



FREE Weekly e-Newsletter

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This Week's Motivational Quote

"If you really want to do something, you'll find a way; if you don't, you'll find an excuse."

- Unknown

[If you're motivated to book a hotel room, click here!](#)



Weekly Contest

THE ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTION WAS: 14 YEARS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST WEEK'S CONTEST WINNER, MIKE FISCHNALLER, WITH NEW PACIFIC CORP!**

**We had 6 correct entries this week and Mike Fischnaller was randomly selected from those entries as our winner.

Every week we give our subscribers a chance to win GREAT prizes from Valley River Inn. To enter, simply click on the link below and complete the form. The submission closest to the actual answer wins! If there is a tie, we will randomly draw a winner.

Deadline to Enter: Monday, December 11th @ 10pm

GOOD LUCK!

THIS WEEK'S PRIZE:

New Year's Eve Package which includes:

*Deluxe Room Accommodations for 2 on Sunday, December 31st.

*New Year's Day Brunch for 2 on Monday, January 1st.



(The Package is valued at more than \$180!)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Which of the following people have NOT stayed at Valley River Inn?

- A. Tom Cruise
- B. Elvis Presley
- C. Mikhail Baryshnikov
- D. Magic Johnson
- E. Gerald Ford

[Click Here To Enter!](#)

Employee Profile: Roxane Butler - Director of Catering

Roxane Butler, Director of Catering

Name:
Roxane Butler

Title:
Director of Catering

Years at Valley River Inn:
10 years

Where did you go to high school?
El Modena (Orange County, California)

Where did you go to college and what's your degree in?
University of California @ Irvine with a Bachelors in Business & Social Sciences.

What are your job duties?
Coordinating conferences, high profile events, creating themes and working with the Catering Team on special event planning.

What were you doing before you joined the Valley River Inn Team?
Took a small break from the hotel industry and worked for a Japanese computer aided design company handling international travel, staging domestic and international trade shows and product software demonstrations.

What is your funniest or fondest memory of your time with Valley River Inn?
Cleaning out the 7th "Haunted" Floor Archive Room, hearing and seeing the door handle leading down to the 6th floor rattle, opening the door and finding no one there! This went on for at least 10 minutes to find out much later that it was one our Maintenance Employees trying to scare the dickens out of me! It worked because I really thought it was one our VRI ghosts from the past.



What in your life best prepared you for the work you do at Valley River Inn and why?

My Grandparents strong work ethic and valuable training with Disney Corp.

What did you dream about doing for a living when you were growing up?

Veterinarian

Describe the most dramatic situation in which you provided the "Valley River Inn Difference" for a guest?

One of our clients and her husband were involved in a car accident and were unable to attend their event at VRI. I delivered meals to their home along with a VRI Care Package of magazines, books, videos.

Motto:

Whistle while you work!

Most unusual/creative solution to a guest problem:

Renovation not completed in one of our Ballrooms for an event. Changed the theme, created a Winter façade by covering the floor with snow, hanging snow flakes, added drapery and changed the ambiance of the room on the day of the event.

What makes working at Valley River Inn fun for you?

Honestly, the dedicated associates, fun staff, adrenaline rush of juggling up to the minute changes and the people I have met throughout my career at VRI.

Favorite movie you've recently seen or rented:

Harry Potter Goblet of Fire

Guilty pleasure of choice (i.e. watching Gilligan's Island reruns):

American Idol..... Dancing with the Stars.... The Office.... Thank you TIVO!!!!!!

Place you'd most like to visit on your next vacation:

Switzerland

What is the most important thing you've learned at Valley River Inn?

Being patient, flexible and keeping current in the ever changing hotel industry.

Favorite magazine:

VANITY FAIR

If you could meet anyone in the world, who would it be and why?

Paul McCartney - To hear about his adventure with the Beatles, Wings and life experience.

If you won the lottery today, what would you do tomorrow?

Treat the staff to a luxury trip & share the wealth with the

less fortunate.

Any hobbies?

Beside work... hmm..... Travel, reading, museums and beachcombing

How would your boss describe you?

People person, dedicated, creative and fun!

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Upcoming Hotel Events

There's always something going on at Valley River Inn and every week, we're sending you the fun stuff happening for the next 3 months, so you'll have time to plan.

Here are some upcoming highlights:

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15-16

The Jim Basnight Band is BACK!

No Cover

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Las Vegas Bowl - 5PM

Watch the big game on our **3 BRAND NEW PLASMA TVs!**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Dinner at SweetWaters on the River

A special holiday menu will be created by Executive Chef Michael Thieme

Call 743-1000 for reservations

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29-31

Rock in the New Year with River City Rhythm & Blues

No Cover

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Special New Year's Day Brunch at SweetWaters on the River

Call 743-1000 for reservations

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

SUPER BOWL XLI - 3:30PM

Watch the big game on our **3 BRAND NEW PLASMA TVs!**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's Day - Make your reservation for our Sweethearts

Dinner in SweetWaters on the River. Call us at 541-743-1000 for reservations.

[For our complete Calendar of Events, Click Here!](#)



Hotel News - RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH US!

SweetWaters on the River is the Place to Be on New Year's Weekend

There's a party at our house and you and your friends are invited.

Dance in the New Year with one of Southern Oregon's **HOTTEST** bands, **River City Rhythm and Blues!**

- *No Cover!!!
- *Live Music
- *Champagne Toast at Midnight
- *Party Favors
- *New Year's Eve Room Package
- *New Year's Day Brunch

New Year's Eve Package

- *Deluxe Room Accommodations for 2
- *New Year's Day Brunch for 2
- \$165 + tax**

New Year's Day Brunch

- *Monday, January 1st
- *9AM-2PM
- \$29.00 Per Person**

[Click Here To See All of Our Package Options](#)



Did You Know?

A Fun Tidbit Delivered Right To Your Email Inbox Every Week.

Did you know...

Roxane Butler, our Featured Employee this month, won the award for "Catering and Convention Services Director of the Year" at the Sunstone Hotels Annual Convention earlier this year. Roxane beat out more than 200 Catering professionals for this prestigious annual award.

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