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Experience Unlimited Mission Statement

The mission of Experience Unlimited (Mission Viejo) is to assist volunteer members in developing employment opportunities through a mutual support network, which provides self-marketing training, career development seminars, and professional job matching, while offering Orange County employers a pool of high-caliber, qualified, professional job candidates.

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Alumni Mixer: Members Network with Alumni

Lee Dreyfuss, Alumni Director, said that "50 percent of the attendees were employed--a 1:1 ratio!"

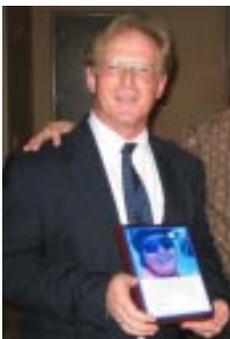
Meeting old friends from the EUMV Training Program at the recent EUMV Alumni Mixer brought out mutual joy and networking opportunities! Excellent speakers made enormous contributions to attendees' job searches.

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In Memory of Doug Phillips...Carpe Diem

By Heather Wieslow

Carpe Diem it may be you're last, or otherwise said, seize the day, it may be your last. On Thursday June 20th, Doug Phillips, a dedicated Experience Unlimited member experienced his last day on this planet and suddenly passed away from a heart attack. I had the privilege and honor of being Doug's career coach and shared in his journey in the discovery of knowing who he was and seeking a



(see Doug Phillips, page 4)

May EUMV Job Placement Rate

15 EUMV obtained employment in April. Their names, employers and new positions are listed on page 2. This is a 3.15 percent decrease over May 2003.

24 EUMV Class attendees graduated in May (see one of this month's class photos on page 4). Graduations are held on Fridays.

Who Are EU Members?

Most EU members are mid- to upper-level executives. They have expertise in administration, management, finance, personnel, education, engineering, sales, marketing, accounting, computer technology, and various scientific fields. They offer years of experience and often possess advanced academic degrees.

Graduate Appreciates EU and Joins Board as Assistant Director of Communications

By Bridget Smith

I can't say enough good things about my training sessions at EUMV. All of our instructors were knowledgeable professionals who really had a vested interest in our abilities to succeed as we re-entered the job market. Best of all, it was FREE! From the positive, supportive atmosphere to the realistic workshop exercises, EUMV is definitely a valuable one-stop resource!



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EUMV Members Who Obtained Employment in May 2004 Congratulations!

| Name | Hiring Company | Position Acquired |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ahart, Nita | Infocrossing | Systems management |
| Campbell, Kevin | Sutton Place Hotel | Director/Food & Beverage Dept. |
| Cashin, Jr, William | ARINC | Principal Engineer |
| Cheng, Tim | TC Communications | Marketing manager |
| Do, Doan | Chroma Vision, Inc. | Software QA Engineer |
| Garibay, Miguel | Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club | Controller |
| Hyacinthe, Jean-Christophe | Bank of London | Sport Emergency Teller |
| Javier, Nancy | CKE Restaurants, Inc. | Computer Systems Opr. |
| Merlotto, Martin | Keenan & Associates | Compliance Analyst |
| Richardson, Richard | Johnson Controls | Production Engineer |
| Roberts, Jeff | HCS Cutler | Manager, Branch Operations |
| Sessler, Louis | Sonitrol | Operations Manager |
| Shefer, Ilan | H&H Door Controls & Glass | Service and Integration |
| Solouki, Tony | Automobile Club of S.C. | Sales |
| Wright, John | Wright Marketing Inc. | President |

Letter from the Editor

This issue contains articles on the life of EUMV Trainer Doug Phillips, EU Members networking with Alumni at the Alumni Mixer, and a career transition.

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Wendell Huth Conducts Career Transition

By Bill Wood

Wendell Huth was a senior field analyst with a computer provider that bought PCs from Dell and sold to end users. He did pre- and post-sales support in the western U.S. for 34 years. For the last six years, he was a manager who had a specialized job. If the product was not as technical, sales staff would be expected to do it.

Wendell has been investigating a career change to a librarian. The field is referred to as library science. He is changing careers because he likes research and enjoys the reference materials that are available to librarians and listening to librarians pause to help patrons, which got him

interested in library science. He describes the process similar to helping PC users on a technical level.

Wendell talked to several librarians and how they helped people. He said, "I thought that was interesting to do." He started networking. He also found out about the educational requirements and work environment.

Wendell identified his skills that would be transferable to library science. Those skills included:

- Research on the Internet (find technical and competitive information)
- Conduct training classes and generate material
- Troubleshoot PC problems
- Address a customer's problem with a solution (phone vs. person, business vs. library)
- Conduct Internet classes from his training background
- Experience with Word, Excel, and PowerPoint lends itself to PC classes



(From left to right): Wendell Huth shares a networking moment with Francine Kola-Bankole and one of the evening's Alumni speakers.

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Julia Ohiga and Bill Wood discuss job-search strategies.

The Don Jose Mexican Cafe in Laguna Hills and their courteous staff turned over the entire front section of the restaurant to EU.

Dave said, “**Efforts are underway to schedule the Fall Alumni Mixer in September.** Watch for an announcement on the EUMV website and emails that will communicate the date, time, and location of the Fall Alumni Mixer. Kudos to the Alumni Staff for their efforts in organizing the Summer Alumni Mixer. If you would like to help organize the Fall Alumni Mixer, join the Alumni group or contact Lee Dreyfuss.”

Dave McCormick is a Supply Chain Management/Operations Executive with 20-plus years experience in the high-technology and consumer products industries.

Robert Nielsen (see photo below), who acted as announcer for the evening, said, “I think the Alumni Group did an exceptional job in organizing the event, finding a terrific location and selecting wonderful, interesting people to share their personal stories regarding *The Job Search*. I feel that each person who shared their story emphasized the importance of utilizing the training learned at EU, networking, keeping one’s head up, and staying focused on obtaining their goals through networking and support; either from family or events such as the mixer. **I am grateful to the EUMV Alumni Group for organizing the event, and giving those of us who are still looking, the opportunity to meet new people.** I am looking forward to the next one.”



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Barry Zakar (see photo in next column) said, “Use all available resources to locate employment opportunities.

Networking works better for some than others, don’t underestimate the value of the web. Cultivate selected recruiters. Attend local industry gatherings and classes/seminars specific to your interests. **When responding to opportunities found on the web, follow-up the most attractive ones with a printed cover letter and resume sent to the hiring manger by FedEx - then follow-up by telephone.** Give serious consideration to consulting during the job search. It promotes contacts, involvement, improves skills, and may lead to full-time consulting or a ‘permanent’ job. Most importantly, never lose faith in yourself - you are a valuable asset and have much to contribute to the employer with the wisdom and perception to see it. Best regards and good luck!”



Barry Zakar was one of the Alumni Mixer’s speakers and can be reached at barry_zakar@earthlink.net.



An EUMV Alumnus speaks at the Alumni Mixer on how he found a career position.

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- Experience as a commercial artist in classes in high school for teaching
- Educational background (his degree) in physics is rare among librarians

Wendell spoke about the differences in his job search and other professionals’ searches. “It is more focused on networking. I’ve networked in-person with two-thirds of the branches of the Orange County library system (more than 20 libraries), he said. Wendell wants to work part-time in library science while working on his master’s degree as he has learned the corporate world requires an MLS to work in library science.

Wendell Huth is searching for librarian positions in the corporate sector and the public systems, and can be reached at (hwhuth@cox.net).

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career that was fulfilling and rewarding.

I strongly believe that my clients are my greatest teachers and that Doug was truly one of my greatest teachers. However, the lessons I learned weren't about writing the perfect resume, acing the job interview or even negotiating the greatest dollar in the interview. What I learned from Doug was much more important and powerful than all these things combined.

"I experienced his willingness to show up, to share and ask nothing in return, only believing that if he cared enough that it would make a significant difference."

What I learned was about the power of giving; that tenacity was key to success in life and that an insatiable curiosity about life was a secret ingredient to fulfillment.

I learned that it takes a real commitment for someone to really get clear on they want in life and separate from the constant bombardment of media, people and external influences. I experienced his willingness to show up, to share and ask nothing in return, only believing that if he cared enough that it would make a significant difference. I also learned about the power of a smile and that we really can make a difference in the world even though we may be unaware. I learned that life is short and there isn't enough time.

At his celebration-of-life ceremony, no one talked about how much money he made in his life or even where he worked. These things were eclipsed by who he was and how he cared about the people he loved. They talked

(see Doug Phillips, next column)

EUMV Graduating Class of Week Ending June 4, 2004



(Front left to right): Anthony Cordova, Carol Anglin, Raymond Thompson, Sue Van Kirk, and Grecia Newman. (Back left to right): Maureen DeSilva, Bridget Blessington, Michael Hudson, and Susan Kee.

about his passion for food and creating delectable dishes, for going the extra mile to help someone out in need, his volunteer efforts with the bike club and his smile that lit up the room when he entered. They talked about his energy, his enthusiasm and how Doug had a unique way of touching their lives in so many special ways.

As a career coach, it is a humbling experience to know that though my purpose is to have my clients get careers that are both rewarding emotionally and financially, maybe in the long run it isn't the most important part of life. Maybe the most important part of life is really about showing up, loving and caring as Doug did so well. Not to say that our work is not important in sharing our gifts with the world, but that who we are speaks more clearly at the end of this game we call life, than anything else.



On June 20th, 2004, we lost a dedicated member of Experience Unlimited, yet we gained important lessons to live our lives by. I miss Doug and think of him every day and hope that I am able to bring as much love, compassion and happiness to others as he did. So in closing, I want to say Carpe Diem to each of you.

Seize the day and live today like it was your last day...love, live and may all your dreams become a reality.

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