# Creating a WOW Moment

7 tips for effective employee recognition



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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
- 2 Affirm the recipient & their achievement
- B 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



# 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 Recognition

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

### **Informal** Recognition

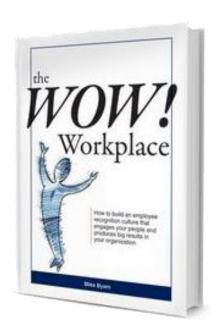
- > Casual structure
- > Peer-to-Peer
- > Frequently minimal investment
- > Points-based solutions

### Formal Recognition

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



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### **DILBERT** on Employee Recognition





### The Stars



The Person	Their Achievement	
personalize the presentation	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

Multiply your award investment

Then	Now	Why	Application
Award items lack connection to the company mission	Awards reflect the company mission	Send a consistent message about what your company values.	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
- > "Green" Award Items



#### **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**





Be prepared

Comments

Be specific about:

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

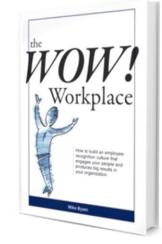
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# Questions



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