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New business offers job seekers fresh skills and new ideas to help manage the current economy

SAMMAMISH — Sammamish resident and career consultant Amanda Johnson has started a local business to help people find employment. Career Solutions Plus (www.careersolutionsplus.com) offers job-search workshops, individual career consultations, resume writing and customized presentations for community groups.

The launch of Career Solutions Plus is particularly timely in the current economic climate. The state released new figures last week showing unemployment jumped to 7.1 percent in December, the biggest one month increase in more than three decades.

“This is the right time to take stock of where you are professionally,” said Johnson. “You may be thinking about making a career change or you may be worried one will be forced upon you by the poor economy. Either way, are you ready?”

Johnson hopes to help – not only people who may find themselves victims of downsizing, but others, including parents looking for work-life balance, stressed professionals in the wrong job, or anyone struggling with an employment search.

The cornerstone service of Career Solutions Plus is the “Beyond the Resume Workshop”, an intensive, non-traditional job-search seminar to help people find a satisfying career that matches their talents and abilities. The workshop features career training from Dependable Strengths®, developed and refined for more than 50 years by the renowned Dr. Bernard Haldane and continued by the Center for Dependable Strengths® in Seattle, Washington. Johnson delivers this curriculum through the Beyond the Resume Workshop to reflect the specific needs of her clients.

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“I’d highly recommend it to anyone in transition, unhappy with their current job or who is open to exploring new possibilities,” said a recent student of the seminar. “It helped me to define my strengths and value to the workplace, it gave me networking and interviewing skills and helped me look outside the box.”

Johnson has more than 20 years experience in business with a focus on human resources and management training. Educated in the United Kingdom, Amanda earned her degree in Human Resources and Development through the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD), a professional body for those involved in the management and development of people.

She has worked with hundreds of job seekers from diverse groups including business professionals, parents transitioning back into the workplace, and immigrants learning the new culture of the American job market. She developed, and still teaches, a highly successful job- and workplace-skills program for English-as-a-Second-Language students at Bellevue Community College.

The next scheduled Beyond the Resume Workshop runs 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25. For more information, call Johnson at (425) 868-3345 or visit www.careersolutionsplus.com.

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