

May 2018 Spotlight Member Linda Neuman

I am very honored and proud that my last duty as Vice President of Membership, I will present Linda Neuman as our "May 2018 Spotlight Member!" Linda is married to Paul Neuman and has one daughter, Kayla. Linda was born in New York and moved to California in 1962. In 1977, a couple of years out of High School, she worked as a receptionist for a general practice law firm in which she even typed up Wills (originals x 2) on an Underwood Typewriter. She was the only freshman to be on the Varsity Field Hockey team at San Jose State. Linda played left half back while using a right-handed stick! That was a very hard skill to learn.

Linda is a Past President of Southern Alameda County LSA (no longer an active chapter) and joined SCCoLPA in 1987 and returning in 2010. An interesting tidbit is that if you look back at an early publication of the "Legal Secretary" look for August 1986 and look for the picture on page 1, which was taken by Frank J. Sedlar (Linda's Dad). It is a picture of the elegant and newly constructed Newark Hilton, site of the 1986 First Quarterly Board of Governors Meeting (where Linda was the Chairman) and will be the site of the 2019 LSI Annual Conference. Funny how things come full circle.

She attended West Valley College from 1975 to 1979 where she obtained her AS degree in Secretarial Studies/Administrative Option and Certificates in the Clerical Option and Supervision and Management Level 1. Linda received her Paralegal Certificate from Santa Clara University in 1992. Linda has been in the legal field for the last 37 years. She was with her last employer for the last 33 years.

She says that one of her proudest moments was being honored with the Rod Cardinale, Jr. President's Award in 2014. She feels that she found unexpected friendships in this association and says that in and of itself is priceless.

Linda has recently retired, is now taking care of her animal companion named Hans the 4th (a weimaraner). She said he is good-natured but howls like a baby when she is gone but that has not stopped her from having a full schedule of travel plans starting in a few weeks that include a trip with her husband to Europe.

Please congratulate Linda on being chosen as our May Spotlight Member!