

Our next meeting will be November 8, 2008. Our theme will be on school days and we will each bring a presentation about education or a school experience. Harriet Washburn had the wonderful opportunity to take an Alaskan Cruise in September and we are looking forward to learning about her trip.

We are not having our October meeting because of the ITC POWER*talk* International Training Weekend in San Francisco. A number of Valley Communicators Club members will be in attendance. ITC is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There will be a Birthday Bash Celebration on Friday evening. Valley Communicators will be honored as the oldest chartered club in ITC. Denise Cheeseman will give a presentation on our club history. Robert and Liz Richardson will be busy behind the scenes with registration and properties. Liz Richardson will also be presenting the ITC History Skit on Friday evening.

We have sad news to report that member Judy Magee's father passed away on September 6, 2008. Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy during this time.

Please come join us on a Saturday morning. We meet on the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon at Rio Las Palmas Retirement Villa, (second floor, Bingo Room), 877 E. March Lane in Stockton. The facility is located on the corner of Holiday and March Lane. Directions can be found on our website: <http://www.vcommunicators.com/>

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**The Silver Lining to the *Burning* Question  
You Burnt the Bird?  
A Dozen Reasons to Be Thankful!**

- **Salmonella won't be a concern**
  - **No one will overeat.**
- **Everyone will think it's Cajun Blackened.**
- **Uninvited guests will think twice next year.**
- **Your cheese broccoli lima bean casserole will gain newly found appreciation.**
  - **Pets won't pester you for scraps.**
  - **The smoke alarm was due for a test.**
  - **Carving the bird will provide a good cardiovascular workout.**
  - **After dinner, the guys can take the bird to the yard and play football.**
- **The less turkey Uncle George eats, the less likely he will be to walk around with his pants unbuttoned.**
  - **You'll get to the desserts quicker.**
  - **You won't have to face three weeks of turkey sandwiches.**

Source: Craig Boldman and Pete Matthews, authors of Every Excuse in the Book: 714 Ways to Say "It's Not My Fault."