

COMPANIES ON THE MOVE

IN SAN DIEGO

EXECUTIVE PLACEMENT AND STAFFING FIRM

Announcement



Gary van Eik

A big congratulations to San Diego-based TriStaff Group, an executive placement and staffing firm, celebrating their 50th year in business. Founded by **CEO Gary van Eik and President Rich Papike** in August 1971, TriStaff Group has placed thousands of candidates and created careers for many. Both Gary and Rich are still very active in TriStaff Group, leading a team in executive search and temporary staffing. They are seeing many of their clients becoming vibrant again and the candidate base not far behind. 2022 should be amazing!



Rich Papike

Gary van Eik, CEO, has been in staffing for 50 years and still has the same passion for business as when he started. He graduated from SDSU with a marketing degree and has had a knack for opening new staffing markets to pursue new business. Gary and his family work in executive search, temporary staffing and contract work. He has been married 53 years with 2 children and 6 grandchildren.

His hobbies are cars, mostly old Fords with new components including one he has had since 1956 and a new addition, a 2021 Corvette!



Karen van Eik

Rich Papike, President, began his career with TriStaff placing salespeople, which led to placing senior executives in media, predominantly in the newspaper space. Rich and his wife Cheri have been married 54 years and have 2 sons and 5 grandchildren. He got his Marketing degree in 1968 from Cal. He still enjoys playing senior baseball and golf and has been a member of the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club for over 30 years.

Karen van Eik started with Tristaff in August 1990 in sales and recruiting. She soon was promoted to manager and has had a passion for Sales and Recruiting for over 31 years. Relationships with her clients has been the key to her success and some of them have been with her for over 30 years. Karen's staff, some with over 25 years at Tristaff, have the same values and passion for excellence.

The North County office is located in San Marcos and they specialize in temporary staffing, direct hires, and project work.



Alex Papike

Alex Papike always wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and in 1995 he came to work for the family business. Alex worked alongside his father Rich, and brother Chris placing senior executives in the Newspaper business and over time he expanded into Television and Digital media. In 2009, Alex began to shift his focus toward renewable energy including Solar, Wind, Energy Storage, and Waste to Energy. Alex has grown TriStaff's renewable energy practice into a nationally recognized leader in that sector of executive search. In addition to his work in the RE space, Alex leads TriStaff's banking, accounting and finance departments.



Denise Ferraris

Denise Ferraris joined Tristaff Group in January 1991. She moved from Connecticut to San Diego to join the firm. Denise celebrated her 30th year in 2021. She is currently Director of Recruiting for the San Diego office with a niche in contract staffing and direct hire. The entrepreneurial opportunity TriStaff offers its employees has proven a successful career and work life balance.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

HIRINGS, PROMOTIONS, BOARD MEMBERS AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS IN SAN DIEGO



NONPROFIT

Board of Directors



Caroline Winn

Father Joe's Villages is pleased to announce the addition of **Caroline Winn**, chief executive officer for **San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)**, to their S.V.D.P. Management Board of Directors.

Winn, who joined SDG&E as an associate engineer in 1986, became CEO in 2020. Previously, she served as chief operating officer, overseeing operations of infrastructure assets, and customer services. She is widely recognized for SDG&E's national leadership in sustainability, technology and innovation.

"I am thrilled to welcome Caroline," said Father Joe's Villages' President & CEO, Deacon Jim Vargas. "She will bring her wealth of experience to our team."



RESTAURANT

Promotion



Eric Williams

Eric Williams was recently promoted to the role of chief operating officer at **QDOBA**. In his new role, he will oversee more than 740 QDOBA locations across the U.S. and Canada, and support QDOBA franchise owners, ultimately ensuring the company's continued overall success. Previously, Williams served as vice president of franchise & license operations.

Williams has proven to be an exceptional leader capable of taking on additional responsibility. Most recently, he has provided valuable insight to help QDOBA franchise owners thrive, particularly during the pandemic. QDOBA looks forward to seeing his contributions and leadership extend even further into the company operations function in his new role.

Williams joined QDOBA in October 2019 as Director of Operations with over 30 years of experience in the foodservice industry, including restaurant, franchise and corporate operations, as well as multi-unit franchise ownership.