

Now that I'm grounded after flying 5000 feet above sea level, I can only say this:



# What a Ride!

Stepping into the cockpit of a Cessna two-seater airplane was not something I expected to be doing at this stage of my life. To put on headphones and listen to the pilot give her instructions to the ground crew and other planes in the area really started me thinking about grabbing those golden opportunities when they pop up. I have had many bold twists and turns in my life and, so far, this one topped the cake.

Life is a road with many starts, stops and curves, so I ask you... is there something you want to accomplish that you never thought possible to do? Parachute jumping? Climbing Mount Everest? Walking the Great Wall of China? Sitting and talking to your favourite movie star? Well you know, anything is possible when you take down the barriers and go with the flow or set your mind to do something brand new.

That's the backbone of Women with Vision Magazine... I encourage people to create their own vision and follow it through. I know I certainly have. I accept that, when I'm open to new experiences, life runs freely and effortlessly and as a result the adventures are numerous and the people I meet along the way are amazing.

I was asked to do a presentation for the Wasaga Beach Mixed Probus Club the first week of May. The day arrived and I wasn't in the room ten minutes when a woman approached me out of the blue asking if I would consider stepping in for a speaker who had just cancelled. I told her I would check my calendar and get back to her. She said that she needed to know that same day. Curious to find out the quick turnaround I asked for the date of the presentation and to my surprise it was in two days. It just happened that I had that morning open and was pleased to tell her I was available to help her out.

How many times have you been given an opportunity to go somewhere, meet someone or do something out-of-the-ordinary and you let it slip by? You know that every day is precious. Like the message from the movie "The Bucket List", making the time to do the things you want, need and desire is what life is all about. In our busy world of telecommunications and spending time in the fast lane while in traffic, doesn't it make sense to take control and make your list of the things you want to accomplish in life? And then just do it!

Here today, gone tomorrow. Life's too short. You've heard these sayings. So I ask you to consider, as you read our feature article on Lesley Page (a woman who learned to fly at the age of 50), what is the legacy you will leave for your family and colleagues?

I'm living my life as it comes; but I also keep filling it up with new things to do every day. Come join me... let the kid in you come out to play.

When it's all said and done, people will remember you for your time well spent on this earth and after being with you they might even say: What a ride!

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*The feature women about whom I write, have traveled a long, winding road to success – each woman on her own journey; a journey that sometimes hasn't been smooth. These women open their hearts to inspire and motivate other women, of all ages, to follow their dreams and passions...*