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This Week's Motivational Quote

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."

-Henry Ford

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



Weekly Contest

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: Friday, November 3rd @ 10pm

GOOD LUCK!

THIS WEEK'S PRIZE:

Brunch for 2 at SweetWaters on the River

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

How many points will the Oregon Ducks score in Saturday's football game against the Washington Huskies?

[Click Here To Enter!](#)



Employee Profile - George Rogers, General Manager

Name:
George Rogers

Title:
General Manager

Years at Valley River Inn:
2 ½ Months

Where did you go to high school?
Mountain View High School- Bend, Oregon

Where did you go to college and what's your degree in?
Northwest Christian College - Organizational Management

What are your job duties?
Overseeing the hotel as a whole. Ensuring smooth operation and maximizing revenue opportunities

What were you doing before you joined the Valley River Inn Team?
General Manager of the Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center Berkeley Marina

What is your funniest or fondest memory of your time with Valley River Inn?
Helping UCLA football team with camera gear and taking it to the wrong wing of the hotel. I was helped with my error before I actually delivered it to the wrong room.

What in your life best prepared you for the work you do at Valley River Inn and why?
I have always been in the hospitality industry. I would say my most recent position because it gave me a true appreciation for Eugene, it's people, and what a great reputation that our hotel truly enjoys.

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

Describe the most dramatic situation in which you provided the "Valley River Inn Difference" for a guest?
Made the hotel 100% nonsmoking

Favorite hobby:
Going to college sports games

Motto:
The Customer Comes First

Most unusual/creative solution to a guest problem:
Guest lost a button and I took home his shirt and sewed a button on. I don't know how to sew but I winged it and the guest loved it.

What makes working at Valley River Inn fun for you?
The people

Favorite movie you've recently seen or rented:
Departed

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

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

What is the most important thing you've learned at Valley River Inn?
A great reputation is hard earned and even harder to maintain.



Favorite magazine:
Sports Illustrated

If you could meet any person, living or dead, who would it be?
Leonardo Da Vinci

If you won the lottery today, what would you do tomorrow?
Come to work-I love my job!

Any hobbies?
Basketball, fishing and hunting

How would your boss describe you?
Punctual, dedicated, passionate and caring.

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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, NOVEMBER 3-4
Jim Basnight is playing solo in SweetWaters Bar
No Cover

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Thanksgiving Dinner at SweetWaters on the River
A special menu will be created by Executive Chef Michael Thieme

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22-26
Festival of Trees
Tickets at the door - \$5

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1-2
The Jim Basnight Band will be rocking at SweetWaters Bar
No Cover

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15-16
The Jim Basnight Band is BACK!
No Cover

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25
Christmas Dinner at SweetWaters on the River
A special holiday menu will be created by Executive Chef Michael Thieme

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

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



Hotel News

You can now book your SweetWaters on the River restaurant reservations ONLINE! It's quick, it's easy and they're made in real time. Give it a try TODAY!



[Click Here For SweetWaters on the River Reservations](#)

Did You Know?

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

Did you know...

Elvis stayed at Valley River Inn in November, 1976. He was in town to play a few shows at MacArthur Court. Upon arrival, his big request was for some home-made chicken noodle soup. It must've been some good soup...he called down for a second helping.

We'll have another fun fact next week. Stay tuned.

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- * Motivational Quote of the Week
- * Weekly Contest (PRIZE is an iPod)
- * From the Hotel Experts - Housekeeping Hints from our Executive Housekeeper
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