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Dear Friend of Discovering What's Next,

As this Update reaches your computer, summer is "officially" behind us but Discovering What's Next keeps looking forward. In June, DWN was officially incorporated in the Commonwealth and established its own Board of Directors. Intensive planning is under way for the launch of the DWN Hub at the Newton Free Library. And an amazing group of volunteers have been recruited for a new role – that of Transition Navigator™. All of this happening as we continue our array of programs for you.

Please read on and share this information with your friends and colleagues.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

Carol Greenfield

• DWN Incorporates

DWN is Official

Discovering What's Next Incorporates in the Commonwealth

Discovering What's Next: ReVitalizing Retirement is now officially an independent corporation in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We are in the process of filing for designation as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. We are very appreciative of the fine pro bono legal assistance of Posternak, Blankstein & Lund LLP, and in particular attorneys Denise Hui and Deborah Diverdi Carlson. Also thanks to Tamara Bliss, Bonnie Newman, and Carole Fain Walters in guiding the process.

Our new Board of Directors has five members at present. We will be looking to expand the Board going forward as our needs evolve.

- Carol Greenfield, president
- Shirley Selhub, vice-president

- Scott Schillin, treasurer
- Cissie Klavens, clerk
- Fred Mandell

• Grand Opening - DWN Hub @ the NFL

**November 1, 2005
7-9 pm**

Fall Forum and Celebration of Hub Opening - November 1

The grand opening of the new Discovering What's Next Hub will take place on Tuesday, November 1 from 7-9 pm in conjunction with a special fall forum entitled "Celebrating What's Next: A Conversation with Paul LaCamera", president of WCVB-TV

LaCamera, one of America's most accomplished and prominent television executives, as well as a longtime resident of Newton, recently announced his retirement from his role at WCVB-TV where he worked for more than 33 years. Our event co-chairs, George and Cissie Klavens, will engage Mr. LaCamera in a lively discussion about his perspectives on "What's Next" both from his personal experiences as well as his observations garnered from his position as an influential community leader.

Mayor David Cohen will be on hand for the ceremonial ribbon cutting for the new Hub which will be located on the third floor of the library behind the audiovisual department. The Hub is the culmination of a three- year effort. The Hub will serve community members on an on-going basis, providing opportunities for drop-in visits as well as appointments with a team of trained volunteers we're calling 'Transition Navigators'.

DWN Wish List We are relying heavily on donations - both in kind and monetary - to equip the DWN Hub. We appreciate your help. In addition to cash, we are actively looking for:

- new or slightly used computers and printers
- three desk chairs
- LCD projector
- Magazine Racks
- New notebooks
- Other office supplies

For more information about how you can help and to learn more about the Hub and the hours that it will be staffed email us at dwnext@comcast.net or call Discovering What's Next at 617-969-5906 ext 299

• More on Transition Navigators

Recruiting for Transition Navigators a Success

We asked; you answered. With the assistance of S.O.A.R., DWN has now completed recruitment of its first corps of Transition Navigators. We have been delighted with the response and look

forward to the training program scheduled in September.

Transition Navigators will work at the DWN Hub and help visitors figure out what they want and need at this stage of life (mid-life and beyond), then identify how these needs can be met. Transition Navigators will also provide information, evaluation, and referrals to community organizations that can help these individuals with their particular interests and/or needs.

We are greatly appreciative to Newton Wellesley Hospital for a grant that has provided support for the Transition Navigator training program. Special thanks to Jan Latorre Stiller at S.O.A.R. and Carole Noveck for their help with this recruitment process.

• Transition Talks continue

Transition Talks

Newton Free Library
330 Homer Street
Newton Centre
September 12, 2:30 -
4 pm; September 27,
7 - 8:30 pm

Afternoon and Evening Transition Talks

TRANSITION TALKS are free, hosted, informal, interactive, small group, drop-in discussions in public places among people with a common interest in talking to others about a variety of topics related to transition issues in midlife and beyond.

- Afternoon Transition Talk: Monday, September 12, from 2:30 - 4 pm
- Evening Transition Talk: Tuesday, September 27 2005 from 7 - 8:30 pm
- Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Street
- Meeting Room A
- All Welcome
- For more info or to confirm your attendance, email dwnext@comcast.net

• Workshops at Newton Community Education

DWN Workshops

Newton Community
Education
Registration online at
www.newtoncommunityed.org

DWN offers Workshops

This fall DWN is offering several workshops in conjunction with Newton Community Education. Details can be found at www.newtoncommunityed.org and selecting Special Programs as a category from the course catalog. Current offerings include:

- Preparing for Retirement: Beyond Financial Planning by Donna Singer
- How to Be a Board Member by Charles Coe
- How to Start a Successful Business by David Miller
- Freeing the Writer Trapped Inside by Karen Mandell

• Film and Discussion Club

Schultze Gets the Blues

Newly Released DVD Schultze Gets the Blues

Newton Free Library
330 Homer Street
Newton Center
Note new time and
place
Monday, September
19
6:30 - 9 pm

Club to be held on Monday, September 19 at 6:30 pm at the Newton Free Library (Main Branch - Druker Auditorium). Schultze, a German salt miner, is unexpectedly forced into early retirement. He is an amateur accordionist, who after years of playing traditional polkas, one day hears Texas Zydeco being played on the radio. Intrigued by this new sound, he decides to play a zydeco tune at the local folk music festival. Some of his local supporters decide to send him to the United States to participate in a Texas zydeco music festival, and we follow his adventures in the American southland. This sweet film is about maintaining hope and taking chances in the retirement years. Released in 2005, it is the first feature film by German screenwriter and director Michael Schorr. In German with English subtitles.

Special thanks to Watertown Savings Bank for financial support for the DWN Film and Discussion Club. This film club is FREE to DWN participants and their friends. Films selected for their focus on issues related to aging are screened bi-monthly and followed by lively discussion led by Marian Knapp. We hope you will join us. The Newton Free Library is located at 330 Homer Street, Newton Center. Parking is FREE. For more information, email mlknapp@ix.netcom.com

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Discovering What's Next: ReVitalizing Retirement (DWN) is a community collaboration engaging mid-life and older adults in creative exploration of their next life stage. DWN provides connection and direction and opportunities for learning and community involvement.

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