



the Dragon Flyer

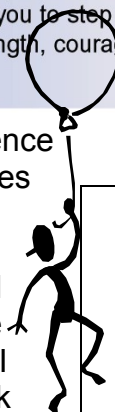
Every door conceals a dragon blowing flames, daring you to step across the threshold and yet for those willing to ride the beast, there is strength, courage and the ability to stride into a life that you have only dreamed possible

I'm done. I am finally graduating with my Honours BA in Social Science – Communications. Does this mean I will have a degree that enables me to talk more? It just might.

It has taken me 10 years (with one year off for good behaviour) and has been an experience that I cannot adequately describe. As a life long learner, I will probably not end my relationship with school but I am not sure if I will continue in University or not. I don't want to think about that though. I need a break and break I will. Of course that's harder than you might think. I am trying not to get involved in too many worthy projects until my psyche gets used to the no school feeling.

For this moment, I am trying to imagine how to celebrate in just the right way. I don't think I will have a party but I am reconnecting with so many people. People I have not spoken to in ages...so if I haven't called you...Call me!

I hope you are enjoying your spring as much as I am. Get in touch. The rest of this newsletter will address the things I am doing.



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LifeLines Creative Coaching will enjoy the spurt of energy that is now available to me. I am ramping up my business and have space for 4 more full time clients and 3 part time. Please pass this along to people who want to live to their full potential and see the life that they dreamed about come to pass. Coaching is a powerful tool. It can help everything you want come together and happen. You are the door to the rest of your life.

"A good traveler is one who does not know where he is going and a perfect traveler does not know where he came from." -[Lin Yutang](#)

Celebrate! Celebrate! I am in the mood to party. Invite me to yours. We will call it a LifeLines Creative party (not Tupperware or Mary Kay) and we can play some coaching games. Give me your ideas or I will bring mine. Nothing to buy...you can serve food and wine and your guests will leave knowing more about themselves and with a creative life plan. Don't forget, laughs are on the house.



Book To Consider "The Soul of Money: reclaiming the wealth of our inner resources" by Lynn Twist. I saw Lynn at a conference and she is a powerful speaker. I have recommended it based on that talk several times and everyone says it has freed them up to live lives that are less oppressed by money. Now that my homework is done, I am finally getting to read it and it certainly stands up to its press.

Vicki's Great Adventure Those of you who know me have heard me dreaming about my cross Canada adventure, probably inspired by Peter Gzowski, Shelagh Rogers and 4 young kids running around the house. I became obsessed with a Canadian tour that included every nook and cranny of this amazing country. I'd like to visit the islands, coasts, inlands, plains, towns, villages and dare I say it, the cities. For the past 20 years, I've spent my spare time imagining this fantasy so I have to pinch myself to realize that it is on the edge of becoming a reality. No endeavour like this can be started without a lot of help. I am just at the point in my planning where I realize that I am going to need some creative input so I am asking you.

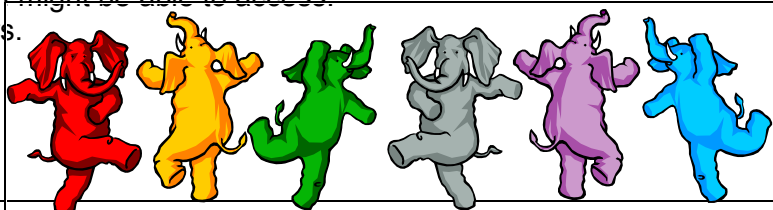
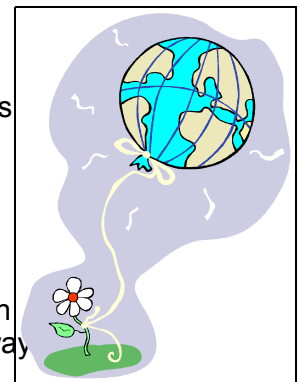
Where is your journey taking you? A coach can be an insightful companion.

First, I believe that this trip is about me. About becoming who I have always seen myself to be and being open to other ideas of myself. This is a bit of a stretch but with a little coaching and a lot of faith...I am going to leap. It is also about Canada itself. About seeing it, loving it the way I do and about something I heard in a political science course I took (please tell me it isn't true.) The idea is that Canada's days are numbered. This is because as a country, we are too diverse with no common history or goals, so we can't survive. Can this be the global reality of a new Canada? I want to take my trip and talk to people, ask communities, find out what makes them Canadian, or are they? Do they want to be? Is Canada a fantasy? I want to know...and then maybe I don't. Maybe it should just be about me.

While I am out there I want to hone my skills as a writer, writing articles and yes, perhaps a book or two. There is that novel that is niggling at me and maybe even a non-fiction road book. I am reading a lot of Jane Jacobs and Jack Kerouac to prepare. Could this be my coming of age story?

Things I need

- * Your support
- * A small group of people who can actually be hands on with me, brainstormers and creative thinkers. A board of directors perhaps???
- * Names and introductions of people who can help me orient myself in the communities I come to.
- * A reader who gets grammar to check my work before it is sent out.
- * Someone who understands really interactive websites.
- * Names of people who might be able to help me publicize this trip so that I can get speaking engagements and maybe be able to pay for myself along the way
- * Connections within the Auto industry. I want a vehicle that will not leave a footprint 2 ½ km wide.
- * Someone who can help me find fuel for this vehicle.
- * Ideas for fundraising or grants that I might be able to access.
- * A good French course for beginners.
- * Any ideas you have.
- * Cool maps.
- * Information + ideas.
- * Not sure. Fill in the blanks.



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Please pass this along to your friends. *Thanks Vicki P*