

News from our Members (continued)



Bill Enos - Emerald Light Photography, won six Honorable Mentions at the **2007 International Photography Awards**, affectionately known as the "Lucies", the world's most esteemed photography awards ceremony. Enos was surprised to learn he had won the competition which consisted of over 20,000 entries from more than 90 countries. "The Lucies are huge!" says Enos. "Some of the most well-known photographers would kill for recognition from the IPA, so to have my name alongside theirs . . . it's amazing." While this was the first time Enos has entered the IPA competition, it won't be the last. He continues to travel the country on various professional assignments, as well as taking time to work on personal projects. Bill is a professional photographer with over 37 years experience in the business. His work has been featured in such magazines as **Time, Inc., National Geographic Traveler, Open House, This Old House** and others. Refusing to limit himself to any particular industry, he's clients have included everything from breweries to railroads. **Call 503-559-4551 or visit www.emeraldlight.com.**

For thirteen years **Excell Executive Leadership Exchange**, has been a strategic partner with SEDCOR, serving the needs of business leaders in the Willamette Valley. Excell provides the process and environment for Oregon business owners to confidentially exchange vital knowledge, resources, ideas and practical solutions. Small groups of CEOs meet monthly to share their experience and increase their business knowledge and skills. Some members have been involved from the inception in 1994. SEDCOR board chair **Sheryl Southwell** of Specialty Polymers in Woodburn calls it "my management therapy". Excell's retiring founder and business leader, **Bill Haynes**, announced that **Eugene Wallace**, President, Family Business Advisers, is now President.

Eugene is actively expanding opportunities for business leaders to become members and will start at least two new groups this year in Salem and Albany. He expects a significantly enhanced Excell under Eugene's leadership. **Call 503-678-6299 or visit www.excelloreregon.com.**



Debbie Smith



Carol Shires

First American Title has opened a new branch office in West Salem. The address is 1124 Cornucopia Street - 2nd Floor, Salem 97304. **Debbie Smith**, will be the Branch Manager and Escrow Officer. She has over 25 years experience in all aspects of escrow and lives in West Salem. **Carol Shires**, Escrow Officer has over 10 years in escrow and lives in West Salem. **Linda Eriksen**, Escrow Assistant - has over 25 years of title and escrow experience. She lives in Dallas. Whether you are buying or selling a home, title insurance and escrow service will be important elements in the successful close of your transaction. When you choose First American Title, you have the security of knowing that your transaction is being handled by the most experienced professionals in the field and is backed by a company with unparalleled financial stability and professional integrity. **Call 503-375-8380 or visit www.firstam.com.**

Garrett Hemann Robertson, P.C. is pleased to announce that **Sean E. Armstrong** has become a shareholder in the law firm. Armstrong's divorce and family law practice focuses on child custody, parenting time, spousal and child support, property division, adoption, and guardianship proceedings. He currently serves on the Board of the **Marion County Bar Association**, the Executive Committee for the **Oregon State Bar Family Law Section**, and is a judge for



Sean E. Armstrong

Teen Court and for Mock Trial and Moot Court at **Willamette University School of Law**. Armstrong joined GHR as an associate in 2004. GHR is a full-service law firm of 21 attorneys offering sophisticated legal solutions and services to clients throughout Oregon and the Northwest. **Call 503-581-1501 or visit www.garrettlaw.com.**

For the second year in a row, **George Grabenhorst** has earned the honor of being both the **2007 Top Producer in Sales**, as well as **2007 Broker of the Year for Rushing Real Estate**. Grabenhorst has been a member of Rushing Real Estate since 2004, working in commercial, residential, leasing and industrial properties and specializing in bankruptcy sales. George has worked with clients for over 23 years and his family roots in the Mid-Willamette Valley date back to 1910. **Call 503-588-8500 or visit www.rushinggroup.com.**



George Grabenhorst



Hicks Technology Services, Inc. (a Microsoft Small Business Specialist and Gold Certified Partner in Salem, Oregon) announces that the ownership of the company is now shared equally between three owner/partners. **James Bechtel, Mark Hicks, and Charles Smith** have joined forces as equal owners and operators of the corporation. This change went into effect January 1, 2008 as part of a stock transfer agreement made between Mark Hicks (formerly the sole stockholder) and James and Charles. James has been with the company since 1997 and Charles since 1994. The company offers network maintenance and management services to Small Business in Salem. These services include regular tuning and updates for all workstations and servers, as well as full network support for a flat monthly fee. **Call 503-588-9330 or visit www.hickstech.com.**