

A NOTE FROM LINDA

As we enter summer and we begin summer vacation and enjoy the lovely sunshine, let us not forget it's also graduation season. We would like to give a big **CONGRATULATIONS** to all the 2022 graduates. Visit our [graduation page](#) and upload your graduate's photo to be honored.

With all that is happening around us let's not forget to appreciate each day. Please take a moment to "stop and smell the roses." Celebrate your accomplishment, whether it is your graduation, completing a home project, or finishing a good book. Enjoy each day and enjoy time with your loved ones.

All around us things are changing rapidly, and while Upward also changes to bring better products or services to our members, one thing that remains the same is we are here for ALL members and our community. Upward takes pride in celebrating diversity, equity, and inclusion. This month, we celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride and Juneteenth and want to take the opportunity to bring awareness to our community of both celebrations. For more information on the history on both click on the link for each in the articles below.

As we close out our 65th anniversary and move onto our 66th year, I would like to share some fun facts from my journey at Upward. We have been at our current

location since 2002, 20 years! That is when we moved out of the old Peninsula Hospital in anticipation of the new hospital being built. We were a little ahead of that schedule, but now sits a beautiful state-of-art building(s) to serve our community. It wasn't long after that we decided to expand our field of membership to include the City of Burlingame and I quickly became a board member for the Burlingame Chamber of Commerce and met many great leaders in the community. Relationships are formed not only in the office, but outside the office too.

Thank you to all our members for their continued support and kind words. As we move closer to my retirement and the introduction of our new CEO Jason Mertz-Prickett, you are invited to our CEO Open House events in July and August. At the open house you will meet Jason and say farewell to me; visit, ask us any questions and share some memories. See page 2 for open house details. Again, I am grateful for all our members and look forward to hearing and seeing you soon.