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Wishyouknew

06-05-2006 07:53 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Letyourlightshine,

If you don't mind sharing this with the public.. What have your earnings been so far?

Out of the Hundreds of Reps out there? How many have dropped 10 grand?

How many people have yet to make their money back?

How many have gone inactive?

For those who have yet to make their money back? Do you think you are changing their lives for the better?

renloyx

06-05-2006 07:56 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Wishyouknew**

Answer me this. You already admitted that you know that some reps have asked for refunds.

You can't tell me that Tim (in his recording about a comp plan) does not tout that NO ONE has EVER ASK for a REFUND..

This is a straight up LIE!

Timmy is a LIAR!!!

Wishyouknew

06-05-2006 08:01 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

I can see if you needed a friend, some christian fellowship, and were a social outcast, had no family, or could not else where find a job.. Then yes, it might change your life.. But, my life was/is not that pathetic..

Unfortunately those type of people don't make good sales people! But, oh yeah.. You guys are'nt selling anything...

Soapboxmom

06-05-2006 08:42 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

<http://www.id3solutions.com/testimonials.asp>

Quote:

We have required an elaborate and intricate design as regards functionality and form; and have been pleased with the professionalism and attentiveness... afforded All-Star in putting this critical part of our business together.

Today, we have one of the premier sites in our industry and are proud to route hundreds of people weekly to the site to tell the All-Star Entrepreneur story...

Tim Darnell, Founder
All-Star Entrepreneur, LLC

Come on Timmy boy! Why did this little pyramid scheme implode? Where are all the reps that you helped to achieve 250 grand in earnings in 6-12 months with your now recycled Miollionaire Mindset cons. God is watching and we are waiting for answers.

Soapboxmom

LetYourLightShine

06-05-2006 09:00 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Wow, you two are the sad ones. Actually, I got started for the product and networking with Christian millionaires which you both do not understand, and my income has my business more than profitable in year one, which most businesses cannot say.

Wishyouknew, I have again read all of your posts and you act as though you know what is being taught, but have no clue from many of your posts. Good luck to you.

Anyone who disagrees wtih you two are shouted down and then are piled on my the anti-MLMers and the anti-Christian sentiment. You can go through the posts for proof there.

snowontheweb

06-05-2006 09:03 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

The MLM are a joke and I have wasted hours on research on that crap! The truth is I have found the best of the best and I am making tons of money and am wanting to share it with the people so they dont live a pointless life. I am just an average guy wanting to help my people in the world to make lots and lots of money! Here is the website for the best of the best

o.k. listen carefully spammer, saturnsc2 sez: "here is is, the first pitch, a ball. the second pitch, a foul ball, the third pitch fouled back into the stands, the pitch, fouled back into the bleachers, the pitch, strike 3! YOUR OTTA HERE SCAMMER!"

yossarian

06-05-2006 09:06 AM

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Soapboxmom

This is some very damaging evidence. It will be interesting to read the response from pro-AC'ers. Will this finally end the debate? Will SBD refute the evidence presented, or, if he concedes to its authenticity, find a way to rationalize it? Stay tuned to find out... I know I will.

fluidscriber

06-05-2006 09:08 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

letyourlightshine,

Yeah right! You got started because you wanted to make \$7000 over and over again. Be honest with yourself, do you think that \$9,995 is an amount you would be willing to pay for

a 2 day conference if you knew you wouldn't be making a single buck back? I don't think so! You joined because you wanted to make money.

Go ahead and try to convince yourself otherwise. Looks like you're believing your own lie already.

renloyx

06-05-2006 04:20 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

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"i'm a spamming moron" [/url]

DIE IN LAVA SPAMMER>

April47

06-05-2006 05:14 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

Phinnly, you would know pure crap, huh? I talked with a candidate today who laughed at the posts on scam.com stating there was no credibility on behalf of SoapBoxMom and WishYouKnew as he read through the thread. I had to agree with him. That was fun.

That's funny cause you lost all your credibility in my eyes when you started (and kept on) making assumptions.

I happen to agree with SoapBoxMom

So I guess we're even.

Soapboxmom

06-05-2006 06:26 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

ABOUT ALL-STAR ENTREPRENEUR, LLC

COMPANY

All-Star Entrepreneur, LLC was chartered in **September of 2001** and is headquartered in Houston, Texas. We have a solid structure based on direct sales and networking; and have a burning desire to educate and assist individuals in their quest for personal independence through business ownership. Our focus is to offer personal success training along with business development for each one of our participants on an accelerated level. Our educational products range from multi-media products and presentations to professional conference experiences covering debt elimination, entrepreneurial training, business development, and personal development. This education is delivered to Associates and customers via the powerful Financial 101, The Millionaire 101, The Personal Empowerment Conference, The Pinnacle Success Conference, and The Founder's Conference.

The Founders of All-Star combine over 50 years of professional experience in business ownership, sales and marketing, and team leadership and training.

VISION

The All-Star Entrepreneur vision is to help individuals across this country take control of their financial situations, to eliminate their debt, to begin having their money work for them rather than them working for their money, and to achieve ultimate time and financial freedom. This is a step-by-step process that will take place through education, coaching, and training with the All-Star products; and very importantly, with the **unparalleled compensation structure outlined for All-Star Associates**. Our goal is for you to win for you, for your family, and to reach out to others and help them win. All-Star is dedicated to providing you the tools and training for complete freedom from debt and with unlimited choices and potential for ultimate financial freedom.

"If you want to become a millionaire, you must develop the 'mindset' of a millionaire."

MISSION STATEMENT

"To enhance entrepreneurial knowledge and skills leading to increased profits, greater independence, and improved lifestyles for Associates and Customers throughout the Nation."

September 2001????? This just might lead one to think Advantage Conferences is on its last leg. This scheme was sure fly by night, now wasn't it?

Soapboxmom

Soapboxmom

06-05-2006 06:53 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

<http://www.scam.com/showpost.php?p=206235&postcount=76>

Gee, SoapBoxDad,

Are you one of those "**upper echelon achievers**" or "**movers and shakers**"? Are you still working on that literary masterpiece "The Big Whoppers of Soapboxmom" ? I don't think

you can find a misrepresentation anywhere, you just are enraged by what I have to say and can't find a way to intelligently refute any of it. It is impossible to paint a blatant scammer and his scheme in a positive light, but keep trying you do amuse me!

Soapboxmom

Phinnly Slash Buster

06-05-2006 07:42 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Unless you recognize the tactics of a pyramid scheme, you may find yourself tempted to become involved. Here's a typical example:

You have just been invited by a friend, neighbor or colleague to attend an "opportunity meeting" to find out how you can earn lots of extra money. You go, thinking this may be a way to build a business on your own. In a frenzied, enthusiastic atmosphere you are told how easy it is to realize a fabulous return on your investment. A smooth-talking organizer may try to convince you that his plan is an exciting short cut to riches, easy living and early retirement. To invest you usually have to pay a large fee. The organizer may tell you that you don't have to invest (buy products, courses, etc.), but it is clear you are expected to, or would be a fool not to.

You are confused. You are not really sure what the product or service is, or how it's going to be sold. Instead, the emphasis of the meeting has been on the fact that all you have to do, aside from investing your money in the program, is to get others to invest. **The plan focuses more on the recruiting of other participants than on selling the product or service.**

Consider the results if one person recruited six distributors, each of whom, in turn, recruited six others, and carry the process through nine steps as follows:

1 6
2 36
3 216
4 1,296
5 7,776
6 46,656
7 279,936
8 1,679,616
9 10,077,696

At more than ten million people for every nine steps in the distribution program, the distributors soon would be recruiting one another. In order for everyone to profit in a pyramid scheme, there would have to be a never-ending supply of potential (and willing) participants. Obviously, there isn't. When the supply runs out the pyramid collapses and most participants lose their investment.

The tragic aspect of pyramid schemes is that they concentrate on and exploit people with limited means and limited knowledge of business-people who can ill afford to lose the investment they put into the program. Thousands of unsuspecting and trusting investors have lost millions of dollars by investing in pyramid schemes. Even worse, the schemes have robbed some retired persons of their life savings.

Pyramid schemes are illegal throughout the United States. Keep in mind, however, that it is difficult to prosecute these schemes; most often the money invested is lost.

It's always a good idea to check your Better Business Bureau for a reliability report on any company in which you are thinking about investing. Also, if you feel you have been defrauded, your state attorney general may be able to advise you of some possible recourse.

<http://www.lectlaw.com/files/cos67.htm>

Phinnly Slash Buster

06-05-2006 08:02 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT PART II

Before you fork over \$10K to anyone this is a must read for A.C. prospects.

Consumer Awareness Institute [CAI] Non-profit Corporation

http://www.mlm-thetruth.com/law_enforcement.htm

Serious students in law enforcement or regulation of MLM's will want to read the report summarized in a white paper for an Economic Crime Summit Crime Conference sponsored by the National White Collar Crime Center entitled

"THE 5 RED FLAGS: Five Causal and Defining Characteristics of PRODUCT-BASED PYRAMID SCHEMES or RECRUITING MLM's."

(PDF – also mentioned in "Guides" and "Research" sections on web site)

<http://www.mlm-thetruth.com/5RedFlag...s2Color3-6.pdf>

LetYourLightShine

06-05-2006 08:29 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Phinnly, SoapBoxDad has already debunked some of the 5 red flags that this Dr. points out. I have also read this site and Dr. Taylor also believes that the FTC dropped the ball with not stating the Amway was a pyramid. Although I am not a big fan of Amway, most people still recognize a Mary Kay, Amway, Primerica, Keller Williams, Pampered Chef and many others as household names and legitimate businesses. Let's face it, you believe that every network

marketing company out there is a scam or pyramid if you are referring folks to this site. That is fine if that is your opinion, but the facts state otherwise.

The facts of the matter with AC is there is no purchase required and no pressure exerted to purchase a conference. The "use value" of the education, ongoing mentoring and training far exceeds any cost if a person purchases the conference.

What is the value of a Harvard education? Well, according to SoapBoxMom, very little as she pretends to be more intelligent than Dr. Charles King, Harvard grad, who is an industry proponent. The value of education depends on what you do with it. If a person is not ready to learn and to grow, they should not join Advantage Conferences and if fact, they should not start any business.

Soapboxmom

06-05-2006 09:10 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

www.mlm-thetruth.com

Let me point out that that wonderful and informative website is run by Dr. Jon Taylor. Dr. Taylor has devoted his life to saving others from being scammed by scum like Tim. So, why is Tim suing an selfless man who is really out to protect the public? Dr. Taylor is the one I see exuding the true spirit of Christian brotherhood. He is not out to empty your wallet, but rather get you the information you need to avoid scammers like Timmy boy and Jack. So, SoapBoxDad maybe you should try again to explain why Mr. Litigious is after him, the BBB and trying to hunt down Wishyouknew and sweet little ol' mom here.

Soapboxmom

SoapBoxDad

06-05-2006 09:55 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

SoapBoxMom--

If we are keeping score, 1) you are anti-MLM 2) you really are not entrepreneurial from the posts I have read 3) you have not been to a conference, 4) You have not been to a Day of Service 5) you rather listen to two or three former reps that parted ways with AC.

I will go with my experience and the experiences of hundreds of others vs. your opinion.

I have called out specific lies on several of your posts, but everyone keeps requesting that I detail where they are lying. I focus on building wealth and coaching others to do the same, so this is way to much energy spent on a couple naysayers, especially when SoapBoxMom will have snide remarks for each of these. Unfortunately, the list is SOOO long that this will take multiple posts.

The fact that you reference the conference as "bogus" and your constant personal attacks on Mr. Darnell speaks volumes. You are not interested in the truth, just in bashing good people.

Soapbox, **your use of the word truth==your opinion**. Glad to clarify that with you and thanks for driving the point home here again and again and again.

Untrue and lies that have been posted by SoapBoxMom:

"CONDEMNATION WITHOUT INVESTIGATION IS THE HEIGHT OF IGNORANCE"

SoapBoxMom, you are in my prayers.

1) Posted on 5-24 Did you fail to get the names of the winos that spoke at the last ballyhoo? I hear Sunday morning is better than a southern revival. **This is not only incorrect as I have been to 3 MMC IVs, but every speaker was a verified Christian millionaire and this post was a lie, irresponsible and is indicative of SoapBoxMom's tactics.**

2) "you money grubbing scammer" this is before you got TruthvsFiction banned. **Since the business is not a scam and is perfectly legal, this is a lie as well as everytime she posts this.**

3) Folks will be really impressed with you goons going after a little stay at home mommy! posted on 5-31 **I guess that MBAs and a Harvard grad and Dr. are goons and less credible that SoapBoxMom--please. I will continue to impeach these goofs with their own words. And throwing Tim Sales and Prof. King at us-----Oh please!**

4) Jack interviewed hundreds and scared off all but 60. We also find out once again they are happy to push this bum deal on your family and friends to the tune of 10 grand. And "many reps are making huge incomes". **You repeatedly posted where the math for candidates did not add up and these we already responded to--see below.**

5) We quoted numerous schills as they sang the praises of this bum deal. We discovered that most if not all the charities listed on the AC site are in fact bogus according to the IRS. **Actually, the God's Child project, The Mustard Seed and others are non-profits that have benefited directly through AC. Those were taken off to prevent slammers like you calling them bashing individuals when you have no facts and have never been involved in Advantage Conferences. In addition, AC could not keep adding ministries without spending a lot of time screening each one.**

6) An oasis of integrity" Really????? Ol' Jack is the only rep that is still paying for these ridiculous press releases. Did the many other schills from last summers releases give up already? MBAs, Presidents and chairman are involved in this silly game. Tell us the names and credentials of the millionaire mentors that donate their time. **I admire Jack's marketing, but we teach many other methods to share this business so very few do press releases. Many who are building AC and attending the MMC are Doctors, another lawyer joined us last month, as well as many MBAs, stay at home Moms, and people from all walks of life. You need not apply.**

7) We will be waiting until h&!! freezes over. Maybe we should volunteer to donate our time and share at these conferences. I bet we are just as close to "millionaire mentors" as the winos that spoke at the last few conferences! **Unless you are a Christian millionaire,**

you would not even make the first pass. No one is going to provide our list of speakers to you SoapBoxMom. Why would they when you will call or email them trying to discredit individuals. You really should focus your energy on something that is truly illegal.

8) I am sure that Scam, Quatloos and the BBB are killing their recruiting. **Another lie as our business is expanding consistently each and every month. If you are sure of this, I would not want to take any stock advice from you.**

To be continued as I could not condense all the lies told by SoapBoxMom.

SoapBoxDad

06-05-2006 09:59 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Additional lies by SoapBoxMom Part 2

9) I guess it is hard working out of Tim's extra bathroom there in Allen. **Again a lie that does not even deserve a response. Another attempt to discredit.**

10) Please do explain to us how those lying goons at AC are part of a Christ centered company. Here are some selections from Jack W's bogus press releases of spring 2005.

Quote:

Jack Weinzierl is Currently Reviewing 3,278 Candidates for Their Advantage Conferences Team of Christian Entrepreneurs.....I am currently reviewing 1249 professionals that have submitted their profiles, since we launched in March 2005. Our selection process focuses on a person's vision, drive to realistically earn 7 figures in the next 18 months, and a commitment to coach others in our Millionaire Mindset program. Only 12 people have been selected for my team, as of May 1, 2005. If you would like to be considered, visit:

He certainly didn't reject 99% of the prospects. AC will take any poor slob that can beg, borrow or steal the 10 grand. If that scenario were true we would have folks on here complaining that they were turned down for this opportunity.

Once again, the numbers were already shared and are in line with our process. Candidates fill out the form and 9-10% go through the 3 steps, then a certain percentage request their interview, send it and a then a certain percentage actually get started as a representative. I have already posted the fact that we have and do turn down folks and writing a check is not a prerequisite.

I have known Jack Weinzierl and there was nothing bogus in any of his releases. His reputation is unblemished and I knew him when he was the president of his last two companies as well. Your statements about his press releases being bogus signifies to the world that you are not interested in the truth.

Someone can do a google search on Jack Weinzierl to learn more. Your note about rejecting 99% is also without merit and you are losing credibility with each point. If you had taken the time to do research before reaching for your key board to bash another company, you would know that more than 90% of folks do not go through all 3 steps and even then about 1 in 9 interviews are declined. Advantage Conferences is one of the only companies out there that do not take someone's

money unless they understand that they are purchasing the Millionaire Mindset Conference and mentoring. Every candidate has to be approved before getting started with AC. And, anyone can start as a representative for \$59.95 and plug into all the training and mindset calls. Once again, you are incorrect painting with your wide brush.

11) Don't hand us that ridiculous crap that millionaire mentors donate their time either. Real successful qualified people will only work for free for a legitimate charity. Cons like you would not be getting anyone with any education, experience or business savvy worth listening to for free. We have noticed that AC does not list the credentials and bios of these supposed millionaire volunteers.

This was already addressed and the 6 Christian millionaires do donate their time freely. AC gives them a donation as a thank you to the ministry of their choice. It is amazing when you build wealth by serving others how giving of your time you can be then. You obviously don't understand that.

12) We want degreed folks, certified financial planners, business executives with proven track records, successful investors and stock analyst and the like. Who is speaking at your horrendously priced conferences?

Who is we? We are surely not going to give the likes of you a list of our speakers. In fact, all of our attendees get the agenda and bios on each speaker.

Horrendously priced conferences? **Please.**

Here is just some of what a rep who decides to purchase the MMC-IV receives. Thanks letyourlightshine. It is important as a legal test that there is NO purchase ever required. I too would have paid several times the cost of the conference for what I have already received value wise.

- MMC-IV conference ticket that includes a spouse at no additional charge**
- MMC Advantage Program where they can attend all subsequent MMC's for 90% off**
- Over 100 Hours of training calls annually**
- 52 Millionaire Mindset Conference Calls annually**
- A turnkey website and 3 Step System**
- A Rep Resource Center for training and access to archived calls**
- Full Distribution Rights to Slay Your Giant**
- Ongoing mentoring and training**

13) You were taken by serial professional scammers. They have made it their life's work to take people by using thier Christian values as a wedge. **This is a downright humorous lie, but lying is never funny to those looking for the truth. SoapBoxMom also included Jack in this statement and his life's work was in the medical industry in screening children's vision and hearing. I guess that is a scam as well from SoapBoxMom's definition. To question Tim or Jack's integrity is irresponsible as I know both men well.**

14) That scammer promised his recruits 1 million (7 figure income) in 18 months. He is the top rep under the founding scammer Tim and he has just cleared half that. We all know

almost every poor slob recruited has lost their 10 grand. **Actually, no most all of the folks including me have received more value out of the conferences and training, not to mention some very good commissions well in excess of \$100,000. Another lie.**

15) If Tim is so wanting to glorify God's Kingdom than why is he putting his reps in financial peril. One lady lost her home and many others are suffering great financial hardship as Tim conned them into refinancing their homes. **This is probably one of the most irresponsible posts and lies that I have read on this thread. This is simply not true and it keeps being thrown about as truth. Sickening.**

What is irresponsible is the one person who decides not to join AC because of the lies shared on this board and you are robbing them of an opportunity change, learn, grow and build their own business. That is probably the saddest part of all your lies.

SoapBoxDad

06-05-2006 10:04 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

SoapBoxMom lies--continued Part 3

16) There is no legitimate business here and certainly no evidence that the conferences are worth a single penny. **Well, better to quote Letyourlightshine on this one.**

Advantage Conferences has changed my life in so many ways and I am also proud to be associated with a company that is boldly sharing the Gospel.

As for value, there is no question in my mind there and I have been active for over a year now. This will probably be my last post as almost everyone here has no personal experience with AC and most are anti networking.

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17) Things have to be going very poorly as the only other (2nd) conference this year is in Timmy's hometown of Dallas. Big D is not exactly the hottest tourist destination on the planet, now is it?

Actually, we are doing great and personally, my income has been 5 figures monthly. As for having in Dallas, the company is located there which is easier for the production company for the 3 camera shoot and we are not a vacation company. Our focus is not in sitting by the pool or beach, but in sitting in room with 6 Christian millionaires.

18) You can say that reps need only pay \$59.95, but the truth is they are pressured to pay 10 grand for a conference.

This statement of fiction is almost funny, but lying is never funny. Since reps do not call, convince or close people when they purchase a conference, how would they be pressured? Oh yeh, they are not.

SoapBoxMom has never been an AC representative (no time as all she does in post on this board) and once again she throws the word "truth" around like Dan Brown's version of truth (thanks TruthvsFiction for that). I have been involved for the better part of a year with AC and there is no pressure EVER to purchase a conference at any conference level. There she goes painting with a wide distorted brush again. I guess that she are redefining the use of the word "truth" to include your anti-MLM OPINIONS. Yet another example of how she bends and distorts.

19) There is the biggest hitter's, Jack's, revamped website.

It was not in fact Jack's website and it took you 3 posts to finally get the right link posted for that after being called out.

Question: Why seek "Advice" from Millionaires? Are the products offered by Advantage Conferences really valuable? Are they worth the price?

Answer: You will not likely hear this question about the value of business mentoring from a successful entrepreneur. Successful people immediately recognize the value of entrepreneurial and business advice, and especially the powerful information delivered at Advantage Conferences Millionaire Mindset Conference.

Here is why:

We entrepreneurs must make decisions every single day that affect our bottom line. We make major decisions at least once a quarter that can determine whether or not our business thrives or stays in business.

The point is, every decision has a greater or lesser "dollars and cents" outcome. Many of these decisions have ramifications that can and will radically affect your business and your livelihood.

One savvy move can make a business tens of thousands and even hundreds of thousands of dollars. One mistake can be costly, if not fatal, costing the entrepreneur his/her business.

Indeed, on the down side, a failed business can dramatically affect every aspect of your life, including your credit, loss of savings, loss of your marriage, and even loss of your health. A failed business is a very serious matter, undoubtedly affecting a host of important areas of

one's life. At the very least, losing a business is not a pleasant experience, and is not to be taken lightly.

Statistics support the fact that more businesses fail than succeed. For that reason, intelligence and savvy in business are not just good ideas – business acumen and clarity of thinking regarding a host of issues are essential. The fact is, if you attempt to operate a business on a trial and error basis, you will probably go out of business, and quickly.

On the positive side, implementing one new strategy can dramatically enhance your business. Successful millionaires know what successful strategies are; whereas most people, including most entrepreneurs, only have ideas of what they think - might work. Emulating the "secrets" of people who have "been there, and conquered that", is simply the smartest route to choose.

When you understand the crucial nature of knowledge in business, you'll recognize the fact that advice from millionaires can be the most important asset you will ever acquire. Without it, your odds of failure remain high. With it, your odds of success are dramatically increased.

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Understanding what we've just discussed is extremely pivotal for success in business ownership. It is the core theme of why Advantage Conferences is in business. Helping entrepreneurs succeed is our mission and purpose. This is what we are all about. We accomplish helping entrepreneurs through appropriate, highly unique education.

As for learning what Advantage Conferences teaches and the mentoring and value involved, yes there are many sources and we encourage folks to take the initiative and take ownership to read T.Harv's book and many of the great resources out there. There is an ongoing commitment, training and mentoring that is difficult to duplicate without the accountability and direction that AC or an organization like it provides. We surely are not the only organization that people can align themselves with and ultimately, they should find the best fit. I know that is the case in my life. A person can learn everything they teach in an MBA program simply by reading and plugging into outside resources, but the focus, accountability and structure provided by those programs equate to some programs costing \$100,000+.

Lastly, Advantage Conferences is bold with their statement of faith to make sure that someone who plans on partnering with them knows what they stand for. The weekly mindset calls are led and reference scripture, so they need to know up front. If anything, it scares many folks away so it surely is not used for marketing purposes. I have witnessed the walk that backs the talk. Most folks are freaked out when you talk about finances and especially GIVING and the responsibility that comes with those finances.

With that said, there will always be people who question value, who state this and that and I guess that is to be expected. It saddens me when so called Christians on this board try to crucify folks and many of those posting have not been building AC. In fact, since AC is such a new company, the one of two that state they have been involved on this board, surely have not been there long enough to even build a business. In fact, we have hundreds of reps and I will share some of the powerful testimonials they they share internally with no financial incentive and no reward

To anyone researching Advantage Conferences, I encourage you to look elsewhere if you are looking for a "do nothing" get rich quick scheme. This is a business where a person is there to learn first, improve their mindset, and then build a business.

I do pray for those individuals on this board that they have direction, purpose and that they do not share opinions as fact.

Phinnly Slash Buster

06-05-2006 10:27 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell
Organized Crime Expert - Amway Just Like Mafia

by Evelyn Pringle
(Email: epringle05@yahoo.com)

Amway knew it was in trouble when the internet arrived and the details about the company's pyramid schemes began appearing online. A memo dated Dec 19, 1997, that surfaced in a lawsuit, contains the details of a voice message sent out to the Amway leadership, by then Vice President, Ken MacDonald, that reveals just how desperately Amway tried to control the flow of information on the internet.

MacDonald said ... "This message is on the internet ... we've hired consultants and been working very diligently on all of the secret computer language that helps the search engines pick a site and because of that we've moved the positive Amway sites quite a bit up in the web search engines, and some of the negative sites down. And lastly, that we are working to provide very soon, for all those who qualified Emeralds and above ... their own personal homepage so we will have tons of positive Amway information on the web," he said.

There is one particular document that the company has gone to great lengths to stop people from reading on the internet. In fact, on June 12, 1998, Amway went to court and got a Protective Order in attempt to keep this specific report hidden from public view.

Professor G Robert Blakey was retained as an expert witness for the plaintiffs in the 1998 Procter & Gamble v Amway lawsuit to render an opinion on Amway's business practices. He is one of the nation's foremost authorities on organized crime. Blakey was directly involved in drafting and implementing RICO-type legislation in 22 of the more than 30 states that enacted racketeering laws.

After studying Amway's business structure and functions, Blakey, wrote a damning report that stated: "It is my opinion that the Amway business is run in a manner that is parallel to that of major organized crime groups, in particular the Mafia. The structure and function of major organized crime groups, generally consisting of associated enterprises engaging in patterns of legal and illegal activity, was the prototype forming the basis for federal and state racketeering legislation that I have been involved in drafting. The same structure and function, with associated enterprises engaging in patterns of legal and illegal activity, is found in the Amway business."

For those not familiar with the RICO Act, it "was passed by ... Congress to enable persons financially injured by a pattern of criminal activity to seek redress through the state or federal courts," according to the Rico Act website. Amway has been sued hundreds of time

under the RICO Act.

Blakey Report Outed

In the early spring of 2004, Amway became extremely upset when the full Blakey Report began appearing on the world wide web. The company's attorneys flew into action trying to suppress it.

Initially, they successfully used the protective order to force websites to remove the report. For example, on March 11, 2004, the MLM Survivor website reported that the Quixtar Blog had removed the Blakey Report from its servers and said "... according to the site owner, Amway's lawyers are frantically trying to find out who leaked. They assert the report is confidential, and covered by a protective order."

However, Amway was not as successful with getting it removed from other sites. MLM Survivor reported that company attorneys also contacted MLM, to demand that they remove the report from its website because it was sealed under a protective order.

Survivor's response to Amway was, "We can't remove what we don't have. MLM Survivor does not now, nor has it ever, had a copy of the report on its website. Link, yes. Copy, no," the website said.

This must be like déjà vu to MLM. The website had already been hit with one SLAPper lawsuit by Amway. SLAPP is the abbreviation for Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation. According to the First Amendment Center, "SLAPPers do not sue to achieve a litigation outcome; rather, they file to silence their opposition. Generally, the mere filing of the suit -- or just the threat of suit -- accomplishes that purpose;"

www.firstamendmentcenter.org

However, it looks like the SLAPper failed to obtain its objective with Survivor because the site is still alive and well on the internet. In fact, Survivor had this to say about the lawsuit. "I have to admit that I've been waiting for about six years (as long as this site has been in existence) for Amway/Quixtar/Alticor to slap me with a lawsuit for one trumped-up thing or another. I never expected my first-ever lawsuit to be such a farce," it said.

In another futile attempt to have the report removed from a site, on March 2, 2004, Amway Attorney Griffin, sent a letter with a copy of the court order, to a research professor by the name of David Touretzky. On March 21, 2004, he wrote back to Attorney Griffin and stated: My reading of this order leads to the following observations:

Paragraph 16 says that the terms of the order shall remain in force "to the extent that the information in such material is not or does not become known to the public..." Since I obtained my copy of the Blakey Report from a publicly accessible web page, the information clearly has become known to the public. The order therefore no longer applies to this document.

Paragraph 16 also says that the protective order is "binding upon all persons to whom confidential information is disclosed hereunder." The information was not disclosed to me under the terms of this order. I was never a party to this litigation, nor do I have any relationship of any kind with Amway, or Proctor & Gamble, or their respective attorneys, agents, or consultants. The protective order was never intended to apply to totally unrelated parties like me, or the news media, and it is not binding upon me now.

Touretzky's reasoning would apply to the copy of the report that I obtained as well. When I discovered my copy a while back, it was already published on a number sites. It is currently posted on just about every Amway website out there.

The entire report can be read on the www.merchantsofdeception.com website of Eric Scheileber, a former Amway Distributor, who wrote the book, Merchants of Deception, that prompted the current FBI investigation of Amway, and an expose by NBC's Dateline. (The book discloses Amway's close ties to the Republican party and both Bush administrations and can be downloaded free, for a limited time, on the website)

Why Was Amway So Worried?

Why was Amway so worried about people reading the report? Probably because it very specifically explains how the Amway Corporation's family-business structure is just like the mafia. According to Blakey, Amway has a family structure nearly identical to those found in organized crime.

The company has remained a privately held company since it was founded by Jay Van Andel and Rich DeVos in 1959, Blakey notes. But control of the corporation has now shifted to the sons of the founders, Richard DeVos, Jr and Steve Van Andel, he says.

The report also describes the Amway pyramid schemes. "The Amway Corporation primarily provides the various products and services that serve as a backdrop for the pyramid-type recruitment and motivational schemes undertaken in the Amway business."

As evidence of the mafia-like family structure, the report points out that Amway's Policy Board consists of family members Richard DeVos, Sr, Steve Van Andel, Richard DeVos, Jr, Jay Van Andel, Cheri DeVos Vander Weide, Dave Van Andel, Doug DeVos, Nan Van Andel, Dan DeVos and Barb Van Andel Gaby.

On June 7, 2002, the shift of control in authority that Blakey mentioned in 1998, was further confirmed by a press release that announced that Doug DeVos would become president of Amway's parent company, Alticor,* after the retirement of Rich DeVos.

Upon taking office, Doug DeVos, in true mafia lingo, was quoted as saying: "It's humbling to be asked to step into a job that has been done so well for the past 43 years, first by my dad and then by my brother."

cont.....

Phinnly Slash Buster

06-05-2006 10:28 PM

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Organized Crime Expert - Amway Just Like Mafia

PART II.....

Further confirmation of the control being passed down, was the fact that Doug DeVos joined Chairman Steve Van Andel (Van Andel's son) in the Office of the Chief Executive, extending the dual leadership structure first established by company co-founders Rich DeVos and Jay

Van Andel, according to the press release.

Blakey explains that family members are drawn in to the business as a matter of right, with family members being given responsibilities that outweigh their capability. The basis for this assertion is with Amway itself. As an example, Blakey refers to the deposition testimony of Jay Van Andel's 2 children, David and Nan Van Andel, in the P&G lawsuit.

When deposed, they both held high positions with the company. Yet Blakey says, their testimony reflected a complete lack of knowledge and business experience. It was obvious that neither obtained their position on merit, nor would they have been permitted to continue in their position in an regular company. "Placing unqualified family members in high positions is also common in the Mafia," Blakey reports.

What About Other Amway Families?

Amway stresses that once you are involved, you are a member of the Amway family, and your upline and downline are part of your family. "Amway becomes a way of life for its participants, much like those involved with the Mafia," Blakey notes.

He describes how, "You are to "edify" or honor your upline, and "counsel" with them regularly," and claims, "The "upline" assume virtual "parental" control, and distributors are urged to "counsel" on all aspects of their life, including topics such as which car to buy or how to handle marital problems," Blakey wrote.

According to the report, distributors are even told how to dress. For example, "Wilson women" (those in the Don Wilson family) at functions do not show ankles, thighs or cleavage, he notes.

The absolute control is also evidenced by the Amway Distributors Association Board. At the time of Blakey's report, the Board consisted of 30 distributors who were elected. However, 15 were chosen off a list of nominees compiled by Amway. The Board is led by the Executive Committee which also includes family leaders, which all but guarantees that the family leaders, or their designees, will get elected and retain control of Amway.

Although the DeVos and Van Andel families control the corporation, Blakey says a 1996 Amway Corporate Culture Document shows there are at least 8 other lines of family sponsorship that control the distributors groups. Every participant is considered to be a member of a family, with one individual positioned at the top of a chain of command.

In 1998, the Dexter Yager family had the largest organization in North America, and the Bill Britt family was enormously comprised of over 149,000 distributorships.

However, it should be noted that Bill Britt has since been booted out of Amway and is under investigation for a host of scams. According to an August 12, 2004, letter from Robert FitzPatrick, President of Pyramid Scheme Alert, to North Carolina's Attorney General, requesting an investigation of the Bill Britt organization, "Last year, it was reported that Bill Britt was involved in what authorities consider perhaps the largest single financial fraud case in North Carolina history in terms of the amount of dollars that disappeared," the letter stated. The August 8, 2003 edition of The Triangle Business Journal reported that in spring, 2001 Bill Britt invested \$5 million in a fraudulent investment scheme perpetrated by Cornerstone Management, a company under investigation and prosecution by the SEC since 1999, according to the letter.

At the time of the Blakey report, other "Amway families" included: the Childers (team of six Diamonds); the Stewarts; the Gooch family; the Bryans (Down East); the Wilsons (WOW); the Puryears (World Wide Dreambuilders); the Hays (International Connection); the Matz family (International Diamond Association); the Dornans (Network 21); the Strehlis (Creative Life Styles); and the INA (International Networking Association), run by a group of seven families.

According to the report, each family is involved in the Amway business, in terms of using the Amway Sales and Marketing Plan, and is also involved in Business Support Materials (BSM), or "tools," which include books, tapes, and rallies, Blakey determined.

However, each family kingpin rules his own Amway distributor pyramid and his own tool pyramid. But even though these pyramids are all separate corporate entities, they all work together to promote the Sales and Marketing Plan and the tools business, the report found.

What Else Is Amway Hiding?

What else is Amway hiding? Most likely Blakey's assertion that "The Mafia uses "omerta" and violence for control," and "Amway has other methods, with similar effect."

Blakey claims, "Distributors must always honor their upline. No negative talk or action is permissible. A distributor who steps out of line is punished. ... serious offenders may be dealt with by having portions of their business taken away - e.g. they can no longer appear at rallies, or downline distributors are "re-routed." There are also reports of violence against those who attempt to take action against Amway, the report maintains.

(Part 2 of this article will discuss specific incidents of this "omerta" and violence and other information contained in the report that Amway fought so hard to keep hidden.)

<http://www.holisticjunction.com/disp...le.cfm?ID=3071>

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Amway v. Procter & Gamble (2001-2002)

Issue Whether economic motives in spreading false rumors are entitled to any degree of First Amendment protection. P&G had sued Amway alleging that its employees had spread old rumors about P&G and Satanism.

Lower Court 5th Circuit

Lower Court Ruling affirmed federal District Court ruling throwing out some of P&G's claims but ruling that other trademark and racketeering claims should go forward.

News Stories & Commentary

High court refuses to hear First Amendment appeals

<http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/...chString=amway>

SoapBoxDad

06-05-2006 10:31 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Phinnly, this is one of the most ridiculous posts yet. Hey, I hear Oliver Stone has a new

movie out and it should be good for your little conspiracy-minded head of yours. It is good that readers know what is motivating most on the board. They have not met a business in the industry that they like. Good luck with that.

Phinnly Slash Buster

06-05-2006 10:44 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

**What's Wrong With Multi-Level Marketing?
a.k.a. "Networking" Companies**

Bad Image or Bad Reality?

"Let me tell you about an incredible ground-level business opportunity," and you are invited to a house or to lunch for "a discussion." Funny enough, you feel sick in your gut that there is some hidden agenda or deception. "Probably a multi-level marketing (MLM) organization," you think. Suppose it is? Should you trust your instincts? Is there anything wrong with MLM?

This article will analyze four problem areas with MLM. Specifically, it will focus on problems of I) Market Saturation, II) Pyramid Structure, III) Morality and Ethics, and IV) Relationship Issues associated with MLMs. Thus, you can properly assess your "instincts."

<http://www.vandruff.com/mlm.html>

Soapboxmom

06-05-2006 11:39 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**
SoapBoxMom--

If we are keeping score, 1) you are anti-MLM 2) you really are not entrepreneurial from the posts I have read 3) you have not been to a conference, 4) You have not been to a Day of Service 5) you rather listen to two or three former reps that parted ways with AC.

I will go with my experience and the experiences of hundreds of others vs. your opinion..

First of all, I listen to everyone and then do the research and decide for myself. I obviously have a mind of my own and have no trouble speaking my mind! I am completely anti-MLM. I would bet our charitable hearts and endeavors far exceed all Tim's mindless babble about "Treasures for the Kingdom".

Do please be careful to see that when you quote it is clear who the author was and that the response is separate.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

I have called out specific lies on several of your posts, but everyone keeps requesting that I detail where they are lying. I focus on building wealth and coaching others to do the same, so this is way to much energy spent on a couple naysayers, especially when SoapBoxMom will have snide remarks for each of these. Unfortunately, the list is SOOO long that this will take multiple posts.

The fact that you reference the conference as "bogus" and your constant personal attacks on Mr. Darnell speaks volumes. You are not interested in the truth, just in bashing good people..

I have the patience of Job, so I will happily await these looooooong post so that we may dialogue about this. The problem is Daddio that your recruits by the vary nature of the comp plan are doomed to lose their money. I have posted the numbers for each recruit needing 4 sales just to break even and it will be obvious to any educated person on this thread that only Timmy boy, Jacko, a few early entrants and recruiters from heck can prosper. The vast majority will lose all their investment. That is simple mathematical certainty.

Now as to the bogus conferences. We have yet to see the credentials, educational background, work experience, professional certifications or anything about these speakers. And don't tell us that they donate their time. That statement is to laughable to address further.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

*Soapbox, **your use of the word truth==your opinion**. Glad to clarify that with you and thanks for driving the point home here again and again and again.*

Untrue and lies that have been posted by SoapBoxMom:

"CONDEMNATION WITHOUT INVESTIGATION IS THE HEIGHT OF IGNORANCE"

SoapBoxMom, you are in my prayers..

You might want to spend your time praying the authorities don't shut down this scam and force you to make restitution or God forbid give you folks the fines and jail time you deserve. The problem you have, Daddio, is that folks have investigated this scheme and it is painfully apparent how worthless these conferences are, just as they were with All-Star Entrepreneur.

Quote:

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1) Posted on 5-24 Did you fail to get the names of the winos that spoke at the last

ballyhoo? I hear Sunday morning is better than a southern revival. [b]This is not only incorrect as I have been to 3 MMC IVs, but every speaker was a verified Christian millionaire and this post was a lie, irresponsible and is indicative of SoapBoxMom's tactics.[/B.

As I said above the names, credentials, certifications, education and experience of these speakers should be posted. Why are you unwilling to divulge who they are? Obviously they are not speakers of any note or merit!

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

2) "you money grubbing scammer" this is before you got TruthvsFiction banned. **Since the business is not a scam and is perfectly legal, this is a lie as well as everytime she posts this..**

I did nothing to get TruthVsFiction banned. I even asked in private and on the thread that the moderator not ban the dishonest Mela reps who got BIGfranky temporarily banned by fabricating all sorts of nonsense. I have vigorously defended everyon's right to express their opinions here whether I shared their view or not. Just see my posts.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

3) Folks will be really impressed with you goons going after a little stay at home mommy! posted on 5-31 **I guess that MBAs and a Harvard grad and Dr. are goons and less credible that SoapBoxMom--please. I will continue to impeach these goofs with their own words. And throwing Tim Sales and Prof. King at us-----Oh please!.**

Tim Sales and Prof. King are good for a laugh, but they are just spouting nonsense to make a buck. I love the way you goons threaten or hint at lawsuits when we naysayers make points that you don't like.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

4) Jack interviewed hundreds and scared off all but 60. We also find out once again they are happy to push this bum deal on your family and friends to the tune of 10 grand. And "many reps are making huge incomes". **You repeatedly posted where the math for candidates did not add up and these we already responded to--see below..**

I am sorry that grade school math is still confusing you. But, 12 candidates out of more than 1200 means your goon friend Jack rejected 99%. Now, do you really expect folks to buy that. Logic and common sense come into play here and that is obviously totally unbelievable. We saw how they goad reps into sharing this deal with thier families and the constant refrain of "huge incomes" and "make \$7000 over and over" We also know that anyone with 10 grand will get in the door. Don't tell us otherwise.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

5) *We quoted numerous schills as they sang the praises of this bum deal. We discovered that most if not all the charities listed on the AC site are in fact bogus according to the IRS. **Actually, the God's Child project, The Mustard Seed and others are non-profits that have benefited directly through AC. Those were taken off to prevent slammers like you calling them bashing individuals when you have no facts and have never been involved in Advantage Conferences. In addition, AC could not keep adding ministries without spending a lot of time screening each one..***

You lying goons need to go the IRS website and search the charities. Those are not registered with the IRS=bugus=non-existent=scam.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

6) *An oasis of integrity" Really????? Ol' Jack is the only rep that is still paying for these ridiculous press releases. Did the many other schills from last summers releases give up already? MBAs, Presidents and chairman are involved in this silly game. Tell us the names and credentials of the millionaire mentors that donate their time. **I admire Jack's marketing, but we teach many other methods to share this business so very few do press releases. Many who are building AC and attending the MMC are Doctors, another lawyer joined us last month, as well as many MBAs, stay at home Moms, and people from all walks of life. You need not apply. .***

My boy, I would never sign-up for a recruiting scheme like this where the vast majority of reps are guarnateed by the design to lose money. Honest folks with integrity and Christian hearts run from schemes like this. If there are 300 reps with no sales they need 1200(300reps x 4 sales each) warm bodies to signup so that they can break even. The 1200 need 4800....19,200.....76,800....307,200....1,228,800. ...4,915,200....19,660,800...78,643,200....314,572,800...1,258,291,200.....5,03 3,164,800.....Okay, we just went interplanetary.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

7) *We will be waiting until h&!! freezes over. Maybe we should volunteer to donate our time and share at these conferences. I bet we are just as close to "millionaire mentors" as the winos that spoke at the last few conferences! **Unless you are a Christian millionaire, you would not even make the first pass. No one is going to provide our list of speakers to you SoapBoxMom. Why would they when you will call or email them trying to discredit individuals. You really should focus your energy on something that is truly illegal. .***

You won't provide the names because the caliber of the speakers will make it abundantly clear that the conferences aren't worth a penny. If they were so reputable you would advertise who these folks are like they do for real conferences. Hubby has been to a number of computer related conferences and they always know who will be presenting and the

education, experience, credentials and certifications of the presenters is no mystery!

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

8) *I am sure that Scam, Quatloos and the BBB are killing their recruiting. **Another lie as our business is expanding consistently each and every month. If you are sure of this, I would not want to take any stock advice from you.***

To be continued as I could not condense all the lies told by SoapBoxMom.

Good deal! If business is so great then you will post the number of reps and the earnings tables. Tell us how many reps have no sales, how many have qualifying sales and how many are in profit mode. We are anxiously awaiting the gospel truth here!

Soapboxmom

SoapBoxDad

06-05-2006 11:43 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Phinnly, I can post articles about certain industries from various critics and even those that bash Wal-Mart, and other large corporations. Or, note the thousands who are suing major Franchise companies. We will never agree on this and a person can do their due diligence on the industry and who has and who does not have integrity on this board and in the industry.

There are MANY myths and misconceptions about network or multi-level marketing.

Myth: mlm is taught at Harvard Business School.

Fact: Harvard has actually sent out formal letters asking network marketing companies to stop perpetuating this myth -- network or multilevel marketing is NOT taught at Harvard. However, it is taught By Dr. Charles King who is a full professor at the University of Illinois, who has a doctorate in Business from Harvard Business School.

Myth: Network Marketing or mlm is easy -- anyone can do it.

Fact: While in theory anyone can do it, in practice this is far from the truth! A very successful corporate executive once described multi-level marketing as "the hardest thing I have ever done." Like any business, network marketing is very difficult. Not only that, but there is no guarantee of success. The majority of people who start networking businesses fail, just like the majority of all business owners. However, there IS much lower risk in mlm, as the average investment is typically a couple hundred dollars, rather than hundreds of thousands. What's more, there IS a greater chance of success. According to the Small Business Administration, better than 90% of new businesses fail in the first few years.

Yes, those numbers are from D&B so SoapBoxMom can throw out her own numbers. They vary.

Here are the facts, according to the Direct Selling Association (DSA):

Between 1999 - 2003, the number of Americans who own mlm businesses increased 30%,

from 8.45 million to 10.96 million. More than 1.5 million of these individuals spent more than 30 hours per week building their home-based network marketing business.

Between 1999 - 2003, the sales volume of network marketing companies in the U.S. grew 22.5%, from \$18.26 billion to \$22.37 billion.

In 2003, 42% of those involved in mlm were college graduates, and another 32% had some college or trade school education.

In 2003, participants in mlm spent the largest amount of their time, nearly 44%, selling the product. Only 15% of time was spent recruiting other business owners.

These stats certainly fly in the face of the critics view of the industry! Most critics of mlm claim that all those involved in mlm are scammers; and that no real product is sold. But the numbers above prove that view wrong. The fact is that network marketing is a legitimate industry -- one that is growing fast because it offers real value. That's why the number of the number of mlm business owners doubled in size between 1994 & 2003.

Myth: All network or multi-level marketing business opportunities are scams.

Fact: As much as the critics would like this to be true, it's patently false. The numbers above clearly demonstrate that multilevel marketing is a legitimate industry. The Federal Trade Commission is a government agency charged with regulating business opportunities, including the network marketing industry. Here's a direct quote from the FTC website on this topic.

"Some people confuse pyramid and Ponzi schemes with legitimate multilevel marketing. Multilevel marketing programs are known as MLM's, and unlike pyramid or Ponzi schemes, MLM's have a real product to sell. More importantly, MLM's actually sell their product to members of the general public, without requiring these consumers to pay anything extra or to join the MLM system. MLM's may pay commissions to a long string of distributors, but these commission are paid for real retail sales, not for new recruits."

Critics are certainly free to claim, even in the face of the industry numbers detailed above, that mlm doesn't work. They are entitled to their opinion, no matter how erroneous! However, they cannot claim that all multilevel marketing programs are illegal or pyramid schemes, because, as you can see above, the government agency charged with regulating the industry says that's not true! There are many legitimate network marketing companies that provide real opportunity. Your job is to pick a good one and work very hard!

Myth: Most people join mlm to get rich and are disappointed when they don't.

Fact: Most network marketers are part-time, and look to earn a few hundred dollars each month. In fact, while you learned earlier that more than 1 million network marketers classify themselves as full-time, and study has shown that half of these make \$50,000 per year or more, this is still only about 10% of multilevel marketers in America.

SoapBoxDad

06-05-2006 11:48 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

SoapBoxMom, you are a master deceiver and deflector. I will pray for you and I am done with your not taking ownership for all of the lies that you have spewed about detailed above. Nice try.

Soapboxmom

06-06-2006 12:03 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

<http://www.vandruff.com/mlm.html>

That paper is a gem. I have put that link up a number of times myself. SoapBoxDad might find that most enlightening! Happy reading folks!

Soapboxmom

openQuestion

06-06-2006 12:06 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Here, let me referee one point at a time as honestly as I can. Then you guys can sumo wrestle afterwards:

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad (in Red)/SoapBoxMom**

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Until SBD gives us some bonafides, this certainly cannot be assumed to be a lie by SBM...because there is no proof HE is not lying about the speakers. If SBD would step up and provide facts about who is speaking, he could win this point.

openQuestion

06-06-2006 12:08 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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It is SBM's OPINION that this business is a scam. Therefore, she cannot be "lying". An opinion is neither a fact nor a "non-fact". It is simply an opinion.

openQuestion

06-06-2006 12:12 AM

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2) "you money grubbing scammer"

3) Folks will be really impressed with you goons going after a little stay at home mommy! posted on 5-31 *I guess that MBAs and a Harvard grad and Dr. are goons and less credible than SoapBoxMom--please. I will continue to impeach these goofs with their own words. And throwing Tim Sales and Prof. King at us-----Oh please!*

Once again, SBM has simply accused SBD and cohorts of being money grubbers. Since this is her OPINION, this can in no way be considered a lie. Of course, if SBD were to pony up with some proof of the MBAs and Harvard grabs lurking about, he could win this point as well, I guess.

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06-06-2006 12:14 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SBM/SBD (red)**

5) We quoted numerous schills as they sang the praises of this bum deal. We discovered that most if not all the charities listed on the AC site are in fact bogus according to the IRS. *Actually, the God's Child project, The Mustard Seed and others are non-profits that have benefited directly through AC. Those were taken off to prevent slammers like you calling them bashing individuals when you have no facts and have never been involved in Advantage Conferences. In addition, AC could not keep adding ministries without spending a lot of time screening each one.*

The jury must remain out on this point, as no one has provided links to provide or disprove whether or not these charities are legit, or if AC is actually contributing to them. Not enough information to name a winner on this point. If either party would like to show us specific proof, Judge Open would be happy to rule.

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06-06-2006 12:18 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SBM/SBD (red)**

6) An oasis of integrity" Really????? Ol' Jack is the only rep that is still paying for these ridiculous press releases. Did the many other schills from last summer's releases give up already? MBAs, Presidents and chairman are involved in this silly game. Tell us the names

and credentials of the millionaire mentors that donate their time. I admire Jack's marketing, but we teach many other methods to share this business so very few do press releases. Many who are building AC and attending the MMC are Doctors, another lawyer joined us last month, as well as many MBAs, stay at home Moms, and people from all walks of life. You need not apply.

Clearly, SBD has given us NOTHING to go on here but his words. So we are left to take either his word or SBMs. Draw.

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06-06-2006 12:20 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SBM/SBD (red)**

7) We will be waiting until h&!! freezes over. Maybe we should volunteer to donate our time and share at these conferences. I bet we are just as close to "millionaire mentors" as the winos that spoke at the last few conferences! Unless you are a Christian millionaire, you would not even make the first pass. No one is going to provide our list of speakers to you SoapBoxMom. Why would they when you will call or email them trying to discredit individuals. You really should focus your energy on something that is truly illegal.

This whole point is a p*ssing contest, and there can be no "lying" claimed here by either side. It's all opinion and noise. Moot.

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06-06-2006 12:22 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SBM/SBD (red)**

8) I am sure that Scam, Quatloos and the BBB are killing their recruiting. Another lie as our business is expanding consistently each and every month. If you are sure of this, I would not want to take any stock advice from you.

Another point that cannot be proven until AC discloses their financial, which they clearly ain't gonna do. The business ain't losing recruits because SBM says it is, and the business ain't growing because SBD says it is. Moot.

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06-06-2006 12:24 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SBM/SBD (red)**

9) *I guess it is hard working out of Tim's extra bathroom there in Allen. Again a lie that does not even deserve a response. Another attempt to discredit.*

I'll lean towards SBD on this one. SBM has not provided any proof that Tim is working out of his bathroom. Perhaps SBD would like to provide the address of a corporate office to clear this up and win the point conclusively?

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06-06-2006 12:27 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SBM/SBD (red)**

10) *Please do explain to us how those lying goons at AC are part of a Christ centered company. Here are some selections from Jack W's bogus press releases of spring 2005.*

Quote:

Jack Weinzierl is Currently Reviewing 3,278 Candidates for Their Advantage Conferences Team of Christian Entrepreneurs.....I am currently reviewing 1249 professionals that have submitted their profiles, since we launched in March 2005. Our selection process focuses on a person's vision, drive to realistically earn 7 figures in the next 18 months, and a commitment to coach others in our Millionaire Mindset program. Only 12 people have been selected for my team, as of May 1, 2005. If you would like to be considered, visit:

He certainly didn't reject 99% of the prospects. AC will take any poor slob that can beg, borrow or steal the 10 grand. If that scenario were true we would have folks on here complaining that they were turned down for this opportunity.

Once again, the numbers were already shared and are in line with our process. Candidates fill out the form and 9-10% go through the 3 steps, then a certain percentage request their interview, send it and then a certain percentage actually get started as a representative. I have already posted the fact that we have and do turn down folks and writing a check is not a prerequisite.

I have known Jack Weinzierl and there was nothing bogus in any of his releases. His reputation is unblemished and I knew him when he was the president of his last two companies as well. Your statements about his press releases being bogus signifies to the world that you are not interested in the truth.

Someone can do a google search on Jack Weinzierl to learn more. Your note about rejecting 99% is also without merit and you are losing credibility with each point. If you had taken the time to do research before reaching for your key board to bash another company, you would know that more than 90% of folks do not go through all 3 steps and even then about 1 in 9 interviews are declined. Advantage Conferences is one of the only companies out there that do not take someone's money unless they understand that they are purchasing the Millionaire Mindset Conference and mentoring. Every candidate has to be approved before getting started with AC. And, anyone can start as a representative for \$59.95 and plug into all the training and mindset calls. Once again, you are incorrect

painting with your wide brush.

Once again, there is little on either side to award a winner on this point. There simply are NO facts presented from the AC side here. If we could see some actual numbers on this to support either position, we could make a valid judgment. But since neither side has done that, we have simply words on a page.

All4Christ

06-06-2006 12:32 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Open, I appreciate the fairness you are attempting to provide even though I know how you feel on this business from your previous posts. BUT, in most of SoapBoxMom's posts she is not stating opinion, she is stating it as fact and therein lies the issue.

I have been involved building this business, attending multiple conferences and I know the facts, so I in fact know the lies she posts.

I knew you were going to approach as such and I respect that defense of SoapBoxMom. She has been unprofessional, irresponsible and has lied in many of the posts mentioned.

Unfortunately, a lie believed as truth, will make someone believe it to be fact and then she operates in this fashion. I see her MO on other boards as well.

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06-06-2006 12:33 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SBM/SBD (red)**

11) Don't hand us that ridiculous crap that millionaire mentors donate their time either. Real successful qualified people will only work for free for a legitimate charity. Cons like you would not be getting anyone with any education, experience or business savvy worth listening to for free. We have noticed that AC does not list the credentials and bios of these supposed millionaire volunteers.

This was already addressed and the 6 Christian millionaires do donate their time freely. AC gives them a donation as a thank you to the ministry of their choice. It is amazing when you build wealth by serving others how giving of your time you can be then. You obviously don't understand that.

I know SBD is dying for us to take his word on this point, but honestly, how can we do that? We don't know him and we don't know his company and its leaders. So we must remain skeptical, I guess. Perhaps someone who attended a conference can help shed some light on this. Until then, we simply have two differing opinions, and no facts. Moot.

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06-06-2006 12:34 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **All4Christ**

Open, I appreciate the fairness you are attempting to provide even though I know how you feel on this business from your previous posts. BUT, in most of SoapBoxMom's posts she is not stating opinion, she is stating it as fact and therein lies the issue.

Please feel free to go through each answer I provided and show me the instances where she has provided "facts" rather than opinions. I am trying to be VERY fair in that regard, and that's why I'm taking them point by point.

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06-06-2006 12:37 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SBM/SBD (red)**

12) We want degreed folks, certified financial planners, business executives with proven track records, successful investors and stock analyst and the like. Who is speaking at your horrendously priced conferences?

Who is we? We are surely not going to give the likes of you a list of our speakers. In fact, all of our attendees get the agenda and bios on each speaker.

I can understand why SBD might not want to reveal the names of the folks leading these conferences, but without such answers, this point simply cannot be given to him. He is asking us to trust him, and we have no reason to do so, unfortunately. Perhaps he could publish the CREDENTIALS of the folks without naming them?? I don't know how to answer this one, unfortunately.

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