# Creating a WOW Moment

7 tips for effective employee recognition



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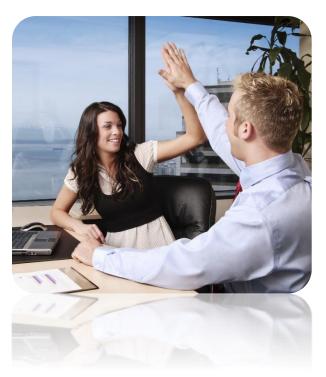
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"One of the things that's missing in most corporate cultures today is the idea of celebration in the workplace."

-Jack Welch, Former CEO of GE



# 5 Outcomes for Effective Employee Recognition

- ☐ Communicate mission, vision, & values
- ☐ Affirm the recipient & their achievement
- Motivate others
- ☐ Impact workplace culture
- ☐ Add big recognition impact, small cost



#### Poll

# Which of the following best describes your organization's recognition practices?

- Recognition is presented in an informal gathering at work
- Recognition is presented at company get-togethers
- Recognition is presented at recognition-specific events
- Recognition is distributed without a personal presentation
- No consistent method for presenting recognition

Submit questions or comments at anytime using the Q & A button in your tool tray.



# The Top 7

Strategies for Recognition Success



- ☐ The Stars
- ☐ The Schedule
- ☐ The Supporting Cast
- ☐ The Story
- ☐ The Setting
- ☐ The Symbol
- ☐ The Statement

#### **Day-to-Day**

- Manager/Employee interactions
- > Peer-to-Peer interactions

#### **Informal**

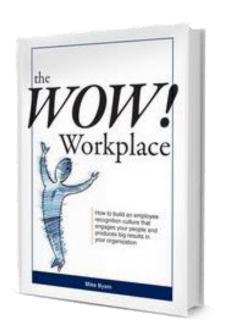
- Casual structure
- Peer-to-Peer
- Frequently minimal investment
- Points-based solutions

#### **Formal**

- > Structured recognition for defined criteria
- > Significant awards for significant achievements



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## Get involved and be recognized!

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#### **DILBERT** on Employee Recognition





#### The Stars

- ☐ The person
  - ✓ personalize the presentation
- □ Their achievement
  - ✓ highlight the contribution



#### The Schedule

- □ Don't Wait to Recognize
  - ✓ "Rolling Programs" quarterly or monthly service award events
- **□** Day-to-Day Recognition from Managers
  - ✓ Set reminders for important dates
  - ✓ Recognition toolkits, Recognition walls, Team meetings, etc.
- The Event: start with early milestones & end with crowning achievements.



## **The Supporting Cast**

Who should be in attendance?



#### **Guests to Consider:**

- Co-workers
- Managers
- Department heads
- Supervisors
- Organization heads
- Administrative assistants
- Key clients
- All employees of the organization
- Friends & family
- Former employees

## The Story

It takes 11.3 Impressions for your message to stick!

- Email announcement/ reminder
- Post on intranet
- Posters
- Newsletter
- Bulletin Boards
- "Teaser" Promotions
- Photos
- Press Release











## The Setting

Create the Tone

#### **Off Site**

- Lunch at the boss's house
- Banquet facility
- Restaurant
- Museum
- Art gallery
- Cultural facilities
- Historic homes
- Luau on the beach
- Dinner cruise
- Visit a dude ranch
- Festive picnic

#### On Site

- One-on-one with manager
- Gathering at a workstation
- Staff Meetings

## Transform the environment:

- Create a bistro on the factory floor
- Turn a construction site into a drive-in theatre
- Turn your break-room into a 50's diner

## The Symbol

#### Multiply your award investment

- **Symbolism** what does the award represent?
- **Exclusivity** what is required to earn it?
- **Differentiation** how does it relate to other awards in its category?
- **Residual Value** how will it remind the recipient and others of the achievement?







## The Symbol

**Then:** Award items lack connection to the company mission

**Now:** Awards reflect the company mission

**Why:** Send a consistent message about what your company values.

**Application:** Implement award options that reflect symbolism of the achievement, and align with corporate values



## The Symbol

#### **GREEN** Recognition

- > Eliminate paper waste with online tools
  - Peer nomination
  - Award Redemption



#### **Video** Personalization

> Personalized congratulatory message to award recipients



#### **The Statement**

The greatest honor is to honor others



#### **Choosing a Presenter:**

- ☐ Personal connection to the recipient
- ☐ Understand the individual's job function and achievements
- ☐ Understand how the recipient's contributions impact the success of the organization

#### **The Statement**



#### **General Guidelines**

- ✓ Be sensitive to shy recipients
- ✓ Use humor with caution
- ✓ Not the time for constructive criticism
- ✓ Avoid unintentional promises of continual employment
- ✓ Stay away from comments about race, gender or religion

### **The Statement**



- Prepare Ahead
- Comments

Be specific about:

- The person
- The achievement
- The impact on the organization



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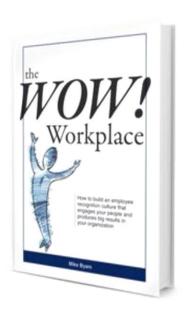


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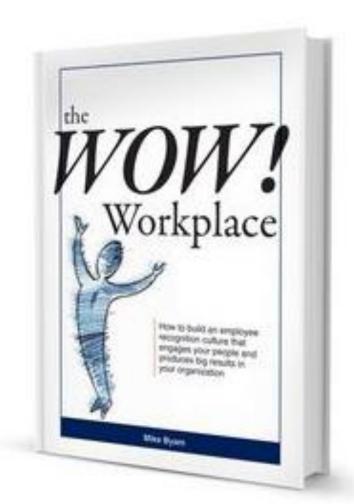




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