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What A Difference A Few Months Makes!

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Hello again from me, Ed Paulson, and your other Option II Board of Directors. It seems hard to believe that it has only been two months since the last newsletter. So much of our daily life has changed. And, life, work, our dreams and Option II Alumni activities go on as was proven by the great fall seminar turnout.



So, here is your final 2001 newsletter which contains important information about the fall seminar, about your new board members and upcoming local events. Now, more than ever, we need to support each other as colleagues as well as Americans through these difficult economic and political times. We really can improve the quality of all of our lives. Take the time to get involved.

Happy Holidays to you and your family from all of us here at your board and the Option II office. Remember that the newsletter is also available from the Web site, www.optionii.com.

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ps\ Let me know, through email, things happening in your life. Newsletters start up again in the spring. Editor.

Alumni Corral

Dan Montoya ('02) and his wife Maris just had a baby son, Evan Randall Montoya; born 10 Nov at 16:12. He came in at 7lb, 9 oz and 20.5 inches. Dad says, "Darn cute kid, possibly as a result of having mom's features (so far)."

Seminar Golf Update

The results of the Option II Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 22nd at Forest Creek Golf Course are as follows: (watch out Tiger!)

First Place: Class of 1999 Team of Carol Gittinger, Art Lancaster and Marc Padovani with a score of 69 (three under par)

Second Place: Class of 1993 Team of Robert Floyd, Terry Graham, Karen Brittain, and Debra Hughey with a score of 70 (two under par)

Third Place: Ray Adams ('95), Debra Day ('94), Zoe Griffith ('90), and Neil Haverlah ('94) with a par score of 72.

We had three closest to the pin contests, but only one winner: Zoe Griffith ('90) because nobody at all could hit two of the three greens we had chosen for prizes (Yes. We are pathetic). We only had 12 golfers at the event, most likely due to the recent tragic events as our normal turnout is between 30-40 players. Let's make a comeback showing for next year. These guys had a really good time. Thanks to everyone who participated.

*The information about the event provided by **Debbie Day ('94)**. Thanks Debbie.*

General Seminar Note

The fall seminar was a success, especially in light of the World Trade Center tragedy. Over 80 people turned out to hear experts talk on Strategic Partnership, which is now more timely than ever. Option II proves that life goes on! Thanks and congratulations to all!

Final '01 Board Meeting

The final 2001 Board of Directors meeting was held Saturday, October 20, on the UT Campus. The agenda included a review and evaluation of the Fall Business Seminar, preliminary planning for the 2002 event (September 27, 2002), planning for regional alumni events, and selection of officers for 2002. Administrative and technology changes in the Option II office were discussed. The 2001 Board will meet with the new 2002 Board of Directors on January 26 for a full day planning session.

The '02 Board Members

- President: Kandace Tornquist ('91)
- Seminar Coordination: Planning team
- Secretary: Michael Thomas Clarke ('00)
- Treasurer: Curtis Bissonnette ('98)
- Membership: Zoe Griffith ('90)
- Newsletter: Ed Paulson ('90)
- Web Coordinator: Sam Farias ('00)
- Regional Coordinator, Dallas/Ft. Worth: Christopher Plummer ('01)
- Regional Coordinator, Austin: Jose Chacon ('00) (co-leader to be announced)
- Regional Coordinator, San Antonio: Jeff Dahl ('98), co-leader to be announced
- Regional Coordinator, Houston: Houston alumni team, headed by David Taylor ('99), Grant Haddix ('99), Walter Guidroz ('00), and Stephen Payne ('99)
- Regional Coordinator, At Large: Maureen Zoric ('98)

Class reps for several classes were named; a few openings remain. If you are interested in serving as a class rep – or would like to have more information – contact **Roy Longoria ('99)** at roy.longoria@juno.com.

Upcoming Regional Events

Austin: Event #1: Holiday Benefit Concert - An evening of Christmas caroling, led by the Austin Civic Orchestra and benefiting the Salvation Army. A great event with and for the kids. Saturday December 8, 2001 at 7:30 pm at First Baptist Church, 9th & Trinity. Admission is a can of food or a cash donation. **Event #2: Option II** happy hour will be held on December 11th at Dog and Duck at 6pm. **Event #3:** Trying to get tickets for a UT basketball game in February. Look for details in a future newsletter.

San Antonio Area: December 11, 5:30 PM (Option II happy hour) **at Beto's Latin Grill on Broadway**. We will be at the table or tables nearest the small playground. See you there. If there are any questions, please contact Jeff Dahl at (210) 527-0900.

Houston Area December 13th Event - Option II happy hour **and Discussion With John Doggett**

Thursday, December 13th, 2001, 6:30-9:30 PM, Ruggles Grill at Enron Field (Texas & Crawford, Downtown Houston). 6:30-7:45 Appetizers, Cash Bar & Houston Alumni Events Discussion

7:45-9:00 John Doggett, Managing & Marketing in Global Arena after September 11th. RSVP to Grant Haddix (via e-mail reply, ghaddix@aol.com) by November 30th. Send \$25 check made out to: Walter Guidroz Address: 243, Litchfield Ln, Houston, TX 77024. The \$25 covers fees for the speaker, using the restaurant, and appetizers. Dinner is not covered and there is no obligation to eat dinner at Ruggles. We will accept \$25 at the door, but please try to plan ahead (ie. RSVP and send check by November 30th). Invite co-workers, bosses, friends and family members to attend. They are all welcome to participate. Just let us know.

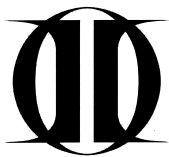
Bob Mettlen On The Post 9/11 Economy

Editor Note: This is only a teaser response. Look to the next newsletter for Bob's detailed answers to questions pertaining to the current economy.

"Unlike the Fed's abysmal response to the crisis of the Great Depression of the 1930's, this time it deserves a gold star. Within 24 hours of the World Trade Towers/Pentagon attacks, the Fed had provided massive amounts of liquidity to our banking system thus negating the prospect that the pain of the terrorists' attack would be compounded by a financial collapse as well. ... And for additional assurance, both the Fed and the OCC jumped in to urge and help banks to restructure loans to borrowers experiencing temporary liquidity problems."

The whole interview will be included in the next newsletter. Stay tuned.

Survey Question: Does Bob look like Sean Connery? ☺ Email response to: author@edpaulson.com.



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