

For the Dog Lovers

I love to read. I can curl up for hours with a light hearted love story, a fascinating mystery, or anything motivating or spiritually comforting. I have just finished Ann Quindlen's *Good Dog. Stay.* Have you read it? If you are a dog lover like me, you will read it from cover to cover thinking the whole time about your own sweet doggie companion or companions.

This is a tender and heart warming story about the author's beloved black Labrador Retriever, Beau. The book - an easy read - reflects on how her life has unfolded in tandem with Beau's, and on the lessons she has learned in watching him grow from puppy to senior status: to roll with the punches, to take things as they come, to measure herself not in terms of the past or the future but of the present, and to raise her nose in the air from time to time and holler, "I smell bacon!"

Here are some of my favorite excerpts from the book:

The children in the house grew tall, their familiar voices dropped in tone and timbre, their soft faces sharpened to reveal the architecture of cheekbones and chin. But Beau always knew them. They went away to college, were gone for months at a time, spilled back through the door with a clutch of friends so enamored of their own lives that sometimes they merely stepped over him on their way to somewhere else. And still his tail thrummed on the hardwood floor, like the fan belt on some machine.

Occasionally someone will tell me that they won't have pets because they're messy, and I suppose there's some truth to that, between the fur and the slobber and the occasional puddle on the floor. Yet I have to choke down the temptation to respond that LIFE is messy. The truth is, our family was far messier without dogs than with them.

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I discovered that the children dropped more in the kitchen than they ate. I had never noticed how many goldfish crackers, Cheerios and crusts tumbled off the table. That was because they were either snagged in mid air or gobbled up as soon as they hit the ground. Dogs make messes, it's true, but they clean them up as well.

The life of a dog is not much of a mystery. With few exceptions, he will be who he has always been. His routine will be unvarying and his pleasures will be predictable - a pond, a squirrel, a bone, a nap in the sun. It sounds boring, and yet it is one of the things that make dogs so important to people. In a world that seems so uncertain, that seems to sometimes ricochet from challenge to upheaval and back again, a dog can be counted on in a way that's true of little else.

Good Dog. Stay. Honors the life of a cherished and loyal friend named Beau and offers us a valuable lesson on our four-legged family members:

Sometimes an old dog can teach us new tricks!

Woof! Woof!

Lynn



Lynn Zimmerebner
2007 - 2008 President

The Power of Partnerships

The Goal: to increase EWI's membership and expand The Power of Partnerships throughout the organization.

Remember ~

- For each new member firm that joins during the recruitment period (October 1, 2007 – May 31, 2008) the recruiting representative will receive a \$10 gift card to the EWI Merchandise Shoppe.
- The recruiter's name will be entered into a drawing for an **LCAM Registration, hotel fee and airfare** for each new member firm that joined during the recruiting period. **No limit to the number of chances you can earn!**
- The representative who recruits the most new member firms that joined during the recruitment period will win the **Grand Prize ~ A Travel Voucher worth \$1500.00!!** (in case of a tie, a random drawing will be held for this prize)
- Each Chapter that achieves net growth plus 1* by June 1, 2008 will receive one free registration to the Academy of Leadership! This registration will be valid through September 2008.

This is **YOUR CHAPTER!!** Help us grow by contacting your Membership Committee with prospects!

** having at least one more member firm as of 6/1/08 than it had on 10/1/07*

ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LISTED IN FORTUNE'S '100 BEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR'

FORTUNE has listed Arkansas Children's Hospital 76TH on the 11th annual "100 Best Companies to Work For" list.

"Arkansas Children's Hospital is honored to be ranked among FORTUNE'S "100 Best Companies to Work For" survey, said ACH President and CEO Jonathan Bates, M.D. "Our employees take much pride in providing care, love and hope to our kids here at ACH. Their survey response, which comprised the largest portion of the survey, is what matters most and they feel that ACH is a very rewarding place to work."



Dr. Jonathan Bates

To pick the "100 Best Companies to Work For", FORTUNE works with Robert Levering and Milton Moskowitz of the Great Place to Work Institute to conduct the most extensive employee survey in corporate America. Of some 1500 firms that were contacted, 406 companies participated in this year's survey. Nearly 100,000 employees at those companies responded to a 57 question survey created by the Great Place to Work Institute, a global research and consulting firm with offices in 30 countries. Most of the company's score (two-thirds) is based on the results of the survey, which is sent to a minimum of 400 randomly selected employees from each company.

"The 'FORTUNE 100 Best Companies to Work For' ranking achieved by Arkansas Children's Hospital we hope will help us attract more physicians, nurses and other quality staff to our hospital. We believe one of the positives for Arkansas is that this recognition will help other companies recruit outstanding employees to their business and to our state," added Bates.



Save The Date!!!

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

The Little Rock Chapter of EWI is proud to present Ms. Kathleen Gage, Award Winning Speaker, Entrepreneur and Bestselling Author.



Ms. Gage will be our guest speaker for the Personal & Professional Development luncheon at noon at the Little Rock Hilton and then will be our special guest that evening for Firm Night.

Ms. Gage is widely known for her high content, high energy and fun filled sessions. She is internationally known and is a highly sought after corporate trainer and keynote presenter for conferences and conventions.

More information regarding the luncheon will be forthcoming in the next week.

Firm Night

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

*Arkansas Children's Hospital
Lee and Bob Cress Board Room
Fourth Floor of the new
Office Building
Maryland and Battery Streets*

**Tours begin at 5:15 pm
Reception at 6:00 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm**

Parking will be reserved on the south side of the New Office Building.

Enter through the main doors off the parking lot ~ you will be on the second floor of the building.

Take the elevators on the right to the fourth floor.

Member Firm Anniversaries March

RSVP Catering	2002
St. Vincent	2005
Clean Mtn. Water	2007



Happy March Birthday
to
Sherry Jensen – 16th
Barbara Hoffman – 19th

February 2008 Business Meeting



President Lynn Zimmerebner calls the Business Meeting to order.



Lisa Kilby and Diane Kidwell enjoy Diane's scrapbook Lisa prepared.



We all enjoyed the wonderful buffet and beautiful cake from member firm RSVP Catering.



Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 9th!
Spring Forward!

HAPPY EASTER



EWI Mission and Vision

MISSION
Executive Women International® is an organization which brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of:

- Promoting member firms
- Enhancing personal and professional development
- Encouraging community involvement

VISION
To be the leading connection for business professionals.