

## Successful Marketing and Sales in the New Norm

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#### The new norm...



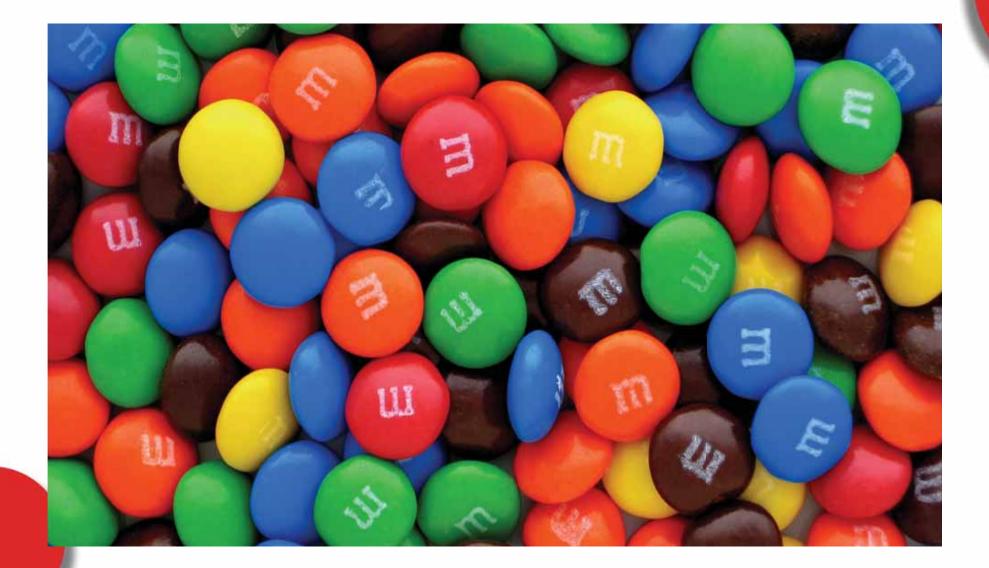
- Changes to traditional regulated revenue streams are eroding the business model
- Existing and emerging competition are eroding the customer base
- Explosion of Internet traffic requires investment in network without traditional revenue guarantees
  - Money is harder to get



- Traditionalists and baby boomers fading away
- Estimated access lines will be down to 71.9m by 2013, 52m by 2019
- Customers increasingly cutting the cord
- Internet traffic expected to quadruple 2014
- Global marketplace
- Products are commoditized

## The new marketing recipe... learning from M&Ms...





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Key points of marketing in the new norm...

- Mission
- Mindset
- Motivation
- Messaging
- Money
- Methodology
- Memorable
- Measurement









- Do your staff members understand your mission in the new normal?
- Cooperative vs. Charity
- In order to serve, you have to exist
- Strategic vision
- Strategic operation
- Over communication

#### Mindset



- Market-driven, sales-driven organization
  - Information, communication, entertainment
- Know the products and services at a "sales" level
- Sales training saturation
- Quotas
- Sharing the insomnia
  - Plan for the future like jobs depend on it

#### Motivation





- Tie compensation to performance
- Individual
- Organizational
- Incentive programs for sellers and buyers
- Use uncommon channels (repair calls, tech visits)
- Referral programs

### Messaging



- Internally
  - Consistency in messaging
  - Purposeful communication
  - Sales communication vs. service communication

#### Externally

- What to say
- How to say it
- Where to say it
- Research assumption vs. reality
- You vs. competition

#### Strategic Marketing Plan – impacts *Mepower* our next two Ms

- Understand profitability by product line and product. Be able to measure, record and report.
- Evaluate existing customers by product and exchange and expansion footprints.
- SWOT of all products.
- Competitive analysis benefit statements vs the competition
- Research
  - Determining low fruit
  - Understanding buying habits
  - Techniques for marketing
- Determine which existing products for which target market.
- Techniques to market, promotions, etc.
  Evaluate new opportunities.

#### Money



- How you make it
  - Percent from customers
  - Margin by product line
  - Potential in market
    - Penetration of total market vs. opportunity market
- How you spend it
  - What you need to accomplish may dictate what you spend
  - Marketing budget vs. public relations
  - Donations

#### Methodology



- How do you reach the customer?
  - Print
  - Radio
  - Direct Mail
  - Door to door
  - Telemarketing
  - Social Media
  - Website
  - Finding out is part of every interaction, just like data collection should be

#### Social media



- Recognize it is real
- And, has impact on
  - Our lives
  - Our businesses
  - Our employees
  - Society
- Impact and reach is of historic proportion

## Why people like it



- Allows people to:
  - Achieve "fame" brag, compete or look cool (take stock of their reality)
  - Respond in the heat of the moment gratification
  - Voice their opinion be heard whether the opinion is good or bad
  - Demonstrate creativity generate their own content
  - Connect basic socialization need
  - Link to those with similar interests validate social norms

### Why it works



- 78% of people trust their peer's opinions
- Can put reactions, opinions and experiences into context when they come from someone you know and trust
- World of mouth
  - Global impact

External impact – the business perspective



- Image and Brand Management
  - Why do people want to be associated with you
- Behavioral influence selling
- Reputation management
  - Diet coke, American Airlines
  - Spinach in your teeth?
  - 96% of dissatisfied customers don't bother to complain, and 63% don't do business with you again

External impact – the business perspective



- Relationship building entertainment, content, putting followers to work for you
  - ESPN
- Education and customer care
  - YouTube guides
- Competitive analysis
- Lead generation
- Interception of potential prospects

## ROI??

- Ford -gave 100 Fiestas to digital influencers
- Results (in 6 months)
  - Over 7 million views of YouTube videos
  - 125,000 hand raisers on Fiestamovement.com
  - 11,000 vehicle reservations
  - And an awareness rate of 60%, equal to vehicles that had been in market 2 to 3 years



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#### Marketing in the new norm



- New methods, like social media come into play
- Determining which work for your market

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#### Start at the beginning



- Listen determine the right sandbox
- Interact create value, content, interest
- React stay within the framework or expand
- Sell in the "not so obvious, usual manner"
- Simple roadmap find people, build interest, deliver content, capture information, count money
  - Sometimes it's your database, sometimes not

#### Success with social networks





# The power of social networking in *Mepower* action



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## There's more to facebook than creating a page

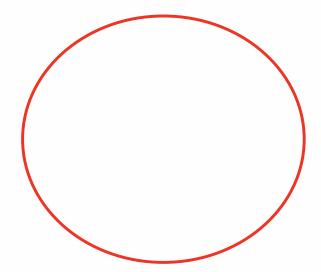
Advertising

Contests

**Opinion polls** 

Interaction

Depends on what you want to achieve and how much time you want to spend



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- Success is the creation of a customer sales experience that leads to the customer's desire to return and repeat
- Builds your sales force, without increasing your payroll
- Use satisfied customers in your communication with others



- Understand the ROI on dollars spent
- Collect data in customer interaction
- Mine the data

#### Steps to take...



Evaluate, modify, replicate success

Tie compensation to sales performance

Build profitability with cross selling and upselling

Use creative marketing

Over inform, educate and equip your staff

Appropriate people in the appropriate jobs

Establish market niche

Formally review the competition on a regular basis

Don't assume knowledge of the market – research it

Prepare to do business as a retail entity



- Now a few words from Henry Ford and Nike
- Baby steps in the right direction start the journey...



#### Questions?



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