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CALENDAR 2023-2024

NOVEMBER 2023

- 2 Savings Plus Webinar
- 10 Veterans Day Holiday
- 13 Local Board Meeting
- 15 Cal-Liope Articles Due
- 23/24 Holidays

JANUARY 2024

- 1 Holiday
- 8 Local Board Meeting
- 15 Cal-Liope Articles Due
- 15 Holiday
- 16 Award nominations due**
- 20 Orange Peal Articles Due
- 27 State Board Meeting

MARCH 2024

- 11 Local Board Meeting
- 15 Cal-Liope Articles Due
- 31 Easter Sunday

MAY 2024

- 2 State Board Meeting
- 3 State Conference
- 13 Local Board Meeting
- 15 Cal-Liope Articles Due
- 27 Holiday

DECEMBER 2023

- 2 District IV Meeting
- 11 Local Board Meeting
- 12 Sparks of Love Toy Drive
- 25 Holiday

FEBRUARY 2024

- 12 Local Board Meeting
- 19 Holiday

APRIL 2024

- 8 Local Board Meeting
- 20 Orange Peal Articles Due
- 27 State Board Meeting

JUNE 2024

- 10 Local Board Meeting

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Katalyst

“Vision: You can see Clearly Now! Part 1” By Michael Kane

To live a purposeful and successful life it is important that we have a clear understanding of whom we are, where we envision ourselves one year, five years or ten years from today. Do we have a crystal ball? Most likely not. However, to arrive at any destination requires a road map. It also requires a plan to get us there.

Regardless of your current station in life, you can arrive at your intended destination sooner than later. Yes, that’s absolutely correct. You can be an employee, small business owner, CEO of a large company, homemaker, student, manager, or retiree and still feel unsatisfied and unhappy. You can do something about it.

How?

Discovering a clear vision, is your catalyst for achieving your goals and exceeding your wildest expectations. Your heart’s desire may be what is missing from even realizing extraordinary success in your current field. Without clarity of direction, we may flounder, traveling paths unintended wasting precious time. Going down the wrong path is a penalty of an unfocused vision. This is not just about vocation and working the right job or career. This is about destiny and where your mind, body and spirit scream out for you to do and to be.

In reflecting, my belief is that many of us lose focus somewhere in childhood, perhaps on the precipice of high school, let’s say 14 years. There’s no science in this arbitrary number. We all have our own year in which confusion and lack of confidence kicks in for us. Your number could very well be 12 or 13 or 17 or later. In many of my workshops and motivational speeches I have shared that when we were little kids, we did not hesitate what our vocation would be. Our picture was very clear on what we’re planning to do with our professional lives. On the personal front we did not waver there either. We were comfortable in our shoes so to speak.

As we were asked the following question growing up the images or thoughts sprang immediately to our vocal cords, “Johnny what do you want to be when you grow up?” A policeman. This turned into a fireman, astronaut or teacher depending what day you asked the question. The point is we had a strong conviction with a line drawn in the sand and nothing could change our decision. That is until we changed our minds. If part of us could never grow up most of us would be better off. It is something about becoming an adult. We seem to lose sight of what makes us happy and content. We allow others to get in our head and start altering those things most important to us. This is not saying imparting wisdom into someone is a bad thing. It is vital that we coach, mentor our children and youth. However, it is another thing exerting your superior will on an impressionable upcoming adult leading him or her down a path that is forced or pushed.

Back to my thoughts about not growing up. When we grow up, we tend to lose that spark that is born in our inner self, i.e., the spirit. In our childhood, we have a magic that propels us to greater thoughts about the possibilities that are open to us, free to believe the unbelievable. To quote the immortal

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Peter Pan, "I'll never grow up". Peter Pan was written by Sir James Matthew Barrie, aka, J.M. Barrie. The successful nineteenth century Scottish novelist and playwright who was inspired by the Llewelyn Davies boys in London, England. Peter was magical and ageless, who simply did not want to grow up and miss out on life. He even knew it was something lacking, something wonderful that escaped adults that originated in their childhood that they had somehow lost growing up. Peter was determined that it would not happen to him as he sought a life of adventure.

No, I'm not saying to quit your job and live out the fantasy long forgotten. I'm not saying you should stay or tolerate your existence either. You should be mindful not to abandon your commitments and priorities. My goal is to stir up that inner child in you to regain that spark so you may live in a joyous and happy state. You need to decide what that means to you.

I would be remiss in not mentioning my older brother Maurice S. Kane Jr. Case in point, from a young age he just knew he wanted to be an attorney. He was a rare breed that narrowed in on his future vocation. He was determined and passionate, steadfastly pursuing his dream, making sure each step he took moved him closer to his goal or dream. Not only did my brother identify the exact vocation he was to pursue, but he also selected the vehicles to take him there. The University of Southern California and Harvard Law School. I am not name-dropping or getting paid to mention these top educational entities, I am pointing out that my brother had a plan of action and that he made our family divinely proud. Most of us wished we were that clear with our vision for our lives and the path to travel to realize it.

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Orange Empire Chapter
EXECUTIVE BOARD ZOOM MEETING
Monday, November 13, 2023
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME
REQUEST ZOOM LOG IN FROM
NANETTE BOWMAN, SECRETARY
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Inventing Your Life

“Unconditional Giving By Rob Claudio

I had this discussion with a good friend of mine several weeks ago about the life lessons we have learned and how we remember the instances when we were taught something deep and meaningful. We spoke about unconditional giving and how difficult it can be to do this, especially when we begin to look for excuses about why we can't. Take for instance the person on the street that may ask for money and we typically make a quick judgement about whether they need it, what they will use it for or perhaps we even go a step further and wonder why they seem able bodied and could possibly be working for a wage. All of these things may cross our minds all at once or in increments. The bottom line is what will we do at the conclusion? In addition, I thought about the holidays and when that comes around, we tend to have a softer spot for people in need and perhaps it is the spirit of the season that can spur us to be more generous as a result. Then more recently, you have a natural disaster like the one that occurred on the island of Maui and your heart goes out to the many affected folks and then you may look for opportunities to make a contribution that may help. All of these are opportunities for us to choose a way to potentially make a difference in the life of someone afflicted by something that has caused them to be in a vulnerable situation. Even more poignantly is that the people affected must humble themselves enough to ask for help, in which ever form that may be. This could be a very apprehensive time for someone who may not be used to asking for assistance. All of us are constantly presented with choices to help others, the issue that still persists is are we listening to our inner voice that points us to help or are we ignoring it? I wrote a long time ago about my own grandmother and how she taught me this lesson, as she would always carry lots of change in her purse and when someone asked her for money, she never hesitated and gave it without thinking twice. Once, she asked me to give money to a woman outside of a restaurant who was asking for money, I initially refused and she promptly admonished me and told me to do as I was told. I reluctantly gave the woman the money and came back into the restaurant and when I sat down with my grandmother again, I gave numerous reasons for how this person was going to use the money to do bad things. My grandmother let me speak my mind and when I finally stopped, she looked at me and told me that it was her money and she could do what she wanted with it. She also proceeded to tell me about how she struggled coming to this country and if it wasn't for the kindness of many strangers, she would not be where she was then. I never spoke about that after this and it wasn't until she was gone, that I realized the lesson she had taught me through her personal example and testimony. I am sure many of you have been taught lots of different wonderful things by a close relative, friend, peer or perhaps even a stranger. My hope is that you are willing to open your heart and mind to the possibility of what can occur if you follow your positive instinct in the process. I highly encourage you to look for the opportunity that may present itself to you and choose to give without expecting anything in return. There are many ways to give, other than just through monetary means, so you get many opportunities to select from. You will be amazed at what that transformative experience can do for your life and how your sense of self changes in the process. It is absolutely true that it is better to give than to receive, you just need to make it a habit and do so without making a big spectacle in the process. The right eyes will be watching and more importantly by the time you go to bed at night, think about the smile you will have on your face before falling asleep when you realize how much joy this has brought you. I hope you continue to look for instances to be of service to others and that you get to experience the true happiness and joy that comes when you give and let go.

“Help others without any reason and give without the expectation of receiving anything in return.”

—Roy T. Bennett

Remember to follow the blog at: inventingyourlife.blogspot.com



Orange Empire Chapter

Thursday, November 2, 2023

6:30 to 7:30 pm



Enrolling in Savings Plus Webinar

[Webinar - All About Savings Plus](#)

- Understand how a 401(k) or 457 fits into your retirement plan
- Learn the difference between 401(k) and 457 Plans
- Find out the difference between pre-tax and Roth savings
- Enroll in the plan of your choice

Discover the advantages of budgeting, eliminating debt, saving for emergencies and investing to achieve and maintain a brighter financial future.

Via ZOOM





Orange Empire Chapter Supports

The Orange County Fire Authority

2023 Spark of Love TOY DRIVE

HELP DONATE TOYS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED AND TO GIVE THEM A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER!



Drop off your new unwrapped toys at your closest OCFA Fire Station
Donations accepted through

DECEMBER 12TH

To find your closest fire station, scan the QR Code:



For questions or to make a monetary donation go to:
<https://www.ocfa.org/toydrive>





Orange Empire Membership Recruitment Contest



\$50 for recruiting 3 new members*

**BEGINS August 1, 2023
ENDS MAY 1, 2024**

- *Only Orange Empire members are eligible to win**
- *New member must join Orange Empire Chapter**
- *Transfers do not count**

Completed application must be mailed to:

*Nanette Bowman
2006 Port Albans Circle
Newport Beach, CA 92660
Questions?*

Call, text, or email
Nanette Bowman
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