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What's New With Us

We had a great time with the HR Professionals of HRIA Sept. 17th at our Raise the Image Bar presentation.

Lots of fun, learning and laughter! Thanks to the fantastic volunteer organizers of our Sept. 24th Top of Class Dinner for CESA

Oct. 5th we're presenting Dining Etiquette for Kids (and their parents) in St. Albert.

We'd love to see you & your team at our Calgary & Edmonton Fall Public Seminars Complete Professional in Calgary is Oct. 3rd

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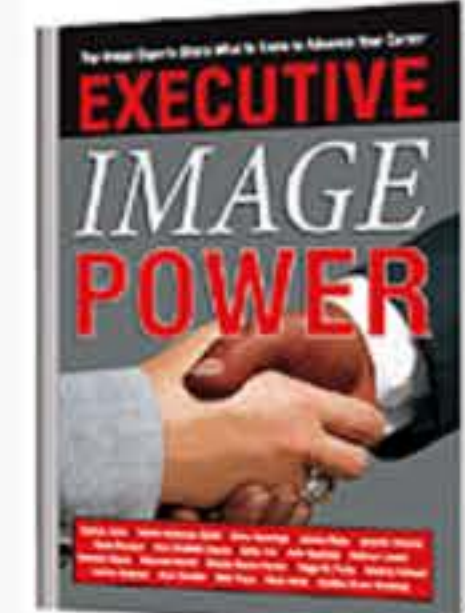
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Top 10 Office/Cubicle Pet Peeves

Don't you hate it when...

A hot button from our readers is cubicle etiquette, those little things that co-workers do, that drive you up the wall.

So to bring peace to the world (okay, at least peace to your workplace) we've put together a list of the top 10 cubicle pet peeves we've been asked to address in our business etiquette seminars.

PP1 - Knock-knock? Barge who? Barge Rightin.

Just because there isn't a door on your cubicle doesn't mean people shouldn't "knock". To signal your presence before entering you can knock on the side of the partition or ask "Do you have a minute?"

PP2 - What's yours is mine

What is it about your desk that makes it look like the supply cupboard? Ask permission before you borrow or ...

Click for more peeves & a reminder you can post

OTHER STORIES

Beards at the Office - Tips, No-No's and Photos

We are fielding more questions about the suitability of beards in the office. Many managers and senior staff are not sure of their appropriateness.



So here are our 6 tips if you want to sport a beard.

Tip 1 - Know your industry

Look around at the male leaders in your organization. Do any of them have a beard? Exercise caution if you are in a conservative business such as finance or law.

This may be part of an unwritten dress code, which often has more impact on your career and upward mobility than a written dress code (leaders assume you should know how to represent the organization's brand).

Tip 2 - Handsome is as handsome does

Keep it well trimmed. Go for the Ryan Gosling (a fellow Canadian) look #1 below, rather than Ryan in #2, where we see neck hair sprouting below his...

Click for more photos & tips (See if you correctly guessed which stars A&B are?)



Do You Eat Pizza With Fingers or a Fork?

What's the correct way to eat pizza?



If I had a dollar for every time we're asked in our dining etiquette seminars "what's the proper way to eat pizza?"

An Italian girl dishes the... pizza

I'm Italian so I was born knowing how to eat pizza. But oddly enough, the correct pisa etiquette advice can be found in country music. (I know country music is not your first thought of a good guide for table manners or even dress for success, unless you're thinking of... advice on what not to do.)

But Kenny Rogers has the answer

To paraphrase Kenny Rogers, "You've got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to use a fork and know when to use a knife". Okay, apologies to Kenny, but the lyrics are true when it comes to pizza...

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We have included at least one intentional mistake, synonym or malapropism in this newsletter. Can you find any? Click here to send us an email - spot the mistakes

Congratulations to sharp-eyed readers: Karin F., Donna B., Linda F., Carey C., Roma P., for spotting the following mistakes/malaprops in our August newsletter:

- "Professionals check their spelling and gramma" - surely everyone, not just professionals, should check on their grandmother?
"Corral is part of the red family" - in the old west, when cowboys are shooting the bull?
"how to project more self-insurance" - a manual for risk management forecasting?

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