



Spacecoast Technical Network

Rebuilding Our Community, One Person at a Time

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Friday's Meeting

Guest Speaker:

Deborah Brackett: Edward Jones - Importance of Financial Management

As an Edward Jones financial advisor, I believe it's important to invest my time to understand what you're working toward before you invest your money. Working closely with you and your CPA, attorney and other professionals, I can determine the most appropriate financial strategy for you and your family. I can also help with your retirement savings strategy so you have more options when you retire, regardless of what you decide to do.

I began my Edward Jones career in 2009 as a financial advisor in Titusville. Today, Edward Jones serves the community from two convenient locations. I have served the firm as WINGS leader, climate leader, field trainer and mentor.



Deborah Brackett

The AAMS® (Accredited Asset Management Specialist) professional designation is granted by the College for Financial Planning. The designation may be awarded to any financial professional who completes a self-study program supplied by the College for Financial Planning, and subsequently passes the accompanying test that covers the asset management process, including: investor policies, risk and return, investment performance, asset allocation and selection, investment strategies, taxation of investment products, individual retirement investments, executive compensation and benefit plans, insurance products, estate planning,

and regulatory and ethical issues.

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Positions that NEED Filling!

The **Guest Speaker Coordinator** position needs a back up assistant.

Volunteers are still greatly needed to help cook, serve, and clean up for the STN Friday morning meetings.

If anyone is interested in this opportunity, please contact:
[Herb McElrath](#) or [Patrick Pearce](#)

Upcoming Speakers

07/25 Deborah Brackett - Importance of Financial Management
08/01 TBA
08/08 TBA
08/15 Representative Bill Posey
11/07 Abby Kohut - Absolute Abby

If you are interested in presenting at an STN breakfast meeting, please call Martin McClellan, Speaker Coordinator at (321) 759-5955, or email at: litamartin@msn.com

Success Stories . . .

Kathleen Schutze - Had a great interview this week and will be starting a new job with CHS in Cape Canaveral on Monday 7/28/14!

Victor Dahlquist- Had an interview with a company in the Ukraine and may have a potential job!

Congratulations, Kathleen and Victor!

ALSO - Eastern Florida State College - Time is running out to register for the fall semester courses.

If you have a Success Story that you would like to share with the group, please contact [Gail Peek](#).

Upcoming Events . . .

**NOTICE - Due to a conflict in venues - the STN Meeting will be held in the 418 Bldg, behind the Parish Hall.
At the usual time of 8:00 am.**

July 2014 [North Brevard Events for July](#)

[Goodwill Calendar](#)

July - [Summer Saturday Nights - Brevard Zoo](#)

Aug. - [Butterfly Wings and Enchanted Things - Brevard Zoo](#)

July & Aug - [SBDC Workshops](#)

July & Aug - [Florida Business Workshops](#)

07-23 **Business Development Focus Group - 6:00pm, Fairfield Inns and Suites**

07-25 **STN Board of Directors Meeting**

07-26 [Hang Ups Art Gallery 2nd Annual Summer Breeze Artist's Reception](#)

08-01 [Titusville Chamber Business Connections Lunch](#)

08-02 [SPCA Pre-Opening Tour](#)

08-05 [Hob Nob 2014 at the Port - 5:30 - 8:30 - Cruise Terminal 6 - \\$20](#)

08-05 [Titusville Chamber Home Based Business Expo](#)

08-15 [Registration Deadline: Dinner & Movie Alaska & China Travel](#)

08-22 [The View From Within the Spacesuit](#)

09-24 [Tri-Regional Business Summit](#)

If you have an upcoming event that may be of interest to our group, please contact [Gail Peek](#).

Weekly Article . . .

7 Reasons to Pursue Financial Independence

by [Jonathan Chevreau](#)

July 23rd, 2013

Most of us don't need reminders of why we want to retire some day. As the decades fly by, salaried jobs can be stressful and that doesn't seem about to change in an increasingly competitive global economy. There may come a time when bosses, clients, ambitious co-workers, the commuting routine and other aspects of working may start to pale. The sheer time and energy needed to be a full-time worker also takes away from other things: time with family, time to for the arts, sports, spiritual pursuits or other forms of leisure.

In short, no one has to sell us on the idea of retirement. You don't need seven reasons to retire. You already know why you're saving for an eventual retirement and it boils down to one word: Freedom. And yet it seems people do need to be reminded of the benefits of financial independence. As anyone who has happened on this blog well knows, I do not regard financial independence (or what I call "Findependence" for short) and retirement as the same thing. In my view, Findependence is necessary if you want retirement but Findependence is still a worthwhile goal even if you love working and intend to continue doing so for decades still to come.

Defining Financial Independence

In short, while you may plan to retire at the customary retirement age of 65 (plus or minus a few years), there's no reason why you wouldn't want to establish financial independence by your mid 30s or 40s. That is, you would want to be completely debt-free, including mortgage free, so that you have a roof over your

head that's rent-free, and have accumulated enough capital that you could live passively off dividends and interest: perhaps not in grand style but you'd never be wondering where your next meal was coming from. For a formal definition, I again would point readers to an excellent entry on financial independence housed at Wikipedia. I also devoted a recent installment of thisMoneySense blog to this here.

Last week, there was a well-circulated article in the My Financial Independence Journey blog entitled 7 Reasons Everyone Should Reach Financial Independence. (See, I'm by no means the only one out there beating the drum for financial independence instead of retirement!) While today's blog title is just a minor variation of that title, I'm happy to give credit here to the original author. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery and all that! I subsequently riffed off that article to write a followup guest blog for Roger Wohlner, aka The Chicago Financial Planner. You can find that blog published on Roger's site the past weekend here. Roger is also a must-follow on Twitter as @rwohlner.

Since this is the Financial Independence blog at MoneySense, I've incorporated the 7 points I commented on below:

1. The Ultimate Unemployment Insurance

This is certainly one of the key attributes of Findependence as I've always viewed it. If you're not findependent then by definition you're living paycheque to paycheque, which means that if you do lose your job, you're at the mercy of those who dole out the rather minimal amounts of employment insurance - assuming you even qualify and can jump through all the hoops.

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Employment / Training Opportunities...

STN Discussion Forum Job Postings (Member Login Required)

JOB POSTINGS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO MEMBER WEBSITE!!!

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**The Spacecoast Technical Network Offers
Two Levels of Membership**

Associate Member - are seeking to re-establish their income stream. Many of our associate members have since moved on to new positions of employment. Some are starting their own business, while others have re-enrolled in an educational curriculum that will provide them with new skill sets and/or certificates for the next step in their career.

Business Support Member - offer the expertise and resources of their businesses to aid and assist the STN in its quest to strengthen the economic situation of the community. The support of the local business community is the

key to the completion of all STN goals.

One Year Membership is just \$20. Contact [Herb McElrath](#), Director of Membership Services Via Email For More Information Or...

[Visit The STN Website](#)



About The Spacecoast Technical Network

The STN meets every Friday to network, share a meal, and learn from informative speakers.

The membership is over one hundred and growing weekly. STN is about securing Employment for its members, enhancing skill sets through Educational resources, and providing ongoing professional support and expertise for new and exciting Entrepreneurial efforts.

Networking begins at 8:00am. A hot breakfast is served at 8:30. Cost for the breakfast is \$4 per person. The Spacecoast Technical Network meets in the parish hall of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, located at 414 Pine St., Titusville.

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