

THE **POWER**OF EMAIL MARKETING

Leveraging Social Media

Presented by Toni Harris Authorized Local Expert

Marketing Today = Building Relationships





Keep Customers Coming Back



- The value of a customer
 - You've already paid for them
 - It's 6-7 times more expensive to gain a customer than to retain a customer ¹
 - They spend more
 - Repeat customers spend 67 percent more ²
 - They are your referral engine
 - After 10 purchases, a customer has already referred up to 7 people ²

Sources:

- 1. Flowtown, 2010
- 2. Bain and Company



Why Email?



- Because almost everyone your business needs to reach reads it:
 - 94% of Internet users between the ages of 18 and 64 send or read email
 - An even higher number of users ages 65 or older do the same
 - 61% Use a social networking site
 - 147 million people across the country use email, most use it every day

Sources: Pew Internet and American Life Project 2010

Why Email?



- It's cost-effective: Direct mail vs. email
 - For the same response, direct mail costs 20 TIMES as much as email ¹
 - Email ROI is the highest when compared to other internet marketing mediums²

1 Forrester Research, Inc.

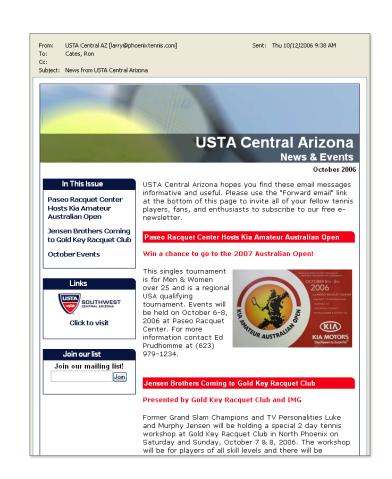
2 Direct Marketing Association

Using an Email Service Provider



Email Service Providers automate best practices

- Provide easy-to-use templates
- Reinforce brand identity
- Email addressed to recipient only
- Manage lists adding new subscribers, handling bouncebacks, removing unsubscribers
- Improves email delivery, tracks results and obeys the law (CAN-SPAM ACT)



Regular Email vs. Email Service Provider



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Email Marketing Is...



- Delivering professional email communications
- To an interested audience
- Containing information they find valuable



Online Research: New Approaches to Teaching & Learning

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Upcoming Event
Jonathan Alter
The Promise:
President Obama,
Year One



Thurs. June 24th @ 7:00 pm Francis W. Parker School 2233 N Clark Street

Join Newsweek columnist Jonathan Alter as he discusses his new book, The Promise: President Ohama Year One He

Greetings!



You're invited to the 2010 Summer Institute for Teachers, a two-day seminar aimed at developing your classroom skills, held for teachers from across the Chicago-metro area!

Over the years, the Chicago Humanities Festival has presented Summer Institutes in history, urban planning, poetry and creative writing. This year we're stepping into new territory, at the request of many of our participating teachers: online research.

CHF is pleased to present a two-day institute designed and facilitated by DePaul University research librarian and adjunct faculty **Paula Dempsey**

Topics to be covered include:

- · how knowledge is organized
- · research as a process
- · deep reading vs. skimming and their connection to research
- discerning a credible online resource
- keeping track of your resources
- free vs. paid resources
- plagiarism

Over the course of the two days, SIT participants will work in small groups to explore these questions and others by tackling a single research topic through multiple lenses.

DATES & LOCATION

Tuesday & Wednesday, July 27 & 28; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
DePaul Conference Center,
1 E. Jackson St. 8th Floor, Chicago

Lunch is included. 10 CPDU credits are available.

COST

This seminar is FREE!

A \$50 deposit is required to reserve your place. The deposit will be refunded upon your completion of SIT.

Customer Spotlight: Xtreme Transformations



List Size: 2136

Open Rate: 30.1%

Location: Suwanee, GA

Customer Since: May 2005

Website: www.XtremeTransformationsPT.com

Announce training dates and special offers.

- Track sources from sign-ups and review reports to determine what advertisements to repeat
- Use results from 3 minute customer satisfaction surveys for quality control to determine bonuses and raises for trainers
- Website statistics spike from 20 to 75 visitors when email campaigns are sent
- In 3 years, grown from in-home personal training with 2 trainers to 2 studios, franchise locations, 7 trainers and 2 companies, XtremeTransformations & Xtreme Bootcamp

"Constant Contact Email Marketing and Survey products are the best bang for the buck...by far."

Pete Peidra, CPT, AFTA, Certified Personal Trainer



Customer Spotlight: Atir Natural Nail Care Clinic



May 2007





List Size: 1,147 Open Rate: 34%

Location: Richmond, VA

Customer Since: November 2006

- Gathering place to relax & have fun
- Host parties & events
- 2 hour ramp up; first order 35mins after first send
- Free service for first time customers
- Compelling offers and discounts
- Announces new services

"There is an ebb and flow of clients in the salon business and Constant Contact is the perfect tool to help retain customers."

> Kathleen Lin, Owner



Dear Kathleen,

Happy Spring!

Beech Pedicure Sandals are here in fun, new colors and styles, and those relaxing Aromatherapy Neck Pillows you enjoy at the salon are now on sale.

There are new Service Specials, and Essie's Summer

New, faster Manicures and additional Service Specials



Our new manicure procedures will allow you to get in and out quicker! We are not drying between every coat, which our corporate stores have found to speed the process without compromising the quality. Rest assured that our primary focus will continue to be giving our clients a thorough, perfect, and long-lasting manicure. So, let us get you on your way in less time, or feel free to dry longer at the end of your manicure.

Frequent Client Punch Cards:

4 Manicures \$80 save \$8 4 Moisture Maintenance Manis (no polish) \$68 same \$8 4 French Manicures \$92 save \$8

Pedicure & Combo Specials



First time clients only For guests 21 and older who live in the Richmond area. 1 coupon per group, other restrictions may apply.

Call 804-282-8100 to make your appointment; mention Coupon Code CC.

Valid at: Atir Triangle Park

Offer Expires: June 30, 2007

an add a pedicure to d for just \$40 save \$5

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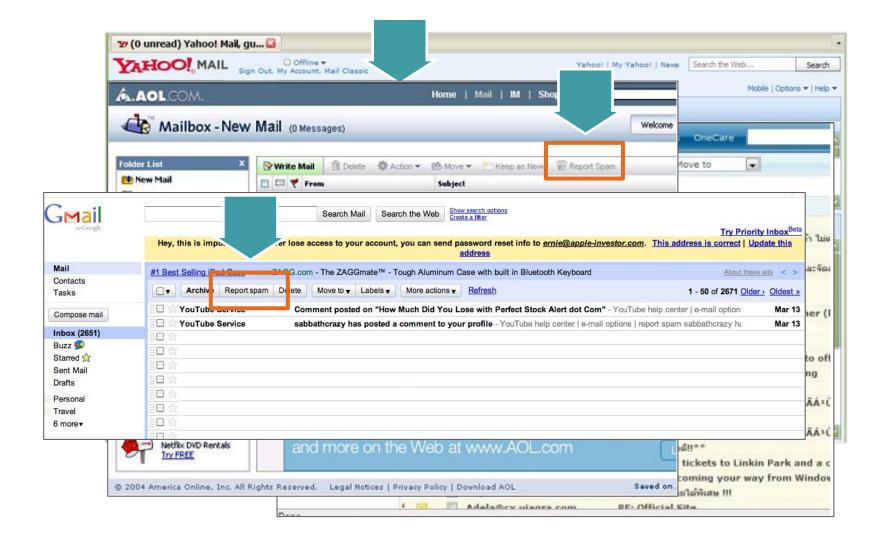
Email Marketing Is Not...





Consumers Define Spam





Build Your List Where You Connect



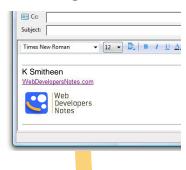
Incoming or Outgoing Calls



Events and Meetings



Email Signature



Place of Business Guest Book



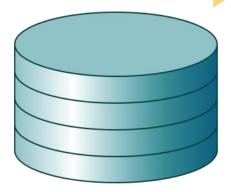












Customer & Prospect Database

57% of consumers will fill out a card to receive email alerts when asked to by a clerk at a local small business.

Source: Transact Media Group

Collecting Information and Permission



- Include your logo and brand identity
- Describe your email content and how often you'll be sending
- Ask about your customers' interests to stay relevant
- Ask for additional contact information when necessary



Using a Permission Reminder



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New Non-Fiction

New Fiction

Staff Picks-Updated

May Special Events

Children's Story Time -NEW INFORMATION

QUICK LINKS

•Reserve your copy of the new Harry Potter book

The Berenstain Bears

Bookshop. As always, included in the newsletter is the monthly coupon. The weather is starting to warm up and summer will be here before you know it. This month, we are featuring tons of great new books, including new books by Michael Chabon, Deepak Chopra, and J.R.R. Tolkien

The bookshop will also be host to a great assortment of special events, from our usual First Friday celebration featuring a children's story time and authors Nancy Scott and Karen Tauber, who will be on hand on Friday, May 6th to sign copies of their books to Philadelphia icon Larry Kane, who will be here on May 12th to sign copies of Lennon Revealed. Also in May, we will host another craft event, this time taking a pattern from One Skein Wonders. If you've never been to one of our craft events and are even remotely interested, it's a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon (May 19th).

Read below for further information about all our events.

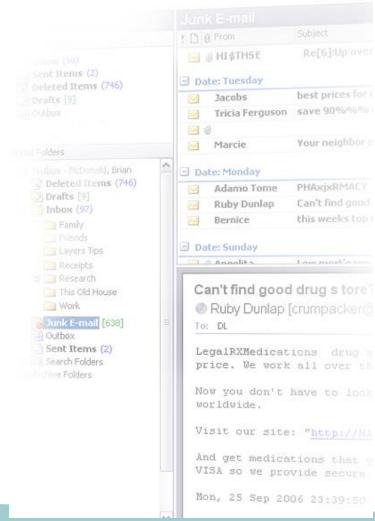
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Permission – What is It?



Types of permission

- Explicit: Opt in from your website or storefront
 - "Join our mailing list"
 - Single vs. Double Opt-in
- Implicit: Requests for information / registration forms, existing customer relationship
- No Permission: Don't do it! While it may seem tempting, it will have a negative impact on your business.



Coming Up With Valuable Email and Social Content



- Share your expertise
- Use facts & testimonials
- Give guidance & directions
- Offer discounts & coupons
- Exclusivity & VIP status
- Hold contests & giveaways*
- Acknowledge your audience

* Check applicable regulations before deciding to hold a contest or giveaway





Keeping Email Content Concise



- Host large bodies of content...
 - On your website
 - In a PDF document
 - In a longer archived version
- Email only essential information
 - Use bullets or summaries
 - Link directly to the information
 - Give instructions if necessary
- Repurpose content sound bytes for Social Media
 - Drive social content back to Email Archive or Website





Determine Appropriate Format



Newsletters

- Frequency: Regular i.e. monthly / weekly
- Lots of educational content (typically non-promotional)
- Use bullets, summarize information, be concise
- Promotions / Invitations / Surveys
 - Frequency: Depends on your business and sales cycle
 - Focus on promotion / limited content
 - Use content to invite click-through or other action

Announcements

- Frequency: Event-driven
- Press releases, holiday greetings, thank you cards...
- Use content to build deeper relationships







Calling Your Audience to Action



- Calls to Action include...
 - Links to click on
 - Information to print out
 - Phone numbers to call
 - Instructions for reading the email
 - Instructions for saving the email
- Describe the immediate benefits...
 - What's in it for your audience?
 - Why should they do it now?



Frequency & Delivery Time



How often to send

- Create a master schedule be consistent!
- Include frequency in online sign-up "Monthly Newsletter"
- Keep content concise and relevant to planned frequency
- Invest time to repurpose content on social channels

When to send

- When is your audience most likely to read it?
 - Day of week (Tuesday & Wednesday)
 - Time of day (10am to 3pm)
- Test for timing
 - Divide your list into equal parts
 - Send at different times and compare results
- Re-stimulate social conversations: repost, retweet

Get the maximum Impact with Minimum intrusion.

Is Your Email Fabulous or Filtered?







Deliverability issues:

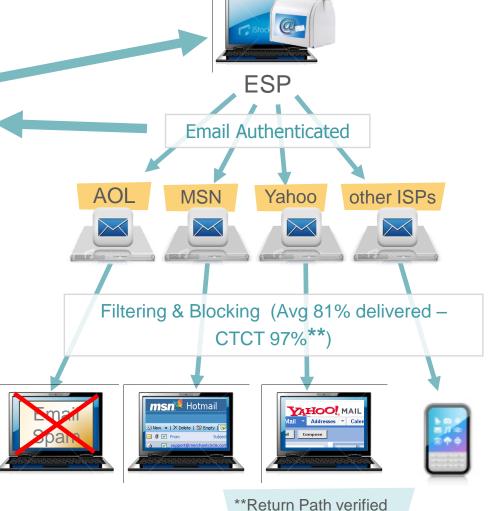
Image blocking **Block-listing**

Individual filters Friends-listing

Bouncing Reputation

Challenge responses Sender authentication

Blocking



Avoiding "Spam-speak"



- The words: free, guarantee, spam, credit card etc.
- ALL CAPITAL LETTERS
- Excessive punctuation !!!, ???
- **X** Excessive use of "click here"
- \$\$, and other symbols
- No "From:" address
- Misleading subject lines



	Example: Typical spam "From" and "Subject" lin	es		
Junk E-mail				
! [3] [9] From	Subject	Received	∇	Size
! ⊠ Dan Keyes	Cash credit / Home credit	Sat 9/9/	2006 3:1	1 KB
acrylate	How to be irresistible to the opposite sex 4179-4	Sat 9/9/	2006 3:0	1 KB
!⊠ Louella	???5?4? ??????? ???????	Fri 9/8/2	2006 10:2	3 KB
Andres Alexan	Hey you!	Fri 9/8/2	2006 3:08	697 B
🔀 🏿 vendor. actual	~~~Guaranteed Instant Approval!!	Fri 9/8/2	2006 3:41	2 KB
bosonic	Increase sexual satisfactions!!!! 7344	Fri 9/8/2	2006 1:51	11 KB

Getting Email Opened: Two Key Elements

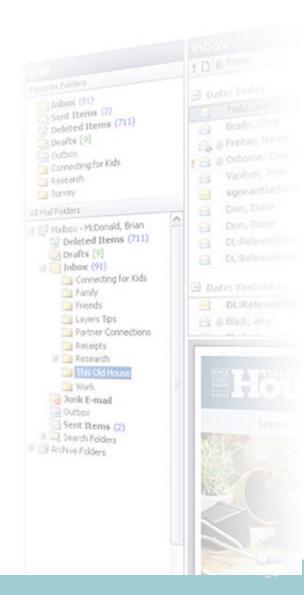


"Subject" line and "From" line

Show of hands...



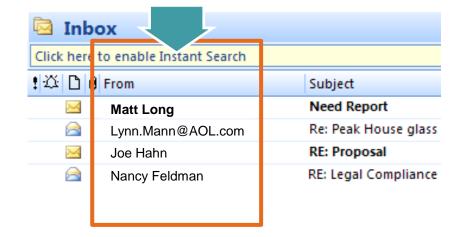
•which of the two is the most important?



Getting Email Opened



- The "From" line Do I know you?
 - Use a name your audience recognizes
 - Include your organization name or brand
 - Refer to your business in the same way your audience does
 - Be consistent



60% of consumers say the "from" line most often determines whether they open an email or delete it.

Source: DoubleClick

Create a Great Subject Line



- The "Subject" line do I care?
 - Keep it short and simple
 - 30-40 characters including spaces (5-8 words)
 - Incorporate the immediate benefit of opening the email
 - Capitalize and punctuate carefully
 - Avoid copying the techniques inherent in spam emails

Inbox

Click here to enable Instant Search

! ☼ ြ ② From

Subject

Matt Long

Need Report

Lynn.Mann@AOL.com

Re: Peak House glass negat

Joe Hahn

Nancy Feldman

RE: Proposal

RE: Legal Compliance Updat

Email messages that mention Facebook in the Subject Line will have a 32% higher open rate than those that don't.

-Worldata, 2011

30% of consumers say the "subject" line most often determines whether they open an email or delete it.

Source: DoubleClick

Emails with shorter subject lines significantly outperformed emails with longer subject lines.

- MailerMailer

Tracking and Reporting



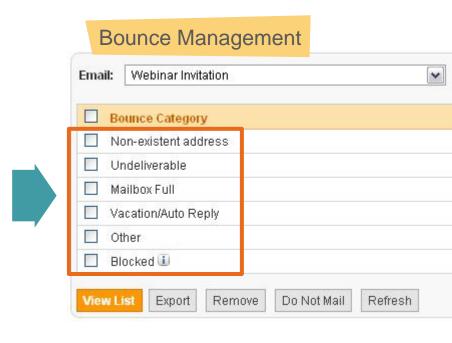
Constant Contact Reporting Page

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Date Sent ▼	Email Name	<u>Sent</u>	Bounces	Spam Reports		Opens	Clicks	Forwards	
3/4/2011	March newsletter	<u>159</u>	0.6% <u>(1)</u>	0	0	43.0% (68)	5.9% (<u>4)</u>	0	G
2/21/2011	February promotions	1	0	0	0	100.0% (1)	0	0	G
2/18/2011	February Open House	<u>169</u>	5.9% (10)	0	0	44.0% (70)	12.9% (9)	0	G
2/4/2011	February Newsletter	<u>169</u>	5.9% (10)	0	0	39.0% (62)	4.8% (3)	0	G
1/14/2011	January promotions	<u>169</u>	5.3% (9)	0	0	46.3% (74)	12.2% (9)	0	G

Deal with Bounced & Blocked Email



- Non-existent address
 - Check for obvious misspellings
 - Try to obtain a new address
- Undeliverable/mailbox full/ email blocked
 - Try re-sending later
 - Correct temporary issues
 - Obtain a new address if a recurring issue is present



Encourage and Reward Email Forwards and Online Reviews



- Use your forward report to:
 - Thank people who forward your emails
 - Learn about the value of your email content
 - Encourage online reviews by those who forward your emails
- Help your most passionate customers spread the word
 - Ask them to forward your email and write online reviews





Shon

Went "Goloco" for the first time today. Wow!

March 11 at 4:37pm



Boloco nice - what'd u get?

Sunday at 6:19pm



Shon Boloco rice, steak, caramelized onions, black beans, Asian slaw, habanero, sour cream, broccoli, carrots, on a flour tortilla. As if that wasn't enough I threw in one of those oversized chocolate chip cookies for good measure. The strawbanna was for the walk back to the job.

Sidenote - The folks over at the Common location have to be some of the nicest.

Sunday at 8:10pm

Understand Unsubscribe Requests



- An unsubscribe request happens when your subscriber no longer wants to receive your emails
 - Offer your subscribers permanent list removal
 - Best practice is automatic removal with an unsubscribe link



Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters Events

Shades of Gray performing live at Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters Friday, February 25th 6-8pm

Join us for great coffee, food, and music

Featuring Lobster Rolls and New England Clam Chowder

Join Our Mailing List!

Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters 2416 N. Heritage Oaks Path Hernando, Florida 34442

Forward email



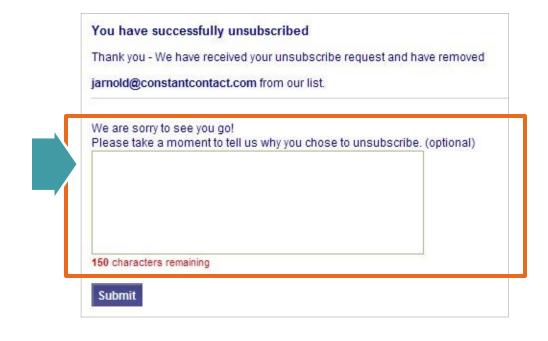


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Reduce Unsubscribe Requests



- Why do people unsubscribe?
 - Over-communication
 - Irrelevant content
 - Poor targeting
- Enable your audience to leave comments when unsubscribing from your list
 - Take action on feedback



Customer Spotlight: Kittrell/Riffkind Art Glass



List Size: 4,656 **Open Rate**: 47.5%

Location: Dallas, TX
Customer Since: May, 2005

Website: www.kittrellriffkind.com

- Segments lists to send targeted information to four distinct audiences resulting in a staggering 47.5% open rate
- Use click reports to inform newsletter content and gauge campaign success.
- Immediate increase in web site traffic and telephone inquiries after each newsletter.
- Saves more than \$14,000 year in design, printing and postage costs.

"Constant Contact is an integral part of our growth and success."

Barbara Kittrell, co-owner



March 2009

Kittrell/Riffkind Art Glass Newsletter Gallery Update

Barbara,

Don't you love it when the daffodils and tulips start peeking up out of their beds and the flowering trees are all abloom and the winter chill leaves the air?

Signs of spring are all around us as we ready the gallery for this next weekend's Featured Artist Series opening. The gallery has a whole new look for spring --- new work, new artists and new ways to make you smile!



Come check us out!

David, Barbara & Michael

Featured Artist Series 2009



We're stepping into spring with the first of our Featured Artist Series for this year. We will be showcasing fabulous new work from some of our favorite artists. They have all really outdone themselves this time! Featured will be George Bucquet, Eric Edner, Jason Lawson & Leigh Wyatt, and jewelry maker Carter Seibels.

The opening reception will be this coming Saturday, March 14th from 1:00 - 5:30pm. Join us for the opening and meet Jason & Leigh, who will be visiting us from the Hill Country. The exhibit will continue through April 4th.

See you there!

Photos of some of the featured work is on our website --- and more will be posted in the next couple of days. Go ahead and sneak peek!

Visit the Exhibit

Chamber of Commerce Partner Spotlight: DeKalb Chamber of Commerce



List Size: 2952

Open Rate: 23.8%

Location: Decatur, GA

Customer Since: Sept 2005

Website: www.dekalbchamber.org

- Keeps members & subscribers informed about events with a weekly newsletter
- Utilize campaign scheduling to send reminders for seminars and events
- Increase their non-dues revenue through paid member advertising opportunities with e-blast sponsorship campaigns and ad space in the weekly newsletter
- Offer 3-part series Constant Contact seminars regularly

"Constant Contact is an invaluable marketing resource for our members. Given the slowing economy, this is a key time for them to invest in tools that will allow them to nurture their current customer relationships. Having Pam available to give seminars and answer questions is an important asset to our community and we're excited to be working with her."

Janniece Leonard, Marketing & Communications Manager DeKalb Chamber of Commerce





Take the Next Step



Email + Social = Success, Guaranteed.

Sign up for a free Email Marketing trial. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Arm yourself with the tools, playbook, and coaching to get your first campaign in front of your email subscribers and social networks. Watch your business grow!

Sign up today! Fill out a card at the registration desk or

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Attend a Free Webinar

Learn more about how social media marketing can help small business and nonprofits optimize marketing efforts.

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