



## Winter 2009 Newsletter

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### Dear Friend Of Discovering What's Next®,

A new year. A new president. A renewed commitment to service. And DWN is right on board - whether volunteer service or Encore Career-type service - we feel the buzz and are glad to be part of it. So check out the opportunities for discovery and exploration that are happening this winter...and let's hope that by staying involved the spring will arrive even sooner.

*Carl A. Greenfield*

**Discover Work:**  
**Spring Forum to Highlight Encore Careers: Is That What's Next for You?**

Whether your answer is an emphatic YES or simply "What's an Encore?" you've come to the right place. This spring, as part of DWN's Discover Work focus, we will be featuring programming on the topic of WORK, but in particular Encore Careers.

Encore Careers is a newly defined concept put forth in Marc Freedman's book **"Encore - Finding Work that Matters in the Second Half of Life"** that combines personal fulfillment, social impact and paid work - a tall order but many are finding it just the right formula at this stage of life.

### **Want to learn more?**

1. **Attend the DWN Spring Forum - March 11th, 7:00 pm, Druker Auditorium, Newton Free Library.** DWN is hosting our spring forum, **Encore Careers: Is That What's Next for YOU?** Judy Goggin of Civic Ventures will act as moderator for the evening. Panelists will tell their stories, explain their decisions to take up Encore Careers, discuss how they made the transition, what their lives are like and what impact they have had in their new roles.

2. **Join a DWN sponsored Encore Book Discussion Group** - We have had an enthusiastic response to our launch of Encore Book Discussion Groups. We have two planned for February but a third may be quickly forming. If you are interested in being part of this please email [info@discoveringwhatsnext.com](mailto:info@discoveringwhatsnext.com) and we will get back to you about the additional dates and time.

### **Discover Volunteer Service: Obama's Call for Action**

If you are thinking about volunteer service but don't know where to begin, we have a few suggestions. The Obama administration wants to make it easy for everyone to make a commitment to service. A recently launched online community, [USAservice.org](http://USAservice.org), should make service easy and accessible. Log on and find a cause you care about in your community. If you want to organize a service event and recruit volunteers, there are easy tools on this website to help you do that too.

Or, if you'd rather talk to someone in person, schedule an appointment to meet with a [SOAR \(Service Opportunities After Reaching 55\)](#) representative at the DWN HUB on selected Thursday mornings by calling 617-796-1419.

### **Discover Work: Insights from JVS Career Moves Experts**

DWN has had a wonderful relationship with JVS **Career Moves** for the past year and a half. On Thursday mornings since August 2007, experts from JVS **Career Moves** have provided free one-on-one career consultations for **Discovering What's Next®** at the third floor DWN HUB at the **Newton Free Library**.

Amy Mazur is one of the JVS career experts and reflects on her experience.

*"I have enjoyed the collaboration that has developed with DWN in serving individuals 50+ to connect with resources to help them navigate the transition to and the journey through their next life stage."*

*As a Career Expert, I met a woman who had been a lawyer, took some time to raise her family, was now ready to return to the workforce, but was not interested in*

*returning to the traditional practice of law. She was a good candidate for JVS's **Success Team for Lawyers**, to which I referred her.*

*I met a man who was in need of some clarification regarding where he should focus his energy for developing his small business. For him, the **Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and The Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE)** made sense as resources to share.*

*Whether I am listening to career stories, sharing resources, or just sharing thoughts and information with the DWN Transition Navigators, activities at DWN on Thursdays are always interesting and worthwhile."*

If you would like to schedule an appointment for Ask the Career Experts, please call DWN at 617-796-1419 or [info@discoveringwhatsnext.com](mailto:info@discoveringwhatsnext.com).

### Discover Your Inner Laugh at the Next DWN MeetingUp

According to Milton Berle, "Laughter is an instant vacation." And it's certainly time for a vacation!

Discovering What's Next® invites you to welcome laughter into your life by participating in an informal **Laughing Matters workshop** led by Sandra Boris-Berkowitz, M.Ed, of Laughing Matters and held at the Newton Free Library, Monday, February 9th, 3:30pm, 3rd floor HUB.

Please register either by email to [info@discoveringwhatsnext.com](mailto:info@discoveringwhatsnext.com) or phone 617-796-1419.

### Discover Important Resources: Social Security First National Webinar

As you may know, Social Security has a new online retirement application available at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) where you can complete the online retirement application in as little as 15 minutes.

On Thursday January 29, 2009 at 2 pm EST Social Security will hold its first national webinar - **Retire Online. It's So Easy!** The session will include a demonstration of the new online application and a discussion of its key features, and we expect that it should last about an hour. There will be instructions on how to access this webinar at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) on the day of the event, January 29th. In the meantime, if you have questions on this, or any other SSA issue, Kurt Czarnowski, Regional Communications Director at SSA is happy to answer your questions (617) 565-2881. Kurt spoke at a DWN MeetingUp in 2008.

### Discover Transition Talks®

Many of you have already participated in DWN's popular Transition Talks® which are held monthly at the library. George and Cissie Klavens have co-facilitated the evening talks for more than five years (and we hope they will continue for at least another five!). These TTs are a great way for you to talk informally with others in the community about what transitions mean to you at this stage of life. Sometimes it's an opportunity to have others help you get unstuck; sometimes it's a wonderful way to network for a new job or other opportunity; always it's a chance to meet great people and to leave the TTs feeling better than when you arrived. The next

evening Transition Talk® is Tuesday, February 24th at 7 pm. If you are interested in attending email [info@discoveringwhatsnext.com](mailto:info@discoveringwhatsnext.com).

### **Discover Your Common Interests**

At the suggestion of a DWN Board member, an email was sent out in late December to garner interest amongst development professionals in the DWN database for getting together to discuss some of the issues their profession is facing during these economic times. We were thrilled at the response we received and the meeting of this Special Interest Group will take place on January 26th at 7pm. If you are still interested in attending, email [info@discoveringwhatsnext.com](mailto:info@discoveringwhatsnext.com)

For those of you non-development professionals, we welcome YOUR suggestions for other groups that might want to meet - whether it's once, twice or ongoing - we're happy to help bring people together and offer them a place to meet.

### **Discover the DWN Calendar**

We hope you will periodically [check the DWN Calendar](#) for a listing of the many programs we offer. Hope to see you at some in 2009.



President

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