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## Creating Community in a (dis)connected world



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"Free Range Parenting"

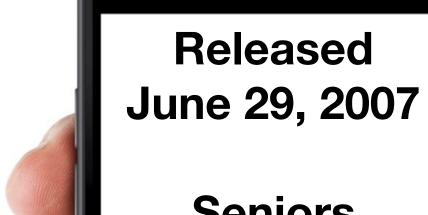






#### Consider This...





Seniors ~9 years old

Freshmen ~6 years old

6th Graders ~3 years old



## That "New" Technology

**Can Still Create COMMUNITY** 





"Sherlock Holmes on Air"
Pearl Harbor
"Superman Battles Intolerance"



Super Bowl
The Academy Awards
World Cup



#### Communities

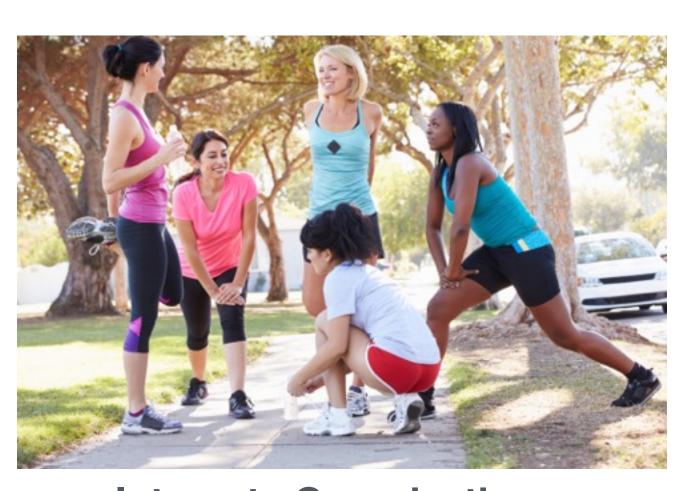




Faith-based organizations & small groups



Service Organizations
Kiwanis, Rotary, Optimist, Lions,
United Way, etc.



**Interests Organizations: Fitness, Books, Shared** 



### Communities









**PERSONALLY KNOWN** 

**SHARED INTERESTS** 

**VALUED BY GROUP** 



## What We Need to Do Create Community Catalysts



## Provide Rationale/Motivation Build Skills Create Opportunity



#### Based On...



How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie
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Never Eat Alone: and Other Secrets to Success, One

Relationship at a Time by Keith Ferrazzi and Tahl Raz

Click: Ten Truths for Building Extraordinary Relationships

by George C Fraser

Dig Your Well Before You're Thirsty by Harvey Mackay

Love is the Killer App: How to Win Business and

Influence Friends by Tim Sanders

Some Assembly Required by Thom Singer





### The Rationale



## **Examples of Connectors**

It pays to create community and connection NOW





Ben Cohen
Jerry Greenfield
"Fat kids" in 7th grade
gym class



Bill Fernandez

Met Steve Jobs in Jr. High School
Neighbors with Steve Wozniak
Introduced them to one another.
Later became 1st full-time
employee of Apple



Mark McLarty
Went to Kindergarten with Bill Clinton.
Encouraged to Run for Governor of
Arkansas, but deferred to Clinton.
Served as White House Chief of Staff
'93-'94





#### Ten Truths for Building Extraordinary Relationships

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Connecting/Clicking Sharing coming good Value-based **Assumed Trust** Synergistic Relational Mutually beneficial A conscious-strategic process Holistic Multidimensional A long-term commitment

Networking Superficial Goal-based **Earned Trust** Compromise **Transactional** Often one-sided A haphazard process Often materialistic **One-dimensional Temporary** 





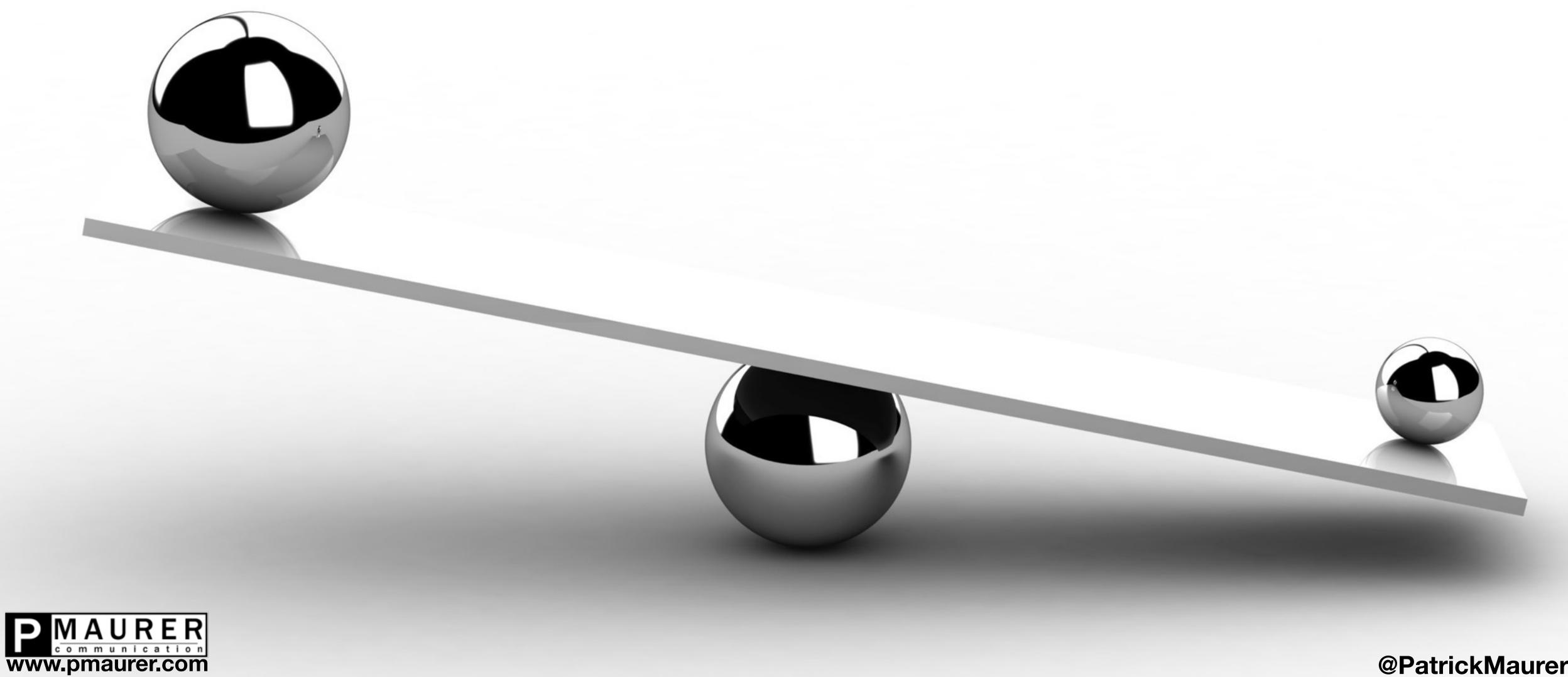
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"Just because we're at work doesn't mean that we're not human; sometimes we need someone to touch us, to make us smile, to make us feel better about ourselves. According to the late Mother Teresa, the greatest disease in the West is not tuberculosis or leprosy; it is being unwanted, unloved, uncared for."

Tim Sanders

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# "Remember that a person's name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language."

**Dale Carnegie** 

How to Win Friends and Influence People



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"You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you."

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"But never forget how important it is to do your homework and find out if you have some common ground when you know you're going to meet someone new."

Harvey Mackay
Dig Your Well Before You're Thirsty



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"So if you aspire to be a good conversationalist, be an attentive listener. To be interesting, be interested. Ask questions that the other person will enjoy answering. Encourage them to talk about themselves and their accomplishments."

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What do you love/enjoy most about what you do?

What are you working on these days?
How did you choose your involvement?
What is the strangest or funniest experience you've had?



## Step 5: GIVE & SHARE Give. Give. Give. Give.





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"People hold you in the highest esteem when they realize you have no expectations that you will receive anything in return for what you are willing to give."

**Tim Sanders** 

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#### Never Eat Alone

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## Generosity + Vulnerability + Accountability + Candor =TRUST



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## Share Your Knowledge Share Your Network Share Your Compassion





Champion a Connection
Once you know connection, introduce them to someone



"If you know someone who has a need, and you know another who provides a service, simply make the introduction without concern for what you get out of the deal. What goes around comes around. If you go out of your way to make connections, others will do the same for you."

Thom Singer Some Assembly Required



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## "The best sort of connecting occurs when you can bring together two people from entirely different worlds..."

**Keith Ferrazzi and Tahl Raz** 

Never Eat Alone: And Other Secrets to Success, One Relationship at a Time



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"...The strength of your network derives as much from the diversity of your relationships as it does from their quality or quantity."

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"Love is the selfless promotion of the growth of the other.' When you are able to help others grow to become the best people they can be, you are being loving—and you, too, grow."

Tim Sanders (expanding on Milton Mayeroff's quote)
Love is the Killer App: How to Win Business and Influence Friends



## Stone Soup Story Great way to talk about getting everyone to share gifts





## Step 7: RECOGNITION

Write one handwritten thank you note every day for a week Then write at least one a week for the rest of the year Thank You's, Birthdays, Holidays, Promotions, etc.









## The Opportunities







Is there a comfortable place to visit?

Does the music/sound promote conversation?

Is there enough time?

Does food promote interaction or

isolation?





## Planting Seeds



"For most people networking is a learned behavior, like learning to swim. It is gradual—and often painful, even scary—process of trial and error, small incremental steps, and finally a few breakthroughs."

Harvey Mackay
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