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President's Message

Four new members have joined the Council! We welcome **Rachael Selfridge, Paul Saad, Kristin Barranti, and Mary Lombardo.**

Your Board decided on Oct. 5 to enhance the benefit that a member may receive for sponsoring a meeting. Now, the sponsor can include an insert with the newsletter, if he or she wishes, by paying \$350 instead of \$250.

Your Board also approved a number of changes to our Articles of Association. Most importantly, the Board reaffirmed that regular membership requires attendance at three or more meetings each year. Failure to attend three meetings will generally cause demotion of the member to associate membership. Seven meetings remain this year, so attendance at three meetings shouldn't be difficult for anyone.

There are always two good reasons to attend our meetings: an informative presentation and getting to know other members. In November, there's a third reason: our 2006-07 Membership Directory will be distributed.

Our meeting on Nov. 9 will be the first one since our clocks "fell back" to Standard Time on Oct. 29. During the self-introductions I'll ask you to describe a technique that helps you stay happy as days shorten and weather becomes cold and rainy. Reserve Jan. 11 for our big meeting at Blackhawk Museum!

Warm Regards – Gary Smith

"Elder Financial Abuse & Exploitation"

On Nov. 9, 2006, **Virginia George** will speak to us on Elder Financial Abuse. Virginia is Professor of Law and Director of the Elder Law Clinic of JFKU School of Law. That Clinic provides pro bono legal services to elders who have been victims of financial or material exploitation. Professor George will discuss the signs of financial abuse, how we can proactively act to prevent such abuse, and general scams and "du jour" on the elderly. Prof. George will also discuss ethical concerns for the estate planning professional in representing elderly clients. Prof. George served as a District Attorney in Contra Costa for 14 years and practices law in the area of estate planning, probate and elder law.

Join us on the SECOND Thursday!

Thursday, November 9, 2006

**Crowne Plaza Pleasanton
11950 Dublin Canyon Rd.**

6:00 PM Wine and Registration
6:30 PM Dinner and Speaker

\$30 Mail-in Registration
\$35 At the door

Reservations and cancellations must be received by Tuesday, November 7th at 1:30 pm, to be assured of a reservation. Please send your check today! Or call Bonni at: 925.686.4819

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