

Fresno Business Council - Weekly Bulletin

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Message from the President—Dick Johanson

We went to our granddaughter's Baccalaureate a week ago. Here's an excerpt from the program:

"I am only one, but I am one,
I cannot do everything, but I can do something;
and what I should do and can do, by the grace of God I will do"..

A Few More Opportunities to Collaborate—New Economy Principles Taking Hold in Fresno

Whatever your trade or profession, connecting with peers and mentors is bound to make you more effective and create opportunities to leverage resources. A number of nonprofit directors, **Bill Burns** and **Lloyd Kennedy**, have scheduled a series of luncheons to support the professional development of staff. The group, *Fresno Association Executives*, is patterned after a national powerhouse association, which supports nonprofit professionals and the sector itself. Public and private facility managers are starting a Central Valley chapter of *The International Facilities Management Association* to support their professional development, share best practices and forecast trends. The IRS, is hosting the next meeting at their Butler facility on Wednesday, June 28 from 8:00 a.m. The topic is acoustics. Contact **Linda Holbrook**, Linda.A.Holbrook@irs.gov. (Just think about all the revenue that comes into our community because the federal government had the good sense to locate facilities in Fresno—in a sense they are comparable to an exporter).

Organizational Renewal Process Underway—Seven Year Stretch Is Feeling Good

Thank you to the many members who attended our organizational renewal breakfast and emailed and faxed comments to the three important questions regarding our future. Many thoughtful suggestions were collected for consideration. The follow-up session was equally insightful and very energizing. Thank you to the team of members who sorted through the comments and helped us get closer to our next incarnation—**Charles Tingey, Vince Correll, Ghassan Abulghanam, Bob Christofferson, Robert Wood, Paul Besselievre, Mike Kelton** and **Mike Wilhelm**. Special thanks to **Ken Newby** who facilitated the session. The Executive Committee will continue the process in a series of special meetings. One of our greatest challenges is finding effective ways to use the enormous aggregation of talent and experience of the members to serve our community. With our new technology, we may have found the way to meet that challenge.

Several Business Partners to Provide Worksite Tours on Orientation to Business Day

Thus far, over twenty businesses and organizations have agreed to host nearly sixty teachers at their work sites on June 15th for Orientation to Business Day. This one-day event, sponsored by the *State Center Consortium* and the *Fresno Business Council*, is intended to provide teachers with a first hand look at the variety of employment opportunities awaiting their students in the future. The day will begin at Fresno City College with presentations from **Dick Johanson**, President of the Fresno Business Council; **Dr. Terry Kershaw**, Project Coordinator at the State Center Consortium; and **Bobby Kahn**, Business Education Partnership Coordinator for the Fresno Chamber of Commerce. **Sue McCombs** (*McCombs & Associates*) will discuss current trends in employment; and **Jim Wilson** (*Pittsburgh Plate Glass*) will provide an overview of the Job Skills Survey Report. A panel of representatives from retail, government, service and manufacturing sectors will describe their expectations for skills needed at entry, technical and professional levels. Panelists include: Renee Jones (*Gottschalks*), **Martin McIntyre** (City of Fresno Water Division), **Kim Hansen** (*McCormick Barstow*) and **Randy Delenikos** (*Claude Laval Corporation*). Following these presentations, the teachers will embark on their adventure to the worksites with their assigned business partners.

C2K Sponsors Informative Overview of News Stories Throughout the State

The *James Irvine* and the *William and Flora Hewlett Foundations* created the California 2000 (C2K) Project to support policy research and public education on fiscal, governance, and land use issues in California. C2K is a network of organizations and individuals working to improve California's future through policy reform. One of the efforts coming out of the C2K Project is a twice-weekly Newswire that highlights stories throughout the State related to C2K issues of concern. For more information about the C2K Project, visit: <http://www.c2kproject.net> or call (916) 448-1770. To subscribe to the C2K Newswire, contact Raadha Brayce: c2knewswire@lists.globalcities.org

Upcoming Activities & Events

Wednesday, June 14 at 7:00 a.m.—Public Safety Committee (Manco Abbot)

Wednesday, June 14 at 4:00 p.m.—Public Affairs Committee / Education Committee (Baker, Manock & Jensen)

Thursday, June 15th – All Day – Orientation to Business Day

Thursday, June 15 at 4:00 p.m.—Executive Committee (Deloitte & Touche)

Thursday, June 22—All Day—The Entrepreneur's Toolkit (CART)

Note—Tables for Keynote Luncheon (F. Van Kasper—re: capital) are still available. Register on the web at www.cvbi.org or call 292-9033. There are seven workshop tracks covering all aspects of running an entrepreneurial venture.