



## Connections.... a newsletter from The Springboard Group™

Expert Guidance Through Life's Transitions

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Dear Subscriber,

We are excited about our upcoming complimentary workshops beginning with “**Responding to Critical Decisions in Life Transitions**” scheduled for Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 – 5:30 PM. Our [spring workshop series](#), sponsored by [Owen and Owens, PLC](#), will provide an opportunity to connect and learn from others in a welcoming, caring environment. Often it is a close friend, relative, co-worker, or advisor who can fill the role of being the “life-line” to a person in transition. Taking the initiative to invite and accompany them to a workshop is a concrete way to demonstrate your support during a difficult time. So, reach out and encourage someone to register for one or all of our upcoming workshops! Registration is easy – from our home page at <http://LaunchingNewLives.com>, or email name, address, email address and telephone to [Janice@LaunchingNewLives.com](mailto:Janice@LaunchingNewLives.com). For information on the next two workshops, see *Upcoming Events*, below.

We are here to help!

Ann, Greg, & Janice  
*Your Springboard Partners*

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### What's New...?

- We welcome our **newest sponsor**, [First Market Bank](#), who shares Springboard’s **commitment** to restoring and renewing the lives of those experiencing difficult life transitions. First Market Bank will be sponsoring our 2008 Fall Educational Workshop series. Stay tuned! Thank you, First Market Bank!
- A great new book is now available in our Marketplace bookstore! Here is an excerpt from a book review just posted to our website:

[We Plan, God Laughs](#), by Sherre Hirsch. The subtitle of this newly released book by Rabbi Sherre Hirsch is, “**10 Steps To Your Divine Path When Life is Not Turning Out Like You Wanted**”. Rabbi Hirsch’s first book is a wonderful combination of Jewish custom and theology, practical, common- sense wisdom, and experience as one of very few female Rabbis in our country. She is also a Mom with young children launching a new career as an author, so transitions and life balance challenges are very familiar to her. Her humor permeates her life “lessons”, keeping you engaged. [Read the full review](#) by Janice Burroughs.

## *Did You Know That . . . . ?*

- Regardless of what is described in a divorce decree, **from a creditor's perspective**, both parties remain liable for the outstanding debt of joint accounts. Therefore, in the event of divorce, close joint accounts so they cannot be accessed further and maintain frequent checks on your credit rating.
- The cost of raising a child born in 2006 to age 18, in 2007 dollars, is \$204,060 for middle income parents. This figure does not include college costs (source: Dept of Agriculture)

## *Upcoming Events . . .*



- **Mother's Day** will be here in a few weeks! For those of us fortunate to have our Moms with us still, it is a day to give thanks for the many ways she has shaped our lives. It can also be a day of remembrance for Mothers no longer with us. Our [marketplace](#) offers thoughtful gifts for Moms, including living plants, flowers, gift baskets, and books. If you would like to have a living remembrance delivered ready for you to plant, visit our affiliate, [Wayside Gardens](#).
- **Our Spring Workshop Series** sponsored by [Owen and Owens](#) , LPC continues in May and June at Bottega Bistro, on Huguenot Rd. in Midlothian. Admission is free, but seating is limited, so registration is required! Visit our [home page](#) for registration and detailed information. Be sure to invite a friend !



- **May 22 from 4-5:30 pm Workshop Series II: Restore: Expert Guidance As You Rebuild Your Life.**

*During the period surrounding a life transition, information, guidance, and support is critical. Decisions initially postponed, such as housing, career, legal, and financial issues, will have to be made, and can shape the rest of your life. Gain insight and knowledge from experts to help you rebuild your life.*

- **June 5, 4-5:30 pm: Workshop Series III: Renew: Inspiration & Tools to Design Your New Life.**

*Once most of the hard decisions and changes have been made, you may begin to wonder, "what next?" Major life changes can inspire us to reevaluate, and decide to make even more of our own lives. Combine your life experience with new information and skills and begin creating the next chapter of your life!*

- **May 19, 7-8:30 pm:** The *Springboard* Group will present "**From Overwhelmed to Opportunities - The Life Transition Journey**" as part of the continuing education program of the Stephen Ministry of Crestwood Presbyterian Church (6627 Jahnke Road, Richmond, VA 23235). This program will be open to the general public and all are welcome! For additional information or if you plan to attend, please send an

email to [Greg@launchingnewlives.com](mailto:Greg@launchingnewlives.com).

***Focus on Community Resources...***

**The Virginia Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy**

The Virginia Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization representing more than 100 individuals and organizations in business, government, association/nonprofit and education who have joined together to improve the financial literacy of all Virginians.. The [Virginia Jump\\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy](#) was recently honored by the [National Jump\\$tart Coalition](#) for its financial education efforts, being named the “2008 State Coalition of the Year.”

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