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Marcia Merrill muses on Transitions, Careers, Life and Stuff!

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Life is Change!

Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely.
 Karen Kaiser Clark

I just love this quote. It captures the ideas of transitions. Any change and the way in which we deal with it is the process of transition. Every change we experience has a choice attached to it. The choice is HOW you choose to see it. A client of mine, let's call her Client A (not her real name!) J she said of her recent lay-off, "that's the best thing that's ever happened to me!" And, for her, it truly was. We did some assessments, used this new information to craft her resume, talked to folks in various fields she might want to go into. We did some interview coaching as she hadn't interviewed in 12 years! And now--after three months and taking a temp job in between--she got her new job and changed careers! We're now working on starting the new job on the right foot, and navigating some office politics! She still believes her old job that laid her off was the turning point to her new career, and is very thankful that they did!

I have another client who is in the throes of depression--her job laid her off. In contrast to Client A, this client, Client B feels sad and angry at her job that "got rid of one of the best employees they ever had!" Feels she'll never find a job. She's "too old". (She's younger than Client A who's 53!) We're beginning the process of looking at her limiting beliefs that are getting in the way of moving forward. She feels "stuck."

In truth, being "stuck" is but a state of mind. Think what gets you "stuck?" Fear of doing the "wrong thing"? Fear of failure? Success? Being overwhelmed? All these feelings are not unusual--I hear it all the time! Love to hear your views! Email me at Marcia@ecareercorner.com I'll compile answers--anonymously, no worries! J You'll read them in a future newsletter!

What ages do you have to be to be in "midlife"? [Click here for the answer.](#) I was recently interviewed on WomanTalkLive! Many of my coaching clients are midlife.



But what age is that, anyhow? And, I'd read from several "midlife experts"--"midlife can be experienced (i.e., "midlife crisis")." We also worked on the TRANSITION of being an employee to being the boss and starting a business.

What about being in "midlife"--the far end of the the age range (~ 58-60+). I'm not going to lie to you! Of course, there is--an interviewer has prejudgments, like every other human. He/she may see someone bald, and recall a bad incident with a bald, former friend. Or, a perfume might arouse memories of his late wife/sister, and feel kindly towards that job- seeker. Or, she/he may look at a person's ethnicity, skin color or a mention of a church committee, and unfortunately make judgments or link them to others he/she has known. Read more in [Marcia's Blog](#)

Marcia's Marvelous Mentions

☞ OPN Member Spotlight! Michelle Jakubiak--www.boschelcreative.com Outstanding graphic design--she's revamping my blogs & more!

She did the WomanTalkLive.com site--by co-hosts Ginny Robertson, Founder of On Purpose Networking for Women & long- standing member, Ann Quasman Check out OPN web site www.onpurposenow.com

☞ And gotta mention--a huge THANKS to Mark Bove of www.onestopshop.com He did this cool caricature of me! Mark is a Marketing genius and in that [product class](#) I'm in.

☞ In just 90 days, I'll have an animated video--I'm writing the script and giving the concepts--my animator (looking! Please contact me!) will create my cartoon! How cool is that? I'll save the day & be a CareerHero! Stay tuned for my premiere announcement! J
I always mention some great resources-I want to be your "Human Google"! J

☞ Gotta tell you about this networking tool--check it out--if you have a website, you can get links from all the others! Helps Search Engine ranking (SEO)--marketing lingo! Ever since my Guerrilla Marketing class, I really know this stuff! Don't take my word for it, check it out! (it's fr*ee, I just get credit) <http://www.linkreferral.com>

☞ National Association of Baby Boomer Women (www.nabbw.com)--Super site & organization. Have countless resources and links. Also, check out



www.boomerwomenspeak.com its sister site!

☞ My product team mate, Nancy Griffin, is host of her own TV show on local cable channel (in Pittsburgh) She's a Pilates trainer & soon will have her first DVD out! Very cool!
www.scooponpilates.com

☞ My dear friend, Patti Boyle, has a knack for finding great things to decorate your home using consignment shop pieces, her design know-how & personal flair! She really helped me! ☺ Get her fr*ee ebook & newsletter!
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And always, thanks for your continued support & encouragement. My newsletter is reaching more folks--so keep spreading the word! ☺

Seriously, whether you've attended my teleclasses, bought my books, been one of my coaching clients or gotten one of my ebooks, I so appreciate the opportunity to serve you! J

Happy July--see ya in August!

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