



## November 2006 Update

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Dear Friend of Discovering What's Next™,

November has arrived, the clocks are set back, and the days seem so much shorter. Making time for everything is a universal challenge, but even a brief visit to the DWN HUB on the 3rd floor of the Newton Free Library will be time well spent. Today, November 1st, is the one year anniversary of the HUB's grand opening and it has been a wonderful year. DWN is most appreciative to the Newton Free Library for donating this beautiful space. Together with a wonderful team of volunteer Transition Navigators™, the HUB serves as an important gateway to the DWN community for resources and connection.

I am proud to tell you that DWN's first official Annual Report is now available [online](#) and at the HUB. I'd like to thank Board members Shirley Selhub and Doug Dickson for their help in crafting this report and Kathy Moynihan for her creative design work that always makes us look good.

So, please read on....

Carol Greenfield

### Focus on Work

#### Discovering What's Next™ @ Work

DWN's October 18th forum on Generations@Work: Age Matters in the Workplace continues to generate interest in our community. DWN is committed to providing access to resources on this important topic. The work-related resource list from this forum is available on the [DWN website](#). At the

DWN HUB (Newton Free Library, 3rd floor) you can also pick up a free copy of the AARP Report on **The Business Case for Workers Age 50+** and take a look at a new resource binder on **Job Search Hints for People Over 60**. Our thanks to Carole Noveck, DWN Transition Navigator™, for preparing this collection of important tips.

CareerMoves at JVS, in collaboration with DWN, is offering a follow-up workshop on **Maximizing Your Value in the Workplace** on Wednesday, November 29th from 6-7:30 pm in Newton. (Fee: \$15) If you would like to attend this workshop, call 617-399-3101 and mention you learned about this from DWN.

There is no question it is hard to find “good” work. Civic Ventures indicates that only 12% of Americans over 50 think it will be very easy to find jobs where they can make a difference. Do you know of any creative organizations that tap the passion and experience of people over 50 to improve society. If so, they may be eligible for a **Breakthrough Award**. For more information, go to the [Civic Ventures website](#).

## Make Time For

### **DWN Programs are Time Well Spent**

Check the [Calendar](#) on the DWN website. New programs are listed weekly. In November:

Transition Talks™ continue: November 13th 2:30 - 4 pm, Newton Free Library, Meeting Room A.

November 28th 7- 8:30 pm, Newton Free Library, Meeting Room A.

Where Next Travel Club: November 29th 7 - 9 pm at the DWN HUB. The topic is Swapping Houses and Budget Travel.

## Reaching Out

### **DWN Ambassadors Reach Out**

Under the leadership of Nancy Goldberg and her Outreach Team, a corps of DWN Ambassadors has been trained and

they are ready to reach out to community organizations and spread the word about Discovering What's Next™. If you know of any community groups that might be interested in learning about Discovering What's Next™, please contact Nancy by emailing her at [info@discoveringwhatsnext.com](mailto:info@discoveringwhatsnext.com). We are most appreciative of the financial support of Newton Wellesley Hospital for making this outreach effort possible.

## Service Opportunities

### Our Community Needs Your Wisdom and Talents

**DWN's opportunities for service are growing.** We have immediate openings for these flexible opportunities as follows:

- Administrative support in managing the new DWN donor database for tracking gifts and producing mailings. Apart from being well organized and paying attention to detail, no other experience is required to work with this interesting software. Please consider helping DWN launch this important initiative. Contact Corinne at [cshillin@yahoo.com](mailto:cshillin@yahoo.com) or 617-964-4564.
- Got Grantsmanship skills? There are several related opportunities to research grant opportunities, write grant proposals, and manage the grant process. For more information, contact Carol at [cagsws@comcast.net](mailto:cagsws@comcast.net).
- DWN is always looking to tap the talents of community members. If you have a talent that you would like to put to very good use, please let us know by emailing Amy at [info@discoveringwhatsnext.com](mailto:info@discoveringwhatsnext.com)

**SOAR – Service Opportunities After 55** – is currently seeking applications for a January training of individuals to serve as a SOAR Non-profit Management Consultant. Receive training; work on a team to help local small non-profits with organizational challenges. Seeking former or current high level executives who want to "give back." Call Jan Latorre-Stiller at 617-969-5906 x 120.

## Special Event

**"What Does it Mean to Care?" - A Conversation with**

### An Evening Dedicated to Caregivers

Caring for an aging parent is one of the enormous challenges

**Ellen Goodman  
and "Family  
Matters"  
Premiere,  
November 16th at  
6 pm**

invitation to the DWN community to attend an evening dedicated to family caregivers. In addition to a special conversation with columnist Ellen Goodman, moderated by CBS4 News reporter Kasey Kaufman, there will be a premiere of "Family Matters," a film devoted to patients and families adjusting to a new diagnosis of Alzheimer's. This free program begins at 6 pm at MGH and includes complimentary parking. Seating is limited. RSVP 617-724-7324 by November 10.

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