



Marin County Estate Planning Council

President's Message

To the members of the Marin County Estate Planning Council:

Our final dinner meeting of the current season is just two weeks away. The **May 11** meeting will again be at our new location, the Napa Room at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in San Rafael. As it is our last meeting before the summer, and the general membership meeting, I hope you will be able to attend.

Our speaker for Wednesday evening, May 11 meeting will be Dr. Joel Kramer, neuropsychologist at UCSF. His topic will be "Understanding Cognitive Changes in the Elderly." Last November, I attended a similar presentation by Dr. Kramer and two of his UCSF colleagues and found it very informative and helpful in understanding how to approach clients or their loved ones who are exhibiting declining cognitive skills as they age. Please see the announcement on the following page for further details and reservation information.

Website information

You can always find information about meetings and membership on our website, as well as links to other Councils in the area and resources that you may find useful. The membership directory is online in the members-only section of the site. To access the members-only portion of the site, enter our **username: mcepc** and **password: service**. In addition, the directory of members for consumers has been added to the site, under "Find a Professional." It allows public access to the additional business and personal background information that many of us have provided.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the May meeting.

David Raub
MCEPC President

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May 11, 2011 meeting

"UNDERSTANDING COGNITIVE CHANGES IN THE ELDERLY"

DR. JOEL KRAMER, PSYD

DIRECTOR OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY, UCSF MEMORY AND AGING CENTER

Dr. Kramer earned his Doctorate in Psychology at Baylor University and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Martinez VA hospital. Dr. Kramer is board certified in clinical neuropsychology and serves on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology.

Dr. Kramer is a Clinical Professor of Neuropsychology in Neurology and the Director of the Memory and Aging Center Neuropsychology program.

Dr. Kramer has been extensively involved in studying the cognitive changes associated with brain disorders for the past two decades. He has co-authored widely used neuropsychological measures of memory and executive functioning. Much of his work has been devoted to identifying the different ways in which neurodegenerative diseases affect memory and other abilities and in utilizing these differences to improve differential diagnosis in clinic.

Presently, Dr. Kramer's active areas of research include studying the cognitive effects of cerebrovascular disease and frontotemporal dementia, identifying behavioral markers of pre-clinical Alzheimer's disease, and understanding the relationships between aging, hormones and behavior.

LOCATION: Four Points by Sheraton, 1010 Northgate Drive, San Rafael

5:30 p.m. – Social Hour

6:15 p.m. – Dinner

7:00 p.m. – Program

Please RSVP to Sherrill Schaefer, sherrill@mcepc.org or 381.3555 by Friday, May 6 at 2pm. The entrée will be chicken breast stuffed with spinach, feta cheese, roasted red peppers and basil, accompanied by seasonal vegetables and herb-roasted potatoes. The dessert is strawberry shortcake. The vegetarian and vegan entrée will be stuffed portobello mushrooms, served with seasonal vegetables and red roasted potatoes.

You may request a vegetarian or vegan meal when you RSVP.

To bring a guest: Notify Sherrill Schaefer, sherrill@mcepc.org by Friday, May 6, at 2 pm. The guest fee is \$45.00, payable at the door by check or cash only. **Please remember to cancel your reservation if your plans change.** If you RSVP that you are coming, then cancel at the last minute or simply don't show, we end up paying for your meal anyway. Please help your Board in our efforts to provide good meals and wine at a reasonable price.