

Randolph Report



Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation

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FEBRUARY SPECIAL

Add Voice Mail Now & \$SAVE

Randolph Telephone has a sweetheart of a deal for you!

Sign up for **Value or Enhanced Voice Mail** by Feb. 28 and receive the **3rd and the 6th month FREE** (a savings of \$11.90 for Value voice mail and \$13.90 for Enhanced voice mail).

Unlike answering machines, voice mail always takes your messages — when you're on the phone, out, surfing the Internet, and even when the power is out. You can even get your messages via e-mail. Our E-Forward feature will forward your voice messages to your e-mail address in real time. You can access your messages

from any touch-tone phone anytime with your private passcode.

There's no equipment to buy or repair. Randolph Telephone voice mail is easy, convenient and, most of all, reliable. Don't miss another call because of that old answering machine — it might be that important call you have been waiting for. Take advantage of this sweet deal by calling our business office today at 879-5684.

(Customer must keep the service at least six months to qualify for the 3rd and 6th month free. Credits will be applied to the 3rd and 6th month's bills.) ■

**Don't Miss An
Opportunity
To Win
\$2,000!!**

Randolph Telephone
Needs Your Help To
Raise Money To
Fight Cancer!



*Relay for Life Ribeye
Dinner & Reverse Raffle*

February 26, 2005 • 6 p.m.
at AVS Catering Banquet Center,
2045 N. Fayetteville St., Asheboro, NC

GRAND PRIZE - \$2,000*

* Other prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

\$100 per ticket

LIMITED TICKETS: Only 120 couple tickets will be available.

(Each ticket includes dinner for 2 adults and the raffle.)

*You must be present to win or have someone representing you in your absence.

To purchase tickets
or for more information, call
Christie Clark at 879-7967
or order online at

www.rtmc.net or www.rtelco.net



MARCH SPECIAL



Get Inside Wire Protection

... Along With A FREE Gift!

Don't try your luck! Protect yourself and be worry-free with one of Randolph Telephone's **Inside Wire Maintenance Plans**.

Wire maintenance protection can save you time, money, and hassle in the event you experience problems with your inside wiring, telephone jacks, or DSL service and need repairs. For a limited time, sign up for one of



our wire maintenance plans and receive a **FREE waterproof, shockproof, super-bright flashlight**. Our basic plan is \$1.45

Randolph Telephone also offers a DSL/Inside Wire Maintenance combination plan, which covers the labor and equipment costs to restore your DSL connection as well as your inside wiring and jacks. The residential service plan is only \$4.95 per month and the business service plan is only \$6.95 per month.

Call to protect yourself today with one of our wire protection plans and get your **FREE flashlight!** ■

Please Welcome A New Face!

Aaryn Slafky — Director Of Marketing & Communications

Aaryn Slafky recently came aboard as Randolph Telephone's new director of marketing and communications.

Aaryn came from the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association, a national trade association for small telephone companies like Randolph Telephone, where she served more than seven years as the director of communications. She is a national speaker and earned a bachelor of arts in anthropology with a minor in journalism from George Washington University.

"I am eager to meet our customers and get involved in our community. Randolph Telephone is very focused on supporting

the local community. This is a wonderful attitude to have, and I want to take full advantage of that. Bringing communication solutions to meet our customers' needs is very important to me," Aaryn said.

Aaryn moved from a suburb in Maryland, just outside of Washington, D.C., with her husband of nine years, Edward, and 2-year-old son, Eddie. She enjoys gardening, writing, spending time with family and vacationing at the beach. She has also served as a volunteer firefighter and EMT with the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department and was the first woman to serve on the board of directors there.

Aaryn was born and raised in Traverse

City, MI, in a rural area similar to our own. "I feel as if I am returning to my roots.

The community I grew up in is very similar in size and industry to Asheboro. I am very excited to have the opportunity to raise my family here and to be part of the Randolph Telephone family," said Aaryn.

Stop by and say hello to Aaryn, and welcome her to our area. She would love to hear from you. ■



Aaryn Slafky

Deadlines Approaching For RT Scholarships

Young Artists' Cover Design Contest Entries Due By April 26

➤ April 26 is the deadline to submit art for the 11th Annual Young Artists' Cover Design Scholarship Competition.



The two artists' work will be selected for the covers of the RTMC and RTC directories and they will be awarded \$1,000 college scholarships. The theme for the 2005 competition is "American Freedom."

Art teachers in seven area high

schools are invited to submit up to five pieces of art from senior art students. Ask your high school art teacher today about this opportunity to use your talent to earn money for college!

➤ April 8 is the deadline to have your Randolph Telephone Scholarship application form completed, signed by a school official and turned into the guidance counselor. No applications will be accepted after this date!

Applicants may obtain application forms from their high school guidance counselor.



➤ The deadline for submission of the second-year scholarships applications for college students who won general scholarships from Randolph Telephone in 2004 is May 27. Application forms are available at any of our business offices.

➤ Randolph Telephone is pleased to again partner with the Foundation for Rural Service to award one \$2,500 scholarship annually to an eligible graduating high school or home school senior whose parent or legal guardian is a member/subscriber in good standing with RTMC/RTC. Applications can be obtained from your high school guidance counselor. Completed applications should be sent directly to the Foundation for Rural Service, postmarked no later than March 1.

Good luck seniors! ■

On the Calendar . . .

February

9 - Ash Wednesday
14 - Valentine's Day
21 - President's Day



March

17 - St. Patrick's Day
20 - First Day of Spring
25 - Good Friday
(RTMC & RTC Offices
Closed)
27 - Easter



Area Man's Business Takes Off, With Help From RT's High-Speed DSL

When you pass someone's home and see a yellow ribbon, you know that the ribbon was placed there as a sign of remembrance to family, friends or loved ones and to welcome them home from war.

When this American tradition started, no one probably imagined this tradition would evolve to placing magnetic yellow ribbons on their vehicles to remember a loved one serving our country.

When Dwain Gullion of Bennett, one of the owners of Magnet America, started selling the "Support Our Troops" yellow magnetic ribbons, he never dreamed the ribbons would catch on like they have. In April 2003, Magnet America started selling the magnetic ribbons to boost support for our troops and to provide a product that would help organizations in their fundraising efforts.

"The sale of the magnetic ribbons went along steadily until July 2004, at that point I knew we had something on our hands," said Dwain recently. Dwain planned for a three-to-four month selling period, but he was pleasantly surprised when sales did not seem to be slowing down, but instead



Local Entrepreneur Dwain Gullion

were picking up. The sales continued to increase along with the exposure that came Dwain's way.

Public interest started with a reporter from a Maine newspaper calling the day Dwain returned from China with his second adopted daughter. Since then, he has been interviewed by *People Magazine*, CNN, CSPAN, and the *New York Times*, just to name a few. Magnet America has sold more than 2 million "Support Our Troops" magnets, and has added additional

designs to its product line.

Dwain most recently was profiled in an article in a December issue of *The Chatham News*, where he expressed his appreciation for Randolph Telephone's High-Speed DSL Internet service.

"One and a half years ago, I noticed a computer in the Randolph Telephone lobby set up for the public to access the Internet," he recalled. "I ask one of the ladies if Internet service was available in Bennett, and sure enough it was. Randolph Telephone's High-Speed DSL has enabled me to work from Bennett and I am thankful for that."

Randolph Telephone is honored to be able to provide the communications resources to assist Dwain and Magnet America. It is our mission to deliver the most advanced communications solutions to the residents and businesses we serve. Let us know how we can help you today. ■

Send & Receive E-mails Even While Traveling! ... And It's FREE

Did you know that you can access your e-mail account while you travel either on business or pleasure?

Any Randolph Telephone Internet customer can view their e-mail from any computer connected to the Internet by going to <http://webmail.rtmc.net>. Simply enter your Randolph Telephone username and password on the resulting login screen and you'll be able to check and receive e-mail messages.

This is a **FREE**, value-added service provided by Randolph Telephone to our Internet customers — one more reason to stay with your Home Town Team for Internet service. ■

RTMC Statement of Non-Discrimination

Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, or handicap shall be excluded from participation of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's non-discrimination compliance efforts is Kim L. Garner, Human Resources. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations from the person listed above and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Washington, D.C. 20520. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible. ■

Are You Interested In An Internet Users Group Forum?

Randolph Telephone is considering starting an Internet Users Group forum for our Internet customers. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail us at usersgroup@rtmc.net.

If we receive enough interest, we will e-mail all of our Internet customers an invitation to the inaugural meeting along with any other information pertaining to the group.

We are looking to launch this forum in March, so please respond by Feb. 28. ■

Strike **GOLD** With ELCA Saver Plans

What a pot of gold!

Randolph Telephone offers four **Extended Local Calling Area (ELCA) Saver Plans**. These plans are worth their weight in gold because they offer you a bundle of minutes and will save you money if you typically make a lot of calls in our extended service area.

The plans are:

- 250 minutes/month for \$17.50
- 500 minutes/month for \$33.75
- 750 minutes/month for \$48.75
- 1000 minutes/month for \$62.50



The minutes and dollars will be prorated based on the date you add the plan. After you use the number of minutes for the month, the rate for the remaining minutes will be billed at our normal ELCA rates (peak/off-peak). All of the plans will be on a per line basis.

Randolph Telephone is committed to keeping our rural communities connected to the information age. Call our business office at 879-5684 to sign up for the ELCA Saver Plan that best suits your calling pattern and cash in on your pot of gold. ■

Our door is always open to serve you. Should you have any questions about your service, your bill, how we can better serve you, or if you just want to chat, please stop by and see us — we're here to serve you. As they say, "Home is where the heart is" — and our heart is here.

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