

**movers & shakers**

**Valera Global** (formerly **Computer Car**) recently celebrated its 20th anniversary with a \$25 million break in revenue, expanded service offerings, and a successful rebranding. Continuing a steady stream of accolades within the industry is **Rollz Royce Limousine Service** in Palo Alto, Calif., which was one of 35 companies in the Silicon area honored with the 2007 IMPACT Award for its corporate philanthropy by the *Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal*. Also recognized recently was **Kristina Bouweiri**, president and CEO of **Reston Limousine** in Dulles, Va. who was one of 25 metropolitan women presented with the first annual *Bravo!* Business Achievement Award for her business and leadership skills. Continuing that trend was **David Swintosky**, president and owner of **Capital Style Luxury**



■ David Swintosky pictured with his family.

**Transportation** in Raleigh, N.C., who was named by *Triangle Business Journal* as a 2007 "Under 40 Leadership Awards" winner. The "40 Under 40" awards program recognizes the *Triangle's* most influential and highly accomplished young business people. Swintosky is also vice president of the North Carolina

Limousine Association (NCLA). **Andrew Foilb** and his staff at **Le Limo** in Medway, Mass., were recently given the "Out of the Blue Award" by

Strata Bank for their dedication of time and money to the Medway House Family Shelter and for coming to the aid of the bank's personnel in a last-minute transportation emergency. In other news involving charitable contributions, **Bristol Coach & Limousine**, based in Norton, Mass., was commended by the *Make-A-Wish Foundation* for its innovative wheelchair accessible limousine service. The organization has been working with Bristol Coach for a year in providing transportation to children with life-threatening medical conditions. **Ei Paseo Limousine** in Campbell, Calif., which was named in the Top 100 fastest growing private companies in the U.S. on the *Inc. 5,000 List*, was recently awarded several high visibility accounts including Yahoo! and the City of San Jose and has expanded to a new location in Santa Clara, Calif. **Diva Limousine Ltd.** also announced the opening of its new corporate-owned Chicago office, in addition to its main headquarters in Los Angeles. More changes are coming for **Advanced AmeriTrans Service** in Dallas, which has changed its name to **E3 Worldwide Transportation** and will offer a full line of luxury sedans, SUVs, stretch limousines, and limo buses. **Flyte Tyme Worldwide** in Essington, Pa., recently announced the opening of a new branch office in Philadelphia, which will provide service to its Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware customers. Due to his considerable industry experience, **Michael Barreto** will serve as branch manager in the new location. In more personnel news, **BostonCoach** recently announced



■ Michael Barreto, Flyte Tyme branch manager.

the appointment of **Doug Tate** as the company's chief financial officer. Tate brings more than 20 years experience directing financial operations for companies in a variety of industries to his role as CFO of the company. ■

## Communication Failure in Memphis Delays Flights Nationwide

■ MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Sept. 25 failure of a telephone line into the high-altitude air traffic control center in Memphis caused delays and diversions of all flights into the region. Although the problem, which occurred on September 25 2007, was not a suspected terrorist act, the exact cause of the line failure was not known. The phone line, which is one of only 20 nationwide, apparently failed at 11:35 am.

Although the long-term affects were not immediately estimated, the problem left nearly 30 flights out of Nashville Airport grounded for several hours, and several other regional airports seeing similar delays. One airport spokesman was quoted as saying, "The ripple effect will be felt for days throughout the southeast and the country." The Memphis air traffic control system services airports within a 250-mile radius.

"This was a major safety problem," said Doug Church, spokesman for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, in a statement. "The controllers at the affected airports had to use personal cell phones to talk with other air traffic control centers." Kathleen Bergen, regional FAA spokeswoman, added that all high-altitude flights throughout the region were discontinued while the problem was being repaired. She also stated that all flights already in the air were immediately transferred to controllers at other centers.

Dallas-Ft Worth International Airport reported nearly 100 flights either delayed or canceled due to the problem. Other airports that reported immediate delays included those in Tennessee, Alabama, Texas, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and Florida. ■

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