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July 2014

UPCOMING SPEAKING PRESENTATIONS:
Presented by Sue Crum

FOCUS: The Power of Independence



As we celebrate the birthday of our country this weekend, let's take a moment to think back to our history books about Independence Day. The people who were fighting for freedom and independence from England's rule endured a lot of hardships and harrowing experiences, but they never gave up; they persevered.

Today we enjoy living in a country that has so many freedoms, because of the efforts of these courageous folks. However you celebrate the 4th of July, whether it's at a picnic in the park, a parade in town, or watching fireworks in person or on television, I hope you expand your Independence Day to Independence Month.

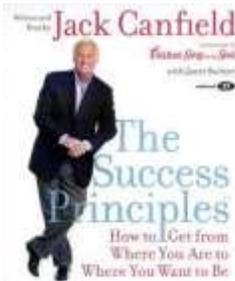
Being independent means being free from outside control, so this makes July the perfect month to look at our stuff and the control it may have over us. Take a look around you. Are you in control of your stuff or is it controlling you?

If your life, home or business world has become so cluttered that you cannot enjoy your space and are unable to find the things you need when you need them, then you are not living a life of independence!

July is the perfect time to decide no more. It's time we stop complaining about our spaces and/or lack thereof and start taking action and clearing up the places we do have. I just finished working on Jack Canfield's Assisting Team all last week as he presented the mid-year week of his Train the Trainers Program. I know most of you know who he is, but just in case someone out there can't recall, he is the co-creator of the Chicken Soup for the Soul® Series, and author of *The Success Principles*.



Being around Jack Canfield for an entire week, as one of his assistants, is always inspirational for me, and last week was no different. While each training day was packed with assignments to support Jack and his work, I returned to San Diego more motivated than ever to continue incorporating his success principles into my work.



Jack's first principle in *The Success Principles* is "Take 100% Responsibility for Your Life." It is the foundation of all of the other principles in his book and teachings. He reiterated this cornerstone principle so well this past week in Scottsdale, Arizona.

We have to stop complaining and stop blaming and take a good, hard look at the decisions we are making. If our world has become not a happy one, it's up to us to make changes in it, and create a different outcome.

Our founding fathers wanted to create an environment so that people in their generation and all future generations could have life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Now it's up to us!

FUN, FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Are parades or picnics on your schedule for this weekend? This month?

I certainly hope so. However, if you are one who doesn't like crowds and congestion, I understand that as well. I do hope though that you get outside and enjoy the month of July in as much nature as possible.

Sometimes we need to change up the environment we are in to become better motivated to movement and action. A simple walk around the block, a bike ride, a jog to a park – these simple pleasures can get our endorphins going and give us a new shot of energy and appreciation for all that we have.

Summer is a super time to sit on the porch, take a nap on the veranda or watch children at play. They are

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Wed., July 16, 2014
10:00 a.m. - noon
Poway Adult School, Room 502
Cost: \$29
Click [here](#) to register and for more information

Clear Your Clutter: Hands-on Paper Pile-up

Thurs., July 24, 2014
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
OASIS Mission Valley Macy's 3rd Floor
Cost: \$22
Click [here](#) to register and enter class #316.

Bring ONE banker's box of papers to organize. Each attendee will receive their own organizing kit to take home.

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living in the moment and have such a love of life.

I love to hear from you. Please drop me a line and tell me how you are becoming independent of your stuff and enjoying simple pleasures this July. Write me at Sue@suecrum.com.

FAVORITE QUOTES OF THE MONTH:

"You are not your stuff." – Peter Walsh

"Treasure your relationships, not your possessions." – Anthony J. D'Angelo

"Of all possessions a friend is the most precious." – Herodotus

"You must take personal responsibility. You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons of the wind, but you can change yourself." – Jim Rohn



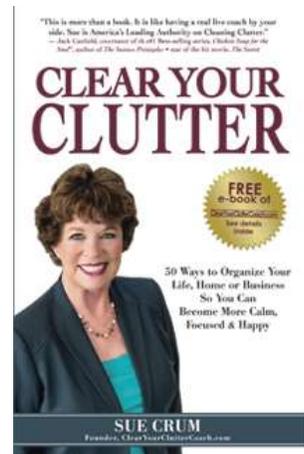
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make better use of space and time, and get organized for good!*



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