Going Beyond Time Management

Principles and tools for dealing with everything there is to do or handle

Working longer hours is <u>unsustainable</u>; resulting in exhaustion, sickness & disengagement.

Time Management

When most people think of productivity, they think of time management, useful but limited

We have more productivity tools than we could have imagined. Since 1960 the average American is working 160 hours more per year

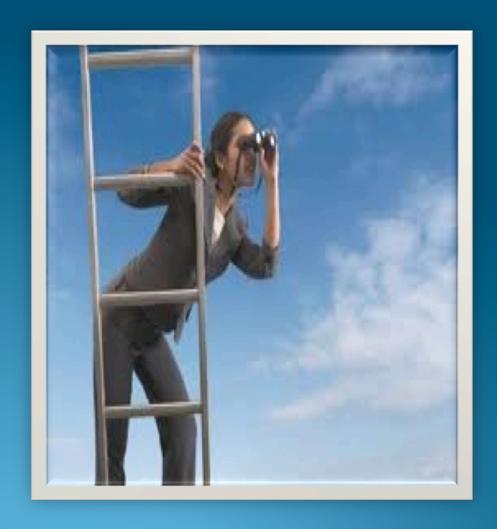# The 'Time Management Ladder'

- Day/Executive Planners

- Organizational tools:

  Post-it notes,

  whiteboards,

  paper calendars,

- Technology Tools:

  Blackberry's, Laptops,

  Electronic Calendars

  Electronic Post-it notes

  cocktails...

How many do you use?

- To Do / Task List
- PDA
- E-mail
- Tablets
- Piles on your desk
- Computerized schedule
- Scraps of paper
- Files
- Books
- Laptop computer
- Bound notebooks
- Paper Schedules/ Organizers
- Baskets
- Database
- Smart Phone

- Fax machines
- Word Processors
- Blackberry
- Dictaphone
- Voice messages
- Desk top computer
- Wall calendar
- Desk phone
- Internet portals
- Wireless products
- Voice recorder
- Digital camera
- Computer databases
- Post-it Notes
- Spreadsheets

- Instant messaging
- Notebooks
- Paper folders
- Computer files
- Contact lists
- Satellite phones
- Reference libraries
- Activity logs
- Project Mgmt programs
- CRM software
- Webcast presentations
- Tape recorders
- Video cameras
- Planners
- Voicemail logs
- Meeting journals

Your Current Management Structure

- When you look at your list as a system, what's the nature of your existence system? How would you describe it?

- What is the **impact** of using this system on your performance and peace of mind?

Productivity Practices

1. Capture
2. Schedule
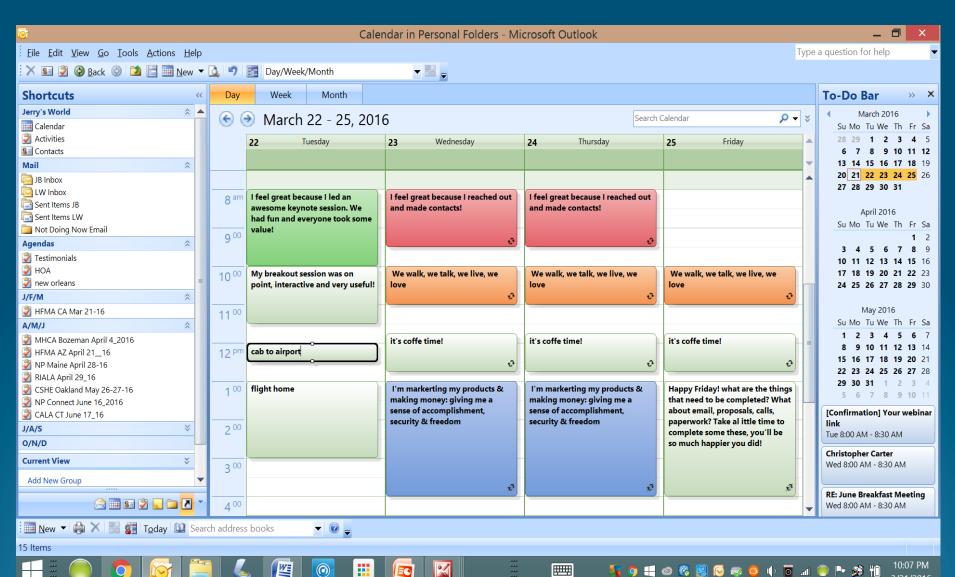3. Use Task Folders for Managing People & Projects

Catch Tools
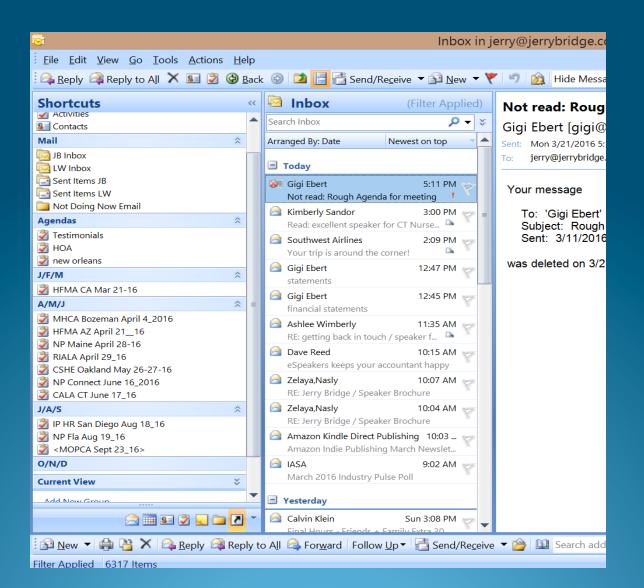
Catch Tool Work Practices

- You have **one or two** Catch Tools

- Your Catch Tool is at hand **at all times**

- Enter ideas into your Catch Tool as they come to mind

- **Each day**, you **move everything** from your Catch Tool into your calendar, or to your outlook projects folders

Routines

- What are your routines ?

- At work: paperwork, communications, meetings, emergencies, project work

- At home: read the paper, walk the dog, exercise, reading, time with family, fight with your spouse, cocktail hour, prayer.
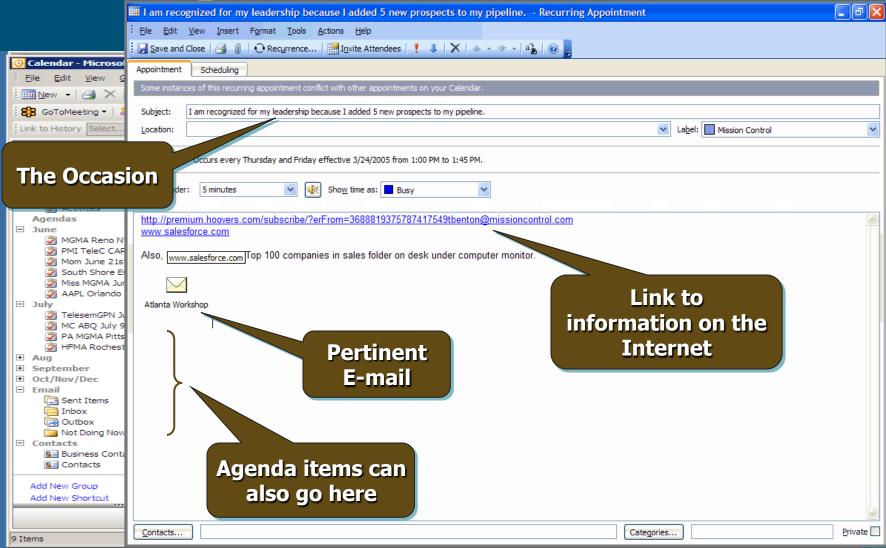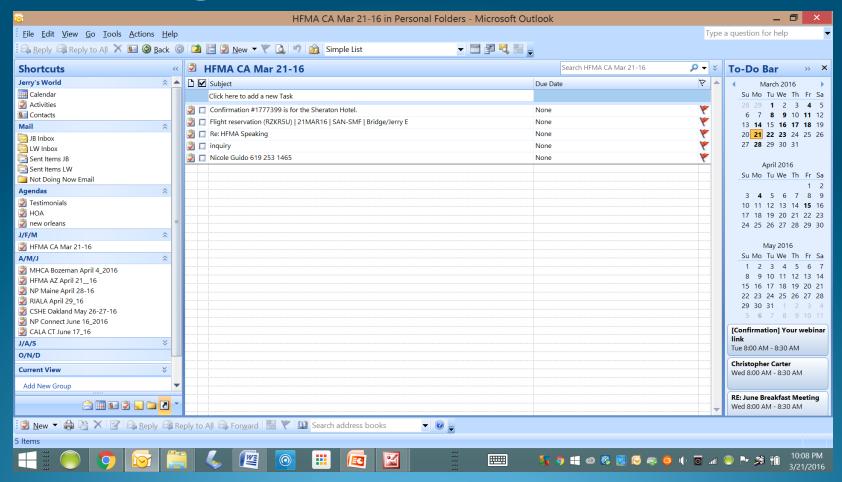
If you're going to do it, Schedule it!

Managing people & projects

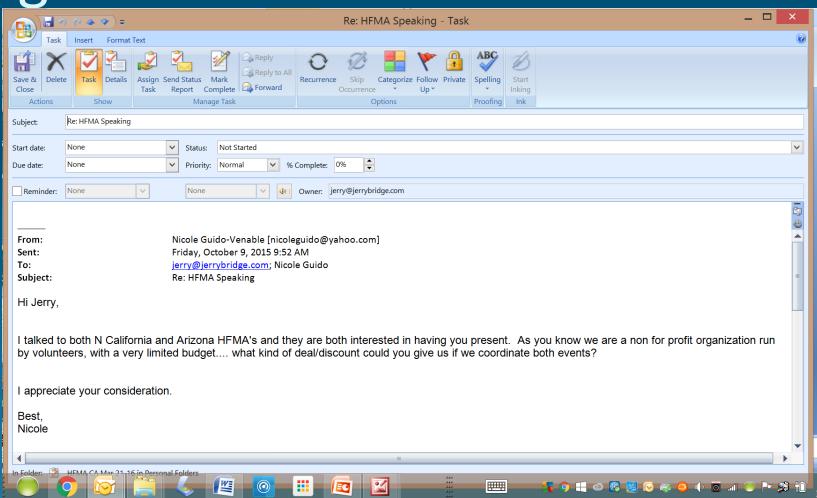- Create agendas for the people and projects your regularly work on.

Storing Relevant Information

The Occasion

Link to information on the Internet

Pertinent E-mail

Agenda items can also go here

Work agendas

agendas

inhale...exhale...email

5 practices for saving your sanity

Email Practices

- Turn off your e-mail notification indicators – sound and visual.

- Schedule time to scan and read the E-mail in your inbox

- As you read and scan your E-mail, slide anything that you **cannot respond to instantly** into your <u>Not Doing Now</u> E-mail folder or to the task folder it belongs to

Email Practices

- Schedule three or four occasions per week to **review, process and respond** to what is in your <u>Not Doing Now</u> E-mail folder.

- Do not open and read E-mail **except during the scheduled Occasion.**

Handling interruptions & distractions

Interruptions & Distractions

- Learn to say "NO" when you should

- When interrupted ask, is this a **'411' or a '911'**

- Use 'Agendas' (task folders in Outlook) to manage projects and people

- Close your door when you should

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