

What's News

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Making Your Life Count

Christal Fisher's husband died and I went to the funeral. I went to support Christal. I didn't know her husband Terry. I wasn't able to get to the wedding last May. Christal and Terry were only married for a little over a year. I only got to speak to Terry once or twice over the phone. Terry knew there was a possibility he would die from the cancer he had for the last 18 months.

The minister at Terry's funeral read off a list of things Terry did in the last year of his life. They were things that, if I knew I was dying, I don't think I'd have the guts to do. For example, in January he went to Honduras to do church missionary work. It is a difficult trip for those of us who are in good health. Terry did the trip with advanced cancer. He got married to Christal too and he went to work every day and did his job and he was elected an elder of his church, all while he was dying from cancer.

Although I didn't know Terry, I know he was an uncommon man. Most of us, if we heard a diagnosis of cancer, we would go underground. We'd be paralyzed with fear. Terry not only maintained the life he had before the diagnosis, he reached out and grabbed more of life.

So I guess the message is what are you grabbing out of life this year? What are you doing to further the world you live in? Are you playing it safe? If you are playing it safe, is it time for you to get on with grabbing more out of life? I know it's time for me to swing out.

The lesson I took from Terry's death last year of life is: nothing is so bad in your life and no fear so great that you shouldn't reach out for more of what life has to offer.

To Christal, her family and Terry's family I want you to know I got the message and I hope that knowledge comforts you in your loss.

If you would like to express your condolences to Christal or make a donation to the memorial fund you may mail them to:

Memorial Fund - Honduras
Nothway Christian Church
7202 W. Northwest Highway
Dallas, TX 75225

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT MAY 8-10, 2001 EDWARDS, COLORADO

This Retreat is designed to be an exclusive program, which gives you the opportunity to clear out the cobwebs, deal with any remaining positions of powerlessness you may have and to relax.

The location is the Spa at Cordillera in Edwards, Colorado, one of the top 10 spas in the United States.

There are 4 prerequisites to taking this course:

1. You must be willing to face issues you have and process them openly in the group. You will not be able to hide and you should not expect to hide.
2. You must be willing to process the issues of other women as well. You must know the difference between help & support, sympathy & empathy.
3. You must be willing to work without an agenda and allow the agenda to come from the group itself.
4. You must be a graduate of Women Moving Forward and one other Van Vleet course.

To register you must call Susan at our office and then an application will be sent to you.

Schedule of Events

Susan and John's New Jersey area trip
October 16-23, 2000 Short Hills Hilton

John and Susan will have some time set aside on this trip to meet with you individually (for a private consultation) or to lead a one to two day presentation/workshop at your company. We are also available for sales calls to your company.

We already have several meetings scheduled, so if you want to get a spot on the calendar, call our office as soon as possible. There are also two "get togethers" planned for graduates of our courses.

"No Host Dinner" with Sue & John Van Vleet, Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2000 - 6:00 p.m.

We will be available for a "no host dinner" at the Short Hills Hilton. Please bring your family members and join us for dinner.

To RSVP; fax, call or e-mail by September 25th. Don't forget to let us know how many will attend.

"No Host Brunch" with Susan Van Vleet, Sunday, Oct. 22, 2000 - 11:00 a.m.

Susan will be holding a brunch for Women Moving Forward graduates and their families. Please join Susan at the Short Hills Hilton for Brunch.

To RSVP: fax, call or e-mail by September 25th. Don't forget to let us know how many will attend.

Sue and John look forward to spending time with you on this trip.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

You can access our new website at: SVANVLEETCONSULT.COM

The site has a lot of places for you to communicate your needs to us and it also gives you access to our course schedule, course flyers, monthly newsletters, and you can update your address or add a name to our mailing list. You can even register online and receive a 6% discount!

We invite you to visit the site often. It will have updates monthly. We look forward to receiving your messages via our new site.

Productive Relationships October 10-12 and April 17-19 Denver, Colorado

Problem employees? Trust issues? Have to form instant teams? Need to handle confrontation at a higher level? No one taking responsibility? MBA didn't cover working with actual human beings? Practical answers to these questions and more are in Productive Relationships.

Achieving Commitment November 7-9, 2000 Denver, Colorado

It's not programs or corporate initiatives that produce results, it's ***commitment***. How do you get yourself to commit? How do you get others to commit? This advanced course reaches deeply into both the philosophical and practical applications of commitment for both our professional and business life.

Training For Change Agents and Change Agent Trainers Dec. 5-8, 2000 Denver, Colorado

How do you move massive organizations? How do you keep from getting crushed by the backlash of successful change? How do you design programs and training that really works? This advanced course is co-led by Susan and John Van Vleet. Registration is limited to 10.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

2000 Courses:

WOMEN MOVING FORWARD	Sept. 20-22	Denver, CO	\$3000
PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS	Oct. 10-12	Denver, CO	\$3,000
ADVANCED WOMEN MOVING FORWARD	Oct. 18-20	Short Hills, NJ	\$3,800
ACHIEVING COMMITMENT	Nov. 7-9	Denver, CO	\$3,000
TRAINING FOR CHANGE AGENTS & CHANGE AGENT TRAINERS	Dec. 5-8	Denver, CO	\$5,000
WOMEN, STRESS & BURNOUT	Dec. 13-14	Denver, CO	\$2,500

2001 Courses

WOMEN MOVING FORWARD	Jan. 30- Feb. 1	Denver, CO	\$3,000
MANAGING CORPORATE CHANGE	Feb. 13-15	Denver, CO	\$3,000
RETAINING YOUR BEST & BRIGHTEST	Feb 27-Mar 1	Denver, CO	\$2,500
MOUNTAIN LEADERSHIP RETREAT	Mar. 28-30	Beaver Creek, CO	\$3,500
PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS	Apr. 17-19	Denver, CO	\$3,000
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT	May 8- 10	Cordillera, CO	\$4200

To register for any course or conference contact our office. We also accept MasterCard & Visa.

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