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We don't have to be in the same room to be on the same page!!



Welcome New Members!

Welcoming new company members to the IEA chapters. (For inclusion, send info to the IEA Director :)

Kona

Keauhou Veterinary Hospital, LLC.
Veterinary
Jolene Head, Owner

Jacksonville

First Coast Entertainment
AUDIO VISUAL CONTRACTING
Gene Salano
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Buffalo

Network Task Group
Verizon Cell Phones & Land Lines
Al Repertorio, Sr. Account Mgr
Chris Fallon, President
<http://www.networktaskgroup.com/>

Las Vegas

Silver Dollar Recycling
Recycling - Metal Products

Farewell to a Member & Friend

I am very sad to announce the passing of **John Wilkinson**, IEA Board Director & member of Honolulu & Kona Executives Association on Feb 15th.



(Taken from the HEA Newsletter Feb 19)

John was born in 1949, and raised on the neighbor island of Lana'i. He was educated at Punahou and the University of Notre Dame. John had been in the plant contracting and maintenance business for over 30 years and formed his first company, Back to Eden in 1977.

He had been active in many associations over the years including Honolulu Executives Association and Kona Executives Association, and Rotary. He proudly held the title of Past President for both HEA and KEA, and the Hawaii Landscape Contractor's Association, & the Landscaping Industry Council of Hawaii. He was a Director at Large on the Board for the International Executives Association, something which he truly enjoyed.

John joined the HEA in 1981. His passion for HEA was apparent to all who knew him. His firm belief in the principles of HEA, its success in helping businesses flourish, as well as his own business growth in Kona, led John in July of 2000, to create the Kona Executives Association.

In the past few years, John developed an interest in the wastewater industry and formed a business relationship with a mainland firm, WSI International. He knew it would be a good system for Hawaii and was making headway in the pursuit of a successful second business venture and letting HEA and KEA help him keep the momentum building.

John and Chris raised their family and enjoyed life in Waiahole Valley at their home in their own corner of Eden with his prized golf course in his backyard called Sweet Waiahole. Only 4 clubs and bare feet were the rule if you had the honor to play there. Needless to say, his passions were golf,

Brandon Smith - GM/Partner

Edmonton

Empire Collision Group
Autobody
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Calgary

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Business Operations Consultant
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Maui

Roger Lane
Business Coach



IEA Leads & DBW (did business with)

Blaine MacMillan, Cowan Graphics (decal manufacturer) & member in Edmonton would like to thank the members of Abbotsford, Fraser Valley & Vanex on the 6 (!) leads he received regarding his space requirements in the Vancouver area later this year in preparation for Winter Olympics work.

Members Traveling:

Jerry Barrett, Orlando Execs has introduced a friend to the Jacksonville EA

Harrison Hine, Management Consultant & P-President, Palm Beach Execs visited Seattle Execs Feb 11th

Eric Haug, Printing Impressions (VP Edmonton) attended a meeting of the Calgary Execs Feb 11th.

Edmonton member Don Galloway, CycleWorks Motor Sports is set to visit the Syracuse Execs March 1st.

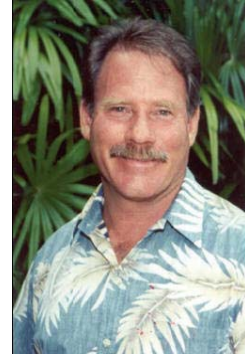


Travelling?

Why not try an IEA member hotel?
(and attend an EA meeting while there!)

Whistler (Vancouver) BC
Wildwood Lodge
www.wildwoodlodge.com
Al Hurwitz

salmon fishing in Kodiak, Alaska (often inviting good friends in HEA to join him on those trips), and football, where he was not just a fan of Pro ball, but a wildly enthusiastic fan of Notre Dame football as well. John loved life and everything it had to offer, but even more than that, John loved his wife, Chris, daughters, Leea and Tiana - and a his granddaughter, Maggie. A new granddaughter was born just a few days prior to John's passing. We know he will be keeping a close watch over all of them now. *Goodbye John, you will be missed by all of us who had the pleasure of knowing you.*



Comments from some of John's many friends:

"When we drink the water remember who dug the well"...John Wilkinson was the driving force behind the creation of the Kona Executives Association and also the Hilo Bay Executives Association. John lived larger than life...I remember him primarily for his incredibly powerful life force and for his selfless support of the Executives Associations. I think I speak for many members of KEA and HBEA, that when we enjoy the benefits of being members of the Executives Association we think of John's efforts to "dig the well so we can drink the water".

Submitted by: Grif Frost, President, Kona Executives Association & Hilo Bay EA

I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was one of the very good guys. We had some very good conversations. I liked and respected him very much. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Barbara Good, Reno Executives Association, Reno NV

My prayers are with him and his family, it's a sad day when you lose one of the good people, not just in heart, he knew how to live as well. We should also broadcast all info to the entire IEA; he has touched many of their lives as well. I wish there was something more I could do, I was hoping he would get well enough to allow a visit; I was planning a quick trip if that happened. It's tough losing a friend and the second in command of my IEA party crowd. He will be missed by all.

Brian Rothchild, Executives Association of Greater New York

Thanks Jack I am praying for John's family. He was my friend.

Jerry Barrett, Executives Association of Greater Orlando, Orlando Florida

I am so stunned. What a sad turn of events. Please extend out empathies and sympathies to family and friends.

Christine Cromwell, Sonoma Valley Executives Association - Santa Rosa California (Past IEA President)

John was larger than life and he left many friends in his shadow. He will be missed and watching us from a better place. We will keep him and his family in our prayers.

Jack and Grace Flynn, Worcester Executives Association - Worcester MA

I only met John a few years ago when he joined the IEA Board. Many of the

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IEA Board discussions are via email and we could count on his timely & wise feedback. It was easy to tell he was an astute businessman. Whenever we met face to face, he always had a smile on his face & after the meetings were over, you could count on him to share a beer & a joke. He was very committed to the IEA - I'm sure if his health had allowed, he would have become the IEA President one day. Sadly, we won't get that opportunity. He will be missed by many on the mainland, both in Canada & the States.
Betty Adams, Managing Director IEA (Edmonton Alberta Canada)

It's a sad time for all who knew him. John was a great person. I know this is a difficult time for his family. If there is anything they need, please let us know. We will be there to support. My prayers to John's family.
Cindy McFall, Akron Executives Association (Current IEA President), Akron Ohio

I first met John when I joined HEA back in the 90's, and I am pleased and proud to have been considered his friend. I could go on and on, listing the outstanding attributes of a larger than life individual, however for the sake of time, I will only get into his passion for networking. John lived "networking". He was an integral part of the Hawaiian scene. A longtime member and Past President of HEA, John was responsible for attracting many quality members to our Association. When he found himself traveling to Kailua-Kona extensively for business, he took it upon himself to start the Executives Association in Kona. He was the driving force behind the formation, and the flourishing of the KEA. This past year, John also saw a need to include the "other side" of the island; and was instrumental in helping to start yet another Executive Association in Hilo Bay, Hawaii. When John was introduced to IEA at the Seattle conference, he immediately grasped the concept and the power of networking on a global scale. After attending the next conference at Calgary, he was hooked, and was appointed as an IEA At Large Board Member. John served extremely well in that position, and became a strong advocate for IEA. His legacy and his memory will live on.

Jack Schneider, IEA Past President, Honolulu EA, Hawaii

Congratulations & News:

Honolulu

Hawaii Reporter Celebrated it's 7th Anniversary by Honoring 7 Hawaiian Heroes at a luncheon on February 20 at the Waialae Country Club.. The 7 Heroes included Cliff and Bobbie Slater; Dale Evans; **Jack Schneider**; Panos Prevedouros; Richard Rowland; Rick Hamada and Sam Slom. **(IEA Past President) Super hero Jack Schneider**, JS Services Inc., was recognized for his quiet, continuous support and leadership in Hawaii's key conservative and free market organizations. At the luncheon they announced the secret identity of Hawaii's Green Lantern, Spiderman, Superman, Batman, Ironman, Superwoman, Wonder Woman and Captain America. They decided he was 'Spiderman' but we call him Captain IEA! To read the whole article go to <http://www.hawaiireporter.com/>

Las Vegas

Las Vegas member **Kara Kelley**, President & CEO of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce was named as one of the six "Most Respected CEOs in Nevada" by Nevada Business magazine. In Business Las Vegas has published their "Women to Watch" recognizing 16 women in the Las Vegas area. One of the ladies honored was LVEA member **Patricia (Patty) Nooney**, Managing Director, CB Richard Ellis (Commercial Real Estate)

Edmonton

David Cosco, has been named one of the Newsmakers of the Year by Tire Business Magazine for the start up of Integra Tire & Auto Centres.

Chapter News: Starting

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

Location: Boulevard Club—1491 Lake Shore Boulevard West, Toronto,

Joyce Boone (no email)

Charlotte NC

Hampton Inn & Suites Southpark

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<http://www.hamptonsouthpark.com/>.

If you are ever in the area you should definitely give Fay a call. This is NOT a typical Hampton. The hotel is in an exclusive area of Charlotte and the rooms are beautiful. (Says ED G Duncan)

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Inaugural date (launch) 24th March, 2009 Meetings:-- Weekly

Meeting format—Introductions & Leads followed by a speaker

One time Initiation Fee: \$400

Annual Membership Fee: \$1475.00 inclusive of meal costs. (hot breakfast)

If you know of someone who should be invited to TEX's inaugural meeting, please email director@ieaweb.com

Note the Date change....

**2009 IEA CONFERENCE
September 30, October 1, 2 & 3, 2009
WELCOME TO BUFFALO, NY**

So You think you know Buffalo? think again.

You may know Buffalo simply as the home of the chicken wing, but it harbors all kinds of surprises.

Many visitors to Buffalo are astounded to find National Historic Landmarks by the likes of Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Sullivan and M.M. Richardson. Blown away by one of the great collections of modern and contemporary art in the world at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. Delighted by the birthplace of Buffalo Wings at the legendary Anchor Bar, and captivated by the historic battlements at Old Fort Niagara. Enchanted by the 19th century mansions lining our Frederick Law Olmsted parks and parkways and charmed by our beautiful waterfront at Erie Basin Marina Gardens. Taken with the boutiques and bistros of one of America's top ten neighborhoods in the bustling Elmwood Village, and surprised to learn that we are only twenty minutes from one of the wonders of the world at Niagara Falls. The City of Buffalo offers visitors an invigorating mix of heritage, cultural and entertainment options.

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EA Featured Member:

EA Vice President, Michael Mitchell, member of Greater New Orleans Executives Association is a senior Partner of the New Orleans office of Fisher & Phillips LLP, one of the oldest and largest firms in the country practicing exclusively in labor and employment law representing management. His practice covers all aspects of employee relations, with an

emphasis in collective bargaining, defense of unfair labor practice charges, union avoidance and supervisor training in employee relations.

A native of West Virginia, Mike graduated from the West Virginia University College of Law in 1973 and for four years served in the judge advocate corps of the U.S. Air Force as trial counsel. Following military service, he returned to school, earning a master's degree in labor law from George Washington University, magna cum laude, in 1979.

He has practiced labor and employment law exclusively since then, and has been involved in major cases before a number of circuit courts of appeals. Mike is a member of the Global Association of Hotel Attorneys, a frequent speaker before trade and professional associations, and is the editor of the Firm's award-winning newsletters, practice area publications, and legal compendiums which can be viewed thru their website www.laborlawyers.com

Fisher & Phillips also have offices in Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Columbia, Dallas, Denver, Fort Lauderdale, Houston, Irvine, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Louisville, New Jersey, Orlando, Philadelphia, Portland, ME, Portland, OR, San Diego, San Francisco, Tampa.

Director's Discussion: No questions this month.

Please cc director@ieaweb.com when answering. If you would like to ask a question of the other EA Chapters, please send your query to director@ieaweb.com