

The Power of Networking

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Networking Basics

- What is networking?
- Why network?
- · Who can network?
- Where do you network?
- How do you network?
- Resources



What Is Networking?

- · Dictionary.com
- Harvey Mackay
- Mark Fallon



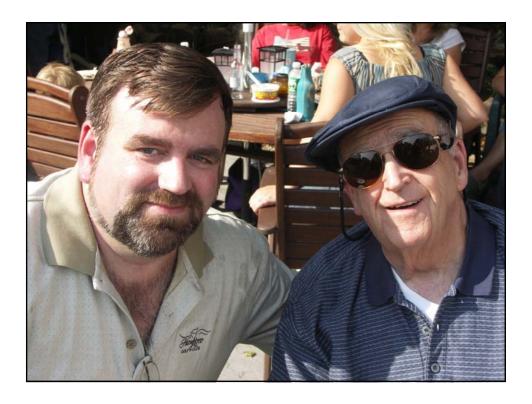
Why Network?

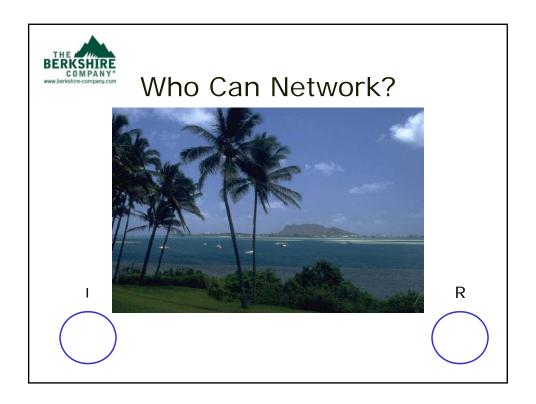
- 1. "Everyone lives by selling something."
- 2. Education, training & talent will only take you so far.
- 3. You don't know who knows who.
- 4. You don't know who's looking for you.
- 5. People are interesting as people.



Who Can Network?

- **Anyone** can network.
- Absolutely anyone can network.
- Networking is something that anyone and everyone can learn.
- Networking is something that anyone and everyone must learn.







Where Do You Network?

- Work
- · Conferences and trade shows
- Training
- Career fairs and job fairs
- Social situations community events, recreational events, parties
- Everywhere!



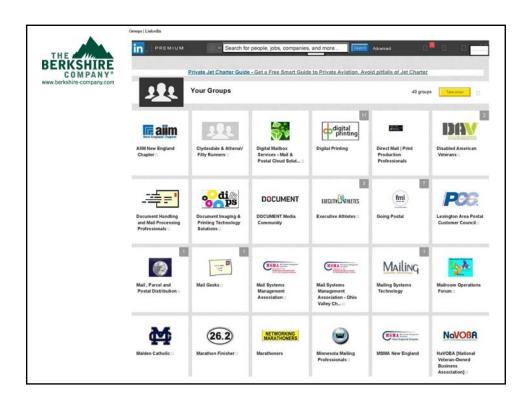
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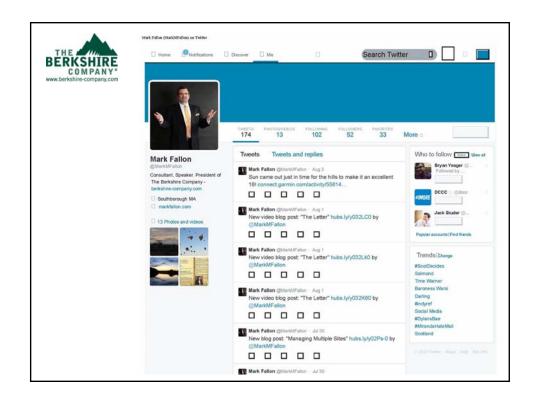
- Joining isn't networking participation is networking.
- Communicate often, through multiple channels (mail, email, website, telephone).
- Pair up veterans with new members.
- People like to be asked, so ask them!



Online Networking

- Multiple channels LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook.
- Groups, topic-specific sites (LinkedIn groups, Blogs, RunnersWorld).
- Joining isn't networking **participation** is networking.
- Think before you post the Internet is forever!









How Do You Network?

- · Positive Attitude
- Visual Contact
- · Seek Common Ground
- · Be Interested, Not Interesting
- · Be Polite
- · Follow-up



How Do You Network? Practical Exercise



This is great, but I'm still too much an introvert...

- 1. Don't go it alone.
- 2. Practice.
- 3. Listening is good.
- 4. This is a survival skill you have to network!
- 5.



Resources

- Dig Your Well Before You're Thirsty by Harvey Mackay
- The First Five Minutes by Norman King
- The Networking Survival Guide by Diane Darling



Questions?

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