



East Bay Council News

March 2009

President's Message

It is hard to believe, but we only have two meetings left in our 2008-2009 season! David Levin has two excellent programs chosen by popular demand for our March and May meetings, so I expect we will have an excellent turnout and end the season on strong note.

Our annual meeting is Monday, May 11th and your attendance is important. As I mentioned at our last gathering, your Board of Directors worked hard over the last year to develop an amendment to our bylaws that will alleviate some of the pressure in a few of our membership categories and allow us to grow the organization in a way that stays true to our mission. The proposed amendment will be emailed to you at least 10 days prior to the annual meeting and hard copies will be available on May 11th. Please be prepared to cast your vote at the annual meeting. The amendment requires a two-thirds vote of those in attendance in order to pass, so be there to be heard.

If you received your copy of the new roster, you may have noticed that the bylaws are missing. We plan to print a supplement to the roster after the annual meeting, so that any amendments can be added first. We will provide specifics as to the timing and method of distribution of the newly printed bylaws at our annual meeting in May. See you March 9th!

-Kelly Johnson

"Advance Healthcare Directive"

As estate planning professionals we are reminded that planning for the incapacity of a client or someone within our personal circles requires a holistic approach: It is often said that as estate planners we need to attend not just to the individual's valuables but to his or her *values*. The Advance Healthcare Directive therefore assumes a central and indispensable place in every estate plan, as a means to give voice to those values. It is not a function of wealth; it is a function of humanity, and therefore it has universal application.

Susan Rubin, Ph.D is a clinical ethicist and co-founder of The Ethics Practice, a firm devoted to providing bioethics education, research, and clinical consultation on a national basis. She has served as a consulting ethicist in a variety of acute and long term care settings, including the national Kaiser Permanente system.

Dr. Rubin received her B.A. in political philosophy and socio-economic policy problems from James Madison College at Michigan State University and her M.A. and Ph.D., both in philosophy and

Monday , March 9, 2009

Scott's Seafood Restaurant

Jack London Square
Oakland

6:00 PM Wine Reception

6:30 PM Dinner Meeting

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\$40.00 at the door

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bioethics, from The Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University.

She is author of the book When Doctors Say No: The Battleground of Medical Futility, co-editor of the book Margin of Error: The Ethics of Mistakes in The Practice of Medicine, and author of numerous articles. She is also co-chair of the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Clinical Ethics Task Force.

Dr. Rubin's presentation will focus on the insights, tools, and resources that can be helpful in allowing professionals to incorporate a discussion of advance healthcare directives into the client relationship.

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