

SEPTEMBER 4, 2014 NEWSLETTER

THIS WEEK:

The next regular meeting of the Tri-Valley Executives' Association will be held on **September 11th** at Vic's All-Star Kitchen at 7:00am.

GREETERS will be **Chuck Eggers** of Barons Jewelers and **Darlene Crane-Peel** of Opes Advisors.

The SPOTLIGHTs will be on

- **Pease Tax & Accounting Service** by **Dan Brown**
- **Law Office of Jay A. Woitdtk** by **Dorn Driggs**
- **JG Construction** by **Dave Silva**

We will be having a GROUP DISCUSSION; if there is a specific topic that you would like to discuss, please let Cristin know.

NEW MEMBER:

Please welcome our newest members, **Clara Islas & Jaime Galvez** of Clara's Professional Housecleaning Service!

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MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS:

1st Posting:

Proposing Member: Dr. Barry Winston

Classification: Locksmith

Member: Transbay Locksmiths

Represented by: Earl Woodson

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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: Chuck Eggers 847-3030 chuck.eggers@baronsjewelers.com.

UPCOMING:

September 18 – **Richard Gross**, BlueSky Wealth Advisors
September 25 – **Larry Brumm**, Real Estate Appraiser

THE WEEKLY "POT" REPORT:

TVEA's 50/50 raffle is at **\$52.00** with 9 white marbles (\$5), 2 blue marbles (\$10) and 1 red marble (winner takes all).

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.

Jim went to work with his father as a heavy equipment operating engineer at their company, B&R Crane Service, and then became a lumper 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 and his friend John, with whom he had grown up, 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 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 with a double major, one of which is viticulture.

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 recently moved to Knightsen to get back to the way of life that he enjoyed while growing up in Pleasanton, during which time there was only a population of 2,000. Knightsen, California, which is northeast of Brentwood, has a population of 1,500 people and 1,534 horses. He has built up the property, known as Bow & Arrow Ranch, and among other things, has a 9-stall barn and a 100'x150' indoor arena.

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 his partner John and one other mechanic, and they have all of the equipment that the dealers have. They will work on just about anything, including boats, tractors, motorhomes and diesel engines, 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. Pleasanton Auto Repair gets most of their business from referrals and multi-generation families; they also get business from extended warranty companies to do aftermarket insurance work.

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. The best cars made today are the Toyota Camry and the Honda Civic.

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