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Upcoming Events (we might see you at)

Giving Kids a Head Start

Social Skills for Kids July 21 or Aug 10 in Edmonton

Social Skills for Teens July 26 or Aug 17 in Edmonton

Back to University for U of A MBA Orientation Add Style to Your Substance Aug. 24th

Come mix with us Aug. 30th Style for Success Alumni **Networking Mixer** Connections Cafe Edmonton

We love to eat Sept 28th We're presenting Etiquette Dinner for U of A

another Top of Class Dining **CESA Cooperative Education** Students Association

Oct 20th Joanne is presenting **Boost Your Professional** Presence at the Workplace **APEGBC Annual Conference** in Victoria BC.

Victoria with our Engineers

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Planning an Event?

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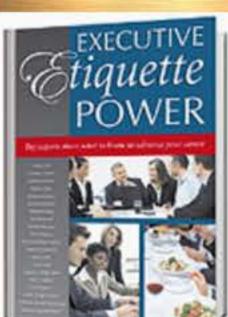
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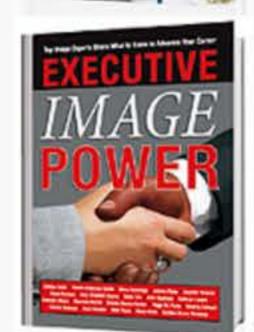
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FEATURE

Is Connectivity Killing Conversation?

pictures of the food and taking selfies.

Parents Beware: Technology is Impairing Social Skills I have been to quite a few conference dinners where I have sat with many young professionals - most of them under 30. Conversation is often fragmented because of interrupting each other by sharing neat stuff on their phones, snapping

An alarming trend

This illustrates the alarming trend that MIT professor Sherry Turkle, talks about in her new book Reclaiming Conversation - The Power of Talk in a Digital Age.

Connection not the same as conversation

She points out the irony that our connectivity is damaging our relationships with each other. While we're highly connected, connection is not the same as conversation. Sherry Turkle is making a call to put down the pone and talk. More importantly, talk to our children so...

Click for 8 tips to reclaim conversation & our kids

Practice your conversation at our SFS Alumni Networking Mixer

OTHER STORIES

What To Wear When It Comes To Hair?

Advice on Beards, Hair Styles and Colour at the Office

Recently I was presenting the keynote on personal brand at the CPA of Alberta conference. It generated lots of questions on the subject of beards, avant-garde hairstyles, and bold hair colour at the office.

Hair-raising advice

The CPA Alberta magazine included an article of my advice entitled What to Wear When It Comes to Hair. Here



are a few of my tips for men and women...

How's your eye contact? What to do when someone won't look at you?

Ever feel like the invisible man or invisible woman? I asked participants at an engineering conference to share frustrating situations in communicating across the

Don't dis me

generations.

One engineer from the boomer generation shared how lack of eye contact and lack of acknowledgment drives him nuts. He often has to submit plans to the city

and he feels that their front desk personnel, who are for the most part millennials, are downright rude and never look at him when...

Click to read our advice and share your thoughts

The scientific journal, Child Development, analysis of 33 studies, found that, "Teaching kids social and emotional skills leads to an average 11 percentile gain in their academic

performance."



Give your kids an edge at one of our Edmonton summer courses

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Our Recent Tweets & Links

Cell phones bring you closer to the person far from you but take you away from the ones sitting next to you.

via ThinkingHumanity Another phrase to banish, is 'hugely important', or 'hugely busy'



In a novel he finished days before he died, Kent Haruf

explores finding love late in life. A must read! via @WSJ

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