

Staff Executive/ Editor's Comments



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Opportunities Everywhere

On a peninsula jutting into Lake Murray on the outskirts of Lexington, SC, where my email address is located, finally it is raining. Not hard; just soft and steady. It began around 2:00 AM and is expected to end around 2:00 PM. The weather system is forecast to move toward the coast and off into the Atlantic Ocean. It was not enough rain as we have been in a drought mode for some time but the temperature today is below 80 degrees Fahrenheit and the grass is showing more green color. That's good.

Restricting serious thought only to reports by what is now referred to as the "main street media" one could become discouraged in very short order. There is an oil crisis. There is a banking crisis. There is a credit crisis. There is a housing crisis. Interest rates are climbing. Inflation has reared its ugly head. Unemployment is on the rise. Budgets by both governments and private companies are being reduced. There is no realistic energy plan for the nation. Terrorism is increasing. Individual and corporate morals have hit bottom. One could say, "That's not good."

With uncertainty comes fear. Will I lose my job? Will I lose my house? How will I pay for my children's clothes, books and school tuition? How will they get to school? How can our family afford to attend school activities where our children participate? How do I get to work with the high cost of gasoline? With the increased cost of food will I have to feed my family beans, bread and water? What is one to do?

May I suggest that you find a better source for news? Realize that 98% of all "what if" fears never happen. Concentrate on and enumerate the positive aspects of your life, family, employment, children's activities and opportunities. Don't let your fears frighten you. Scare the heck out of those fears with your talents and determination. Most of our fears rest on the difference between our needs and desires. Living within our means is a terrific stress reliever.

Structural movers are accustomed to hard work. Structural movers are tough individuals. Structural movers are in the

very industry that can help someone obtain a home for a lot less money than from homebuilders. Movers can help a businessman modify his manufacturing facilities to keep his business running. Movers are called on by utilities for assistance in times of emergencies. Businesses and governments need movers to clear paths for developments to progress, etc., etc., etc.

Movers in Canada are working at full speed. There are pockets here and there where work may be slow but mostly members indicate the work is steady. It will always be steady for those movers who plan, educate and participate because they will always be connected, know what is truly going on and be in the loop when an opportunity says "over here."

A new member from Vietnam, Do Quoc Khanh, has sent an email stating that he, his daughter and son will be attending the annual conference in Virginia Beach, VA next February 18-22, 2009. He has requested an invitation (a requirement of his government) in order to apply for a visa to attend. Which reminds me: Have you factored attendance in your plans? Have you made room reservations at the Cavalier Hotel? 138 of the 500 room nights the association has reserved have already been taken. Don't wait too late to reserve your rooms.

This morning, as I was writing these comments, a university president called and asked for a meeting to discuss expansion of facilities to meet an increasing enrollment. A business associate called to ask me to facilitate a critical meeting of researchers from seven universities on a project of major significance regarding the nation's future transportation needs. A member in SC called for information about North Carolina mover's actions on legislation and asked us to assist government officials and movers in Georgia with legislation to improve the industry's image, safety and effectiveness in that state. And that was before noon.

Opportunities are everywhere. We just have to focus and get involved.