

#### Revenue Growth for Spas

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### May we introduce ourselves?



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  - □ International spa consultant and educator
  - This year: Canada, US, China, South Africa





### How will you grow revenues in the second half of 2013?







#### The "Decovery"

- Sales are growing slowly or are stagnant
- Growth is erratic: two steps forward, one step back
- Consumers have changed in the last five years!







#### **Market Trends**



- Super-Affluent luxury spending dropped from Q4 2012 to Q1 2013
  - Uncertainty
- HENRYS are spending more on luxury than they did in Q4 2012
- Discounting has kept revenues down even as consumers have returned to the market

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#### **Psychographic Trends**



- Wellness and quality of life have increased in importance
- More consumers are having spa experiences
  - Spa-going is more affordable, ubiquitous/convenient
- "Good enough" is the enemy of the very good. Only the great get growth.





#### **Courting Millenials**

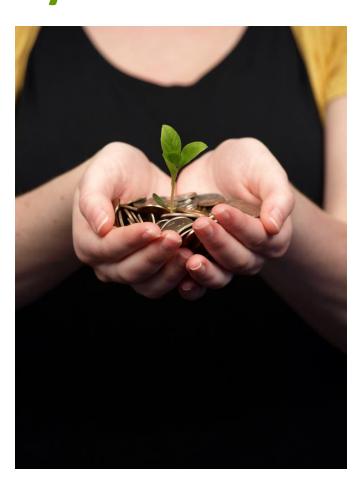
- Millenials expect and want customization
- Millenials want service when they want it; don't smother them
- They do things in groups
- They know they don't have to pay full price
- They prefer to be spontaneous
- Oh yes, they write reviews







### Sales growth is simple. It's just not easy!



- Three Ways to Grow Sales:
  - Increase no. of customers
  - Increase average spend
  - Increase visit frequency





# Where do new customers come from? It's complicated.



- WOM
  - □ Referral
  - ☐ Gifts
  - ☐ Social Media
- Web search
  - □ Search engine
  - □ Review sites
  - □ Deal sites



#### Why do spa guests refer?



- To share something they love
- Referral incentives?
  Maybe.
- They often refer with gifts.





# The market is oversupplied. "Referrals" are *layered*.



- Potential guests have a lot to choose from
- They "triangulate" recommendations
- Online search + review site + WOM + Facebook + ?





#### Social media: where?



- Pick a platform (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, etc.) and be GREAT
- Don't just distribute the same content on every platform
- Use it to converse, not to broadcast (it's a "cocktail party" conversation.)





#### Be findable!

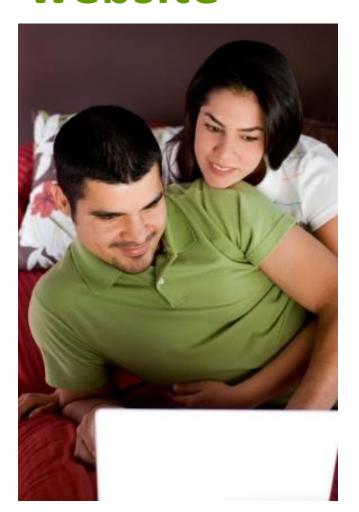


- Search engine optimization (SEO) is a living thing
- Continuous updating
- If it's good for users, it's good for Google
- You can't cheat (for long)





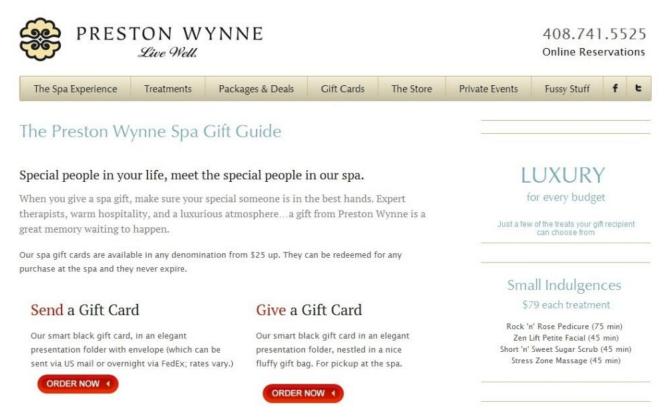
# A great website is a fresh website



- Up-to-date, accurate and easy-to-use can trump pretty
- Updating is a constant, rigorous process.
   Someone on your team must be combing it continuously.



#### The gift shopper



- Lured by discounts
- Motivated by the desire to delight and impress
- Easy e commerce is essential

Screen shot of the gift-ordering interface on our spa site (above the "fold")





#### **Upwardly mobile**



- Yes, you still need a great website
- Increasingly, you need a great mobile website
- Search is going mobile



#### **Great social media reading**



- The Book of Business Awesome and Unawesome, Scott Stratten
- Unmarketing.com





#### Love 'em or hate 'em...





Review sites are a crucial source of new customers, if you manage them well.





# Successful survivors are NOT dropping the D bomb



There's always someone crazy enough to go lower! Stay out of this trap.



# Watch out for promos that drive high volume without retention



- Groupon, Spa Week, etc.
  - know what kind of business you need
- Monitor results closely to see if it's worth repeating
  - Repeat business or costly churn?

# Leverage powerful campaigns to build community

- Millions are being spent to promote health/issue
   Awareness campaigns.
- Care about what your clients care about.
- "Feel Good While You Do Good" eases guilt about self indulgence
- Benefit local organizations
  - Board members are born evangelists







#### **Event marketing**

- Multiplies your marketing efforts
- Private and corporate parties are growing
- Provide a venue for fundraising
- "Hybrid" no-host events at an attractive price point





#### Summer Camp for your skin

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#### Keep it fresh

- Events and classes
  - □ Teen Skin Care
  - Seasonal makeup workshops
  - Client appreciation
  - DIY: infant massage, couples massage
  - Vendor events
  - ☐ "Top 100" recognition
  - □ Edutainment



### Get more customers by not losing customers.

- Customer retention/reactivation is the most cost-effective form of marketing
  - □ 10 cents on the dollar
- Great customer service retains great employees and they retain customers







# Increase the number of customers and visit frequency by offering great value

- "Budget" spas don't always offer the best value
  - □ Educate clients
- Run your own "deals" and keep more profit
  - □ Locbox.com





# Increase visit frequency with membership programs

#### Let Us Reward You



Your purchases, referrals, and even pre-scheduled appointments will earn you Spa Rewards Points, to use as you please toward our services, products, and even gift cards.

Guest Referrals are rewarded with 20,000 points, with a cash value of \$20. Your account will be credited after your "refer-ee" has visited us for their appointment.

**Rescheduling** before you leave earns you 5,000 Spa Reward Points, with a value of \$5.

Your account balance is printed on your receipt

every time you visit. Or simply give us a call at 408 741-5525 to check your balance.

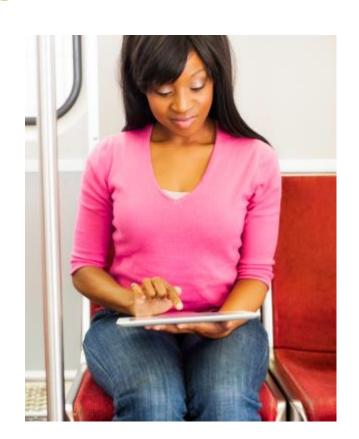
- Massage Envy wrote the book on membership programs
- Reward frequency with price incentives
- It's about great VALUE, not having the lowest price





# Increase visit frequency through yield management

- Maximize pricing in high demand periods
- Drive demand for low periods
  - □ Segment your customer base/e mail marketing lists and save your most aggressive offers for a self-selected group ("The Hot List")
- Daily monitoring, JIT marketing







### ...but they ARE giving more value



- Offers that protect price points
  - □ They have to pay more to get more
- Offers that protect perceived value
- New guests "imprint" at the original price point
- GWPs rule
  - □ expire them!





# Service providers should participate in some promos

- "I don't work for free" vs. "I coinvest with my spa"
- Ask, don't order them to participate.
- Don't overdo it.
  - Anyone whose retention level is X or more can opt out
  - □ They'll see busier co-workers and get on board







# Do you need to increase prices?

- Discount culture demands a higher base price
- You've probably waited too long. Your suppliers haven't.





For Increasing Average Spend and Visit Frequency, Nothing Beats Retail!





# Retail is ready for a comeback. Are you?



Bask spa store, Revel Casino in Atlantic City, NJ

- Improve visual merchandising
- Make it easy to buy from you
- Be shop-worthy!
- De-clutter, edit, curate
- Create a checkout "experience" to slow guests down on exit
- Shop the national retailers for ideas



#### Increase customer spending: retail

- Improve home care recommendation tools
  - Prescription pads are so last decade









#### **Rusty Retail Skills?**

- Continuously train (and retrain) your team in sales skills
  - □ They have to extend the invitation!
  - Clients are better informed,
     better supplied and not as easy to sell to.
- Build confidence with coaching
  - You can't just pay commission. You have to pay attention







# Use contests to ignite excitement

- "Everyone can win"
- "Most improved"
- Create teams
- Celebrate progress





#### Your "support" team is a sales team



- Incentives (pooled)
- Skills training
- Bridge the divide between the desk and service providers
- They're the cheerleaders.

  They lead the celebration of team wins, great reviews.
- Use a Pre-shift huddle to set intentions, celebrate success



- July: Increase average spend
- August: Increase visit frequency
- September: Increase number of customers





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Q & A with Lisa Starr

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