### **Tools to Help You Retain your Customers**

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# **Welcome to Customer Retention!**

**Some facts about Customer Retention:** 

- ✓ Historically, we have a high "Churn & Burn Rate" of New Accounts
- ✓ Poor retention is not isolated to specific selling disciplines— it is among all areas
- ✓ New customer acquisition is more time consuming and costly vs. repeat advertisers





**OVERVIEW** 

### **Welcome to Customer Retention!**

### Some facts about Customer Retention:

- ✓ Veteran reps retain much higher % of new accounts, about 70% plus. New reps with less than 1 year, only 20%.
- ✓Once we lose new advertisers they are difficult win again.
- ✓ For the most part, we consider it a "Waste of our Time" chasing dropped accounts.





**OVERVIEW** 

# **Customer Retention vs. Experience**

Region % Accts % 3 Year Vets Retained 60% 63% 60% 50% 3 56% 42% 4 54% 33% 5 54% 30% 6 51% 25% 47% 20%

RETENTION VS. EXPERIENCE





# Why do Customers drop our products?

Poor Results

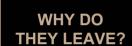
Infrequent
Advertiser

Credit Kill /
Collection
Issues

Can't Afford It

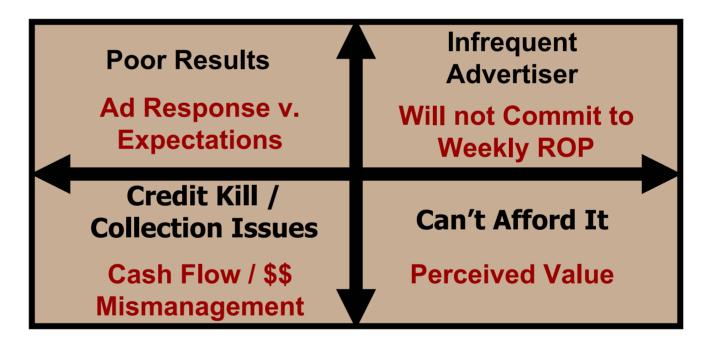






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WHY DO THEY LEAVE?







CUSTOMER RETENTION SOLUTION

**Customer Retention Solution Focus on Top 50 Categories Prove Value Good Coupon Offer RESULTS** Minimum 3 Zones **Set Expectation Multi-Week Commitment Review with your Manager** 





#### TARGET TOP SHOPPER CATEGORIES

# **Customer Retention**

### Fish Where the Fish Are!

# **Top 50 Business Categories that get he best results from Advertising in Shoppers**

Amusement Centers	Employment	Maid Service	Schools
Auto Repair	Fast Food	<b>Medical Centers</b>	Self Storage
Bagels	Fitness Centers	Mortgage/Loans	Shoes
Car Dealers	Florists	Nail Salons	Stereo
Car Washes	Furniture Stores	Optical	Tax Preparation
Carpet Sales	Grocery	Pet Grooming	Tanning
Carpet Cleaning	Hair Salons	Picture Framing	Tires
Child Care	Handyman	Pizza	Veterinarians
Chiropractors	Home Improvement	Podiatrists	Video
Cell Phones	Ice Cream	Real Estate	Window & Doors
Dentists	Insurance	Restaurants	Weight Control
Doughnuts	Karate	Roofing	
Dry-Cleaning	Legal Services	Satellite TV	





Show me proof of value!

PROVE VALUE

It's in the book!









**Insist upon a GREAT Coupon Offer!** 

GOOD COUPON OFFER Wow! 5% off on Dinner for 2. I'm so jazzed. ...zzzzzzz







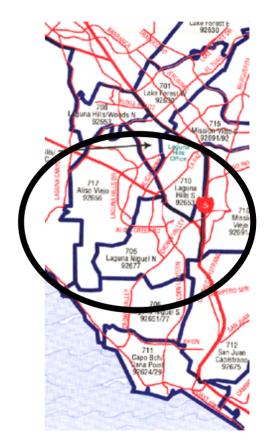
#### 3 ZONES ARE KEY

# **Customer Retention**

#### **NEVER Sell Less than 3 Zones!**

- ✓ Circulation is King! More Eyes than Size
- ✓ Average BusinessDraws 80% of Customerswithin 3 Mile Radius
- ✓ Any Less Exposure is an Absolute Injustice to your Customers and a Waste of their Money
- ✓ You're Simply Selling Next Week's Loss







**Set Realistic Expectations** 

What Return, Response, Results should I expect from my advertisement?

WHAT IS REALISTIC?









Question: Mr. Customer, What do you think is reasonable?





# WHAT IS REALISTIC?

### **Customer Retention**

### **Set Realistic Expectations**

### **Small Ticket Items:**

- **√** Assume 1/10 of 1%
- ✓ Simply Multiply the Circulation x .001
- **✓** Example: 35,000 circ x .001 = 35 Calls

### **Larger Ticket Items:**

- **✓** ROI Conversation
- √"How many new customers do you need
  to break even on your Investment?"
- ✓ "What is an average customer worth?"





### What's a New Customer Worth?

Category Value Per Year

Auto Repair \$436 Car Wash \$93

Dentist \$178

Auto Insurance \$755

Dry Cleaner \$480

Pizza \$300

Restaurant \$360

Veterinarian \$128

Carpet Cleaner \$270

Fitness Center \$540

Chiropractor \$560



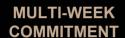


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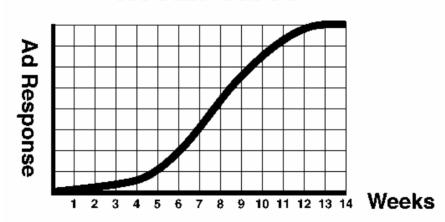


**Get a Multi-Week Commitment!** 

Why? Frequency Increases Recall= Results

**How Long? At least 8 to 13 Weeks** 

### **Recall Curve**



How do I get a Commitment? Rate is a start...





### MULTI-WEEK COMMITMENT

### **Customer Retention**

Take advantage of your Rate Card.

It's a BIG Retention Tool!

Classic Example 2 Zones / ROP1 3 Zones / ROP2 1/4 Page \$148

Commit to a Multi-Week Program and Get 3 Zones for the Price of 2





#### SOME THOUGHTS

### **Customer Retention**

Some thoughts re: Multi-Week Commitments

National Account Rep (anonymous) "Weeks 1 to 3, expect little to nothing. Weeks 4 to 8, something. By week 13 you're a believer and we're a critical part of your ad budget."

Specialist Account Rep (anonymous)
"Are you looking for a miracle or a marketing plan?
Multi-week programs produce results, not to mention
you're cost per lead improves every 7 days."

Territory Account Rep (anonymous) "Don't fire me before I get a chance to prove myself. Give us time to do what we do best. Stay with it"





#### WHEN A CUSTOMER DROPS

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When a Customer Drops, Get Help Fast!

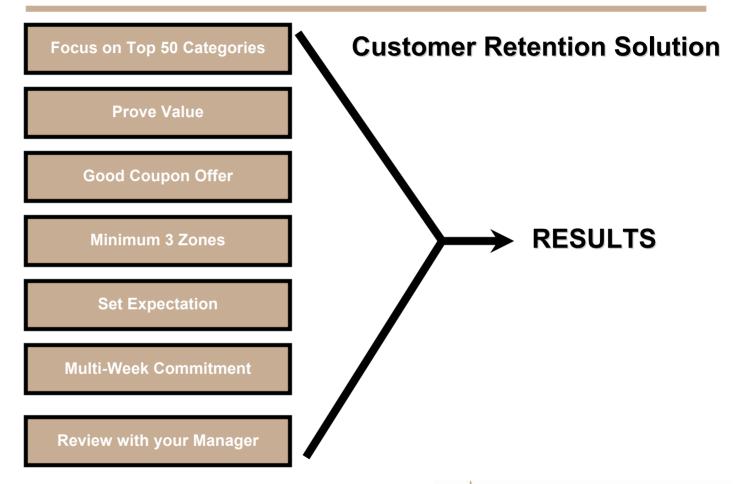
Immediately review the situation with your manager and plan a course of action together.

Beware that Advertising Dollars often re-commit within 72 hours.





CUSTOMER RETENTION SOLUTION







RETENTION ROCKS!

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"Repetition is the Definition of our Mission"





# **Sales Objections**

### **Questions & Discussion**

On behalf of The Leadership Institute, I would like to thank you for attending this training and wish you the best of luck with all of your future endeavors.

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION



