

Beyond the Businesswoman: the Many Facets of Sue Dunn

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Sue Dunn's clients and colleagues know that she can rock a Sage 100 implementation, but until now, not many of us had the scoop about her interests beyond business. Here's some insight about what moves her—and what gets her boogie shoes moving.

Soundtrack

Sue listens when the Bee Gees tell her, "[You should be dancing.](#)" Cue the ABBA and she becomes a full-fledged [dancing queen](#).

After the disco ball stops spinning, and it's time for a leisurely Sunday morning brunch at home, however, she finds this meal is best paired with Celine Dion. When her family protests, she might belt out, "[That's the way it is.](#)"

Then Sue is likely to risk further eye rolling, and sing along with Ann Murray. Perhaps she will choose the song [snowbird](#), remembering the days when she and her husband were avid downhill skiers. (He might prefer she didn't share the story of the broken ski incident.) Although she may drive her husband and kids crazy with her music preferences, it is difficult for them to scoff at the next two choices.

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When asked about favorite lyrics, she cited two love songs. Their significance was not about romance, though. She said when she and husband picked up their son from an orphanage in Romania in March of 1995, the first song they heard was "[I Wanna Know What Love Is](#)" by Foreigner. "It always wrenches at my heart," she says.

Further pulling on the heartstrings is the song that reminds her of adopting their daughter, also from a Romanian orphanage. Sue was sensitive to the fact that their child was four years old, so learning English would be a challenge for her. Sue will never forget the words "Language is leaving me" in the song "[No More I Love You](#)" by Annie Lennox, which she heard after they arrived in the U.S..

Dreams

After learning about her family, Sue's choice of super power was not at all surprising. "I would wave a wand and feed all who are hungry and give every child a solid home to live in so they can develop to be good, caring, productive individuals with good self-esteem." She says the world would be a better place if more people would "practice empathy." Sue also wishes we could "eradicate greed."

Inspiration

As a child, her dad was her hero. When asked if given the chance to be a non-human animal, Sue said she admires those of the feline variety. "Cats are in charge and really do nothing." (It's hard to imagine that Sue would be happy doing nothing.)

Culture

When Sue mentioned enjoying the art of Spanish surrealist [Salvador Dali](#), we were certain she wasn't thinking of the cats in his work "Dali Atomicus" when identifying their propensity for

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both sloth and control. These critters were thrown in the air for six hours straight until the photograph was captured just right.

“Dali Atomicus” by Salvador Dali (1948)

Humor

What makes Sue laugh out loud? She says the movie [When Harry Met Sally](#) is hilarious, and “Emre Karaca’s humor in his emails runs a close second.” She also likes the realist-impressionist nature paintings of [Arnold Alaniz](#), who resides in her home state of Wisconsin. To our knowledge, no pets were tossed about in any of his works.

Quotes and Advice

A book Sue recommends all consultants read is [Mastering the Art & Skill of Listening](#) by Jeffrey Hugh Newman. One of the chapters is poignantly titled “Ask Questions...Then, Be Quiet and Listen!” Since she “always tries to look forward and stay positive,” she says her favorite movie quote is Scarlett O’hara’s closing line from [Gone with the Wind](#), “After all, tomorrow is another day.”

The demonstrated enthusiasm for her job is explained by this timeless quote, often attributed to Chinese thinker and educator Confucius, which Sue Dunn identifies as her personal motto:

“Love what you do and you’ll never work another day in your life.” ~Confucius

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