

What's News

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Remembering and Honoring Betty Friedan

It would have been easier and safer to write this article for the Women Moving Forward® Graduates only. But after we discussed it John and I decided there was much good that came from Betty's work for men as well. Often we think only of the things that she did for women and delete the positive impact they have had on the male half of the equation.

So I want to acknowledge one of my foremothers. Betty Friedan who, with one book, changed the culture in the US for the betterment of all women and men.

The Feminine Mystique helped me to accept who I was and it made me aware that I had important work to do in the world. The book was groundbreaking because it was the first time in the US that anyone took the veil off and told the truth about the state of women in this country in the 50's.

I can say without qualification that there would be no Susan Van Vleet Consultants, Inc.® or Women Moving Forward® without Betty Friedan and her work. I owe her a lot. But to only applaud her work for women would limit its scope and that would be incorrect. Betty Freidan's work also opened up and liberated men in the US as well.

Anytime a man attends the birth of his child rather than be relegated to the waiting room he can thank Betty. Anytime he shares the burden of supporting his family with his wife so it is two carrying the load not one he can thank Betty. And, anytime a man goes out on family leave because his child or parent is sick he can thank Betty.

Yes Betty Friedan opened doors for me and, in so doing, gave me a wonderful, meaningful and challenging life **AND** she also gave John one as well.

Thank you Betty Friedan!

Women Moving Forward**June 6-8, 2006**

This is the last community based Women Moving Forward® to be held in 2006. It is already 1/3 full so if you have some one to refer or you want to attend please let us know.

For those of you who don't know, Women Moving Forward® is designed to help women move forward at what ever level or time of life they are in.

Managing Corporate Change**May 23-25, 2006**

If you have ever had to manage through a change this course is for you. It teaches you the people skills needed for effective change management. Many companies like P&G, HP and SCJ have participated in this program.

If you are interested in attending in May give us a call.

Productive Relationships**September 12-14, 2006**

Managers today are asked to handle a diverse range of communication challenges. This course trains you in techniques that will help you do your job successfully no matter what the communication challenge. You will leave the course with the skills to confront and handle confrontation, to listen and determine what someone is really saying. To register contact our office.

Women's Leadership Retreat**May 8-10, 2006**

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We are opening registration for **May 2007**. If you are interested in attending contact Susan.

Advanced Men's Course**October 10-12, 2006**

This year's course will continue the focus of last year's course. Men will learn to live on purpose, complete their past, build a support system and manage their career. To register call John at our office. It is already 50% full so act quickly.

Achieving Commitment**April 4-6, 2006**

This is a great program designed to have participants define the goals they are committed to and achieve them. Whether it's a team / company goals or a personal one, this workshop shows you how to get it done. Contact our office to register.

Productive Relationships for Executives**No date scheduled yet**

John is planning a special Productive Relationships for CEO's, VP's and Directors. It will cover all the usual topics from Productive Relationships but with the added context of the communications skills needed to manage from that vantage point.

If you are interested in attending please contact John at our office.

NOTE: To bring any of our workshops to your company contact John or Susan. They will be happy to discuss this with you.

Don't forget if you don't see a workshop, you want to attend, scheduled let us know so we can schedule or design it for you.

Congratulations Are In Order

To Bea Allis, Pharm.D. on her retirement from the pharmaceutical industry and Bea and Alan's 19th wedding anniversary.

To Kate Johnson on her new role at P & G, Director of Personal Beauty in the P & G Market Strategy & Planning Organization.

To Deborah Goldstein on her new position as Sr. Managed Care Executive with Abbott Labs, Inc. Deborah was formerly with J & J.

NEW COURSE BEING PILOTED!

LEADING PROJECTS THROUGH RELATIONSHIP, COMMITMENT AND PURPOSE

On May 15 – 17 in Racine Wisconsin, we will be piloting a new course designed to reduce the angst and frustration of leading cross-functional teams. Since we don't have the direct power over team members, how do we get the work done? The answer: You better be one amazing leader!

This course will take some of the profound learnings of advanced courses like Achieving Commitment © and apply those concepts to the challenge of leading teams. The burnout rate for people leading these cross-functional teams is very high. The reason for such high levels of burnout is the skills are so different and so much more complex than traditional management.

This team environment is the future for so many of you today. Our work around the world has taught us that without these skills, projects are ineffective and deadlines are missed while making team members and leaders dread being on these teams in the future.

If you have any questions about this course or you want this course available in your company please give John a call.

Susan's 60th Birthday Celebration

We're having a weekend celebration for Susan's 60th Birthday, December 8th - 10th either in California or Colorado. Please let us know if you want to attend to celebrate this milestone with us. Email us at svvconsult@aol.com that you plan to attend and how many will be in your party.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

2006 Courses

ACHIEVING COMMITMENT	April 4-6	Lonetree, CO	\$3,000
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT	May 8-10	Edwards, CO	\$4,200
MANAGING CORPORATE CHANGE	May 23-25	Lonetree, CO	\$3,000
WOMEN MOVING FORWARD®	June 6-8	Lonetree, CO	\$3,000
PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS	September 12-14	Lonetree, CO	\$3,000
ADVANCED MEN'S COURSE	October 10-12	Vail, CO	\$4,200

To register for any course, retreat, or conference, contact our office. We accept MasterCard, Visa & American Express

There is a \$500 discount when two or more people attend the same \$3,000+ workshop from The same company and location.

You must register together and attend together

All prices are subject to change. No refunds are given.