

Business Success Association (BSA)
First Monthly Educational Speaker Series, January 28, 2009
Guest Speaker: Kathy Condon



The Business Succession Association proudly hosted Vancouver's own Kathy Condon, author, international speaker, and executive coach, at its first monthly Educational Speaker Series. The event took place in Hometown Buffet's conference room on Vancouver Plaza Drive.

Donna Owen, BSA Executive Director, began the meeting by welcoming the approximately 30 guests to its first monthly meeting. Bill Stewart, Partners in Careers, was introduced and provided an overview of his organization's program to educate the community on the benefits of hiring individuals with disabilities. A brochure was provided to each guest.

Kathy began by providing a heart felt overview of how her recently published book, "*It Doesn't Hurt to Ask: It's All About Communication*," was dedicated to her parents who inspired her to write this very personal story of her success in business and how each of us can be effective through simple, real communications. She also announced that her book has been nominated as a "Best Book Award Finalist" by USA Book News. Congratulations Kathy!!!

Ms. Condon dedicated the remainder of her talk to personal goal setting and how effective and powerful it can be through her real life experiences. She engaged the audience with several interactive exercises which were fun and educational, along with a personal goal setting template. She remained after the meeting to sign her book and meet with the attendees.

BSA is an inclusive business association dedicated to supporting businesses in Southwest Washington through education and learning. BSA conducts a weekly Success Networking Meeting (no fees) each Monday, 8am at Elmer's Restaurant, on 40th Street, just off Andreson Road, generates a monthly Newsletter, and most recently began its monthly Educational Speaker Series. Competition is welcome at all meetings.

The next monthly Educational Speaker Series will be on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 11:30am – 1:30pm in Hometown Buffet's conference room – 7809 NE Vancouver Plaza Drive, Vancouver, 98662, phone: 360-256-9420. A Seminar Fee of \$10.00 will be charged for non BSA members. Lunch purchase is required by the restaurant for all attendees. RSVP is recommended as seating is limited. Speaker to be announced shortly.

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