



**BPI Global Talk™ – Broadening Horizons Salon Series**  
**“Sacramento’s Global Business Owners Talk”**

**Jay Sales, Co-Founder, *The Shop @ VSP Global + Innovation Strategist, VSP Global***

In 2006, Jay Sales joined VSP Global, an industry-leading organization that brings together high quality, high fashion eyewear, customized lenses and ophthalmic technology to help more than 75 million people see. Since then, Jay has been an integral part of launching VSP's innovation lab, The SHOP. Predicated on design thinking, lean methodologies, and disruption theory, The SHOP is breaking down boundaries between the digital and physical worlds where design, fashion and healthcare collide. Jay has over 20 years of experience in technology, which has included positions working with IBM and its premiere business partners, HP, and multiple start-ups and Internet companies. He is currently leading a fast-paced team that emphasizes design-driven disruption via technology for the healthcare and vision industries.

**Binda Mangat, *President + CEO, Quorum Technologies + Med X Connect, Inc.***

Serving as the President and CEO of both Quorum Technologies and Med X Connect, Binda Mangat brings a wealth of Information Technology, Healthcare and Management experience to the two companies he founded in Sacramento, California. Quorum Technologies is a customer focused systems integration firm offering a full range of IT services to solve today's complex business challenges. Quorum provides IT services including Consulting, Networking, Enterprise Infrastructure, Integration, Wireless Technologies, Virtualization, Managed IT, Unified Communications and Collaboration, Enterprise & Mobile Applications development for Apple Android, RIM and Microsoft. MedXConnect is focused on supporting Physician offices and other healthcare entities for deploying Practice Management, EMR and Home Health Monitoring solutions and Telemedicine solutions. In 2001, Binda also co-founded Pandora Networks, a cloud based VOIP and collaboration service. He also co-founded Purple Talk + X-Cube Labs in Nevada, developers of enterprise and mobile applications for social media, healthcare and the commercial market place. Prior to this, Binda was Director, Information Systems and Networks for Sutter Health, a diverse Healthcare entity with 26 Hospitals in California, serving as the visionary and Chief Architect for the design and development of Northern California's first privately-owned Fiber Optic Network that integrated Sutter hospitals, physician buildings, clinics, surgery centers and 350 Physicians. This deployment in 1991 was Northern California's very first privately owned & operated Healthcare Network. Binda has also served in engineering and executive roles with HP in the USA, Bell Canada in Canada, and British Telecom in London, England. Binda has been featured in and contributed towards articles in *Business Week*, *Business Journal*, *Modern Healthcare* and *Infrastructure and Systems Magazines*. He has presented at Hospital Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS), IBM's ECHO conference, East African E-Health & Telemedicine conference in Kigali, Rwanda and the Balkans healthcare conference in Prishtina, Kosovo, where Binda presented with Dr. Rifat Latifi a renowned Trauma Surgeon and an accomplished author in the subject of E-Health & Telemedicine. Binda is a Med Start Advisory Board Member at SARTA. He is also is a Board Member at Innovate North State in Chico, CA. He was appointed to the Board of the Powerhouse Science Center which is being built as a community project in Sacramento, CA. and is the Chair of the Development committee for the Project. Quorum Technologies is serving as an Advisor to the International Virtual e-Hospital Foundation. Binda graduated from East Ham College, London and City & Guilds Institute of London in Electronics and Telecommunications. Born in Nairobi, Kenya, Binda is fluent in English, Punjabi, Hindi and Swahili.

**Despina Kreatsoulas, MA, *President + Co-Founder, Politismos – Museum of Greek History***

Despina has an extensive history working with non-profits in the United States, having planned events and meetings throughout North America. Within California, she served as the meeting manger for Visit California (the marketing organization for the state of California) and also worked with the California Cultural Heritage Tourism Corp. She also worked with Greek cultural organizations in Chicago, IL to promote Hellenism and accomplishments of Greek Americans throughout North America. Currently, she is the President + Co-Founder of Politismos – Museum of Greek History. She holds an MA in Public History and a BA in Hellenic Studies.



**Tom Kandris, Owner, PackageOne**

Tom is a serial entrepreneur with acumen for business development and aligning technology and vision with the people who can bring it to life. Tom spent the first half of his career steep in the semiconductor industry where he held domestic and oversea senior executive and board level roles with worldwide responsibilities in major American, Japanese and European corporations. His early focus on local and global market growth burgeoned and honed his experience with general management, technical sales, market leadership and entrepreneurship through subsidiaries of Sony, Philips and other such respected enterprises. Today, Tom leads PackageOne, Inc., an innovative and agile manufacturer of corrugated packaging products which he co-founded in 2000 and grew from a self-funded startup to an \$60M enterprise, and is an active member and owner in other related businesses with revenues of over \$180M; the combined businesses employ nearly 300 people currently, and has created jobs for thousands over the years. He also sits upon a variety of private for profit, government and non-profit boards where he advocates for entrepreneurship, educational resources for children, environmental stewardship and job growth..... From high tech to no tech and back again! Tom Kandris....enabling commerce and saving the planet one box at a time!

**Kamran Baghestanian, Owner, Morry's Oriental Rug Bazaar**

Kamran has been in the Furniture and rug trade since his high school days at Rio Americano right here in Sacramento. Following his father's advice, Kamran began working after school at Scofield's rug department, Sacramento's premier home furnishing store at the time. Eventually, Kamran was in charge of the entire rug department owned by Mr. Odabashian, where his father Morry was their main supplier of authentic Persian rugs. The experience he gained during his high school and college years led Kamran to create his own Oriental rug store while still a college student studying to be a civil engineer, followed by another large concession inside a furniture store in Lodi. Seeing the connection between good furniture and quality rugs, Kamran eventually established his own 30,000 square foot furniture showroom and moved his display of rugs to his own store. Classic Living in downtown Lodi soon was voted the number one home furnishing showroom in the San Joaquin area. The store thrived for more than a decade and became San Joaquin's exclusive Drexel Heritage dealer. During this period, Kamran also opened their current location on "H" Street along with another outlet in Napa, California. With time, however, the stress and demands of such a large operation became more than desired. After closing the Napa location and selling the Lodi operation, Kamran moved his remaining Oriental rug stock back to Sacramento and merged his Inventory with his fathers'. Using his expertise from decades in the furniture and rug trade in Northern California, Kamran's primary focus is his new adventure "Urban 57; A Home décor and Interior Design showroom inside the 57th street Antique row in East Sacramento. Customer satisfaction and an enjoyable buying experience are essential to Kamran. Urban 57 is a full line furniture showroom which offers fine home furnishing & décor with interior design services. Located at 855 57th Street, suite E in East Sacramento. 916-476-6190  
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**Rich Foreman, CEO and Co-Founder of [Apptology](#)**

Rich leads Apptology with 20 years of experience in leadership, engineering, mobile application development and sales. Rich has a BS in Industrial Engineering from the University of Washington, an MPA from Troy State University and was an officer in the U.S. Navy. Rich recently co-authored his first book, "[Tap into the Mobile Economy](#)." His [blog](#) has been listed in the top [20 Mobile Marketing Blogs of 2014](#). He is also the Founding Director of the [Sacramento chapter of Startup Grind](#). He has been featured on [KCRA3](#), [NEWS10](#), [Good Day Sacramento](#), [Tech AM PowerDrive](#), [SiliconIndia](#), [the Sacramento Business Journal](#), and [the Sacramento Bee](#).