SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP



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Social Media Topics

- Social Media In General
- Practical Techniques for:
 - Pinterest
 - Facebook
 - Linkedin
 - Twitter

Should You Use Social Media?

<u>Pros</u>

- It can reach many people
- It can reach specific categories of people
- It is usually free
- It can be very costeffective

Cons

- It can be time consuming
- It requires a "personality"
- It requires that you manage your online reputation
- Results can be short lived

Use Social Media Only If....

- 1. it makes financial sense for your business,
- 2. you enjoy social media,
- 3. and, you will do it consistently.

Using Social Media For Business Is All About...

- Building an audience who is open to buying your product or service
- Engaging the audience so they do buy
- Maintaining an on-going relationship so they will buy again and recommend you to their friends

Social Media is more like talking with someone than traditional advertising, like newspapers, radio, billboards, yellowpages, TV, etc.

Select The Right Social Media Platforms For You & Your Business

- 1. Which Social Media Platforms do your customers use?
- 2. Which Social Media Platforms can you use most effectively?
- 3. Start with 1-2 platforms that fit best

→ Female Male ← **deviantArt** Hacker News Orkut **Github** Reddit umblr MySpace **Stack** Overflow **Twitter Stumble Upon** SlashDot Wordpress Blogger **Pinterest Flickr FaceBook** Yelp LinkedIn

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Develop Your Social Media Personality

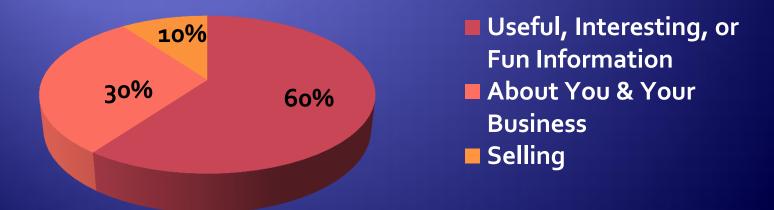
How do you interact with your customers in person?

How do you want your business to be viewed by your customers?

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Happy – Friendly – Cheerful
Somber – Respectful - Earnest
Dynamic – Cutting Edge – Innovative
Stable - Reliable – Trustworthy
Low Cost – Best Value – Bargain
High End – Exclusive – Prestige
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What Should You Post?

- Create an editorial calendar
 - Holidays
 - Local events
 - Business events
 - Plan your social media campaigns



You Will Be Judged...

You will be judged by how you interact with people

- Play well with others
 - Ask questions, Post comments, Like comments
 - Keep political and religious comments to a minimum
 - Be tolerant of non-native English writers
- Be helpful to others
- Use your best business manners at all times

Your Social Media Plan

- How much time, money, & effort will you budget for Social Media?
- Goals:
 - How will you measure your effectiveness?
 - It will probably take 2-6 months to develop a useful audience.



Following Categories * Everything Popular Gifts *



10 Ways to Keep a Toddler Busy, without Buying New Toys



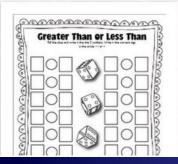
Katie Reed via Maggie Snyder onto Kids' Stuff



Julianna Morlet: My Top 10 Essential Singing Tips



Sharon W. onto Singing Tips

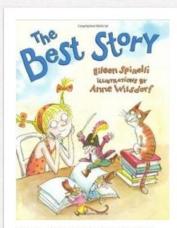




Popsicle Stick Christmas Nativity



Chris Reineke via Bree Anderson onto crafts



The Best Story - great for teaching where writer's get their ideas. In the end, the main character learns that the best story comes from your heart. After reading it, give each student a paper heart and they fill it with words/pictures of the things/people they love.

Melinda Stewart-Huffman via



Farida Khan via The TomKat Studio onto Home



always.



Amanda Carr via Brooke Allen onto Quotes



@Pottery Barn Kids Girls Bedroom





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Lucy Van Pelt via Tatjana Topalov Cvetinovic onto pretties



I really love these



Alana Thomas onto Products



Kids file folders for K-12 to hold memorable school items and showcase that years school photo.



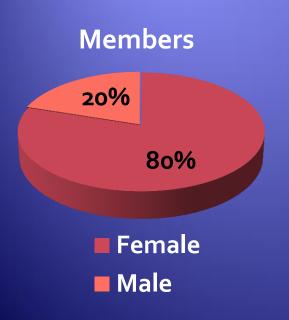
Linda Singleton via Liz Douglas onto Products I Love

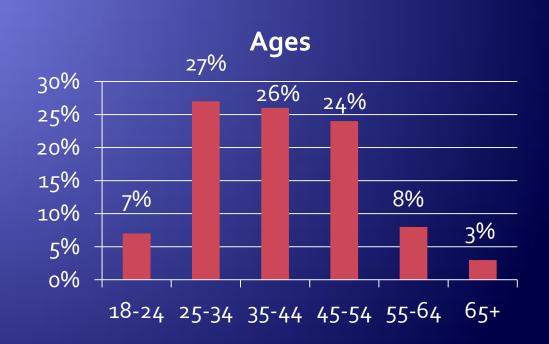


Put drops of acrylic paint inside clear bulbs, then shake. (totally doing this for my christmas tree this year!)

Pinterest

- Pinterest is an online "pin board" of pictures
- 12 million users, up 3000% in last 12 months
- It is the newest & least developed of the 4 platforms







- Fill out your profile
- Create boards on topics you are passionate about, not just about your business
- Follow everyone you know:
 - Your customers
 - Your FaceBook friends
 - People you email
- Pin consistently (5-6 days per week)
 - Pin any number of pins /day, but not more than 8 pins at one time



- Follow your competitor's followers
- Follow people who meet your demographic, geographic, psychographic requirements
 - Use Pinterest search to search for these people
- Repin popular pins
 - Search for pins by keyword and look for the ones with the most repins
- Pin infographics



- Create your own new, unique content to pin
 - Optimal image size is 600 pixels wide by 800 pixels high (or higher)
 - Include your business name, URL, or email address in your images
- Invite people to pin on your boards
 - When someone repins your pin, check them out, follow one of their boards, then invite them to pin on the board they repinned from.



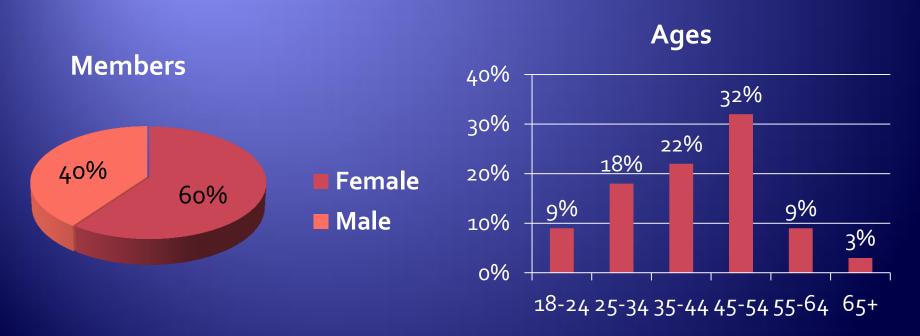
- Be particular about when you pin
 - Your pins won't remain visible for long. Pin when your audience is online.
 - Mon-Fri: 9-10am, 1-3pm & 7-9pm, Sun: 7-9pm
- Who sees your pins?
 - People who follow you see all your pins.
 - Some people who you follow may see some of your pins.
 - Other people may see your pin, if Pinterest selects your pin



Facebook

The largest social media platform, with 1 Billion active users.

1 out of every 7 people in the world uses Facebook.



Who Sees Your Facebook Activity?

- You can control who is permitted to see your posts, but not who will see your posts
- In general <u>most</u> of your friends will see <u>most</u> of your posts (Edgerank)
- Most of your friend's friends will see your posts if your friend comments or shares your post, but not if your friend just likes your post

- Create a Page for your business
 - http://www.facebook.com/about/pages
 - Don't create a group
- Invite your friends to like your business page
- Friend your customers, potential customers, including your competition's customers with your personal Facebook account & invite them to like your business page

- Post status updates, photos, videos, polls, events, milestones on your business page
- Like other business pages
- Add pages to your page's favorites

- Post to your business page regularly
 - 1 4 times per day, Monday Saturday
- Include interesting & fun posts consistent with your social media personality.







- Ask questions
- Tag people in your pictures or ask them to tag themselves
- Reward supporters, recognize customers
- Host contests, quizzes, and puzzles
- Get personal

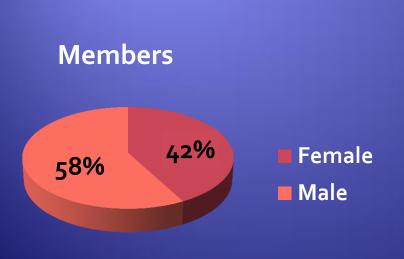
Facebook Examples

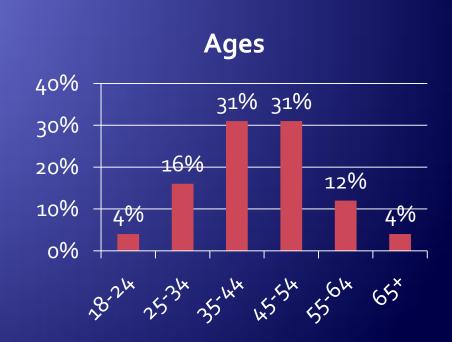
- Very image focused: Red Bull
- Very interactive: <u>Uno Chicago Grill</u>
- Very stylish: <u>Clarisonic</u>
- Fun focused: Zappos

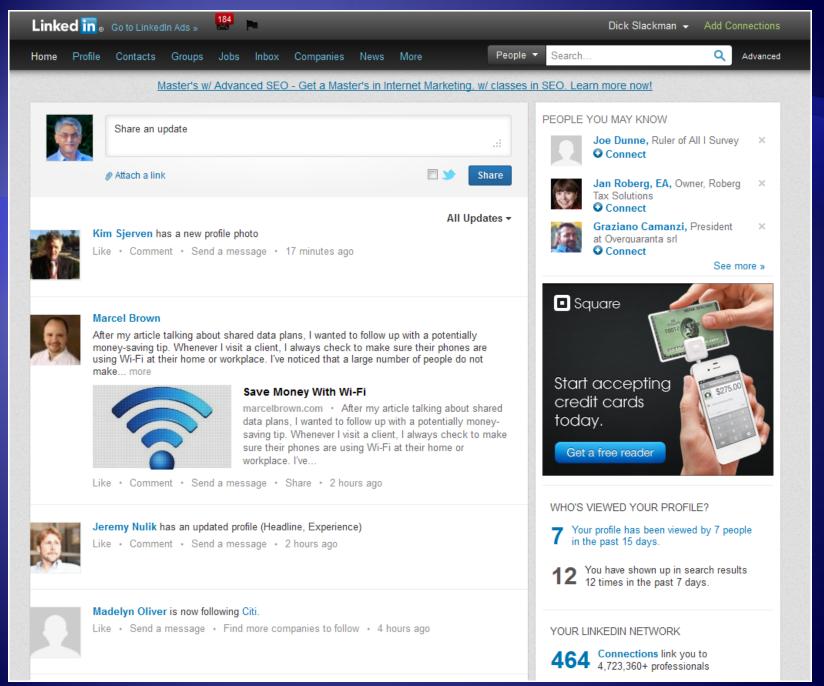
Linkedin



- Linkedin is like Facebook for business people
- 175 million members







Linkedin Strategies



- Connect with people you know & people you want to know:
 - Your customers, potential customers, your competitor's customers, potential partners
- Join Groups
 - Choose groups that interest you & groups your customers have joined or would join



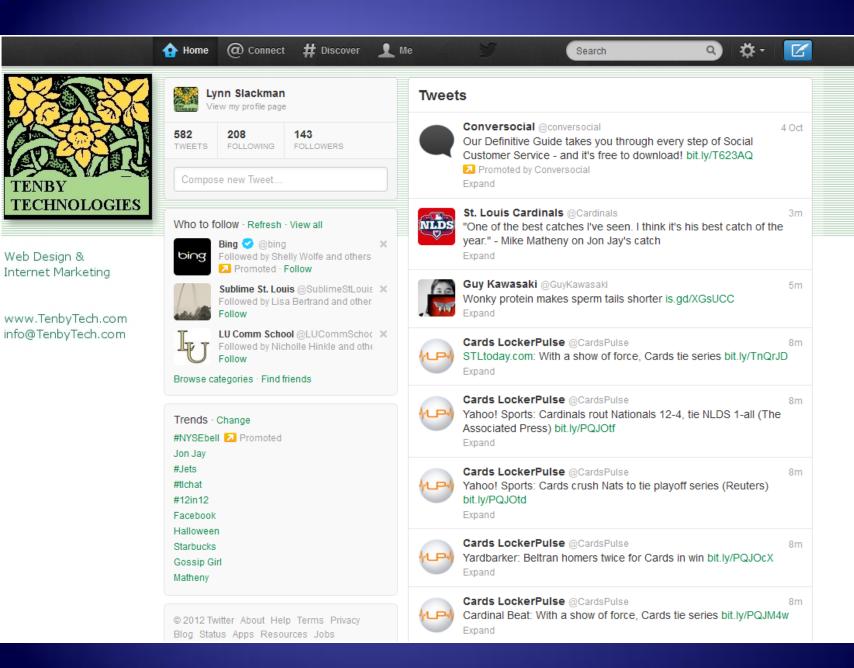
Linkedin Strategies

- Grow your list of connections (200+)
 - Add connections from the people you email (be careful)
 - Participate in groups (maximum 50) & invite group members to connect
 - Search the list of your 2nd level connections
- Recommend, endorse, & congratulate others



Linkedin Strategies

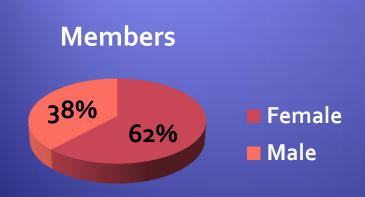
- Post interesting, useful, or fun status updates & group discussions
- Create your own groups
 - Create a group that will attract potential customers

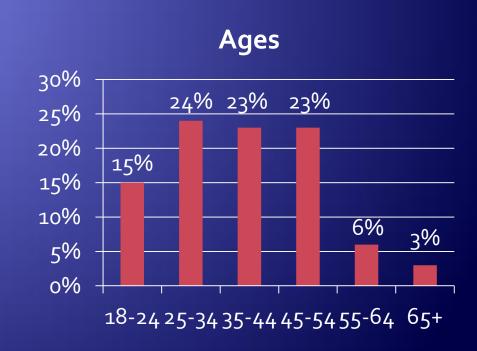


Twitter



- Twitter is more like public texting than traditional advertising.
- 500 million users





Twitter Strategies



- Twitter is the most conversational of the social media platforms.
- Twitter followers will tolerate more posts than any other social media platform
 - ... they will also read fewer of your posts.
- If you expect followers to read your tweets, you must read their tweets & reply, ie. carry on a conversation.

Twitter Strategies



- Create your audience with good interactive communication.
- Share useful & fun information, limit sales messages.
- Join a hashtag community conversation, then create your own community.
- Follow the people you know & want to know.
- Unfollow people who don't follow back

Twitter Tools



- Cleanup Non-Followers: FriendOrFollow, TwitCleaner
- Website for Your Tweets: Twylah
- Analysis: SocialBro, Tweriod
- Wordpress Plugin: Display your tweets on your blog
- Monitor: Twilert

Example Social Media Campaign

Scenario: You have an big sale coming up in 2 months

- 1. Write a blog post about preparing for the sale
- 2. Along with your regular postings you include posts about sales preparations (snippets of the blog verbiage & photos in Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and Linkedin that link back to your blog)
- 3. You update your blog with progress reports on preparations, posted also to social media.

Example Social Media Campaign

- 4. Start running a countdown to the start of the sale.
- 5. Start leaving hints about new products.
- 6. Ask viewers for feedback on preparation.
- 7. Big sale unveil, ask people to share your sale announcement
- 8. Progress reports on how the sale is progressing. Include pictures of the sale with people tagged
- 9. When sale completes, post thank you 's.

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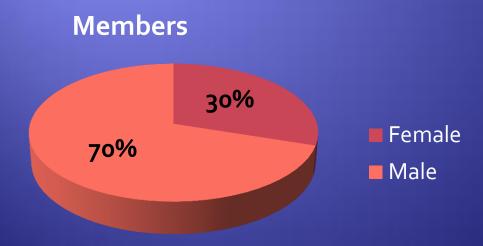


Bonus Material

- Google Plus
- HootSuite
- Basics of
 - Pinterest
 - Facebook
 - Linkedin
 - Twitter

Google Plus

Google Plus is Google's version of Facebook 170 million user plus.google.com



Why is Google Plus Important?

Google uses Google Plus to help it rank websites and populate search results.

Social interactions help Google determine the importance of websites and provide content for search results lists.

HootSuite



- HootSuite.com helps you manage your social media presence
- Helps you post to multiple social media sites simultaneously
- Helps you queue-up posts for later delivery
- Can provide some rudimentary analytics on who is seeing your posts.

HootSuite Basics

- Create an account
- Connect HootSuite max 5 social media platforms, one per tab
 - Setup max 10 "streams" per tab
- Post messages to any or all social media platforms
- Queue messages for later delivery
- Designate others to help with your social media posting
- HootSuite does not support Pinterest

Pinterest Basics



- You can:
 - create a collection of pictures called a "board"
 - "pin" a picture on one of your boards
 - "follow" someone else's boards
 - "follow" one board
 - "like" someone else's pin
 - "re-pin" someone else's pin
 - comment on a pin

Facebook Basics

- Create a Personal Account
- Friend people and pages
- Post status, photos, videos, polls
- Like, share, & comment on posts





- Connections
 - 1st Level Connections: People you have connected with & can communicate with
 - 2nd Level Connections: People you can invite to connect
 - 3rd Level Connections: You can invite some of these people to connect
 - Out of Network: You can not invite these people to connect





- Groups:
 - Discussion forums formed around a common theme
 - You can invite fellow group members to connect
- Profile
- Jobs
- News
- Answers
- Skills & Expertise

Linkedin Basics



- Fill out your profile as if you are filling out a resume
 - Photo, experience, skills, education, recommendations, organization memberships, and interests
- Add your company to Linkedin
 - Overview, products & services, & careers
 - Use keywords for SEO

Twitter Terminology



- Tweet: 140 character message sent to all of your followers.
- Retweet (RT): Reposting a message
- Direct Message: a message sent to a specific follower.
- Follower: Someone who subscribes to see your tweets
- Following: When you subscribe to see someone else's tweets

Twitter Terminology



- Hashtag #: A way to group tweets together by topic (#stl, #cardinals)
 - Hashtags.org, trendsmap.com, tagdef.com, whatthetrend.com
- Lists: A way of grouping people you are following.
- Trending Topics: A word or phrase tweeted frequently