

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome you back to a brand new year of the Estate Planning Council of Diablo Valley. I'm very excited about this year and looking forward to working toward the goals we as a Board have set for our organization.

Over the summer a couple of our Board members and I attended the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils' 2018 Regional Leadership Day. We learned about what other Councils across the country are doing, how they are addressing the problems that our Council, and most Councils, face, namely decreasing membership, a shortage of younger members and rising expenses. These issues could, over time, threaten the sustainability of our Councils, so we were very interested and excited to discuss new ideas on these topics.

Our Council remains, by far, the largest Council in the area, however our membership has declined slowly but steadily over the course of several years. As a Board, we are undertaking to reverse that trend this year and encourage you to help. One very easy thing you can do is invite a guest to at least one meeting this year. Why not our first meeting? Most of us discovered this Council because someone along the way was thoughtful or kind enough to invite us to attend as a guest. Then we were hooked and became members, with all the benefits that flow from membership.

### September 19, 2018

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

6:00 P.M. Wine and Registration

6:30 P.M. Dinner and Speaker

**Member Cost: \$55.00 dinner (preregister) / \$60.00 (at the door)**

**Guest Cost: \$60.00 dinner (preregister) / \$65.00 (at the door)**

Please note all reservations and cancellations MUST be made no later than 2pm the Monday before the monthly meeting. If reservations are received after the Monday before the meeting, the cost will be considered at the door. Refunds will not be granted to cancellations that are received after Monday at 2pm. All cancellation requests and at the door registrations need to be made in writing to

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I urge you to think about who you know who could also benefit from becoming a member of our Council and give them a call or forward this email.

If you haven't already renewed your own membership, what are you waiting for? Don't make me track you down! If you do not know how to renew, simply contact the council office at (925) 778-1165.

I look forward to seeing you next month!

**Kirsten Howe**  
**President 2018-2019**

### Dinner Menu

#### Salad

*charred corn-arugula salad, blistered cherry tomatoes, queso fresco, lime-cilantro vinaigrette, crispy corn tuile*

#### Entrée

*Grilled Chicken, sweet piperade, roasted paprika potatoes, torn jamon, olive oil-garlic emulsion*

#### Vegetarian

*Eggplant parmesan pomodoro, fresh mozzarella, torn basil, broccolini*

#### Dessert

*Chocolate peanut butter crunch*