

Join LVP for a Networking Picnic!

We're Celebrating Our 15 Year Anniversary of Helping Professionals Get Back to Work

How a layoff, in uncertain times, and a belief that if you help others they will in turn help you, led to 15 years of guidance and support for over 5,000 job seekers as they navigated the scary and turbulent waters of career transition.

LVP members and alumni, and recruiters and hiring authorities, come celebrate on Saturday, Sept. 23 and put LVP's philosophy to work for you.

Date: Sept. 23, Saturday

Time: 12:00pm (Noon) to 3:00pm

Location: Louise W. Moore Park, Pavilion 2, Country Club Road, Easton

Questions? Like to Volunteer? Contact: Diane Ihle ihle.diane@yahoo.com

Cost: Event and parking are free. (Donations to LVP are welcome)

Food Provided: Hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, & water. This is an alcohol free event.

Please bring a side dish/salad, dessert, snack, or soft drink. (sign-up at LVP Friday meetings and online via registration)

RAFFLE at 2PM!

****You Must [Register](#) to Attend!****

Families Welcome (Please register ALL family members)

[Register](#)

Thiep Pham, LVP founder, states 'LVP was formed on the philosophy of achieving one's goal by helping others... Why? By helping others, others would want to do the same, which creates a domino effect and eventually that effect would come full circle.

I was laid off after September 11 (2001), and opportunities were dried up in the Lehigh Valley. Companies like Lucent and Bethlehem Steel were downsizing. It was a difficult and scary time for my family and there was no Facebook, LinkedIn to aid in the job search and self-marketing.

With so many professionals in the Lehigh Valley laid off (a new trend never heard of at the time), the idea emerged of having like minds (professional peers) come together to meet (networking), share leads, and form a social bond (group) -- thus the name. However, the meeting facility, communications tool and other logistical challenges bottlenecked the idea, and the idea became secondary to finding a job.

Luckily, the idea resurfaced when I applied for UC at the CareerLink LV. My UC manager brought to my attention the possibility of CareerLink helping with the group formation and soon Ray Spencer and Karen McAndrew-Bush were involved to help get the idea off the ground. Our meeting started small, averaged about 18, but soon grew.

Remember LVP's philosophy that was mentioned earlier? Well, I landed a few months into the group's formation and passed the baton. *By helping others, I also helped myself.*