

... Simple, not Easy...

The Center for Disease Control defines wellness as:

"The Degree to Which One Feels Positive and Enthusiastic About Life"





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For purposes of this presentation, I am going to assume we agree upon two things:

- 1 That in the USA we are amid a health and wellness crisis resulting from lifestyle choices which directly lead to a wide range of preventable diseases and illnesses.
 - That properly designed and implemented, an employer sponsored, employee health and wellness program, can have a positive ROI.

"The root cause of the health care crisis in the USA is our lifestyle."

- Shanna Dunbar (at the 10th Annual Ohio Employee Health and Wellness Conference)

My background

- I'm a corporate guy I've been in your shoes
- I've owned and managed many businesses
- I've hired thousands of people had 700 reports under me
- I traveled 200+ days a year and was a "Gold" level traveler.
- I've seen no, I've lived, the effect of poor health and wellbeing in the workplace and its negative effect on quality, profitability and general workplace success.



36 Years as a Business Executive

I wasn't born a lifestyle coach, or a fitness guru.



Fitness History



Work Career

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Jan 2009

- Weight 404
- Blood Pressure = rising
- Blood Sugar = marginal
- Cholesterol = high
- Could no longer ride my bike, snow ski, play soccer
- Didn't fit into airplane or theater seats, restaurant booths

I did not feel positive and enthusiastic about life



After years of fad diets, coaches and trainers, hospital supervised nutrition programs, and counseling...

I Had Hit Rock Bottom



On October 4, 2010, I had Roux en-Y (Gastric Bypass) Surgery

October 3, 2011

- Weight 202... (current 170 pounds)
- Blood Pressure = Perfect!
- Blood Sugar = Perfect!
- Cholesterol = Low!
- Ran a 5k
- Fit into airplane and theater seats,
- Rode in the back seat of cars,
- Fit into restaurant booths

For 12 years I've led a very active and healthy lifestyle and pursued what I call my *Journey to Fitness*







The Process, The Tool and the Transition

Weight loss surgery was the tool I chose to help me achieve a lifestyle transition. It was a part of the process. It was not THE reason I lost weight and have maintained that loss for 12 years.

I have accomplished this because I have successfully transitioned to a lifestyle where my Values, which support my Mission and Vision, guide my Actions, as my Actions drive my Lifestyle and produce the Results I desire. I do this with the daily support of the tool of gastric bypass.

I use this tool to help me make the *Simple* task of weight loss and weight management *Easier* to achieve and increase my chances of success.

Once I Hit Rock Bottom, I saw clearly that:

The life I wanted

And

The life I was living

Were far apart. There was a gap between the reality I wanted and the one I was living.

Weight Loss Surgery wasn't even a consideration at this point









What is the difference between these two men?

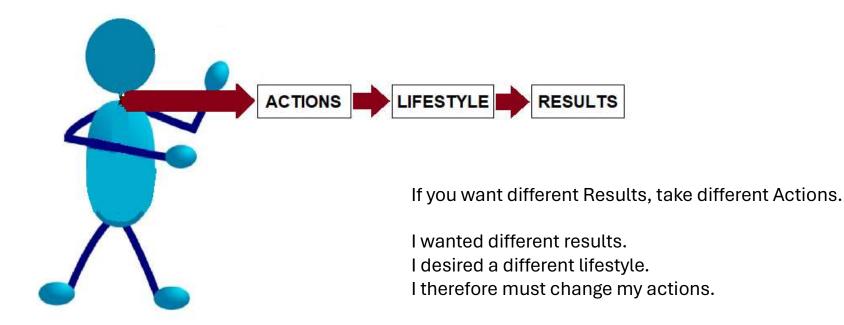




Nothing and Everything as they are both 100% the result of their Lifestyle,



Your life is simply the Result of your Lifestyle, which is driven by your Actions





My Approach to Making a Successful Lifestyle Change

- Education
- Self Analysis
- Define the "Project" Establish the WHY, Mission, Vision, and Values
- Design a Solution and Implementation Plan with Feedback Loop
- Select Tools and Acquire Needed Resources



Once I decided to make a lifestyle change, I wanted to know:

- What did successful people do differently than others?
- What acts or practices did they utilize?
- Tips and tricks that just might make this *Journey to Fitness* a bit simpler.

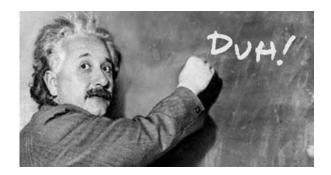


I turned to the Internet...



I was excited to learn what simple tricks others have employed to make their weight loss/management experience so successful. What I found was a bit... well, *Simple*:

- 1. Successful patients manage what they eat,
- 2. Successful patients drank water,
- 3. Successful patients took daily multiple vitamins and calcium,
- 4. Successful patients slept 7 hours per night on average,
- 5. Successful patients exercised regularly,
- 6. Successful patients took personal responsibility for staying in control



LIFESTYLE



Turns out, weight loss/management and a healthy lifestyle

Really Is Simple...

... It's Just Not Easy



According to Webster:

Simple:	Easy:	
1. not complicated	1. capable of being accomplished or acquired with ease	
2. easy to understand	2. posing no difficulty	
3. not elaborate	3. requiring little effort or endeavor; undemanding	
4. straightforward	4. free from worry, anxiety, trouble, or pain	
	5. with little effort	

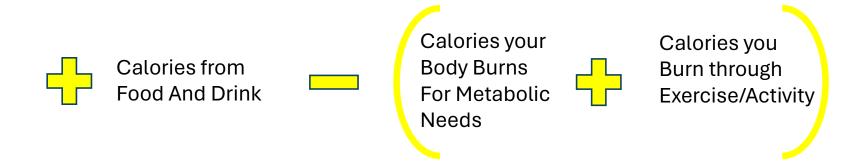
We don't really need help making the process of weight loss <u>simple</u>...

...we need help making this simple process <u>easier</u>!



EDUCATION – Exercise & Weight Loss Math:

We learned all we needed to know about the math of weight loss – addition and subtraction - in the 1^{st} grade.



Weight Loss Math Simplified

An ongoing calorie deficit = weight loss,

An ongoing calorie surplus = weight gain.

Weight is gained or lost at approximately one pound per 3500 calories.

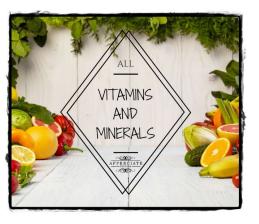


EDUCATION - Nutrition:

I learned the nutritional values of:

- Carbs, Proteins and Fats
- Vitamins and Essential Minerals
- Sugar Fiber and Starch









EDUCATION – Behavior/Actions:

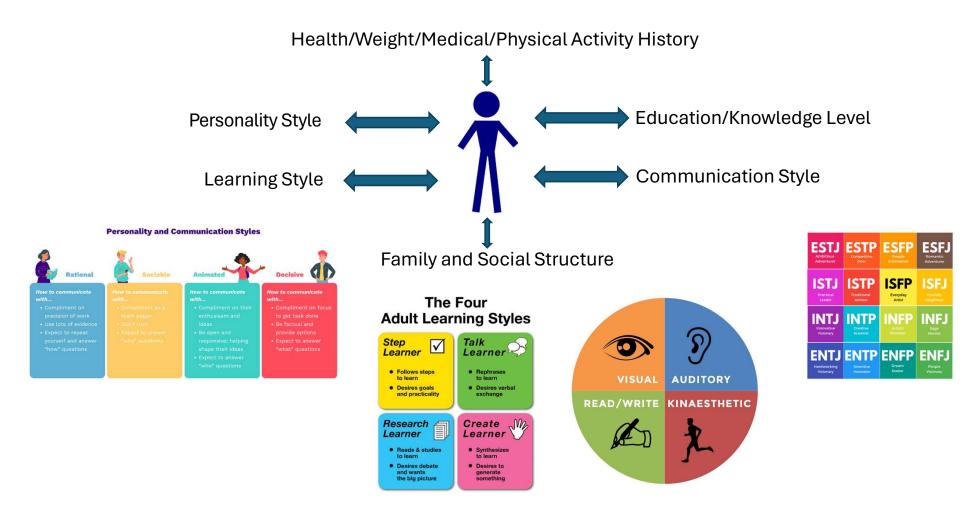
Lifestyle is the driver of all results:

- Time management
- Stress management
- Cognitive behavioral controls
- Adaptive plans and alternatives
- Environmental management
- Physical accountability and management





EDUCATION - Learning, Communication, and Personality Styles and other individual factors



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Self Analysis:



- Our Learning, Communication, and Personality Styles
- Billy doesn't like to be told what to do.



Why Weight Loss Surgery was Right for ME (after Education)

Managing Calorie Intake Issues	My Issue	Solution/Resources
Volume - Eating too much (& quickly)	70%	Physical Restriction, Practice
Quality – Eating poor nutritionally	10%	Education, Practice
Lifestyle – Eating at wrong times	10%	Education, Practice
Psychology – Emotional eating issues	10%	Analysis / Counseling
Physiology – Issues with blood sugar, other	0%	Physical Improvements
Increasing Calorie Burn Issues	My Issue	Solution/Resources
Health/physical limitations/Metabolism	30%	Doctor supervised
Exercise knowledge/experience	0%	Education, coach
Motivation	70%	Workout buddy, club

RED = areas where WLS can best help



What is Weight Loss Surgery?

Weight Loss Surgery (WLS) or simply, bariatric surgery — involves making changes to your digestive system to help you lose weight. Bariatric surgery is done when diet and exercise haven't worked or when you have serious health problems because of your weight. Some procedures limit how much you can eat. Other procedures work by reducing the body's ability to absorb nutrients. Some procedures do both.

Bariatric Surgery provides a tool for assisting a WLS patient in managing their food/calorie/nutritional input. Patients must make permanent healthy changes to their diet and get regular exercise to help ensure the long-term success of bariatric surgery.



Lap band surgery involves putting a ring around the top part of the stomach. The ring slows the entry of food to the main part of the stomach and the person feels full after eating only a small amount of food.

A lap band ring contains salt water, and the band can be made larger or smaller by the injection or removal of salt water.

Lap band surgery is also called laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding (LAGB), or gastric banding, or Lap Band.



Sleeve gastrectomy, also called a vertical sleeve gastrectomy (or VSG), is a surgical weight-loss procedure - typically performed laparoscopically. With sleeve gastrectomy, about 80% of the stomach is removed, leaving a tube-shaped stomach about the size and shape of a banana.

Limiting the size of your stomach restricts the amount of food you are able to consume. In addition, the procedure prompts hormonal changes that assist with weight loss. These same hormonal changes also help relieve conditions associated with being overweight, such as high blood pressure or heart disease.

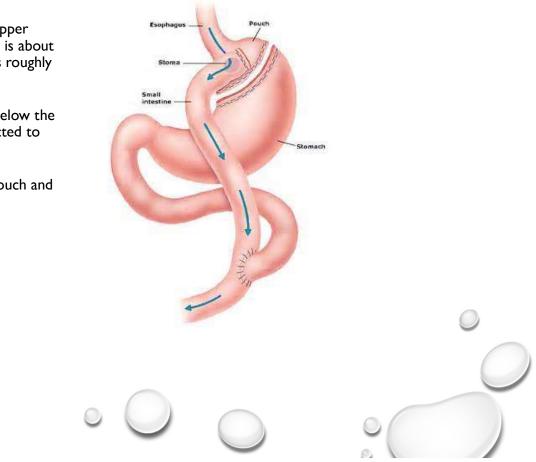


October 4, 2010, I had Roux en-Y (Gastric Bypass) Surgery

During RNY surgery the stomach is separated into two sections. The upper part is made into a very small pouch that holds 1 to 2 ounces initially. It is about the size of your thumb. A normal stomach holds 40 to 50 ounces and is roughly the size of a person's head.

After the stomach is divided, the small intestine is cut about 18 inches below the old stomach. The cut end of the intestine is looped up and then connected to the new small pouch, which will hold all of the food as it is eaten.

The small pouch and restrictions delay the emptying of food from the pouch and causes a feeling of fullness.





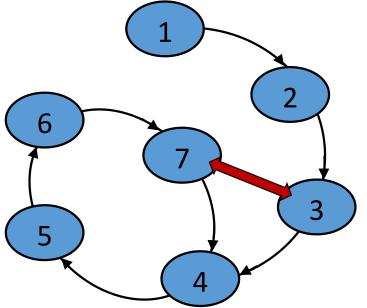
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My "Project Management" Approach

I spent my career as a consultant managing projects for clients.

- Managing projects to span the gap of "want and reality"
- Establishing processes and operations to standardize results.
- 1. Establish your Mission, Vision and Values
- 2. Determine your WHY
- 3. Establish goals and objectives
- 4. Research resources and methods
- 5. Design solution and implementation plan
- 6. Identify barriers and develop strategies to overcome
- 7. Implement the plan, monitor, compared to plan, modify as required



My health and wellbeing would become my "project"

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First...

My Mission

To be unburdened by obesity and freed from its limitations.

To be released from a prison that has kept me from many of my dreams.

To be free to explore the life I've prayed for.

To live my life in the way I've longed and ached to live it.

Life is Good... Living it is GREAT!! I have no idea when I will die. All I know is that as long as I am alive – I'm going to LIVE!!

To follow my desires and my passions. To explore a world that wasn't available to me previously, to experience wonders first-hand and in person because I am no longer limited by excess weight and poor health.

There are 7 Continents, 5 Oceans and 7 Billion People on this planet...

...I want to walk on, swim in and meet every single one of them!



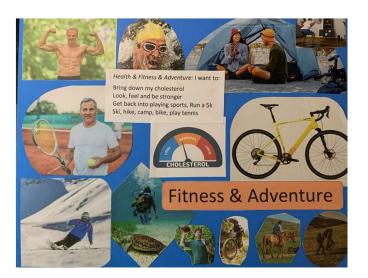
My Vision

Everyday Situations: I want to: Fit into airplane, movie, theater seats Have people ask if I have lost weight Prove to myself that I can do it.

<u>Health & Fitness & Adventure: I want to:</u> Bring down my cholesterol Look, feel and be stronger Get back into playing sports, Run a 5k Ski, hike, camp, bike, play tennis *Personal Appearance:* I want to: Look better naked! Wear a swimsuit on the beach Have my clothes fit better Dress for Success

Friends, Family and Social Life: I want to: Keep up with my friends Play and be active with my kids Stick around to see my grandkids grow up Travel the world in health and comfort







THE NEW & IMPROVED

Everyday Signs and Situations: I want to: Fit comfortably into airplane, movie, theater seats Have people ask if I have lost weight Prove to myself that I can do it.

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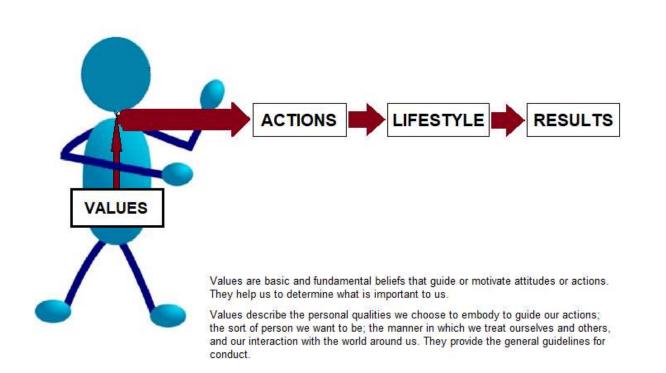
Establishing your Values

- Define what we mean by *Value -* Absolute vs Situational
- Guiding principle that will direct your actions through any circumstance you find yourself in.
 - These affect your mission and vision
- Situational Values may change over the life of our mission



When we allow our Values to guide our Actions and create our Lifestyle, we are aligned to get Results

Establishing your Values



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life·style

lifestyle (*noun*)... The way in which a person or group **lives**:

"The benefits of a healthy lifestyle."

synonyms:

way of life \cdot way of living \cdot manner of living \cdot life \cdot situation \cdot position \cdot state \cdot station \cdot condition \cdot set of circumstances \cdot fate \cdot lot \cdot conduct \cdot behavior \cdot customs \cdot habits \cdot ways \cdot mores









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Second...

Those who have a 'why' to live. can bear with almost any 'how'." — Viktor E. Frankl



My WHY



Also: Begy Lee

Third... Identify the Actual Problem that Needs to be Solved:

- 1. Close the gap between what I desired from life and what I was experiencing.
- 2. Establish long-term lifestyle practices.

Want Reality 1 I am not happy with my life. My weight has caused my quality of life to decline. I fear my chances of early death are rising. I have had several "rock-bottom" experiences. 2 The change I need isn't a fix, but a paradigm lifestyle shift The goal is long-term change, not a specific weight.





Fourth... Establish Goals, Objectives and Timelines

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1) Lose 200 pounds (1-2 years) 2) Maintain a Healthy Lifestyle (2 years +)



Fifth... Research Resources, Methods and Program Options



Intermittent Fasting



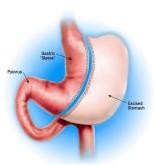
















The Challenges of the "Eat Well and Exercise" Philosophy

Managing Calorie Intake Issues

Volume - Eating too much (& quickly) Quality – Eating poor nutritionally Lifestyle – Eating at wrong times Psychology – Emotional eating issues Physiology – Issues with blood sugar, other

Increasing Calorie Burn Issues

Health/physical limitations/Metabolism Exercise knowledge/experience Motivation Physical Restriction, Practice Education, Practice Education, Practice Analysis, Success Habits Physical Improvements

WLS, counseling WW, JC, GoLo Coaching Analysis, counseling Physician, medicine

Physical Improvements Education Success Habits

PT, medicine Coach Coach, community Regardless of the tool utilized, any successful weight loss and weight management effort requires the ability to manage the balance of calories brought into your body with the calories you burn through the use of your body.



Weight Watchers Jenny Craig Tae-Bo P90X Keto/Paleo Insanity Weight Loss Surgery

Hip Hop Abs Spark People The Mediterranean Diet Yoga/Tai Chi Nutrisystem Swimming/Running/Biking Hypnosis



Sixth... Identify Barriers to Success and Develop Strategies

Reviewing my failures as a Project Manager, I found four common barriers to success.

- 1. Conflicting Priorities
- 2. Dishonesty (w/myself/others)
- 3. Poor Planning & Implementation
- 4. Recklessness & Sabotage



I believed that I would greatly increase my chances of success with WLS if I focused on overcoming these barriers.



Strategies

I identified four areas where I repeatedly failed to perform on major issues I'd faced previously. Four areas where my Values did not properly align with my Actions. For me it was my work career, but it could be any/all areas of significant self management (education, marriage, parenting, career, developing expertise, etc.). Then I developed Strategies to overcome these four barriers to success:

Identified Barrier to Success

Conflicting Priorities Dishonesty (with self and others) Improper Planning and Implementation Recklessness and Sabotage **Strategy**

My Wellness is first priority Brutal honesty Pre and post nut and exer plan Live by Design and Election



Barrier #1 – Conflicting Priorities

Impossible to serve two Masters. There cannot be two first priorities.

Our priorities conflict every time we try and squeeze multiple activities into the time appropriate for only one.





Strategy #1 – Prioritize: Put YOU First

It goes like this... You are First. If you are not healthy, if your condition is such that you cannot take full advantage of the opportunities that life offers you, then you MUST reprioritize your life and put yourself and your health first. This is not negotiable... If you cannot do this, you cannot make the Journey

You are your first priority.

This is not permission to be selfish. Your existing actions have been selfish:

- front seat of car
- clothes cost more
- bed wears out
- · create worry and fear in friends and family

Prioritizing your life to put your health first, will increase your chances of success!



Barrier #2 – Dishonesty

Nobody weighs 400+ pounds without lying to themselves & others a great deal. Everyday. About everything.

The Al Linoski Story – "I Eat Well and Exercise"

Deep inside we all know what causes weight gain... taking in more calories than you burn up. Its simple math. We know it, we just don't like it, and therefore invent convenient alternate truths to avoid dealing with it. We deny. We lie. Along the way we willingly allow ourselves to be seduced by fad diets, magic weight loss pills, and "no exercise, eat what you want, miracle weight loss programs" that sell for "Three easy payments of \$49.95!"





Strategy #2 – Learn to be Brutally Honest

- Honesty with yourself
 - Don't duck the truth, use the words you've hated to use
- Honesty with others "How Did You Do It?"
 - The Ladder story
 - It won't get you out of bed to go workout



The truth is the truth. Know it, live it. Being brutally honest will increase your chance of success!



Barrier #3 – Poor Planning and Implementation

"Failing to Plan is Like Planning to Fail."

- Failure to plan is inefficient It wastes time and energy
- It does not allow for contingencies and unknowns
- Imbalance of wants and desires "Best Weight"

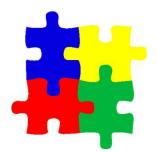




Strategy #3 – Develop a Nutrition and Exercise Plan

Once you make the decision to pursue a healthy lifestyle, you need to begin the development and use of a nutrition & exercise plan

- Planning breeds ownership
- Planning allows for the ability to adapt and modify NASA and bike ride examples
- Planning provides a roadmap to success prevent hubris or second guessing



Having and using a plan will increase your chance of success!



Barrier #4 – Testing Limits/Recklessness/Sabotage

Old habits die hard, many lie dormant and can resurface when you are most vulnerable.

- Times of stress
- Peer pressures
- Wanting to fit in
- Situations auto, phone, restaurants
- Over complicating delay, shift focus, debating facts

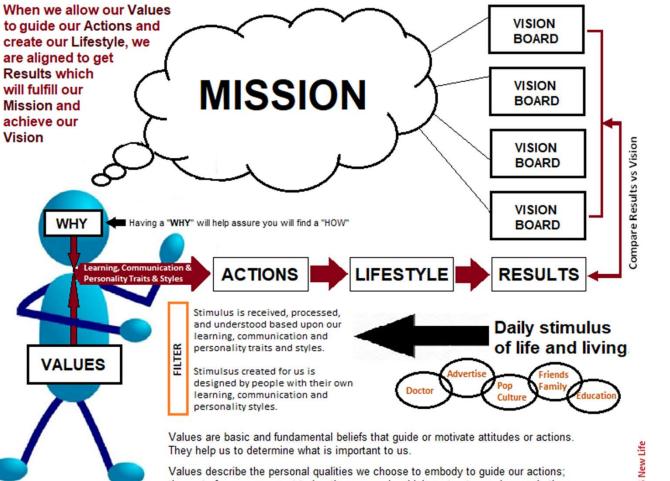




Strategy #4 – Giving my Body what it Needs rather than Testing Limits

- "You'll just have to learn your limits."
- Live by Design and Election
- The Sabotage of Time/Focus/Attention/Avoidance K.I.S.S.

Overcoming recklessness and self-sabotage, learning to give your body what it needs rather than what it wants, and learning to live in control will increase your chance of success!



the sort of person we want to be; the manner in which we treat ourselves and others, and our interaction with the world around us. They provide the general guidelines for conduct.

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Today

- Speaking: I am a frequent speaker at weight loss conferences.
- Coaching: I enjoy coaching weight loss and lifestyle clients of all types.
- Author: Published in several national magazines.
- Author: Book "Simple, Not Easy My Escape from the Prison of Obesity"
- Activist: BOD of the WLSFA, creator of the Tour of Hope (bike ride).
- Athlete: Male BariAthlete of the Year 2017
- Specialty: I like to focus on the unique needs of people aged 50+.



But Why Did It Work For Me and What Can You Learn?

- I believe my chances of success were greatly improved by the <u>approach</u> I took to managing the process.
- The TOOL is NOT the reason I lost weight, or that I keep it off.

I was named to the board of directors for the WLSFA

- Organized and rode the *tour of hope* a bike ride that raised awareness of the obesity epidemic and raised funds for weight loss surgeries 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022.
- Speaking at a wide range of weight loss conferences and weight loss communities:
 - ObesityHelp national conference
 - The Ohio State University Hospital
 - The Southeast Weight Loss Conference
 - The Ohio Association of Operating Room Nurses
 - WLSFA annual conferences
 - Otterbein University
 - St John providence hospital







I was named the USA's 2017 Male BariAthlete® of the Year



- 8000+ miles ridden on my bike
 - Pueblo, CO to Wichita, KS 595 miles
 - Columbus, OH to Raleigh, NC 525 miles (TOH 1)
 - Columbus, OH to Gaylord, MI 468 miles (TOH 2)
 - Seattle, WA to Portland, OR 212 miles (TOH 3)
 - 2200+ training miles
- Dozens of 5K Runs



We are capable of far more than we can imagine. There are no limits except those we impose upon ourselves. Age has nothing to do with possibilities - <u>who is too old to dream</u>?







My favorite activity is coaching others through their journey to a healthier lifestyle. I enjoy coaching in almost any environment or format:

- Individual
- Groups
- Private
- Corporate
- In-person / on-phone
- classroom
- Lecture / speeches

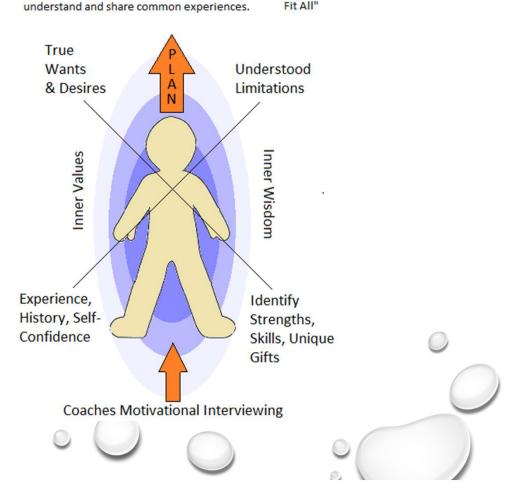
Motivational Interviewing

- Asks open ended questions
- Provides affirmations
- Utilizes reflective listening
- Provides summary statements

Is non-judgmental Is non-confrontational Is non-adversarial

Is Engaging - why Is Focusing - what Is Specific - when Is Detailed - where/how The Coach must be trusted more than popular "O culture and opinion, must be seen to D

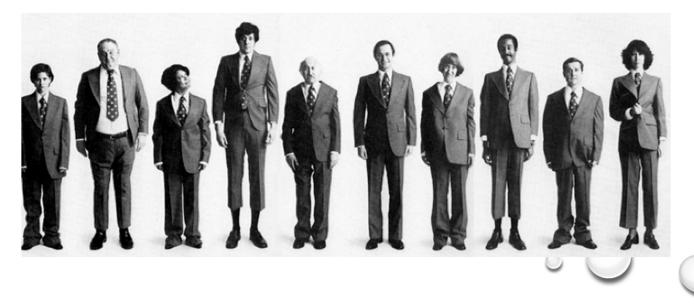
"One Size Does Not Fit All"





Program design: one size does not fit all

- Participants must be able to create their own personalized plans
 - "# of grams of carbs" is not a personalized plan.
- how to get true buy in
- plans and programs need to be long-term and led from the top
- Define "success" = # of participants # of pounds lost, Cost savings, etc.



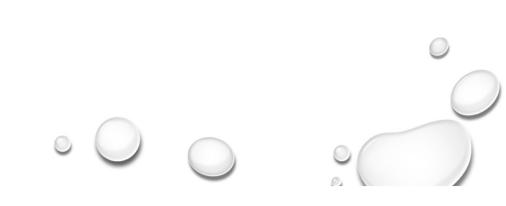
If you are designing a wellness program:



Consider utilizing the "weight loss project" approach with the past project success/failure review and barrier/strategy analysis. It's the "*simple, not easy*" approach to designing and implementing a lifestyle change which seeks to:

"Make the simple process of losing weight and maintaining a healthy lifestyle a little easier, thereby increasing the odds of success"



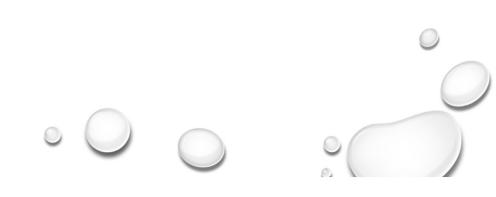




I'm happy to help

- To work with your wellness committee to design a program.
- To help survey/interview your employees and help gauge their attitudes and readiness for participating in a wellness program.
- To Assist with implementation of your program coaching, classes/groups, lunch and learns, recruit participants, etc.
- To work with your "high risk" population.







The New Life Creed:

- > You are capable of more than you can imagine.
- You can do this... Believe in yourself.
- > Don't overcomplicate things... Eat well and exercise.
- > Do a little better today than you did yesterday... It is the Journey that gets you there.

Follow these Three Rules to Success...

Rule #1: Always remember: You are doing this for YOU, and you are worth it.

Rule #2: Never never never never ever give up.

Rule #3: When you have a bad day or suffer a setback, and you will, refer to Rules 1 and 2 above.

A better life, a New Life awaits... Go Get YOURS!



SO, HOW DO WE BEGIN?



Let's Discuss Starting Our New-Life



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Bill retired from his 30-year career as a consultant to the gas and electric utility industry. It was during those years that he went from a healthy 24-year-old weighing 180 pounds to an unhealthy 404 pounds. His business success almost cost him his life.

At 54 Bill retired from consulting and underwent gastric bypass surgery, successfully adopted a new lifestyle, and lost 234 pounds: his scale now reads170. Today Bill is a regular speaker and presenter at weight loss conferences, he is a leader within the weight loss community, and he coaches and consults with individuals and organizations on weight management/weight loss programs.

Since reclaiming his life Bill has:

• Been elected to the board of directors of the Weight Loss Surgery Foundation of America.

• Founded the annual Tour of Hope Bicycle Ride, raising thousands of dollars for the WLSFA.

- Been named the USA's Male BariAthlete of The Year 2017
- Been a regular speaker at weight loss conferences and to other audiences.
- Authored the book: "Simple, not Easy... My Escape From the Prison of Obesity"

Bill's new lifestyle includes proper nutrition, calorie control, exercise and body movement, hydration, and stress management. However, adopting these simple new lifestyle habits is not an easy accomplishment. Bill credits the process he followed for his success – a process that he uses when working with clients individually or in group. He will describe in detail this process and the elements that can help increase the chances of a successful lifestyle transition.

Bill resides in Westerville with his wife Colleen in the home where they raised three sons. He enjoys bicycle touring, hiking, traveling, and gardening.