

## **November 2017 Spotlight Member Luz Marie Ramirez**

Our November Spotlight Member is Luz Marie Ramirez. Her father is from Mexico and her mother is from El Salvador. After meeting in church in San Francisco, they raised four (4) children starting with Luz Marie! At the onset of high school, her family moved to the suburbs of San Bruno. She says she has fond memories of growing up in San Francisco. , they met in church in San Francisco. I She was born and raised in San Francisco until high school when my parents sold their home and we moved to the suburbs, San Bruno. I am the oldest of four children.

Upon graduating high school, Luz Marie attended Heald Business College where she instantly fell in love with her legal studies classes. So much so that she went on to received her A.A. and Paralegal Certificate. While attending Heald, she found work at various law firms finding the administrative part enjoyable. After graduating from Heald, Luz Marie was hired as a legal secretary/paralegal for a small firm in San Francisco and eventually stayed on as a legal secretary.

Luz Marie has had a long career as a legal secretary and at times would handle the paralegal duties for the firms who did not have their own paralegals. She stayed with various firm for many years only to move on if the opportunity or salary was right. She has found the position with law firms by word of mouth via a friend or attorney reached out. Luz Marie's current position is at Littler Mendelson for the last six years and she finds she truly enjoys it.

Luz Marie said that her parents and grandmother instilled her strong work ethic. She loves putting in a good day's work and giving it her all. At the end of the day, the results are a job well done. She does not take work home so she is free to truly enjoy her evenings and family time.

Making new friends, networking, learning new things, and enjoying the meetings are some of the benefits Luz Marie finds as a Santa Clara County Legal Professionals Association.

Luz Marie has been married for 27 years and together for 32 years. She stated that she could honestly say she loves him so much more now than she ever thought she would. They have two children, a daughter who is 22 and a son who is 18. Their daughter is in her final year of studying to be a teacher and playing soccer for Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In addition, her son is a freshman at Chico State and is studying to be an engineer.

She loves to volunteer at her church and enjoys working with and teaching the children. Her husband joins her in volunteering with the homeless ministry and truly finds joy in serving others. Luz Marie says she is motivated by the love and grace of God and thanks him for all that he has done for her. She believes in treating people with respect, as she would like to be treated. She says she would not be where she is at today without God in her life. Luz Marie loves hiking, running and laying on a beach somewhere tropical and would love to travel. She plans to do just that as she is now in the "Empty Nesters Club"!

Please join me in congratulating Luz Marie on being chosen as our November Spotlight Member!