



November 2013

November... Weren't we just ringing in 2013 as the New Year? As I get older, I feel like time is going faster. When I meet new parents, my advice to them is not to "blink" because their baby's will be grown before they realize what has happened. What in the moment feels like an eternity, in reality is a moment in time that passes very quickly as we reflect back.

As we head into the last two months of this year; the season of holidays and gift giving, family and friends, I hope you all will take a few minutes to appreciate the "now" for whatever it is. Reflect on the good things in your life, the many blessing that you have, and the family and friends that appreciate and love you for who you are.

On November 7th our speaker will be Stephanie Sparks, Esq., talking to us about the issues surrounding the loss of intellectual property. As our daily life becomes more and more entwined with our many electronic items that help us to manage our days, and the computer hackers become more and more sophisticated in their ability to compromise all the electronic data that we store and share with each other, this talk will be invaluable to everyone. Stephanie and her knowledge on this subject comes highly recommended and this meeting is a "not to miss" for anyone who has access to and uses electronics as part of their everyday life. I hope you are able to join us.

January 2014 will be upon us very soon. Please mark you calendar for our annual Blackhawk event on January 9th. We are working on a program that I think everyone will really enjoy and will want to attend. We will once again invite the other Estate Planning Councils from around the greater Bay Area to attend

with us as well. Stay posted as we plan to finalize the details of this meeting by the first of December.

Remember that we are dark in the month of December and will not be meeting. For now, in honor of the time of year, the board and I would like to wish all of you our thanks for your support and participation in the Tri-Valley Estate Planning Council and hope that you will all be able to take the time to appreciate the Thanksgiving holiday and the many blessings in your life.

Happy Thanksgiving!

--**Mary Ballin, President 2013-2014**

November 7th, 2013

[Marriott Pleasanton](#)
11950 Dublin Canyon Road
Pleasanton, CA 94588

6:00 P.M. Wine and Registration
6:30 P.M. Dinner and Speaker

**Member Cost: \$40.00 dinner (preregister)
\$45.00 (call in after 2pm on Nov 5)
Guest Cost: \$45.00 dinner**

*Reservations and cancellations must be received
by Tuesday, November 5 at 2:00 p.m.
to be assured of a reservation.*

Please send your check today!

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