



A Word from our Chapter President

Season of Change...

June marks the half-way point through 2011 and the change of seasons from spring to summer. Personal challenges and difficulties bring transitions to each of our lives as well. Change continues in every life and embracing it opens doors for personal and professional growth. Adversity provides the chance to see things from different perspectives—to shrivel or grow stronger.

Our president, Dana McDonald, now enters significant change as she resigns from Busch Gardens at the end of May. We will miss her special spark and spirit she brought to the Tampa Bay Chapter. Once she establishes herself in her new company, we anticipate her return to represent her new firm. Dana's resignation opens the door for me to assume the presidential responsibilities five months early. I know this will push and stretch me. I choose to reject the thought of panic and anticipate the new responsibilities with a positive attitude. With this transition I urge all members to approach me with suggestions or concerns. I intend to do my best and help our chapter to grow both professionally and in size.

Our meeting on June 8 will be a philanthropy evening at Hope Lodge serving banana splits for the residents. I'm sure this will be a fun evening for both the residents and for our representatives. I hope you will be able to participate for this special event.

June embraces two special days: Flag Day on June 14 and Father's Day on June 19.

My Father passed away over twenty five years ago and I still miss him. He was a kind, hard-working, and good father. I remember that no matter what obstacle came his way, he accepted it and kept

moving forward. He loved helping others and always kept a smile on his face. On the third Sunday of June remember/honor your father for the special qualities he brought into your life. Also remember the other men in your life who are fathers.

On May 12 I had the privilege to attend a private viewing of the new movie *Courageous*, coming to theaters on September 30. This movie focuses on the importance of fathers in the lives of their children. It would be great if the movie was in theaters on Father's Day weekend instead of September 30 but that is not the case.

Please spread the word to your family and friends that this is a *must see* movie —*especially* for parents.

Wishing you all a happy and safe summer, whether staying in the area or traveling on vacation.

Happy Days!

Bonnie Smith

Farewell from President McDonald...

To the wonderful ladies of EWI,

For those of you who were unable to attend the meeting at Syniverse on May 11, I made an announcement that I wanted to share. I have accepted a new position with Sawtooth Group as the new Tampa Marketing Event Manager. I'm very excited about the opportunity that is ahead of me. However, this also means that I will have to step down as president of the EWI Tampa Chapter. Bonnie will be stepping into the role of President a few months early, and as you all have seen she will do a tremendous job! Bonnie has been a wonderful VP and a blessing to me with all that she has done this year.

I am still working with management for the Busch Gardens replacement rep and I have a few ideas of wonderful women. My last day at Busch Gardens will be the opening day of Cheetah Hunt, on May 27. All of you have been so wonderful and I have really enjoyed getting to know you all.

Dana McDonald

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May Chapter Meeting – Don't Be a Victim:

On May 11 we met at the Syniverse corporate headquarters in their gigantic boardroom and Terry Lundquist was our hostess. The meeting was well attended and we welcomed three guests: Melissa Gimson, Corporate Caterers; Michelle Rusher, Adcock Consulting; and Alison Tegenkamp, K-Force. Our guest speaker was Kevin Gilpin, Executive Director for National Crime Stop Program. Kevin presented a fast-paced and interesting presentation about identity theft and how NOT to become a victim of this crime. He stressed how important it is for each person to regularly check their credit report. Kevin is available to speak to your business, church, etc. on the topic "How Not to Become a Victim". There is no cost for hosting this program. Contact Amy Wright, Program Coordinator for the National Crime Stop Organization at 904-685-2201 or amy.ncsp@yahoo.com; the national website is www.nationalcrimestop.org

June Chapter Meeting...Philanthropy Night

LOCATION: Hope Lodge at Moffitt Cancer Institute
12810 Magnolia Drive intersecting with Holly Drive
(813) 490-4700

TIME: Arrive by 7:00pm
Serve banana splits at 7:30pm and then socialize with the residents

COST: Only your participation. No meeting cost this month;
No dinner provided; ice cream only!

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Corporate News:

Log-in here for professional development webinars offered by corporate - upcoming and past!

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Tuesday, June 14, 2011

Professional Development

Webinar: "Building Connections" with Rhonda Bannard

Thursday, June 23, 2011

Chapter Development Training:

Literacy Training with Drennen Hallett

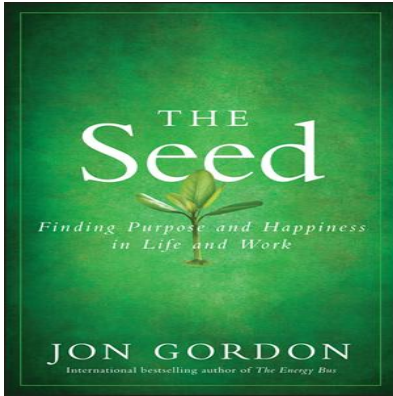
SAVE THE DATE!

September 22-24, 2011

64th LCAM in Minneapolis, Minnesota

Keynote Speaker at LCAM....Jon Gordon!

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CHAPTER DATES

June 8

Philanthropy Activity
Banana Split Desserts for
the Residents of
Hope Lodge at Moffitt
Cancer Institute

June 15

Board Meeting
Conference Call

June Birthday:

23 Phyllis Corr

July Birthday:

23 Brenda Enfinger

As we celebrated Memorial Day in May,
Flag Day in June and Independence Day in July,
following is a history reminder of these things we celebrate
but may have forgotten why...

On **June 14, 1777**, the Continental Congress approved the design of a national flag. Since 1916, when **President Woodrow Wilson** issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on June 14, Americans have commemorated the adoption of the Stars and Stripes by celebrating **June 14** as Flag Day. Prior to 1916, many localities and a few states had been celebrating the day for years. Congressional legislation designating that date as the national Flag Day was signed into law by President **Harry Truman** in 1949; the legislation also called upon the president to issue a Flag Day proclamation every year.

According to legend, in 1776, George Washington commissioned Philadelphia seamstress **Betsy Ross** to create a flag for the new nation. Scholars debate this legend, but agree that Mrs. Ross most likely knew Washington and sewed flags. To date, there have been twenty-seven official versions of the flag, but the arrangement of the stars varied according to the flag-makers' preferences until 1912 when **President Taft** standardized the then-new flag's forty-eight stars into six rows of eight. The forty-nine-star flag (1959-60), as well as the fifty-star flag, also have standardized star patterns. The current version of the flag dates to July 4, 1960, after **Hawaii** became the fiftieth state on August 21, 1959.