WEBINAR FOR WFCA MEMBERS
HOW TO BE MORE PRODUCTIVE FROM YOUR HOME OFFICE
UNPRECEDENTED TIMES AND UNCHARTED WATERS

Working remotely can be difficult

E-mail -28%
Web Surfing and Social Media -20%
Distractions are everywhere (50-80%)
Lack of Personal Contact outside home
Communication Challenges
F.E.A.R. of the Unknown
Develop Discipline and Structure from home
Procrastination is so easy in your pajamas!
WHAT WE WILL TOUCH ON TODAY

- Creating a Productive Environment
- Time and Self-Management Strategies
- Utilizing Technology
- Develop Disciplined Work Habits
- Having the Right Mindset
- Avoid Procrastination
BE THE BUFFALO

Cows Run Away from the Storm while the Buffalo charges toward it and gets through the storm quicker.

“Whenever I’m confronted with a tough challenge, I do not prolong the torment. I become the Buffalo”

–by Wilma Mankiller, First female Chief of the Cherokee Nation
BE THE BUFFALO

We have several choices to make:

A. We can use this as an **EXCUSE** and a distraction to NOT **Prospect**, Improve our **Skills** and **Knowledge** or Work diligently on achieving our **Goals**.

We become paralyzed & worry.

OR

B. We can **ignore the constant distractions** & utilize our **resources** & **TIME** to push forward with **self-motivation** and **work hard** on our business and **prepare for the future**. New **ideas**, **prospects** and **business opportunities** that will be your key **differentiators** going forward.

“Be the Buffalo” –**DO NOT PROCRASTINATE**.
TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD

Find Excuses to Stay in Comfort Zone

Find a Way to Take Action
ESTABLISH THE CORRECT MINDSET
YOU MUST START TO LOOK AT EVERYTHING DIFFERENTLY

Recalibrating the Coronavirus

I feel **anxious** in public.  
I’m **cautious** around others.

I’m **nervous** that I’m going to get sick.  
I’m **optimistic** that I’m going to stay healthy!

I’m **frightened** of the unknown.  
I’m **curious** for what the future holds.

I feel **powerless** about what’s going on around me.  
I’m in complete **control** of my thoughts, emotions, and personal wellbeing!

Mike Thompson  
Steelcase Global Client Collaboration
DEVELOPING THE CORRECT MINDSET
IT ALL STARTS WITH VISION AND GOALS

Empower Partners Goal Setting and Execution

Goals

Start with crystal clear goals

- This is a good time to update your goals (personal and professional)
- Find a picture that represents your goals
- Determine the purpose of each goal
- Create a Vision Board
2020 goals

- Workout 3 x / week
- Golf Lessons
- Landscaping Project
- Financial Planner
- Engage Financial Planner
- BOMA Georgia
  - Get networked
- Travel to Italy
- Consistency Selling
- Read 1 new book / mo
COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY

Owners or Managers to employees - set up regular communication both as a group and on individual basis.

Employees to “the boss” - schedule regular check-ins and keep the boss updated on activity.

Colleagues - schedule virtual coffee breaks, lunches and collaboration with Zoom calls.

Over communication is not an issue.

Check in with old customers, associates and friends. Everyone’s situation is different and a call, text or email can be a lifesaver and make someone’s day. Great time to prospect to past clients and keep relationships strong.
WHAT DO WE COMMUNICATE TO OUR CUSTOMERS DURING THIS TIME?

Many salespeople communicate the wrong message!

- Now is NOT a time to communicate “Please don’t forget about me”!
- Show empathy for the situation we are all in.
- Ask questions about how they personally are doing and how is their family?
- Share examples of things other customers are doing to get SBA funding and ask how their business is holding up. Are they still working?
- Offer to provide FREE services to help them.
MEDITATION
THE NEXT BIG PRODUCTIVITY TOOL

Meditation to Focus on Goals

Jay Allen, JDS Flooring Manchester NH, Starnet Member
- Meditation has been a life changer for me and anyone who knew me 10 years ago will attest to that

Lew Migliore, LGM Associates, Starnet Vendor Partner
- To come home at the end of the day and find a quiet spot to clear your mind.

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”
— Ralph Waldo Emerson
COMMUNICATION AND MINDSET TOOLS

- Vision Board with top 10 Goals and pictures
- Podcasts for Meditation
  - Videos on YouTube Meditation
- Positive Self Talk, Affirmations and Motivational Slogans
  - List of 5 positive affirmations to review every day
- Focus and Discipline –
  - ”Take the Stairs” Book by Rory Vaden
ESTABLISH THE WORK RULES AND WAKE UP EARLY

Dream big and wake up early to actualize them.
NAVY SEAL ADMIRAL WILLIAM H. MCCRAVEN: MAKE YOUR BED EVERY DAY??

Accomplish the first task of the day

Small Sense of Pride

And if by chance you have a miserable day, you will come home to a bed that is made — that you made. And a made bed gives you encouragement that tomorrow will be better.

It's all about the small things.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TBu1GBCF9jc
PREPARE FOR THE DAY WHEN YOU GET UP MEDITATE, EXERCISE, EAT HEALTHY
SET UP THE BEST WORK SITUATION POSSIBLE
CREATE A PRODUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT – SETTING UP YOUR REMOTE WORKPLACE & TIME MANAGEMENT

1. Set up an office away from distractions if possible with a door to close.
2. Eliminate clutter and distractions (work out equipment, dog bed etc.)
3. Set up high speed internet, good cell phone reception and printer
4. Create appropriate work-space with desk, drafting table, file cabinets etc.
5. Find a quiet space away from family distractions (separate room to close the door)
6. Try putting “movement” into your work day and take breaks to exercise
7. Set up options to stand while on the phone or using your computer to avoid sitting all day
8. Time to start work and time to stop work
9. Do your exercise prior to 7am if possible.
NEW WORK AT HOME TOOLS

Standing desk device.  
Source: Theyeadydesk

Logitech Video Meeting Kits
TOP 15 – SELF-MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES WHEN WORKING FROM HOME

- Plan your week Sunday Evening
- Set Focused Goals & Stick to a Routine
- Learn to say NO to Distractions
- Block time on your calendar and be Disciplined
- Find a Time Mgt & Schedule System that works
- Stay Focused on PDA’s (Priority Daily Activity)
- Take small breaks frequently & Exercise
- Schedule time for E-mail
- Find inspiration (Affirmations & Books)
- Sleep Well & Eat Well
- Overcome F.E.A.R- Take Action
- Start and end work- day on schedule
- Use technology to communicate & to hold yourself accountable.
- Delegate or Out-Source
- Create a Time Awareness Log
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TECHNOLOGY TIPS FOR THE REMOTE WORK ENVIRONMENT
Subscribe to the best software and Aps
* Zoom, Skype or Go to Meeting for web-conference calls
* Update your LinkedIn and Facebook profile

1. Have a professional picture on LinkedIn
2. Put your company value proposition on the profile page
3. Tell your story, your habits and share your passion

Set GOOGLE as your default to access the internet
WEB CONFERENCE TIPS

- Do not post meeting or link on Social Media
  - Send individual e-mail/Test messages

- Use a Waiting Room

- Lock the meeting when all are present

- Create Recurring meetings

- Background- Virtual backgrounds available from Zoom App

- Record your meeting

- Touch up your appearance
NEW WEB CONFERENCE TOOLS

“MEET NOW” - SKYPE New Video Call Option

Webex is here when the world needs to connect, communicate and collaborate
TECHNOLOGY AND EMAIL

- Decide the best times during the day to read & respond to e-mail (Set blocks of time)
- Turn off Notifications
- Be more selective and Reduce your flow of messages
- In Box as a storage area –NO
  - Handle an e-mail one time
- Organize your Email System
- Golden Rule
  - Five minutes to read and respond
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