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DELIBERATELY CREATING THE Life You Want to Live



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My first chair message...where do I start? I am grateful and honored to serve as Chair of the number one dietetic practice group of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Thank you Margie Geiser for encouraging me to get more involved with this amazing group. What a wild NE journey I have had—Coaches Specialty Chair, Speakers Specialty Chair and now Chair. Nothing feels better than abundance and the special relationships that have formed.

I have been on an exciting journey since 2000 learning all I can about the Law of Attraction and eventually becoming a Certified Law of Attraction Facilitator. What is the Law of Attraction? It is the science of getting more of what you want and less of what you don't want. You attract to your life and business whatever you give your attention, energy, and focus to whether positive or negative.

The first step is to know that you can have anything you are willing to allow yourself to have. Maybe you want to create a new business or desire a relationship or buy a new house. And you thought to yourself, "I want this but I really can't have it." Your belief became your reality and of course you didn't get it. You get what you expect. You get what you think you deserve. You get to decide if you want to make the shift of thinking from "I can't have it" to "of course I will get it." The power is in your decision to decide. The more you are willing to allow yourself to have, the more you will have. Simple as that.

LAW OF ATTRACTION ONLY HAS THREE STEPS.

First, identify what you want. If you think your whole life needs a makeover think of the area that has the lowest vibration (vibe is a mood or feeling) as that area is probably contaminating the rest of your life. You are spending massive amounts of energy on this negativity. So clean it up fast. I am known to say, "Want a client then clean off your desk." Works like a charm.

Second, give your desire attention. Everyone has a bubble around them which is called a vibrational bubble. The list of what you want is in your bubble. Your thoughts, both positive and negative are in your bubble. Give your desire attention. For example, telling ten people your dream, saying a daily mantra or having a vision board. Tell the NE EML.

Third, allow it to happen. The speed of manifesting your desires is determined by your allowing.

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Newsletter

EDITOR LETTER



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Welcome to a new year of *Ventures*! I'm always excited to receive new issues in the mail. Contributors always have something new to discuss and help keep me up-to-date on what's going on in the world of entrepreneurial nutrition.

It's no coincidence this issue is centered on the journey of education. As dietetic practitioners, we all know about continuing our education. I think the idea of the actual journey is quite interesting. As an undergrad I was completely convinced to be an athletic trainer. I took one nutrition class and fell in love. I knew I wanted a post-graduate degree but as a dietitian collecting continuing education credits, I really didn't want one in nutrition. To broaden my experience and marketability I decided to go for my MBA in Marketing while traveling the country—online degrees were quite new at the time but completely convenient for my career.

Joining Nutrition Entrepreneurs steered me towards my graphic design education and I will forever be thankful to Margie Geiser, MBA, RD for her book *Just Jump* and the first question: If there were no fear what would you do? Working through this book was an education in itself—I learned so much about myself and where I truly wanted to be.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue with the many journeys our fellow members share. What's your journey? If you'd like to share, please post it on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/nedpg>. We'd love to hear from you!



Givers GAIN



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For anyone that has been a volunteer you know the rewards are many, especially for those of us that work for ourselves. Even though we might be running solo in our day-to-day business lives we have first-rate opportunities to stay connected with NE through the electronic mailing lists (EMLs), Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and every other form of social media. We may be alone but rarely lonely.

I wrote in my first chair message last summer that NE is where I feel most at home. I think it has to do with the diversity—something for everyone. I’m also a member of these wonderful DPGs—Weight Management, SCAN, Food & Culinary Professionals, and Diabetes Care & Education. I think what makes NE unique is our members have individual specialties in those (and many other) areas as well. We are the melting pot of nutrition professionals.

Nothing is as certain as change
Change—embrace it. We do. This year NE certainly did! I wrote this same subheading last year and we *saw change*. New website, the resignation of our beloved administrative assistant, Joanne Gibbons, establishing a task

force to find Joanne’s replacement and more—much more. Wow!

Participate

Like any endeavor, you get as much as you give. NE has so much to offer—from the electronic mailing lists (EML) to mini meetings to numerous CE opportunities.

Thank you for:

- Participating on the EMLs.
- Responding to EML queries with thoughtful and respectful discussion.
- Not becoming discouraged if your EML query did not get a response. Don’t take it personally—NE members know a lot but not necessarily everything.
- Attending a webinar or teleseminar.
- Hosting or attending a local mini meeting.
- Joining any of the many NE networking events at FNCE.
- Serving on the Executive Committee or volunteering for NE.

And most importantly,

- Being an NE member—you are appreciated!

My year will have ended by the time this *Ventures* issue is in your hands. I reflect back—did I accomplish my primary goals? Were you, the membership, served well? I hope so.

Thank you NE for this opportunity to work with you and for you.

What's better than? **FREE?**



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- What’s better than free when it comes to getting CEUs? If you haven’t registered for a FREE NE webinar or teleseminar, take a look at ones we have coming up on the NE calendar. To register, follow these simple steps:
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- Login with your username and password you use on the eatright.org website.
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- Click the Add to Cart button and you should see \$0.00 price below this button. If you see any other price, then you are not logged in as a NE member so please Login.
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- You will receive an email from the NE admin the day before the webinar/teleseminar on how to call in for the event.

If you have any problems after going thru all these steps, please use the “Contact Us” form at the bottom of any NE webpage.

Know Your Strengths **AND** Know When to Hire Out



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Dietitians wear many hats. Most of us like to do everything ourselves but this trend may not always work with our busy schedules and our areas of expertise. Over the years, we have learned what our strengths and weaknesses are and what we do and do not like to do. With that knowledge, focusing on our strengths and what we like to do is the main goal to take our careers and our capabilities to the next level. For the weaknesses and what we don't like to do, we say hire out to other experts and have them excel and enhance our businesses.

SARAH: I am not the greatest when it comes to technology. For example, I still use a paper calendar and I love it! I have a weird adversity towards learning new computer programs and the thought of designing a website freaks me out. Knowing how imperative a website is for one's business and career, I knew I was going to hire out. Saving my time, my energy, and my stress levels with having a web designer was great! Now, I can focus on my true business of coaching and cooking and leave the website to the technology experts.

MELISSA: A colleague and I decided to start a podcast but kept hitting a wall when it came to the technical aspects—what kind of software to use, microphones to purchase, how to do the recording, editing, distribution. It was making both of us crazy and keeping us from moving forward. Finally, we hired a consultant to explain everything and walk us through all the steps. We continue to utilize

the consultant for assistance with editing and troubleshooting. I honestly don't think we could have figured it out ourselves and if we did, it would have taken us months or even years to do so. Likewise, I hired a business coach—NE member Jean Caton—to help me get my biz up and running more efficiently. Working with Jean allowed me to pinpoint, address, and resolve issues that were holding my biz back.

Know Your Weaknesses. What tasks do you keep putting off because you don't know how to do them or you don't want to do them? Who can help you do these tasks? Figure this out. No more excuses getting these jobs done. It may be time to hire out.

A common barrier to hiring someone is **cost**. But if you stop and think about what **your** time is worth and how you can put your skills to better use elsewhere, then it's easy to see the ROI you can get from reaching out for that boost up.

One of my favorite quotes is "When you find yourself in a hole, stop digging." If you're working hard but not moving forward, feeling frustrated with lack of progress, or bogged down with aspects of a project that don't "feed" you, then it might be time to start thinking about hiring someone to help out. Who are you going to call today?

LEARN FROM YOUR PEERS



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I hold the philosophy that a key to success is surrounding yourself with successful people. Who better to observe, learn from, and be inspired by than those who are the masters? This, of course, is one of many reasons that I have been an NE member for a very long time—a lot longer than I have been a nutrition entrepreneur.

One way to regularly connect with a group of successful people is to start or join a formal group such as a mastermind group. I belong to a group that we call the Fab 5. We are five RDNs who span the country, have different areas of expertise and different strengths and weaknesses. We came together as a group anxious to motivate and learn from one another and to share our experiences to further other members' learning. We meet by Skype on an irregular basis and connect by email between calls as necessary. Here's just a sampling of the many things I've learned from the other four members.

- Name of a worthwhile directory to advertise my private practice.
- Ways to promote my books.
- Tips to use social media to promote various aspects of my business.
- Up-to-date research about nutrition-related topics.
- Strategies for using coaching more effectively.

NE chairperson Chere Bork, MS, RDN has been in a mastermind group for two years. Her group consists of five professional speakers. "I like the group because we choose to come together to help each other," she explains. "No one knows the life of a speaker except another speaker." They call themselves PALS for Positively Applied Leading Speakers. PALS meets monthly for three hours. They enjoy lunch together. Then each member has a few minutes to share news and progress. Only two members take the "hot seat," giving them an opportunity to share a challenge and receive feedback. "We have helped redo websites, rename presentation titles, determine book publishers, but more importantly we have supported each other with family challenges," Chere adds.

If you haven't given such a group a try, I encourage you to reach out to colleagues—either local or far away. Set your own rules for when to meet and where to meet, how long to talk, who runs the meeting, if you take notes or not and if you will have pre-determined topics or encourage a free-flowing conversation. Start by reaching out to one successful colleague. Make it someone you can learn from and who can learn from you.

Teaching ONLINE



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One of the things I've done over the years is teach college courses in an online environment. From 2005 to 2011 I worked for Penn State's distance education program: World Campus. I taught several nutrition courses for dietetic students who were working on becoming Dietetic Technicians, Registered (the program major was eventually phased out).

The greatest thing for me about working online from home (a.k.a. telecommuting) is the flexibility. It's been wonderful to have flexible office hours that can be based on both my professional and personal needs. As a mom of 3, I have appreciated the ability to essentially choose any hour of the day or week to put work hours in and meet work deadlines, while allowing me to be at the school concert, or game, or holiday party, through all of my sons' school age years.

In the virtual world we live in, most people are getting used to social media platforms. Online education uses a similar forum, while providing secure sites where learning occurs. In some cases a "virtual classroom" may be provided with chat rooms and virtual chalkboards, and in other cases, students

log in to find readings, case studies, and homework to work on, and then submit via a secure email system. Many people may wonder if online education is as "difficult" or as "worthy" as traditional brick and mortar classrooms. I'd say the answer is yes! While many may be concerned about the possibility of cheating or plagiarism, these issues are really no more of a risk than they are in a traditional classroom. All tests are taken with a pre-approved proxy, and the workload is challenging.

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING THIS TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, HERE ARE SOME ESSENTIAL SKILLS:

- Strong written communication and typing skills. In lieu of an oral lecture, most online programs require you to communicate via writing to students, so you may be "writing out" your lectures and explanations. You also will be expected to communicate with students via email.
- The ability to convey written information in a concise but friendly manner. Since you will be writing out quite a bit of information, it's important to be able to

clearly communicate in this way. Without the luxury of facial expressions or body language, it's important to be able to establish rapport via writing. I again stress the ability and joy of typing! In my case, I tended to grade homework so that it was part of the learning experience—giving extensive feedback on written papers for instance.

- Good organizational skills. Students are on their own, and it's up to them to contact you if they get behind or have issues. But just as in a traditional classroom, a virtual instructor must still be organized with lesson plans, allow enough time for grading, and stay on top of student and faculty communication.

While you can essentially teach online from anywhere, most schools will probably still prefer someone "local" who is either familiar with the brick and mortar school, or who has a connection to the school. If you are looking for an employment opportunity check out today's online programs at your local college or university near you.

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My experiences of starting and growing a successful private practice along with my prior experience as the Director of Nutrition Services for an MD practice have helped me recognize the importance of well-kept books. But, I feel that the position of treasurer is more than management of financial health of the organization. Most importantly, the Treasurer has the responsibility of excellent stewardship of the finances that enhance all of our shared goals and ideals. From varied leadership roles, I've seen firsthand the importance of integrity and responsibility in this role of financial steward and have found that I work well as part of a governing board, thrive in an organizational capacity, and enjoy teamwork.

The Program of Work (POW) for the 2014-2015 NE budget year has been completed and we are very pleased with the process and contributions from Executive Committee (EC) members.



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Christy is a freelance writer and blogger and enjoys working with local non-profits including United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona and Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. She is currently working with The HAPPY Organization, Wheat Foods Council and Bloggers of Health. Christy is always working on her recipe-development skills and enjoys sharing her hits (and misses!) on her blog and over social media.



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Jessica is a Registered Dietitian and Graphic Designer. She helps individuals and businesses reach their potential through health coaching and marketing and design. After joining Nutrition

Entrepreneurs in 2009, Jessica became motivated to do what she truly loves. She has been an active member of the NE Executive Committee—Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Website Coordinator.

Jessica loves living in northern Michigan and has taken a role in helping the community. She is a marketing consultant for the Healthcare Task Force of the Petoskey Area Chamber of Commerce. In this she helps coordinate the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan program Win by Losing for the Petoskey and Harbor Springs area. She enjoys bringing healthy and active businesses and the community together.





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Jen Haugen is celebrating a new beginning in a new role as a Food and Nutrition Services Dietitian for Austin Public Schools.

Formerly a supermarket dietitian for Hy-Vee and clinical dietitian for Mayo Clinic, Jen has now found her balance by being able to work part-time to develop healthier recipes for the school district, while being more present with her family. Jen believes moms can change the world – using their own kitchens and backyards – to create a family legacy of health. Through her Down-to-Earth Dietitian website and blog, Jen's mission is simple: empower moms with credible nutrition information and culinary confidence so they can nourish their families from the garden to the grocery store to the kitchen table. She works with companies that share her values.

Jen created the first supermarket garden for kids and developed garden and supermarket materials for other dietitians across the company. Jen has appeared on more than 200 weekly television segments and is a spokesperson for the Minnesota Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. She was recently named a top 5 finalist for the Retail Dietitian of the Year Award for her role in advancing the business of health.

In 2012, Jen received the Emerging Dietetic Leader Award from the Minnesota Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. She recently delivered a TEDx Talk on "How Moms Can Change the World."



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Carrie is the Chief Acquisition Director for NCES, Inc. in Olathe, KS. Prior to this position she worked as a Clinical Dietitian in a Kansas City area hospital. She specializes in marketing nutrition education products to dietitians and healthcare professionals, both nationally and internationally, via the NCES catalog and various social media outlets. She enjoys working with other dietitians and helping them market their books and publications. Carrie is also responsible for the creation of education products, and has designed numerous teaching tools for schools, nutrition and other healthcare professionals. She is the past President for the Kansas City Dietetic Association and received their Emerging Dietetic Leader Award in 2011. She is excited to continue working with the Nutrition Entrepreneurs Executive Committee and enjoys collaborating with all of the great entrepreneurs in this group.



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Kate Wilson is a registered dietitian specializing in nutrition/health communications at Ketchum Public Relations. Kate specializes in creating strategic platforms to grow health brand awareness, enhance nutrition messages,

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Debi Zvi Nutrition and specializes in IBD, chronic conditions, wellness, and combating food as a coping mechanism. Concurrently, she is earning her Master's in Mental Health Counseling at Fordham University with clinical experience at Mount Sinai's Day Treatment Center. She believes that mental health plays a critical role in wellness and nutrition. Along with her position in NE, Debi is the Greater New York Dietetic Association Cultural Foods Special Interest Group Co-chair.



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Lindsey is the Hospitality Dietitian at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Prior to her work at USC, Lindsey worked as a clinical dietitian, taught culinary nutrition classes, and worked with the Gatorade Sports Science Institute.

In addition to a Master's Degree in Nutritional Science, Lindsey also graduated with degrees in Culinary Arts and Hospitality & Tourism Management. Her work in the food industry as a cook, kitchen manager, and buyer has been priceless to her work as a dietitian. With experience ranging from Disneyland to fine dining to a gourmet foods and restaurant supply mecca, she uses these past experiences to improve residential dining menus. Lindsey enjoys public speaking and writing for the National Association of College & University Food Services Pacific Region Wellness Report.

When not creating healthier environments for students, Lindsey is a fitness enthusiast enjoying activities ranging from boxing to ballet and everything in between.



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Patricia Becker is a board certified specialist in pediatric nutrition and a board certified nutrition support clinician.

Pat has held numerous volunteer positions with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, including member of the Pediatric Malnutrition Work Group, past president of the North Carolina Dietetic Association and past liaison to the North Carolina Board of Nutrition and Dietetics, past professional development chair for the Pediatric Nutrition Practice Groups and past chair of the Dietitians in Rehabilitation Medicine DPG.

Pat is the book review editor for the Journal of Infant, Child and Adolescent Nutrition (ICAN), author of numerous articles and has presented at national, state and local educational conferences including: FNCE®, NCDA Annual Meeting, and PNPG Pediatric Nutrition Symposium.

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Since 1989, she has designed nutrition software for consumers and dietitians. Starting in 1995, she created web based software and nutrition content including Ask the Dietitian® at www.dietitian.com, launched in July 1995. Since 2000, she has developed nutrition apps for smart phones. As editor for the Academy, she created the Nutrition Care Manual, a web based nutrition practices manual. In 2010, Joanne acquired NAT (Nutrition Analysis Tool), free diet analysis software, from the University of Illinois.

In September 2010, Joanne's article "Ownership of Copyrighted Materials" commissioned by the Academy's Ethics Committee was published in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association. She reviews technology products for the Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior.



"For anyone that has been a volunteer you know the rewards are many, especially for those of us that work for ourselves. Even though we might be running solo in our day-to-day business lives we have first-rate opportunities to stay connected with NE through the electronic mailing lists (EMLs), Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and every other form of social media. We may be alone but rarely lonely."

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In addition to her private practice, Lesli has taken on a new role as "business success coach" at Meg Enterprises where she plans to share her business know-how and experience with her colleagues to help them create success in their lives and businesses. Lesli is dedicated to coaching busy entrepreneurial women in helping them work smarter and more strategically. She especially enjoys working with wellness professionals who are trying to find harmony between frenzied lifestyles, self-care and the responsibilities of growing a business.

Lesli is a trained professional wellness coach and has been a registered dietitian for over 20 years. She has an MBA in global business and worked as a corporate executive in healthcare for over a decade.



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Ann is a trusted nutrition expert for the media having made numerous appearances on CNN and local stations in Atlanta, Georgia. The Georgia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recognized Ann for her work by awarding her with Distinguished Service to the Media in 2012.

Ann also works as a spokesperson and consultant for the food industry. Her client list is on her website. Ann is a regular contributor to Primrose Schools' 360 Parenting Blog.



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and workshops for dietitians on media, social media and presentation skills. In her blog she interviews and promotes dietitians, sharing insider tips and resources to inspire and support others to enhance their communication skills and gain more visibility, influence and success.

With extensive media experience in Chicago and nationally, Melissa is a former spokesperson for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and has also been a spokesperson for the food, grocery, and healthcare industries.

Melissa was named Outstanding Dietitian of the Year in 2014 by the Illinois Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Outstanding Diabetes Educator in 2011 by the Chicago chapter of the American Association of Diabetes Educators, and Recognized Young Dietitian in 2004 by the Illinois Dietetic Association.



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Meghan Ames is a Registered Dietitian with her MSPH from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She completed her dietetic internship at Johns Hopkins and currently conducts clinical research at the institution. As a research nutritionist, she provides clinical care for study participants, develops research protocols, and works closely with the University's metabolic kitchen. Her research interests center around weight management, diabetes, and prevention of chronic disease. She is a part of the Johns Hopkins Center for Behavioral Health and is very passionate about affecting change in the health choices of the general public, specifically around diet and exercise. Meghan also instructs an introductory nutrition course at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. In her free time, she enjoys biking in and around the city and is leading a team on a 140-mile charity bike ride. Meghan also loves to explore culinary creations in the kitchen and engaging with the rich art and music scene of Baltimore.



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Julie Duffy Dillon is a dietitian, speaker, and writer armed to end the normalization of disordered eating. She runs BirdHouse Nutrition Therapy, a Greensboro, North Carolina based source of educational and experiential nutrition therapies helping those affected by eating disorders and their families. She also trains medical and mental health professionals to work with eating disorders and negative body image.

Julie combines nutrition expertise with her MS degree in child and adolescent counseling to make nutrition interventions effective, compassionate, and a bit goofy. She has a special interest in helping dietitians and nutrition students promote self-care including a healthy relationship with food and body.

Julie's favorite part of NE is the supportive encouragement found amongst members. Many dietitians have helped her along her entrepreneurial path and Julie is looking forward to paying it forward.



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Kelly Murphy is a nutrition consultant in Dallas, Texas. She provides one-to-one nutrition counseling to individuals as well as presentations and cooking demos to groups. She specializes in sports nutrition, working with young female athletes as well as weight loss and health maintenance in the adult population.

Education is something Kelly is passionate about and she recently created a nutrition and wellness curriculum for a local homeless shelter where she teaches residents weekly. Kelly also has clinical experience having worked in the Baylor Health Care System primarily in the solid organ transplant, telemetry and ICU departments.

She graduated with a degree in Nutritional Sciences from Cornell University, where she played four-years of varsity soccer. Combining her passions of food, nutrition, physical activity and education is what she truly enjoys doing.



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Lauri Egan, Registered Dietitian and Certified Personal Trainer, has been helping people develop a healthy way of life that they love for over ten years. She uses her experience in nutrition, fitness, yoga, and life to help others identify their roadblocks to Loving Life Healthy. After building her own website for Egan Wellness, she started to become more involved with the web design for other health organizations. She found an interest in the organization and internet presence of groups promoting health including the website design of the Nevada Dietetic Association.

Her passions in life revolve around spending time with her family, making the most of every day and Loving Life Healthy. She is looking forward to be working with Nutrition Entrepreneurs practice group.

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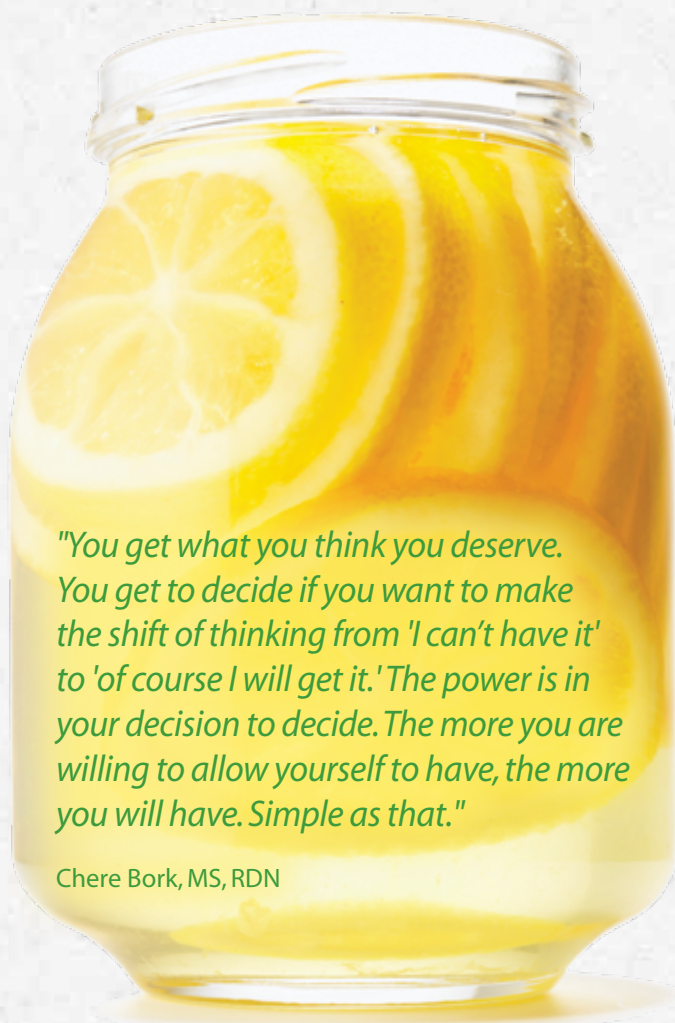
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Dump the doubt as it stops desire. Dietitians are famous for self doubt and the "not good enough syndrome."

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STRONG DESIRE + ZERO DOUBT = STRONG MANIFESTATION

The way to predict your future is to create it. Starting today. Your thoughts become your actions which become your results. Better get busy deliberately creating and attracting what you want. You have one life to live just imagine if it was one you loved! Is this your year? It will be if you think it so!

Thank you NE for this opportunity to work for you and with you. Together we will deliberately create a fantastic year. Keep in touch. Contact me at chere@cherebork.com or 952-937-5697. I really treasure phone calls!



"You get what you think you deserve. You get to decide if you want to make the shift of thinking from 'I can't have it' to 'of course I will get it.' The power is in your decision to decide. The more you are willing to allow yourself to have, the more you will have. Simple as that."

Chere Bork, MS, RDN



Members ON THE **MOVE**



Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Denise Barratt's book, *Farm Fresh Nutrition* is coming out for the fall harvest

and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics FNCE meeting. This book celebrates local farmers, includes seasonal recipes and meal planning ideas. It introduces The Local Green Plate, a helpful tool to help people focus more

on foods grown in their region. Find more about Denise and Vine Ripe: Home Grown Nutrition at vineripenutrition.com



After 15 years in Corporate R&D, Annette Hottenstein, MS, RD, LDN launched a new business to bring the field of Sensory Science to RDs

– Sensational Sustenance, LLC. Her "Certificate Course in Sensory Mastery" is the first comprehensive training in sensory evaluation tailored specifically for RDs. Sensory Evaluation

will help RDs better work with taste impaired adults, get clients to eat more mindfully, understand and treat 'picky' eating, increase food service sales of healthy food options, and more.

SensationalSustenance.com



Laura Cipullo, RD, CDE, CEDRD created eatingandlivingmoderately.com & MomDishesItOut.com.

This Fall, MomDishesItOut is becoming an online platform for like-minded professionals that share the "all foods fit" mentality. Laura authored a children's workbook, *Healthy Habits 8 Essential Nutrition Lessons Every Parent and Educator Needs to Know*,

currently being taught in NYC schools. Laura's philosophy of a positive relationship with eating and a neutral relationship with food aims to promote healthy body images and prevent eating disorders.

Lisa Nelson, RD is hosting "Your Wellness Business: From Practice to Profit".



The September 2014 virtual conference focuses on how to turn doing what you love into a profitable business. She is thrilled to be able to deliver this level of guidance to the dietetic community with featured classes approved for continuing education and taught by leaders in their respective fields. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/rdconf>.

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Member Goal FOR 2014-2015

Keeping with this year's theme of 'Abundance', NE has set a goal of reaching 3700 Members for the first time in our history. We have so much to offer any and all dietitians it seems like it would be an easy goal to achieve. But every goal takes some work, so we are asking you, our members, to be part of our *3700 Member Goal Task Force*. The first day of the month we will provide an update on our Electronic Mailing Lists (EMLs) of where we are in reaching 3700 members and any new updates in regard to this lofty goal. We cherish your feedback and any help in reaching this goal.

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