

# Accountant Marvin Stein helps all types of businesses and individuals

## PINECREST BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SPOTLIGHT

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Accountant Marvin Stein has been a stalwart in Pinecrest since 1990. He has been a member of the Pinecrest Business Association since its inception and remains the only treasurer the organization has ever had.

Being an accountant allows Stein to work with many different types of businesses while still working with individuals. He enjoys the diversity his job allows him.

"I am a sole practitioner," Stein says. "I have a staff and an accountant working for me."

Stein's office does tax preparation, tax planning for individuals and businesses, financial statements, audits and reviews, management advisory services, human resources consulting, computer technology consulting and he is a Quick Books Pro advisor.

Computer consulting seems an odd thing for an accountant to provide, but Stein says it's an area that interests him.

"Over the last 30 years, I've been involved in computers and computer systems both for my firm and for clients," he says. "I have a good deal of experience in that area."

That consulting includes helping clients choose the right computers and the proper software.

Stein says they tailor their services according to their client's needs. Some clients keep accounts on Quick Books, but just need an external accountant to come in occasionally. Others send them the information and Stein does the bookkeeping.

"A lot of my clients have said, 'Marvin, you are in the wrong profession, you should be a teacher,'" he says. He does enjoy teaching his clients about



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business and he especially enjoys dealing with clients who are going into business for the first time when they have so much to learn, teaching them how to go into business one step at a time.

"Some individuals, when they are new to a business, want to learn it all and do it all," he says. "Some people want more in-depth assistance than that."

If Stein doesn't have an answer to a question, he relies on two organizations for help. One is the Pinecrest Business Association and the other is the Kendall Networkers.

"I can't be everything to all people, but I can be a facilitator and a coordinator to assist the clients in getting their needs met," he says.

Stein has lived in Miami-Dade County since he was five years old. He attended Coral Gables Elementary School, Ponce de Leon Junior High, and Coral Gables High. He stayed in Miami for college, attending the University of Miami and graduating in 1970.

He has been a certified public accountant since 1974. He started out working for a large local CPA firm that is no longer around. He left after four years and opened his first office in 1978

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