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January 8, 7 pm-
[Christ the King Presbyterian Church](#)
in Conshohocken, PA,
Making Peace with Your Day,
part 1

January 11, 7:30 PM- [Tredyffrin Public Library](#)- Maintain and Contain Your Home Office

January 22, 6 PM- [Prince of Peace Lutheran Church](#)- Restoring Order in the Home

January 26, 7 - [Chester County Library](#), adjacent to the Exton Mall, Color Vs Clutter

February 5, 7 pm- Christ the King Presbyterian Church, Making Peace with Your Day, part 2

Feb 5, 10 am-noon- Clear Path Strategies: Dump & Run Kitchen Strategies. [Register Here.](#)

February 23- [Upper Merion Public Library](#)- Decorating on a Dime

See my website for updated times and places. Want a presentation

Dear Darla,

I don't do resolutions, never have, but I am grateful for chances for renewal, all the same. Spring cleaning, the start of the school year, birthdays and the new year all hold the promise of better things, more adventures, and more blessings.

One thing I'm working on right now is getting the hang of social media. Anyone with me on this? You can read the latest posts on my blog at www.HeartWorkOrg.com or by subscribing via RSS. (For the uninitiated, that just means that whenever a new blog post comes out, it gets emailed to you instead of you having to hunt for it.) You can connect on the other services as well (see left). I've got several fun programs, announcements and contests planned in 2011, some of which you will only find out about on these new social channels, and **contests start next week!** So please go and get connected on Twitter, FaceBook and LinkedIn right away. I'm looking forward to following you back.

I'm also trying to eat better. Always. Who isn't? With two tiny children, I can't spend a lot of time in the kitchen, so I cook in the crock-pot at least twice a week. The start of the year is a great time to offer my next Clear Path Strategies workshop to help you organize your pantry and kitchen, as well as learn some sure-fire, no-fuss, **dump & run** ways to prepare good, healthy food using your crock-pot. If you are crazy busy, or if you feel like Ronald, Wendy, and Long John Silver are your best friends, this one's for you! We'll be using a real kitchen (mine) to demonstrate organizing and cooking tips. If you learn best by doing, please come. But [sign up quickly](#) before it fills up. Space is very limited.

Here's wishing you your best year yet!

Sincerely,

Darla DeMorrow, CPO® , owner

closer to you? Please call me about how we can make that happen.



Recent Posts

[Smell that? Yum!](#)

[See how the garage project is going.](#)

The RSS button is back. Keep up with just one click here. New blog posts will be sent straight to your email!



Quick Tip

If you scored new gadgets for the holidays, take care to discard the old ones properly. NJ now has mandatory electronics recycling. Check out [Gazelle.com](#), [Earth911.com](#), or [Maxback.com](#) to see where you can send yours for cash, a deduction or just good stewardship.

Survey Results

Do you own a crockpot? How often do you use it? [Let us know](#), and I'll share responses next month.

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This counter gets cleared every day, several times. Come learn how on February 5.

Ask the Organizer

...Common Questions

The same kinds of questions come up repeatedly. Here are some that have come up again and again over the last year:

- How to organize kid's craft supplies? Don't. Have them do it instead. Have them sort out craft supplies, pare down what isn't being used, and store similar stuff together in containers. Stack containers no more than 2 high x 2 deep. Add shelves if needed. Label every container, using pictures for pre-readers. When clean up time comes, the kids are in charge. Even pre-schoolers get this.
- What color should you paint your home? [Click to read all about it.](#) If you aren't sure, contact me for a Color with No Regrets consultation.
- How long should you keep old papers? For most people, the rule of thumb is to keep financial records that pertain to taxes for 6 past years (plus the current year), based on IRS audit rules. Receipts and records that are not tax-related might be kept for 2 years, [forever](#), or not at all. Come to the Tredyffrin Library on January 11 to ask and learn more.
- If you are selling your house, when should you stage your home? Stage your home before

you call the realtor, whether you do it yourself or hire a professional. Realtors and buyers both judge your home on what they see, not potential, and they will price it accordingly. If you have repairs, updates or improvements to make, do it before your realtor recommends a price, and you'll be more likely to hear a number you like.

- How do you keep kitchen counters clear? This is the wrong question. Kitchen counters are the home's workhorse. Plan that they will be covered, but also create systems to clear them routinely and quickly. Like a magic act, it should be, "now you see it, now you don't." Teach others in your home to help you clear space to prepare food, and it really will feel like a magic act! Register for the "Dump & Run Kitchen Strategies" class on February 5.



Clear counters, dishes washed, in just a few minutes. Again.

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