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From the President...

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What happened to the summer? It's almost half over! Time sure flies when you're having fun. I hope you're all having a wonderful time!

Even though we didn't have a July meeting, the board has been busy and some changes have been happening. First of all, we have a change in the vice president position. Sandra Hagan has been selected by the board to take the place of Larry Conard and serve as V.P. for the remainder of this year. At the same time, she will continue to fulfill her responsibilities as Information Director. Sandra has been a great asset as Information Director, organizing and maintaining the information database and turning out those labels, all of which we needed very much. As she steps into her new role, she'll be very busy in preparing to serve as next year's President, primarily in the organization & coordination of the Y2K board and initial months planning. Sandra has a lot of ground to catch up on but she's very competent and will have plenty of help available from all of the past presidents that are active in this chapter. Please welcome her to the new position. Congratulations Sandra. Larry, we want to wish you much success in your endeavors

For those who are contemplating becoming a board member next year, I highly recommend it! There will be a few openings for board positions that will be confirmed and announced in the next couple of months. Keep your eyes open for the announcements.

In June, it was 'great' to see some of you at the Red Cross Academy when you stopped by our ACP table. Thank you to those of you who worked at the table with me. Every year, it seems the Academy gets better and better.

As of this writing, we are confirming the details of the next meeting and are planning some neat surprises for the rest of the year. We will post the schedule for the remainder of the year as soon as possible.

Finally, since we're getting quite a few new members, we'd like to introduce all of our members to the new members and vice versa. To help facilitate this, please take a moment to fill out the 'Interesting Members' form and send it back to Rhona so she can put it in the upcoming issues. If you'd like to send your picture with the info, even better! It'll help everyone to get to know one another and network! We'll take your info any way we can get it.... .. snail mail, e-mail, air mail, fax, courier pigeon, any way you want to send it, we'll take it! Send it in today!

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Thanks and best regards to all!

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You're Invited

to attend the ACP Orange County Board Meetings

Board meetings are usually held in the second week of every other month. Locations will vary.

If you are interested in being notified of future board meetings, please contact Rhona Slaughter at rslaughter@ameriquist.net or 714/ 541-9737 extension 4709.

Hope to see you in the future!

Mr. Bob Snedaker, president of Simpler Life Emergency Provisions Inc., shares his thoughts and views on Y2K

**Please note: the following opinions, observations and impressions are expressed solely by Mr. Snedaker, and are not necessarily those of the Editor, ACP or its Board Members.*

ACP: What are some current buying trends for Y2K?

Bob: In October 1998, we had to "section off" part of our warehouse/production facility to make a small Home Depot-type store. Business was strong through February '99. Since February, Y2K business has slowed, although July was stronger than the previous four months. Top sellers have been Water Storage Items and Food Storage options.

ACP: What is your forecast for future buying?

Bob: As long as the media can create the impression that 'all is okay', the apathy will continue and sales will reflect that attitude.

If the media and others involved are unable to control the perception of the people, and the people learn of the facts, there will, in my opinion, be either chaos followed by martial law (i.e.: rationing etc.) or martial law will be imposed to try to prevent chaos.

ACP: Is it difficult to obtain certain types of products?

Bob: At this time there are very few long lead time items. Our longest lead items are wash boards and some grain mills.

We do not directly carry generators, but I understand that some models are difficult to obtain.

Long term food storage packages used to take four months. Delivery now is immediate to seven days depending on the product.

The "availability situation" could change dramatically in 1-3 days if people lose confidence in the Y2K reporting that is being presented.

ACP: What about the prices?

Bob: We have seen many manufacturer price increases in products across the board. Some nominal (2-3%), others as much as 30%. Many different reasons are offered.

ACP: Do you have any long term observations?

Bob: I believe the situation is much worse than we are led to believe. My concern is not Jan. 1, 2000, the first week or first month of 2000. We have probably well over 10% of the jobs in America connected to the World Economy. We know that almost every country in the World is way behind America in its Y2K preparation.

It's clear that very difficult days are ahead - severe and long in duration in my judgement. Many companies will fail and many people will be out of work.

ACP: What do you feel the real issue is?

The issue is not what I think, what I feel, my opinion or anyone else's. The real issue is what is the truth about the real Y2K readiness. I believe the truth is very hard to come by, often it is being deliberately withheld. Everyone loses with falsehood and deception. Everyone wins when the truth is presented and acted upon.

ACP: Do you have any final thoughts you'd like to add?

Bob: I'm deeply concerned about the condition of our nation, Y2K and otherwise, and I am preparing, as best I can my wife and I for some serious days. If it doesn't happen - Wonderful!!! If it does, we may be in a position to help others.





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that you would like to share?**

Please submit your commentary to
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fax to 714/245-0972 attn: Rhona
Slaughter.

Submissions must be received prior
to Sept. 27th in order to appear in
our October issue.

**Have you recently received
an award or honor in your
field? Or perhaps you've just
earned your certification or a
degree.**

**If so, please let us know.
We'd love to hear all about it,
and get the word out on your
outstanding achievement.**

**Contact Pat Eskanazi, ACP
Membership Director,
at 714/236-9599.**

Transcripts Available

Although we had to cancel the Cyber
Theft Presentation in July, ACP
Members have the opportunity to ob-
tain a copy of Rick Haidle's normal
presentation. For more information,
please contact Pati Scanlan at
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For Your Information

The minutes from all of the 1999
Board Meetings are available to
Chapter Members upon request. For
details, please contact
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Interesting Members!

Help us welcome new ACP members
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your **photograph** along with your

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FEATURED BIOGRAPHY



Recently Sandra Hagan was selected by the ACP Board to serve as Vice President for the remainder of the year. Not only will she continue to serve our chapter as Information Director, Sandra will have her hands full as she fulfills her position as Vice President and prepares for her new role as the 2000 President.

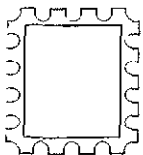


In 1971, I started my career in data processing as a rookie programmer. I had the good fortune of having a very good friend provide me "on the job training," and it just doesn't get any better than that to break into a new career. Having spent over 10 years in programming, my goal was to become a data processing manager. I was very quickly placed into the throes of management at Heritage Bank in the early 80's. Boy did I grow up fast in the wonderful world of data processing. From this point I remained in management at Mercury Federal Savings, and Redlands Federal Bank. I am the "kiss of death" in the banking world. Heritage was liquidated in 1984; Mercury Federal Savings was taken over by the Resolution Trust Corporation in 1991; and Redlands Federal Bank was acquired by Glendale Federal Bank in July 1998. As for the present, I am doing Year 2000 consulting and contingency planning.

This year I have served on the Orange County ACP Board as Membership Director. This is a job that is necessary to maintain the database of all our current members as well as future members. I have enjoyed this assignment and appreciate the confidence given to me by Pati Scanlan and the Board Members.

Contingency Planning is something I have been very dedicated to since my background for over 29 years has been in data processing. My first introduction to the Association of Contingency Planners was through Mary Carrido when I attended one of her presentations. ACP is an organization that is very worthwhile for everyone that believes in trying to make disaster recovery planning easier. This is true not only in the workplace but in our homes as well.

It is a privilege to serve on this Board for 1999 and I look forward to 2000 to serve on the Board as your President. As in any leadership role, it is very important to have the support team behind you. I know as the Board selections take place that everyone will come together to continue to make the Orange County ACP a very strong organization. Pati Scanlan has done a very good job keeping the activities and events before the membership throughout this year. I look forward to meeting more of you at future scheduled meetings.

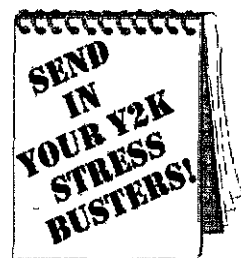


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ACP UPDATE

Most of us are involved with Y2K projects in one way or another and as the rollover draws near, the *pressure* to meet those slipping deadlines is increasing by leaps and bounds! Are you stressed out? To help give you a moment of silliness and temporary relief, here are a few things to ponder:

- Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?
- Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
- If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
- If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a 'broker'?
- Why do croutons come in airtight packages? It's just stale bread!
- If horrific means to make horrible, does terrific mean to make terrible?
- "I am." is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that "I do." is the longest sentence?
- Why is it that if someone tells you that there are 1 billion stars in the universe, you believe them, but if they tell you that a wall has wet paint, you have to touch it to be sure?
- Why isn't 11 pronounced onety one?
- Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?



Y2K Relief Corner