

**Hello,**

**Happy New Year!**

**And to all of our friends who celebrate Chinese New Year;  
Happy and Prosperous Year of the Ox!**

**This month's Newsletter gives you the update on all of the celebrations worldwide.**

**If you want to join in on a celebration just contact the person coordinating it and let them know.**

**If you want to hold one let us know so we can send out the information to everyone.**

**Currently we have celebrations planned for 6 different locations around the world and a possible 2 more.**

**It is very exciting to see the response from graduates some of whom took the course over 20 years ago.**

**There is also an article I wrote on what I think helped to keep my marriage going for 30 years. We hope you will let us know what you think works for you as well.**

**We hope to see as many of you as possible in 2009 and that you will join our celebration where ever you are.**

**Have a good month.**

**Susan**

# **Women Moving Forward® Graduates Newsletter**

## **February 2009**

### **A New Reality**

**On February 10 John and I will celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.**

**Recently some friends asked us how we feel about such a milestone. Frankly we have no answer for this question.**

**For me being married for 30 years is like an “out of body experience”! I can’t believe it’s been thirty years! I really never thought I had it in me to be married this long! I often say to close friends that I would never do this again. That it has been one of the hardest things I have ever done. That if anything ever happened to John this would be it for me, I wouldn’t have another one of these!**

**This by the way is a compliment to John! He was the only person I could see myself working this hard with!**

**It honestly feels like yesterday that we were married on Lookout, Mountain in Golden, Colorado. We didn’t know each other for that long, only 6 months, but we were sure in only that amount of time.**

**I guess we were right. It has lasted for 30 years. Friends and Family were not sure at all. To some of his friends I was and I quote: “Yoko Ono taking John Lennon away from the Beatles” When my father found out John played Rugby he warned me that those are: “the crazy athletes who wear no pads and helmets while playing a football game. ”**

**They were not all good times. We can’t say, like Dr. Phil McGraw and his wife Robin, that we’ve never fought or had bad times. We can also say we both made big mistakes in the 30 years.**

**But we did have something that helped our marriage last through bad times. Even the loss of twins during delivery and the formation of two businesses and the break up of one of those businesses during the first year of our marriage didn't break us up!**

**We think it is because we had a purpose for our marriage that was bigger than us that kept us together even when we couldn't stand each other!**

**When we married we decided to contribute to others out of our marriage. We also had personal purposes that seemed parallel to each other and not at odds so we decided to take this big leap after only 6 months of dating.**

**During the hard times we knew it wasn't just about us but about how we could contribute to others out of all that was happening to us.**

**We used the miscarriage to educate other women and couples to the issues of fertility and pregnancy that 30 years ago no one was talking about.**

**Out of the differences in our cultures we used our coping styles including our listening skills with each other to help other couples deal with theirs.**

**Out of our problems with our boy's learning disabilities and the lack of educators' knowledge of same we were able to help other parents to get the information they needed to get the proper education for their children.**

**And out of our arguments and disagreements came a whole host of information for other couples to use.**

**Life is always full of surprises and twists and turns so get ready for it. You have heard me say in WMF® there really is no such thing as "balance". We are sure balance is not something that you can have in a long time relationship either!**

**You will just have to work it through day after day with each other and keep the purpose of your marriage or partnership alive every day so you can focus on it and not the billion a day reasons he or she irks you to death!**

**For those of you who know what we are talking about let us know how you have held it together and what has worked for you!**

**Trust me for those of you just starting out together it can be worth it if you put the commitment and work into it!**

**Susan**

*CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE!*

*THE WOMEN MOVING FORWARD®30<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY Update*

*Celebrations are scheduled for:*

*January 23 Lone Tree Colorado 6 PM California Cafe*

*April 16 Westin Hotel Cincinnati Ohio 6:00 PM*

*June 18 Hyatt Hotel Princeton N.J. 6:00 PM*

*Contact for these celebrations:*

*[svvconsult@svanvleetconsult.com](mailto:svvconsult@svanvleetconsult.com)*

*There is no cost to graduates to attend these celebrations.*

Other Celebrations will happen in:

**Bhopal, India** celebration Dr. Preeti Mishra;  
[drpreetimishra@gmail.com](mailto:drpreetimishra@gmail.com)

**Caracas, Venezuela** celebration Elisa Velasquez;  
[velasquez.ee@pg.com](mailto:velasquez.ee@pg.com)

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin** Patty Doyle Kramer;  
[pkramer@brandblazers.com](mailto:pkramer@brandblazers.com)

*Preliminary plans are being discussed for:*

*Scottsdale, AZ Mexico City, Mexico and Dallas, TX.*

*If you are interested in being involved in the planning or attending contact us.*

*\* Don't forget to Send someone to the 2009 WMF® Workshops and get a \$1000 discount for them to attend.*

*January 21-23 SVVCI Office Lone Tree, CO*

*April 14-16 Westin Cincinnati, Ohio*

*June 16-18 Hyatt Princeton, N.J.*

*October 21-23 SVVCI Office Lone Tree, CO*

*December 2-4 SVVCI Office Lone Tree, CO*

*As an acknowledgement to our graduates we will discount the cost for your referrals to the 2009 workshops. Your referrals save \$1000 so they pay \$2500 instead of \$3500. To get the discount you must let us know whom you are referring or they must mention your name to get the discounted rate.*

*\*Send Us a Testimonial of How WMF® has worked in your life.*

*Testimonials will become a part of the testimonial book that will travel to all the celebration dinners.*

*\*Hold Your Own Celebration in Your Own City.*

*This is especially for our international graduates who may not be able to attend in the US or our graduates who already meet regularly in your own company, city or town.*

*You can hold your own lunch, coffee or dinner to celebrate! All we ask is that you send us pictures of your celebration so we can post them on our website.*

*Please Join Us in Celebrating 30 years of Women Moving Forward®!!!! We look forward to hearing from or seeing as many of you as possible in 2009!*

*Graduates also get a \$1000 discount to attend any workshop of their Choice in 2009! (WLR is not included in this discount)*

*Check out the attached Public workshop Schedule*

# PUBLIC WORKSHOP SCHEDULE (1/14/09)

All prices are in US Dollars

2009 Courses			
PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS©	February 24-26	Lone Tree, CO	\$3,500
SMART PEOPLE: MANAGING & RETAINING GIFTED EMPLOYEES©	March 10-12	Lone Tree, CO	\$4,000
MANAGING CORPORATE CHANGE©	March 24-26	New Jersey	\$3,500
WOMEN MOVING FORWARD®	April 14-16	Cincinnati, OH	\$3,500
WMF® 30 <sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER	April 16	Cincinnati, OH	N/C for grat
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT -Make-Up Day <i>Course Filled Wait List Available</i>	May 5-7 May 4	Beaver Creek, CO	\$4,500
WOMEN MOVING FORWARD®	June 16-18	Princeton, NJ	\$3,500
WMF® 30 <sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER	June 18	Princeton, NJ	N/C for grat
PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS©	June 23-25	Lone Tree, CO	\$3,500
LEADING PROJECTS THROUGH RELATIONSHIP, COMMITMENT & PURPOSE©	July 20-24*	Lone Tree, CO	\$5,000
LEADING PROJECTS THROUGH RELATIONSHIP, COMMITMENT & PURPOSE©	July 22-24**	Lone Tree, CO	\$3,500
ADVANCED MEN'S COURSE	October 13-15	Vail, CO	\$4,500
WOMEN MOVING FORWARD®	October 21-23	Lone Tree, CO	\$3,500
TRAINING FOR CHANGE AGENTS	November 3-6	Lone Tree, CO	\$5,000
PRODUCTION RELATIONSHIPS©	November 17-19	Lone Tree, CO	\$3,500
WOMEN MOVING FORWARD®	Dec. 2-4	Lone Tree CO	\$3,500

\*TO INCLUDE A REQUIRED 2-DAY PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP

\*\*FOR THOSE THAT HAVE MET THE PREREQUISITE ATTENDANCE OF PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS

*Spouses and Partners of Course Graduates can attend the Course for half price  
(this offer does not include the Advanced Men's Course or WLR).*

*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 \$3,500+ workshop  
from the same company and location.*

***You must register together and attend together***

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



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