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Dear Friends of Discovering What's Next ,™

As you discover what's next for you, we hope that the following newsletter provides you with some good things to think about - and perhaps act on - in the New Year.

Happy Holidays,
Carol A. Greenfield

Discover Work

If you are looking for inspiration in tackling the transition into new or different work, pick up Marc Freedman's book ***Encore: Finding Work That Matters in the Second Half of Life***. DWN sponsored a Boston Public Library talk by Freedman in early November. Freedman is the founder of Civic Ventures and Co-Founder of Experience Corps and the Purpose Prize. His book is a compilation of stories of people who are pioneers in "crafting a new phase of work that offers not only continued income but the promise of more meaning."

The collaboration with JVS will continue offering DWN members the opportunity to have scheduled, free individual sessions with Career Consultants. These half-hour sessions help

participants continue their search for employment. The next date is **November 29th from 9:00 - 11:00 AM**. Please call 617-796-1419 to schedule a time.

The next job networking MeetingUp is scheduled for **Saturday, January 26, 2008**. These facilitated job search exchanges are a great way to make connections and help jump-start a search for new work opportunities. This meeting will introduce another way of viewing the search for employment by focusing on the three "I's." Investigate, Identify and Impress.

Look for a DWN forum in 2008 focused on the world of part-time employment. We'll explore the many meanings and possibilities of part-time work to help you "discover" which one works for you.

Discover Volunteer Service

How can you do what you want to do in the world of volunteering? Are you thinking about using and developing skills and interests gained through work...or do you want to pursue the passion you never had time for while you were working? Do you want to be doing something meaningful even for a few hours now and then?

Be sure to check out [DWN's Discover Volunteer Service](#) for some helpful tools and insights to help you figure out what direction to take.

Starting in January, DWN will extend its collaboration with [SOAR](#) - Service Opportunities After 55 - to begin offering free one-on-one conversations around volunteer service with a SOAR representative at the DWN HUB. Stay tuned.

Discover Legacy

As part of DWN's Legacy Workshop program, sponsored by the Village Bank, Kate Guedj of The Boston Foundation recently provided a valuable interactive workshop at Newton Community Education on Giving Circles. A relatively new phenomenon in philanthropy, giving circles provide donors with a vehicle to create more impact in giving by pooling financial resources. Kate indicated that many circles also contribute their time and skills in supporting the organizations that they contribute to. The team approach to decision-making, which we experienced in a mock giving circle meeting, also provides a fun, informative and engaged forum to examine your own giving goals and values.

If you are interested in learning more be sure to check out these web resources:

[Wikipedia - Giving Circles](#)

[Giving Network](#)

[Giving Circles](#)

[Giving Forum](#)

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...someone 55+ who has turned a hobby or interest into a business or a second career? Someone who's repeatedly said, *"Oh, I could write a book"* then sat down and DID it?

We're looking for experts who have "been there, done that," to speak on topics related to realizing goals, ambitions, and projects at this life stage.

Over the past year, MeetingUps have come together on subjects as diverse as downsizing to a smaller home, networking to find a job, and volunteering within the community. And then there was the group meditation, "Journey To A Peaceful Place," led by one of our Transition Navigators™.

MeetingUps take place whenever someone thinks up topic that might be of interest to others, then arranges for a speaker and a date. At that point, we send word out to our DWN membership and everyone shows up at the DWN Hub.

If you have an idea for a MeetingUp, submit it using the Idea Template on our website and someone will get back to you. [Click here](#) to learn how to share your ideas using the Idea Template.

DWN Calendar

Be sure to check out the [DWN Calendar](#) for both monthly and special programming. You may want to partake in Transition Talks™, MeetingUps, Where Next Travel Discussion Club, Men's Group, Forums and Workshops.

Sincerely,

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