# Navigating the Digital Landscape to Succeed

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### •The World has Changed!

- GENERATION Y - Ages 18 - 32

The next generation of serious online customers

"The Net Generation" Also called Millennials

- GENERATION X Ages 33 44
  - Lowest Hanging Fruit
  - CURRENT Generation of serious ACTIVE online customers\*\*\*\*



Have <u>You</u> Changed?

#### FOCUS:

### **GENERATION X - Ages 33 - 44**Referred to as "Online Grownups"

67% Bank **online** 80% Shop **online** 82% Look for health information **online** 

Gen Y internet use mostly for fun. vs. <u>Gen X internet</u> use is for <u>core information</u>.

\*Baby Boomers (ages 46 - 83) Buy, Bank, Visit Govt. Sites, and Research Health and Religious Information online



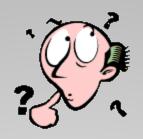
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- The Question Becomes...
- What Do We Do to Stay in front of Online Grownups?



- The Answer = Online Brand Equity!
- Building Trust
- Establishing Your Expertise Online
- Name Recognition Online
- Differentiation in your Online Campaigns



Brand Equity?
Building Trust? Recognition?
Differentiation?

Online??

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Your Competition will have the Last Laugh...all the way to the bank!



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### BLOGGING

The Good Blog vs. the Bad Blog

Name Recognition:

### ONLINE CAMPAIGNS

What, When, Where, How

Differentiation in your Campaigns:

## CREATIVE & STRATEGIC APPROACH

- Does Your Message resonate with target group?
- How will you grab and hold their attention?
- What are you offering that is different/better?



## Online Brand Equity places you "TOP OF MIND"

as the go-to brand in your industry.

#### Diagnosis of Your Business

AWARENESS: Does Gen Y and Gen X know you are there?

PROOF POINTS: Have you proven yourself trustworthy?

MOTIVATION: Are they willing to become YOUR clients?

PROXIMITY: Are you reaching your local market?

Your Diagnosis Determines Your

ONLINE BRAND EQUITY

Brand Equity!
Building Trust! Recognition!
Differentiation!

Online to meet GENERATION X

### PATCH

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We are PATCH.COM
 Reaching Gen X – Online Grown-ups
 DAILY, WEEKLY, MONTHLY, HYPER-LOCAL

What We Do:
 CONTENT
 CONVERSATION
 COMMERCE

**PATCH** delivers the opportunity for Local businesses to speak to the community that gets their news and information online.

FACT: 87% of your business is local. Most of the customers that support your company are based in your local area.

PATCH = LOCAL

PATCH = GENERATION X

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- Important Link
- http://pewresearch.org/databank/dailynumb er/?NumberID=717
- Important Quote
- "The smart business owner will swim with the tide -- or be swept away by it."
- Author, Karin E. Klein (Small business and Marketing)