Transition – an End Game

SPE GCS MiT – 17th Seminar Series

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“I’m in Transition”
Libby’s Formula

- Volunteer – 2 hours/week
- Buy index cards
- Schedule workout -30 mins/day
- Sign up for an on-line course
- Form an LLC – Me, LLC
- Lunch/Coffee - 1 per day
- Start lessons – creative or artistic
# Reality Check!

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Plan – Do – Check - Act

• Consulting – dipped a toe in
• Found a Partner – started a business
• Looked for a Board Director role
• Joined a Non-Profit Board(s)
• Applied for a Master’s Degree program
• Invested in others
End Game (for now!)

"Not all those who wander are lost."

J.R.R. Tolkien
Sustainability

Business and society flourishing through responsible use of natural resources

• Sustainability IS Innovation
• Thriving, lasting, improving, caring
• Long term view - decades
The Roles

• Sustainability Practitioner – Works in or with the business to ensure all things sustainable
• Consultant – Develops sustainability strategies
• Chief Sustainability Officer – Corporate level sustainability conscience, promoter of sustainability strategies, Sustainability PR
• Business Leader – Insight for sustainable decision-making, work environment
Sustainability Career Pathways

• Courses of study – project management, business and finance, social and behavioral science
• Operational experience is mandatory
• Business leader/decision-maker
• Thought Leader – writer, speaker
Lessons Learned

• Likability trumps status
• Know thyself
• Seek and accept advice
• Don’t swing at the first pitch
• You are never too... old, young or set in your ways... to try something new
• It’s just money