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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our September meeting is on the 12th. Ed Koch will discuss his investment related activities. Over the past several years Ed has done a lot of consulting with Ford Motor Company, got tired of living out of a suitcase and didn't really need all those frequent flyer miles anyway. So for the past year or so he has been directing more of his attention toward his investment activities. This seems to be a fairly popular activity, and another of our number has been pursuing this activity on a full time basis. This is an important area of our overall well being to which most of us pay far too little attention. In any case, Ed's talk should be quite interesting, and we might actually learn something useful. As usual, the meeting will be held at Monti's at Mill Ave and Rio Salado Parkway in Tempe. Festivities will start at 6:30 with networking and general discussion of world events. Dinner will be around 7 and Ed will start his talk about 8. At least that's the plan.

The 2002 Consultants Workshop will be held November 9 at the Hilton Phoenix East in Mesa. Hold that day open. It will be really worth attending, and PACN members, of course, will get a price break. It will run all day, and we will have attendees from around the country. The Workshops are the best networking opportunity I have ever seen. The out-of-towners who show up at these workshops have been very successful going down their paths to independent employment, and we can learn a lot from them. And that is just the informal networking and doesn't even count what we get out of the presentations. The organizing committee is putting the agenda together and will put it out soon.

We are having the Executive Board meeting this month just prior to the Thursday dinner meeting. The meeting will be held at ETA, 2010 E. University starting at 5 PM on September 12. As always, any member is welcome to attend, but

please let me know in
advance if you are

coming so we can make sure we have a seat for you. You can just send an email to peverett@everettinfrared.com or call me at 480-706-4753. The board needs to start putting together the speakers and programs for next year. If you have any suggestions for programs please forward them to me or any other board member. All input will be appreciated.

Vaughn Treude has been making improvements to our web site. Check it out at www.ieeeacn.com. We really need to get your resume put on the web site if it isn't there already. Put one together and send it to Vaughn at vaughn@nakota-software.com. Also include a list of your areas of expertise. If you already have your resume posted on the web (say at your own web site), we can put a link to it in place of your resume. A couple of our members requested this so that they don't have duplicate resumes out there to keep up to date.

Live long and prosper. See you on the 12th.

The upcoming meetings and programs are:

- * September 12 - Ed Koch will talk to us about his investment activities
- * October 10 - Jim Soudriette will talk about management consulting
- * November 14 - Lane Garrett will talk about the all solar powered building ETA Engineering is (was: something about municipal bureaucracy) doing in Tempe
- * December 12 - Annual business meeting and roundtable discussion

Don't forget if you have any suggestions for speakers or topics, please forward them to me or any other member of the Board so we can include them in our schedule.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

If this manages to get out in "two column", then it would seem that I've solved the PDF problem.

I will probably have another way to get to PDF files by next month, though it will involve some "sneaker-net" work. Unfortunately, at the moment, that's about all I can say about it.

If you looked at the Valley Megaphone for September, you might have noticed that ICITA-2002 is coming up in November in Australia. It looks like your (not so :-) humble editor is going to be presenting a paper at that conference. I expect to be able to do the November newsletter, though

I'll be suffering through airline food out over the Pacific Ocean while you're feasting on the cuisine at Monti's. I'm going to be taking some vacation time while I'm in Australia, which is why I'm going so early. Interestingly, the Australia Mensa Annual Gathering (national convention) starts the day after ICITA in Sydney, so I'll be able to attend that as well.

Unfortunately, I won't be back to Phoenix in time to get the December newsletter out, so hopefully we can get our illustrious President to send out his own message.

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