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Chairman's Corner

—Murray Kleiner, Chairman

On February 4th at 11:02 PM, I became a grandfather for the first time. Allison Rachel checked in at 6 lb and 15 oz. I don't have to tell those of you who are already grandparents of the excitement, anticipation, and other emotions that accompany such an event. An acquaintance, who has several grandchildren, made a comment that had he known what a wonderful experience grandchildren would be, he would have had them first.

Sometimes, my wife would recall things that my children did when they were small, and, no matter how hard I try, I just can't remember them. I guess spending long hours and weekends at work, can take its toll over the years. I'm hoping for a second chance with my grandchild, and, hopefully with future grandchildren. Maybe they will provide opportunities to recapture some of those lost moments.

This brings me to the subject of my article – meaningful moments, or how not to lose them. We are a group of full-time and part-time consultants, full-time employees, and a number who are in different stages of retirement. Individually and collectively, we have a great deal of work experience and knowledge that we can put to good use by helping others and benefiting ourselves at the same time.

Have you noticed that every once-in-awhile, out of work engineers will come to our meetings to pass out their resumes? With all of the contacts

that we have, how many of these people have we helped? Also, we have been meeting for the past few years in a college where, each year, young people graduate expecting to be gainfully employed for most of their working lives. Unfortunately, some of them are going to be very disappointed. We can help them. Rather than file someone's resume with the rest of our papers and forget them, we can take the time to discuss them at special meetings and see if we can make a connection with people we know. We can also hold seminars for high school and college students on how to find jobs and how to stay employed. As consultants, we're faced with these situations almost every day.

In previous emails and last month's newsletter, I also suggested that we form a special events committee that would plan at least one major event every year. It would serve to help others while creating some positive publicity for ourselves. Although the committee would have just a few members, they would call upon the rest of the membership, as needed, to provide additional support.

We have an opportunity to turn this time into meaningful moments. We are surrounded by people who could benefit from our help, and each of us, whether we are full or associate members, consultants, or semi-retired, can get involved.

Long Island Consultants' Network – Meeting Schedule:

Time and Place

Wednesday April 6, 2005 – 7:00 PM – The IEEE Consultants Network of Long Island will host a lecture, “Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks” by Mr. Gerald Bodner of Bodner & O’Rourke, LLP, Melville, NY.

Meeting Place:

Briarcliffe College, 1055 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, N.Y.

Admission is free (no charge) and no pre-registration is required. For information, contact John Dunn at (516) 378-2149.

Editor's Note

--Andrew Franklin Baxt, BEE

Well I am still here at Lockheed Martin, in the lovely Marietta Georgia.

Also, as everyone can relate to, in celebration for due diligence on finishing my taxes, as a reward to myself, I am going to join the Lockheed Martin flying club, and start working on my pilots license.

I totally agree with our chairman with respect to helping other people get started or find work in this field. As far as I’m concerned, and I’m sure other people agree, the highest form of charity is to help someone earn a living. It gives me tremendous pleasure to see my former students thrive. I feel like a proud father.

Finally, I want to send my condolences to my Catholic friends on the passing of there spiritual leader.

Best Regards –Andy Baxt

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