

I Found My **Dot!**



Summer seems like a distant memory and autumn leaves have fallen gently to form a magnificent blanket of rich colours. The last few months have flown by and I'd like to reflect on the lessons I've learned and share them with you.

Over the summer my life was running at a very hectic pace because I was attending seminars, conferences and doing radio interviews. I really enjoyed the Phenomenal View speaker series that was held in Caledon, Ontario. It seems I was on a journey to meet the internationally recognized people who are involved with The Secret: Jack Canfield, Mike Lipken and Lisa Nichols.

At Lisa's presentation she talked about her "you are here" concept. She explained that when you go to the shopping mall and want to find a store you go to the map near the entrances where you find the little dot that shows "you are here". I thought about this in the context of my career and the journey that it has taken me on for the last ten years.

In October I was invited to Toronto to do a live interview about Women with Vision on "thatradio.com". While driving across Bay and Dundas flashbacks to my days as a police officer flooded my head ...and that was 40 years ago! As we discussed on air, it's mind-blowing to think of what changes have taken place during those years.

After the interview I began to think about the shopping mall analogy that Lisa talked about at the conference and I realized that, like myself, everyone takes a walk through the mall... some of us more than others.

Over the last decade Women with Vision has created its own mall of activities for women. The professionals and I who write for WWV have worked together as a team to build a strong storefront of ideas. Just like the designers of shopping malls dream of bringing the buyer a variety of shops, we too have put together a little something for everyone. I've believed in finding my niche and following my dream therefore I've embraced all the shops that relate to everyday living and made a conscious effort to include as many as possible in this magazine. I've learned that the key to get to where you're going... is to know from where you're starting. "You are here".

So one might say I've found my "dot" because I know where I am on the map of the mall. I thank all of you new and faithful readers for your loyalty and those that have grown with us through the networking luncheons, events, television show and to those who have passed the magazine on to hospitals, doctor's office's, women's shelters, university students, to mention a few....

Women with Vision's first one-page newsletter set out to educate, motivate and inspire women entrepreneurs in business and daily living and today I'm also very pleased to include many male readers that share with me on a continuing basis that they initially picked up the magazine for their wives, partners, girlfriends and now don't give it to them until they have finished reading it. I love it.

I invite you to enjoy our latest issue by keeping in mind that each of us needs to know "you are here"!

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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...