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As a business owner you are very familiar with the various ways that you communicate with your customers or even potential customers. But do you ever take time to figure out which ways of communication work best and which ways are not giving you much bang for your buck? Some of the easy ways to communicate with your existing customers are: get their emails, send out newsletters, do fun contests, call them, send out mailers, create a fan page on facebook.com, etc.

Generating an efficient program to do this can be easy and cost effective. So why don't more businesses do it? Perhaps it is the lack of time or knowledge or fear of trying something new. I will admit it that is usually safer and easier to do what those before you have done, especially when dealing with a risky business like advertising. I say that advertising is risky because it is often difficult to quantify a return on the investment. Many businesses advertise in the same old ways: create a generic ad and put it in the local newspaper or phonebook. A few might even have a facebook.com page now and make posts on things like craigslist.com. Some of you local Greeley business owners might wonder why this is not bringing in the amount of customers that you'd prefer.

Something I have encountered among business owners that worries me is the following logic: "I have never needed advertising before so why should I use it now?" As a business owner it is crucial to remember that consumers are always changing. Advertisements that may have been successful in the past might not reach your consumers these days. Business owners need to stay alert for new ideas of ways to communicate with their customers.

In this day and age, if you as a business are not using personal channels to communicate with consumers, then you are not communicating with consumers effectively. This means reaching the trial business (bringing the customers through the door) is probably not going to happen until you change some things. Those "safe" forms of advertising like placing an ad in the yellow pages or in the back of the local newspaper are not all that personal. But because so many businesses choose to advertise this way these places get to charge you a lot of money. It's a perfect example of supply and demand.

Commercials are saturated with a sense of personal connection but most business, especially small businesses, can't afford to run a commercial on TV. So what can you do as a local business owner to reach consumers through personal channels? Work your tail off at communicating with consumers through the most efficient personal channels you can create. And yes you have to create these channels. That means making flyers, getting creative, targeting consumers through online media, meeting and greeting, networking... it takes a lot of time and a lot of work. There are channels you can use, for instance, on our website we have a free 45 day ad for businesses owners to use. We have developed many personal channels for you to use as business owners in Greeley. To reach the trial business you are looking for you must either make the time to do it yourself or use a company like Person2Person to help you in the process. With today's consumer there is no denying it; you need to get personal! Person2Person can help you make a plan that will guarantee to bring more customers through your door. We are available for appointments and consultations and can be reached through the website. We at Person2Person really want to see your business succeed!

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