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Working in 21st Century Workplace - Surviving & Thriving - A few tips

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Abstract

Workplace habits and expectations have changed significantly in the last few years. Surviving and thriving depends on your ability to grasp the broader picture and adopt while being aware and honing some essential skills. Topics of discussion include – handling around-the-clock job; setting aside think-place/think-time regularly, training a back-up; playground vs. battleground attitude/aptitude; finding & developing sweet spot of issues for resolution; managing your boss (Yes!), managing relationships (creating your angels), think as a manager; become aware of business control requirements of your employer ("I am just technical, don't bother me with bureaucratic processes" will not cut any more), metrics imperatives of modern businesses; handling personal vs. professional attitudes/opinions; some habits of successful people; talents vs. skills (recognize & use your talents (it is a gift you have), skills – train to acquire necessary skills; productivity – tracking and yearly increments(like it or not!), customer/vendor relationships; seeing or seeking comfort in spiritual or philosophical terms.

About the Speaker

Bala Prasanna joined IBM-International Business Machines Corporation in May 2005 as a technical/people manager. Mr. Prasanna began his career as an assistant professor in SUNY-State University of New York-Oswego in Computer Science department. He worked at AT&T-Bell Labs for over 20 years as member of technical staff, principal member of technical staff & technical/people manager. Mr. Prasanna is currently involved in building software systems working with on-shore and offshore teams. As a manager, he is active in many employee counseling and support organizations. Bala Prasanna has held various positions within NJ Coast section as a volunteer officer since 1993. He is very proud of the value he brings to the organization individually and his influence on the team of volunteers at NJ Coast Section. Bala Prasanna is a senior member of IEEE. He has published and presented on software reliability engineering methodology in IEEE Communications. He has given presentations at many universities, IEEE Section Congress discussing the need and value of career & life management skills. Bala Prasanna is a recipient of IEEE Millennium and IEEE Region awards for his leadership contributions.

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