

Personal Biography: Marc Bello

When I received the email indicating I had been selected for this honor, two things came to mind. First, did they have the right person? So I checked the membership roster to make sure there wasn't another member named Marc Bello. The second thought was how privileged I am to be affiliated with a tremendous organization such as NACVA and how fortunate I am to be surrounded by an incredible amount of talented members.

To begin my brief autobiography, I believe that my roots as a child have contributed to who and where I am today. The lesson I would like to share from my youth are the values learned from summer camp. Once I was able to make my bed, I went to overnight camp where I spent the next 12 summers for eight weeks a year. My experience at camp taught me responsibility, leadership, camaraderie, and spirit. The importance of friendship, integrity, laughter and hard work became core values which are extremely important to me today.

After college, with a job starting in September, I traveled with a friend in a 1987 Grand Fury for eight weeks around the county. It was an amazing experience. You can get quite an education living out of a tent and a car for eight weeks. The final stop on our trip was the summer camp I spoke of earlier. When I returned to camp I recognize the importance of setting goals for the future, but believe it is even more important remember our core values which ground us with the ability to achieve those goals.

Professionally, I always joke with people that it took me a good 10 years to find a profession I am passionate about and can admit I enjoy coming to work everyday. I began my professional career as an auditor, became a tax specialist, received a Master in Taxation, and worked in private industry before I focused 100% in the field of valuation. Having spent years as an understudy and now running a valuation practice at Edelstein & Company, LLP, I look forward to the challenges of the profession and the rewards to be achieved. To tell you a little about our valuation practice at Edelstein, we specialize in performing business valuations in the context of marital dissolution, financial reporting, gift and estate taxation, dissenting shareholder actions, and stock options. We also provide litigation support services as an expert witness in the areas of valuation, forensic accounting, lost profits, business interruptions, economic damages and taxation.

NACVA is a tremendous source for positive energy for professionals. This energy starts with people. The individuals at NACVA who work behind the scenes organizing these programs do a tremendous job; they are well organized, friendly and look out for us as members. The members with whom I have had the opportunity to be associated with I am honored and privileged for all your time, support and wisdom you have shared with me. I cherish the friendships I have made and the laughter and discussions we have.

I find one of the most rewarding aspects of my work is sharing my knowledge and passion for the industry with others. NACVA has given me that opportunity as an instructor for Current Updates in Valuation. I am currently serving a term on the Valuation Credentialing Board and look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the strength of this great organization. Finally as a source to grow intellectually, I have found the training programs and the instructors to be exceptional. The breadth of topics offered and the opportunities to learn new aspects of the industry are incredible.

To make this work, it would have been the biggest fault in my career if I did not mention my wife, Cindy and two daughters. Cindy has been my biggest supporter and has always been able

to keep me grounded in those core values of friendship, laughter, integrity, and balance. As my two young daughters as they grow with age and wisdom, I can only hope they will continue to hide my luggage because they don't want me to head to the airport on a Sunday afternoon.

Thank you again for this great honor, I look forward to many years of involvement with this fine organization.

Best,

Marc