



LVP Communicator

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Calendar

January 1, 2010:
No Meeting — Holiday
Building Closed

January 8: Meeting
10 a.m.—12 noon
"Job Searching 2010: How
to Play & Beat the Odds"
Speaker: Abby Kohut,
Staffing Symphony, LLC
New Member Training
12:30— 1 p.m.

January 15: Meeting
10 a.m.—12 noon
"Mock Interviews"
Speaker: Joe Trella and
Dr. Dave Gilfoil
DeSales University

January 22: Meeting
10 a.m.—12 noon
"Round Table Rotations"
Speaker: SHRMLV Rep.
and LVP Membership
New Member Training
12:30— 1 p.m.

January 29: Meeting
10 a.m.—12 noon
"Local Government
Employment Insights"
Speaker: Charles Versaggi,
Charles Versaggi, Co.

February 5: Meeting
10 a.m.—12 noon
"Creating the Job of Your
Dreams"
Speaker: Kristi Daniels
Thrive 9 to 5

From the Chair

To Alumni & Active LVP members:

We look forward to the New Year with enthusiasm and renewed effort. Current information says that though the unemployment has stopped climbing it will not be reduced much from 10% either. This means that opportunities that will present themselves this year will go to those who work hardest, develop their networks, and present positive attitudes. None of our members have ever shrunk from a challenge during our professional careers and that mindset is what will carry the day for all of us during the coming year. I expect and demand that we have a 100% turnover of participants by summer. I want the end

of summer roll call to contain not a single familiar name, not one. Let's make this happen.

I hope that everyone had a productive and restful holiday and that all will reconvene on January 8, our first meeting of the year, with renewed vigor and esprit de corps. That we have learned to depend on each other is a good lesson to learn. The past year's economy showed us that we are all dependent on each other and the benefits of that hard learned mindset will reap rewards for all of us this coming year.

Regards,
Dave Newton
LVP Chair
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Membership Corner

It is that time again to make a new year's resolution. As I ponder mine, I think about all the other's that didn't hold true. This year I will break away from my traditional resolution of losing weight (as it has not worked for the last 3 years) and reinvent my resolution.

This year, my resolution will be to be good to myself. I will do what makes me happy. I will love, laugh and celebrate life's little accomplishments more. I will not take myself so seriously, no one else does. I will have more empathy and I will continue to make a difference

around me.

This is a new year with a clean slate. Good things are coming for all who keep forging through. The hardest thing to do is keep optimistic, but with the right attitude doors will open. How many of us forget to be good to ourselves? Take time this year to celebrate your talents, love more, hate less and strive to be good to one another. Have a safe and prosperous New Year.

— Chris Hirschman
Membership Chair
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How I Landed

I received a job offer to return back to LSI, but in a different group and different division. LSI makes computer chips for inside hard disk drives and I'll be supporting large customers like Seagate. I started Monday Nov 30. I don't know who to thank for the job. Someone (intentionally or unintentionally) anonymously sent me an LSI job posting link which is how I found out about the opportunity. A day or so later, a former Agere employee at a local company called to let me know about the job as well. Then, people on the inside played a big part in getting me a phone interview.

I certainly would not have volunteered to go through 10 months of being without a job but it has been a blessing in many ways. I've become good friends with folks

like you at LVP. I have also learned many things about networking and searching for jobs that I can share with others out of work that cross my path (a bunch of people in my church). My networking skills have improved but I have a long way to go to make Dave Newton's top 40 list. Yes, Dave, I'll keep networking.

My postings will probably decrease but I'll try to continue to rummage through other networking groups for local jobs or events. Stay positive, continue networking, help others, keep searching and applying, get inside contacts, and good things will happen. If I can be of any help to anyone, please let me know e, please let me know.

— Tim Updegrove
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IT World

There's nothing like the end of a year to tally up accomplishments and devise a new game plan for the coming year!

2009 was very productive for the IT Committee, creating minor design changes, updating content, improving user-friendliness and restoring prior functionality to the site. We are pleased to announce that with the vigil assistance of Frank Westmoreland, our Web host provider, and the talent of new member Susan Schall, we've closed the year by overcoming our biggest hurdle — restoring the "resume upload" function for our Web administrators.

That being said, we can move forward with the goal of designing a site with a new look for 2010! Try to submit photos of the Lehigh Valley that we can use on our new website! E-mail them to: lvppng_IT@yahoo.com.

Wishing all LVP members a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

— Pat Arberg
IT Chair, pata2@verizon.net

"An Experience of a Lifetime"



Several LVP members met the President on his recent visit. He shook hands and asked everyone their name. A pleasant man, he was concerned with the help and resources successful job searchers need. His message was to show Americans he understands the need for job creation. LVP's participation helped convey that message. Although time did not permit an explanation of our group, his visit highlighted LVP's need to market as a significant challenge.

— Vince Gorman
Marketing Chair, vgorman@ptd.net

Our Alumni Commitment

One of the continuing themes of our LVP discussions is “lifelong networking.” So as LVP active members transition into new careers and become LVP alumni, the active organization wants to keep all of you continuously connected. Certainly the Yahoo Group (lvppng@yahogroups.com) can do this. LVP’s Alumni Committee has been created to enhance your continued interest in us. The LVP Communicator issues that you have been receiving are part of this effort.

Our next step in getting LVP alumni more connected and involved with the active LVP organization is to periodically ask you how you would like to stay connected. This is to be accomplished through soliciting your opinions through an online survey that the Alumni Committee will develop. This survey will be distributed using one of the free online survey engines on the Internet. The Alumni Committee will then analyze the resulting responses and will report these findings you. This will help our LVP active members to develop additional outreach to you, our alumni.

— Thomas Emmerth
Alumni Chair, temmerth@compuserve.com

LVP Programming

A quiet month, December featured two presentations. Jim Palmquist brought us “Volunteering as a Job Search Strategy” reminding all of us that networking as a volunteer can bring results. SHRM Member and HR professional, Denise Sawitsch reviewed the effective use of cover letters and thank you notes along with networking.

The Program Committee has been busy creating a 2010 schedule of quality presenters. Any member who has an idea or connection for a presenter can contact anyone on the Program Committee.

— Debby Mayberry
Program Committee Chair, Debbym1745@hotmail.com

From Our CareerLink® Connection

President Obama visited PA CareerLink® Lehigh Valley when in Allentown on December 4, 2009. Thank you all for being flexible and holding your weekly meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem that day (special thanks to Dave Newton for making last minute arrangements and Jim Palmquist for contacting the panel of speakers).

I only found out about the visit a few days before. All had to vacate the building at 11:00 a.m. so that Secret Service and two dogs searched rooms, closets, desks, file cabinets, ceiling tiles, and every floor of our three-story building prior to the President’s stop. Staff and job seekers were allowed back into the building at 12:30 p.m. if they choose to return and needed to go through security. Everyone was sequestered in work areas with Secret Service men at exit doors and telephones were tapped. Draping was placed in hallways and some windows covered. I understand the President’s limousine drove into our garage; the President then entered our building from the garage.

President Obama spoke to job seekers in our computer lab, and then visited our Career Resource Room where some lucky LVP members able to meet him.

For a first hand experience, view the video at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Pak5OUYMQ8>

I wish you all the best in 2010.

— Karen McAndrew-Bush
PA CareerLink® Lehigh Valley

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