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Monthly Spotlight on—Debbie Fisher

Sales Director, Mary Kay Cosmetics, CEO of Office Fusion Solutions, Partners in Hyper International and Coastal Heritage Realty and Builders .

If you're guessing by reading her business affiliations that Debbie is no stranger to business or networking, you're right. Debbie's evolution as an owner of multiple businesses began when her Mary Kay business was bursting at the seams. When she decided to locate her growing cosmetics consulting business outside of her home, Debbie ran into a roadblock – appropriate, affordable office and storage space. Being the problem-solver she is, Debbie developed her own solution, with the help of some smart partners. Hyper International Business Center was created as a sort of "business incubator" to provide entrepreneurs right-sized office space with a communal kitchen area, conference room, telephone system and lobby. When it was evident that support services would further meet entrepreneurial needs, Office Fusion Solutions was added, along with a staff personnel to handle staff personnel to handle Administrative, Accounting/Bookkeeping and sales related work. The cross-



sales and flow of clients between all of these businesses began almost immediately. Debbie and her partners had created a self-feeding organization.

The networking skills for manifesting this kind of business success make Debbie quite the "connector," so, it was only a matter of time before someone noticed that she'd make a good real estate agent. That came about when she made a referral to an agent, who, upon closing the deal with Debbie's referral, informed her that she had left more than two grand on the table by not being an agent, herself. Only licensed agents are allowed to receive referral fees, so being the intelligent woman she is, Debbie earned her Brokers license.

Debbie's big goal is to become the First

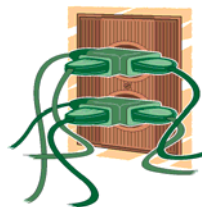
National Sales Director here at the Crystal Coast. This is a huge endeavor but we all know Debbie is up to the task. Debbie is looking to work with women that need more, want more, and are willing to do the work. Her target women are ones that desire a better opportunity and want to enrich others lives while doing their business like Debbie has for years. Mary Kay Cosmetics is a great way to make an executive income while raising your children and working from your home. This affords great tax deductions and the freedom of your own schedule. If you would like to speak to Debbie about this business opportunity, feel free to call her at 252-646-3869.

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We are looking for sharp business minded integrity filled women! to join our team. Is that YOU? Call me today. 252-247-0793 252-646-3869

In the home New technologies pose electrical hazards

Do you have a computer, large screen TV, DVD player, gaming system, clothes dryer, and an air conditioning unit? If the answer is 'yes' and if your house is more than 40 years old, you may be in danger, of overloading your home's electrical circuits.



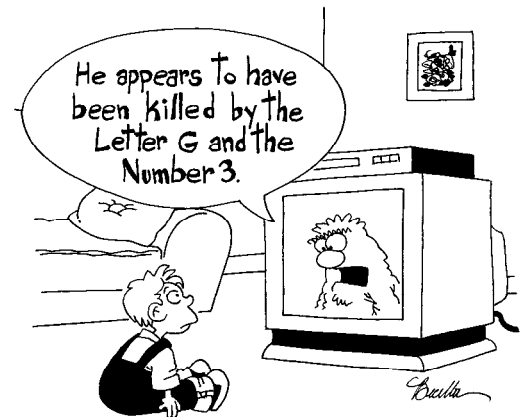
Homes built in 1960 or before could have a 60-amp electrical system with one or two outlets per room. Those built after 1960 have a minimum 100-amp system, which may still be too low for today's equipment needs. A four-bedroom, two-bath house with gas heat and appliances would fare well at the lower limit of 100 amps, Mike Kuhn, director of field services for HouseMaster, a national home inspection firm, states. The same size home with electric oven/stove, central air, and electric clothes dryer would be better off with 150-200 amps, particularly if you throw in a computer, microwave, multiple television sets, and other electronics. Fortunately, new homes are often built with a 200-amp system, Kuhn says.

How can you lower your risk of an electrical fire?

- * If you have two-pronged electrical outlets upgrade to three-pronged outlets and grounded receptacles.
- * Install ground fault circuit interrupters in outlets near water sources

* Eliminate aluminum wiring if possible. First used in the mid-1960s, it can lead to overheating and/or arcing

* Look at your electrical panel to see what amp service you have. If you have fuses or have less than 20 breakers, consider a service upgrade.





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NOTABLE QUOTES

“Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Forgiveness is the economy of the heart. It saves the expense of anger, the cost of hatred, and the waste of spirits.”

Hannah More

“Envy someone and it pulls you down. Admire them and it builds you up. Which makes more sense?”

Elvis Presley

“Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living, the other helps you make a life.”

Sandra Carey

Protect your laptop, data

Whether you travel with your laptop, leave it at work, or carry it home, it could be stolen. According to Symantec, a laptop is stolen every 53 seconds in the U.S. and 97 percent are never recovered. A good idea: physically bolt your laptop to a secure object.

Loss of the laptop is hard to take, but it is a replaceable item. The data on the laptop may not be. That may include financial records, private documents, or irreplaceable photos.

Encryption: At security software maker Pointsec Mobile Technologies, they say people think password protection is enough, but it isn't. They recommend encryption programs, which require very strong passwords. You can check out encryption programs before you buy at download.com.

Backup: Backing up valuable information, especially while traveling, is important. Flash drives that snap into a laptop's Universal Serial Bus (USB) are tiny, fast, and inexpensive. But they are a good solution to protecting data. They range in price from about \$55 for 1 gigabyte of memory to \$80 for 2 GB.

Hot-spot danger: When logging online at a wireless hot spot such as a hotel or cafe, be aware that you might not be logging into a valid network.

Phishers or hackers position themselves near hospitals, companies, and coffee shops. According to Sentillion, a data-security company, thieves prowl personal data to use in identity theft

Top Ten + Threats of the Month

The following listing highlights some of the major threats to computer systems during the month of February 2007. If your anti-Virus program advises you that it cannot remove any of these threats, you should contact your IT department, or ACS Computer Systems for help in removal as serious damage can be done to your system and some threats can e-mail themselves to others in your address book.

- W32.Spybot.APEO
- W32.Jacksuf.A
- W32.Annew.A
- W32.Surubat.A@mm
- W32.Miprinc@mm
- W32.pahahme@mm
- Trojan.mespan
- W32.Fujacks.AW
- W32.Vutsog.A@mm
- W32.Fujacks.AJ@mm

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The Lighter Side of golf

Golf balls are like eggs. They're white, they're sold by the dozen, and every week you have to buy more.

A pro-shop gets its name from the fact that you have to have the income of a pro golfer to buy anything there.

It's amazing how a golfer who rarely helps out around the house will replace his divots, repair his ball marks, and rake his sand traps.

Did you ever notice that it's easier to get up at 6 a.m. to play golf than at 9 a.m. to mow the lawn?

It takes longer to learn golf than it does brain surgery. But you can't ride on a cart, have a beer, and eat hot dogs

while doing brain surgery.

A nice drive on the 18th hole has stopped many a golfer from giving up the game.

Golf is the perfect thing to do on Sunday because it makes you pray a lot.

A good partner is always one who is slightly worse than you.

That rake by the sand trap is there for those who feel guilty about skipping out on lawn work.

If your opponent has trouble remembering whether he shot a six or a seven, he might have shot an eight.

ACS Welcomes New Carteret Chamber Members for February 2007

- AluCraft America, Inc.
- Artisan Granite & Marble, LLC
- Carteret Physical Therapy Associates
- Case-Closed Investigations, Inc.
- CC Ralwiggies Vegetarian Playgroup
- Coastal Designs & Interiors, Inc.
- Crabs Claw Oceanfront Fine Foods
- Electronics Plus
- Tile With Style
- James Joblonski
- York Properties, Inc.

ACS Welcomes New Havelock Chamber Members for February 2007

- Double B's Motor Cycle Club

The Prez Says-Is a Custom Computer really Better?

When we first started custom building our computers 9 years ago the answer to that question was almost always, yes. Compared to name brand name systems, the custom systems were almost always better. Now-a-days that no longer holds true in many cases. Many people that custom build systems these days are trying to offer the \$299 or \$399 computer. The only way to do that is to sacrifice quality and build with cheap parts. I made a commitment when I decided I would offer my customers custom build systems. That commitment was to never sacrifice the quality advantage of a custom build system. This has caused us to not be in the price range that some people expect. But note that our systems have a great history of reliability and giving their owners many years of use.

So what is the real advantage of buying a custom built computer these days? Our focus is serving business customers. These customers depend on their computers to be running well, as if they are not, their work comes to a halt. Most of these customers do not have the time to spend hours on the phone with tech support to get their systems back up and running. If the system in ques-



Stefan Hellersperk
President of ACS Computers

tion is one of our systems, there is only one quick call to make and we handle everything else. Also, since we standardize the systems that we build, we can usually get the system back in operation within 24 hours if not within hours. Another advantage is in our ability to design the system around the needs of the user. For example, if you are an engineer that uses a specific software to lay out your designs, we can build the system around that need to create a system that is fully optimized for that specific use.

After saying that, we are primarily a service business, and offering

custom systems is part of that service. We do not push those systems, and will work with whatever equipment our customers choose to buy. Most of our Customers that have our systems in place keep coming back for the reliability and quality of service. Others are comfortable with the systems they are currently getting and use the relationship they have developed with us to ensure the computers they do get are equipped to fit their needs. This is a service we are happy to offer, because nothing is worse to me than to walk into a business to setup their new computers only to find that they are not going to work in the way they are needed, or, for example, to find systems loaded with the home version of windows that is not able to join a business network.

My parting words of advice to you are to beware of computers that have prices that are too good to be true, especially custom built systems. The old adage that you get what you pay for is very true in these cases. We see many of these systems coming into our shop, some within months of them being purchased. This speaks both to the problems of using cheap parts as well as the low quality of service from the place of purchase, because if the builder was supporting the system as they should, we would never see it.