

President's Message

We are excited to have booked, for our April 18 joint meeting with Tri-Valley, East Bay, and San Francisco Councils, a nationally acclaimed speaker from U.S. Treasury, Catherine Hughes, known as the voice of the Treasury when it comes to estate and trust policy matters. This meeting will be held at our regular venue, the Lafayette Park Hotel, and co-hosted by the East Bay Community Foundation. Thanks to EBCF, we have the room next door for a social/cocktail/hors d'oeuvres time prior to dinner. Please think about pertinent questions over the next month or so. We will be soliciting them prior to the meeting to make the best use of Ms. Hughes' time. Remember, Tax Day is Tuesday April 17 due to Emancipation Day in D.C. on the 16th. Please delay post-tax season vacations for one more day to get this meeting on your calendar. It will be well worth it.

As I stated last month, our Member-at-Large category is full and we have a waiting list two to three applicants long. We have room for growth in all other categories: Attorneys, CPAs, CFPs, CLUs/ChFCs, and Trust Officers. Please look through your contacts and invite a potential member in an un-impacted category to a meeting as a guest.

See you on March 21st.

Bruce H. Coblentz, CPA
President 2011-2012

“Advance Health Care Directives: “In Action” at the Hospital”

As professionals many of us advise our clients on Advance Health Care Directives. But how many of us know what really happens when that Advanced Health Care Directive that we discussed with our clients is brought to the hospital? When is it used, and when is not? What if a conflict arises in the interpretation of the Advance Directive? How does it work with the POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) form?

On Wednesday, March 21st, **Vivian Brailoff**, the Director of Critical Care Services at John Muir Medical Center, will address these issues and more, and answer any other questions that we may have about Advance Health Care Directives in the clinical setting.

Along with her responsibilities as Director of Critical Care, Vivian Brailoff is also the hospital liaison for hemodialysis and transplant services. She sits on numerous committees at John Muir, including the Medical Ethics Committee, the Hospital Performance Improvement Committee, and the Intensive Care Unit Committee.

In the past, Vivian served as the Director of the Intensive Care Unit and Neuroscience ICU, Trauma Nurse Coordinator and Nurse Supervisor at John Muir and other hospitals. She has also assisted with the design of the Neuroscience ICU and Head Injury Protocol, and developed policies and procedures for hospital-wide and Nursing Department processes.

Vivian has a Master of Science in Health Personnel Management and Administration from Cal State Hayward along with a Nursing degree, and a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics from UC Berkeley.

March 21, 2012

*Lafayette Park Hotel
3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Lafayette*

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

**Cost: \$40.00 dinner (preregister)
\$45.00 (at the door)**

*Reservations and cancellations must
be received by Monday,
Mar 19th at 1:30 p.m. to be assured of
a reservation.*

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925.686.4819*

Mark Your Calendars!

April 18, 2012 – Catherine Hughes, U.S. Treasury, Wash. D.C.