The Stress Club: Take your power back!

Tami West, PhD, SNS Saturday, November 11th 8:45 – 9:45 am



Ahhhh Summertime 🙂









And then.....



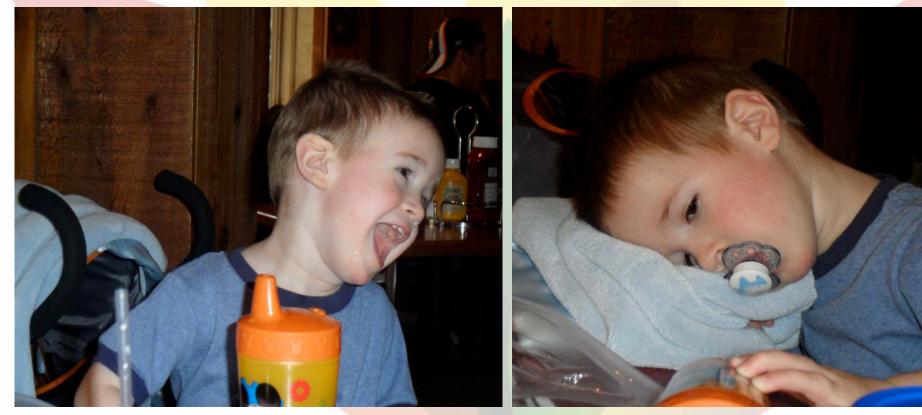
SCHOOL STARTS!!!!!!!



Poll: As a group, we are:

FUN!!!

Boring



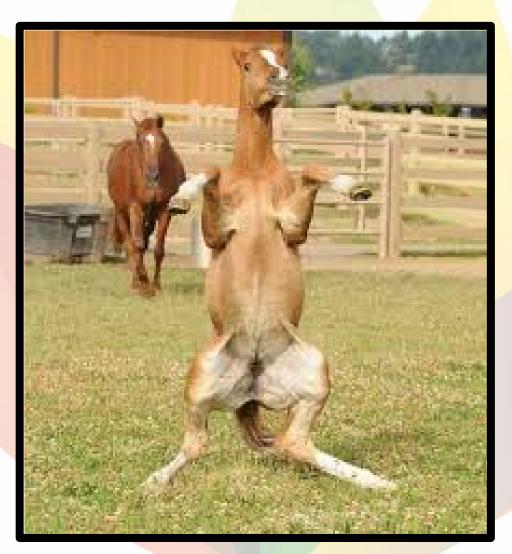
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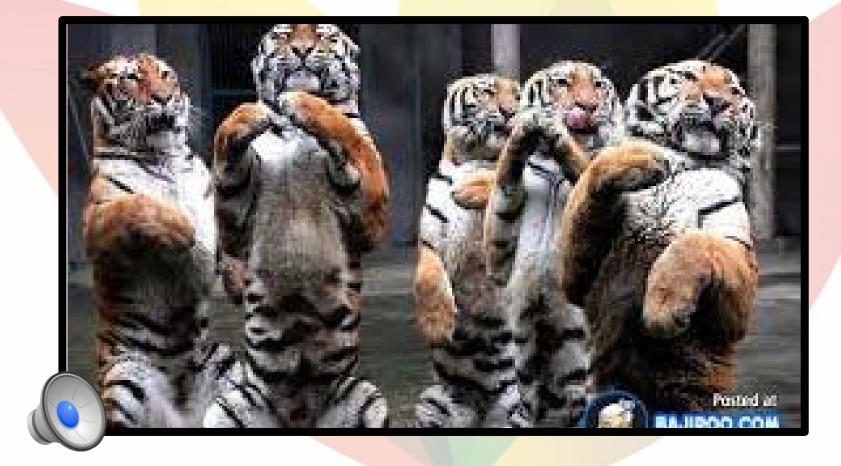
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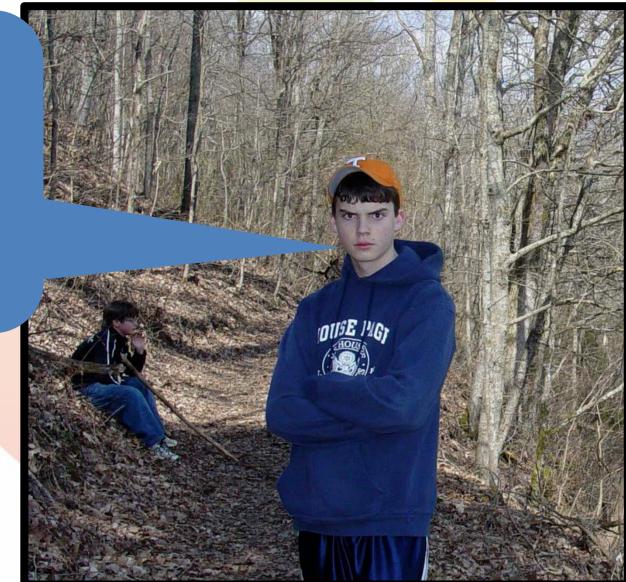
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Agenda

- 1. What is stress?
- 2. The Club
- 3. Exiting the Club

1. What is Stress??

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What is Stress?

- I get up at 5:00 in the morning, leave my daughter all day, and don't even know how I'm going to make ends meet.
- Car problems, your air conditioning unit went out...
- ... all that stuff is monetary too. I think stress really does go back to that as a core.
- I think that it's... sometimes it becomes so overwhelming that you think, you just kind of like, fold and collapse and give up...

So, What is Stress?

Stress, in addition to being itself and the result of itself, is also the cause of itself (Ellis & Thompson, 1983).

Do You Take Care of Yourself?









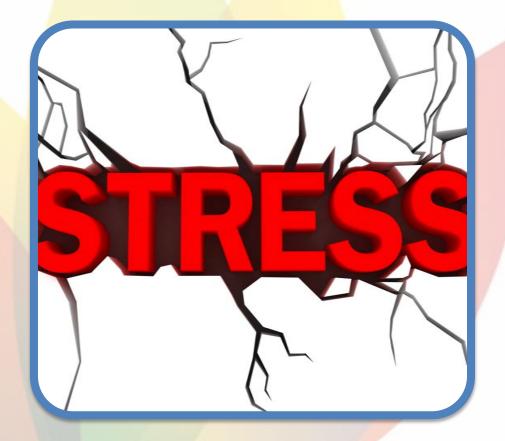






Take care of your body

- Breather
- Use your senses

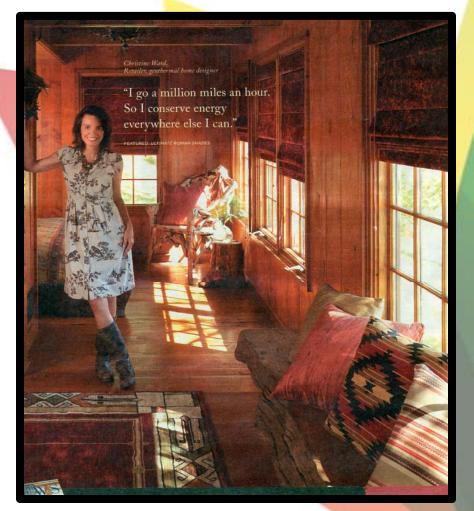


2. The Club

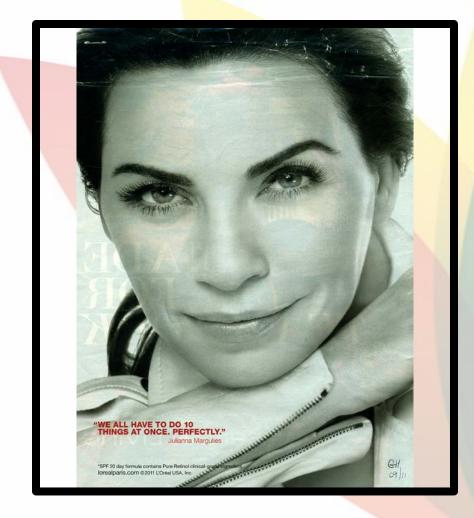


What do you think about her life?

Samantha is very happy with her life. She is married with two children. Her husband shares the housework and childcare duties. She works part-time and her schedule is flexible. Her boss is very understanding and she gets along well with her coworkers.

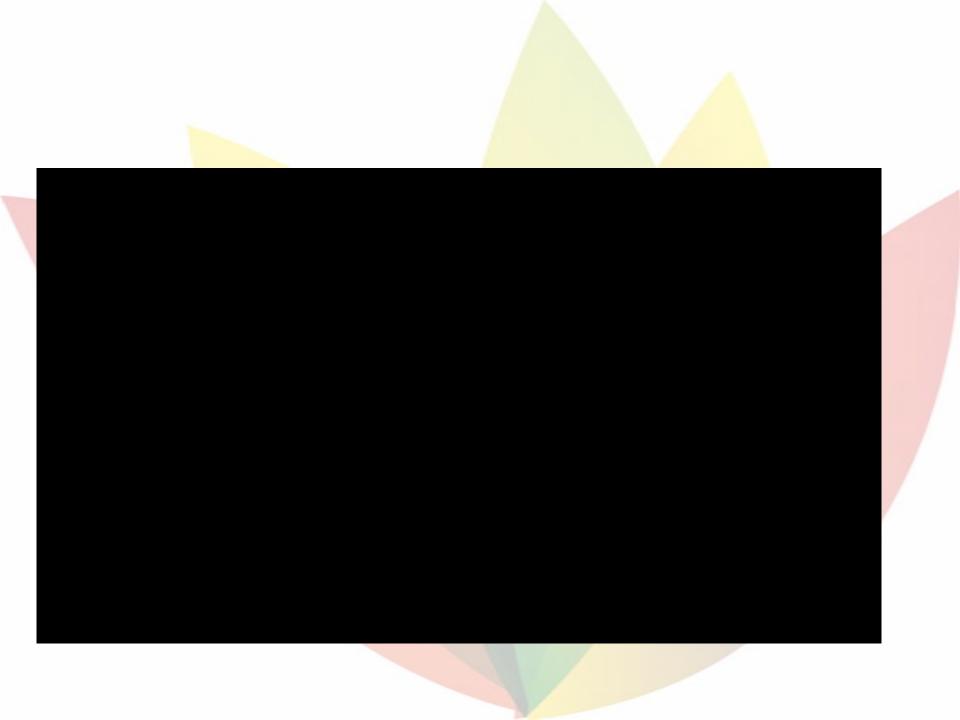


I go a million miles an hour. So I conserve energy everywhere else I can.



We all have to do 10 things at once. Perfectly.





Alice: I think, sometimes the people are like, Oh, I'm not stressed-out, I'm like, well, you must not have a lot going on. (laughs) I know that sounds bad. I just want you to be honest about... People, especially before I was pregnant, like if I said to some of my friends that have children, ... "I haven't slept" and "I'm tired" and "I'm stressed at work" and people will [say] "Just wait till you have kids" and that kind of thing and it's like you're not validated if your suffering is not the same.

These are such powerful words that we'll revisit in chapter'8, but for now notice the shift—it's a shift almost in the same breath. On the one hand Alice seems to be evaluating people who say they're stressed but don't have a lot going on. Then she shifts and expresses how terrible it makes her feel when her friends do this to her. I always want to point out powerful words from these brave women—keep this one in mind as we go forward. So powerful: It's like you're not validated if your suffering is not the same.

Being left out of the club

Women:

Don't think I'm irresponsible
Don't leave me out!

Men:

Don't think I'm irresponsible
I'm not going to lose.











The bottom line? It takes away your control! So – STOP PARTICIPATING & TAKE YOUR POWER BACK!!

3. Let's Make an Exit Plan!



Puzzle Piece #1: Decide Who You Are



- What would your identity ribbon say?
- Stressed-Out is an identity
- Is it the one you want?

fair-minded faithful fearless forceful frank friendly funny generous gentle good gregarious hard-working helpful honest humorous imaginative impartial independent intellectual intelligent intuitive inventive kind loving

OTICC powerful practical proactive quick-witted quiet rational reliable reserved resourceful romantic self-confident self-disciplined sensible sensitive shy sincere sociable straightforward sympathetic thoughtful tidy tough unassuming understanding

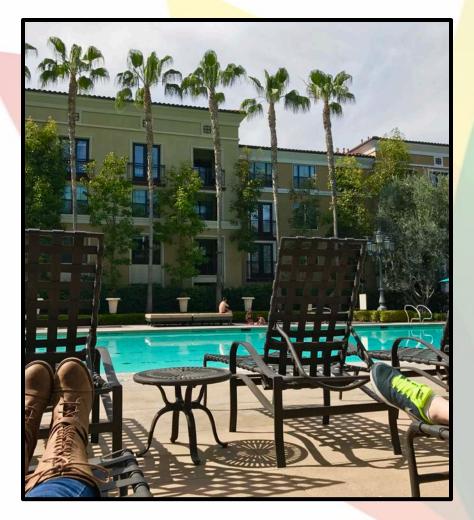
Puzzle Piece #2: Examine Your Talk



Your Identity Talk Your Stress Talk overwhelmed anxious frustrated worried annoyed concerned exhausted pressured tired disappointed overworked confused depressed discouraged panicked pissed busy emotional hungry insecure irate irritated livid overloaded sad abandoned afraid aggravated agitated alone behind brain-dead

bummed burdened challenged chaotic defeated deflated disillusioned drained driven dumbfounded enraged fatigued fearful fed up flustered frazzled fried frightened hands are tied I have had it up to here ignored imperfection inadequate invisible jarred lack of control lethargic misunderstood nervous overly sensitive overpromised overwrought

Puzzle Piece #3: Take Care of Yourself



- Your List
- Your Choices

Sex, eating healthy, drinking wine, exercise, shopping, joking, dark humor, venting, day spa, Drink massage, vacation, beach, long drive, sleeping children

Music, play, sleep, horseback riding, movies, taking breaks, socializing, hanging out with family, eating breakfast, eating dessert, reading, exercising, trips, beach, hiking

Humor, drinking wine, running, Target/coffee, music, bath/wine, ing, shopping, cooking, pets, crying, napping, driving, making lists

Drinking wine, listening to music, running, washing dishes, exercising, taking a bath, reading a book, snuggling w/kids, gardening, calling mom, going for drive, walking on beach

Exercise Snack Working out

Sleep Deep breathing Time off Exercise and wine! Treadmill Shop Eat right Food Read a book

Laughter, working out, gardeneating, prayer, sharing feelings with friends, drinking wine, hunting, crying, reading

Swear jar, batting cages, exercise, sparring w/son, going out w/friends, laughing, walking, genuine smiling, listening to music



You Care 😊

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Night everyone !Lunchlady early morning hours begin for me in the A.M.This will be the beginning of year 12 for me.We have to get the kitchen in order and get ready to feed our babies for next Monday. Say a prayer please if you will for all of us in the school system but most especially OUR CHILDREN .Pray with me that God will smile down on us and see that 2014/2015 is a wonderful year for all of us....

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I lunched at Lamar Elementary with Keaton & Chris





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