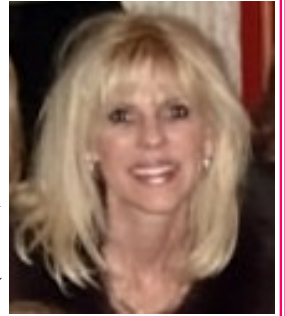


# Dream Corner



***What has MK meant to me in my life? Lots!***

I was ***not looking*** for a skin care line in 1981 when I bought my first Mary Kay Basic Skin Care Set. It was my sister Marcie who excitedly introduced the products to me after she attended a Mary Kay Show of Mona's. I was ***not looking*** for a job in 1982 when I became a consultant and put in a Star Consultant order. It was after reading Mary Kay's autobiography, seeing her deep faith in God and Golden Rule principles, which were the same with which I was raised that I felt this would be a good fit for me, especially since I loved the products. I was ***not aspiring*** in 2002 to leadership or more income when I went into DIQ. It was after Mona called me one day as she perseveringly had other times over the years and suggested that this "might just be a good time" for me to become a director since she saw that I had 8 active (barely) recruits and had 10 days to think about it. I had not been keeping track. As I always do when a decision is before me, I prayed about it fervently each day. Somehow the time seemed right, I finished Directorship in 2 months.

27 years I have had a relationship with Mary Kay. Some of the time I have worked really hard. Other times I have hardly worked...which basically means you run in place. I realize that I have not really given this awesome business opportunity my all or its due. Nevertheless, I have truly loved my Mary Kay. It is a prized possession that has become a cherished thread in the fabric of my life. I love our products, I love and am proud of our Company, I love our service for self-improvement that has come into my life and the pleasure I have had in passing it on to others and, of course, the life long relationships that have been born along the way, Mona and my directors friends being some of the best.

Have I questioned myself on what I know I could have or should have done? Yes. But usually I defer to the ***gratitude*** one feels in being associated with a company that allows us the ***freedom*** to choose the pace that fits our personal lives. For those of you who know you want to run with the career, I have 2 thoughts of advice: 1) Do it sooner than later 2) Don't be afraid to recruit of gals who don't appear to need the money or want the career. They may not be your super star, but they may add to your solid base and be there for you for years and years.

For the past 5 years, I have chosen to be out of town 2 weeks a month, traveling with my husband for his work and sometimes mine, visiting our out of state children and grandchild often, being with my aging mother who gave so much to me, attending every extended family event possible, and now traveling back and forth to Montana (we live in Colorado) as we are build a new home on a beautiful flowing creek front. I turned 60 last week. This is what I want to be doing. I still want MK in my life, too, so I tuck it in wherever it works, sometimes taking balance to the limits. Isn't that what we all do with our own situations and we appreciate we can. Thank you, God. Thank you, Mary Kay. Thank you, Mona

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