, Pleasanton Auto Repair

September 4 – NO MEETING

THE WEEKLY "POT" REPORT:

Congratulations, **Dan Brown** on you \$98 raffle win! TVEA's 50/50 raffle starts over again next week at **\$50.00** with 10 white marbles (\$5), 2 blue marbles (\$10) and 1 red marble (winner takes all).

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, worked in dentistry for 30 years and is now retired. Their first son was born in 1979 and the second was born in 1982; both were named with 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 5th generation plumbers and now work with Allen, who has finally been able to semi-retire.

Cal Coast Plumbing does service, repairs and tenant improvements for residential, commercial and industrial clients.

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.

Allen warns to pay attention to your water usage; it will cost you if you don't cut back by 25%. When looking at your water bill, know that a "unit" of water equals 748 gallons of water. Landscaping is the biggest use of water in most homes. Make sure your valves have solenoids and cut water back incrementally to avoid shocking the plants to death. If you have a pool, use a pool cover to avoid evaporation. Recirculation pump timers are a more efficient way to get hot water at the times that you ordinarily use the hot water. Be sure to turn the faucet all the way to hot then adjust it down in order to use less water; if you mix it with the cold water, it will take longer to get up to the temperature you want. If there's an unknown leak in the house, it is almost always the toilet. To check, you can put food coloring in the toilet tank (not the bowl). If water in the bowl turns the color of the water in the tank, you will know you have a toilet leak. A household can lose up to 200 gallons of water a day because of a toilet leak.

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