



March/April Update

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Dear Friend of Discovering What's Next,

The sun is shining and I believe that we are all relieved that Spring may have finally arrived. DWN has actually thrived this past winter with great programming, wonderful community involvement, and excellent media coverage in The Tab, the Sunday Boston Globe, and even the Wall Street Journal. Check out our eboard (www.whatsnext.eboard.com) for links to these stories.

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

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

Carol Greenfield

• Film and Discussion Club

Next Film - "Last Orders"

Boylston Place
Chestnut Hill
Monday, April 4
7 pm

Last Orders

Join us for a free viewing and discussion of "Last Orders" at the next Discovering What's Next Film and Discussion Club to be held on Monday, April 4th at 7 pm at Boylston Place. Last Orders is based on the award winning novel by Graham Swift. It stars Michael Caine, Bob Hoskins, and Helen Mirren.

In this drama directed by Fred Schepisi, the death of a long-time close friend provides the catalyst for consideration and reflection on one's own life and provides renewed perspective to those who go on to write yet another chapter of their own. This beautifully acted film is about finding the beginning in endings as portrayed through the relationship of three close friends who honor their recently deceased "mate's" request to have his ashes buried at sea.

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. We hope you will join us. Boylston Place is at 615 Heath Street. From Route 9 Eastbound, take a right at the light just before the new

Charles Schwab offices. Then take a left into Boylston Places underground garage. Parking is FREE. For more information, email mlknapp@ix.netcom.com

• Library Forum

Being Your Own Boss: Self-Employment After 50

Newton Free Library
330 Homer Street
Newton Centre
Tuesday, May 10,
2005
7 pm

Being Your Own Boss: Self-Employment After 50

We are thrilled to present our next Library Forum on Tuesday, May 10th which focuses on "Being Your Own Boss: Self-Employment After 50". Doug Dickson, vice president at New Directions, will set the stage as a panel of community members share their experiences on how they made the transition from employment to self-employment/entrepreneurship after the age of 50. Panelists include Ed Case, social entrepreneur and former attorney, who recently launched Interfaithfamily.com; Peter Kastner, former healthcare executive, who is now the founder and CEO of Community Heritage Maps; and Lois Wasoff who built a solo legal practice based on her years of experience as a copyright and trademark lawyer in the publishing world.

At the Forum, information will be available on community resources that can be helpful to persons considering self-employment or entrepreneurship opportunities.

WE WANT YOUR STORIES We'd love to hear your story about transitioning to self-employment/entrepreneurship after 50. If you'd like to share your story - or that of someone you know - please send us a brief description which includes: Please indicate your name and contact information if you would like us to include it in a handout we will be providing at the Forum.

- What was your previous work?
- What are you doing now?
- What were the challenges in making this transition?
- What are the rewards?

• Call for Action

Action Teams Forming

For more information email:
dwnext@comcast.net
or 617-969-5906
ext.299

Get Involved

As you may know, DWN has been working diligently on strategic planning. We are about to incorporate as a 501 (c) 3 not for profit organization. Although this implies a more formal organizational structure than we have previously had, we are committed to maintain the flexibility and egalitarian spirit that has served us so well.

We are in the process of forming committees - we call them action teams - to work on our priority areas. If you would like an opportunity to share your expertise, have fun and help DWN accomplish its goals, please let us know by calling Barbara at 617- 969-5906 ext. 299.

Action teams in formation are:

- Communications
- Database development
- Website development
- Programs
- Fundraising/finance

Let's hear from you!!!

• Transition Talks continue

Transition Talks

Newton Free Library
330 Homer Street
Newton Centre
January 10 2:30 - 4
pm
January 18 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, April 11, 2005 from 2:30 - 4 pm
- Evening Transition Talk: Tuesday, April 5, 2005 from 7 - 8:30 pm
- Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Street
- Meeting Room B
- All Welcome
- For more info or to confirm your attendance, email dwnext@comcast.net

• Make a Difference

Make a Difference with SOAR

GED Tutors Needed

If you are looking for a meaningful and rewarding way to make a difference in someone's life, consider giving an hour or two a week to help a young adult or an elderly individual in our Newton community. Currently, there is an URGENT need for GED tutors to help students prepare for their high school equivalency exam. Some basic math skills are required; orientation and materials are provided.

FRIENDLY VISITORS There is also an URGENT need for Friendly Visitors who provide companionship to an isolated, elderly person living alone. No prior experience is necessary - just a caring heart. Both opportunities can be done on a flexible schedule.

Please contact Jan Latorre-Stiller at SOAR, Service Opportunities After, and Before, Retirement, 617-969- 5906, ext. 120 or at jlatorre-stiller@ncscweb.org for further information

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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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