

On my feet go heels, most often showing a little toe in winter and summer alike. I do enjoy wearing my heels so even at eight months pregnant you will see me standing tall near six feet. I am out the door dropping my 2 year old daughter off at daycare and getting to work at 7:30. Days I work in De Pere that is ...

I work in an accounting firm as the Director of Practice Development. Hawkins, Ash, Baptie and Co. to be exact, located across the alley from the Chamber. I keep my days very busy and never the same traveling among our six offices in Wisconsin and Minnesota, working with 115 very talented individuals. I spend my time working with employees in groups and one-on-one developing our firm. My duties are quite general, mostly so we can continually add on my to-do list. I work in marketing, sales, advertising, and professional development training. My focus is on helping our employees provide better customer service and increase the businesses we work with, from here anything goes. My job is not for all, but I truly love it.

So what is it I do? Attend and hold meetings, talk on the phone far too much, manage an email account, review and edit website content, create newsletters, develop and implement skills workshops, create and conducts marketing campaigns, design company brochures and conference displays, and approve community sponsorships, radio and print advertising... okay you should get the idea. I just finished a new marketing piece that I love, our Annual Report. If you have not seen it give me a call and I will get one to you. My newest big project is "updating" our website ... be sure to visit once Cheryl alerts us all through her social media frenzy.

So my days are filled normally from 7:30-5:00 with my desperate attempt to visit the YMCA about three times a week during the lunch hour...trying to be that great looking pregnant girl. I have community events a few times a week for DPACC Ambassadors, DPACC Marketing Committee, Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Committee, Green Bay Chamber events and some other great community events that come up. Many of these carry into weekends events like the CP Bowl-a-thon, Rotary Polio Walk, Fall Fest, Relay for Life, and the YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign.

My short drive home is barefoot (love not wearing shoes at all) and filled with chats with friends and family to catch-up. Once at home my daughter greets me with hugs and "Dora" requests. Evenings are laid back and filled with family and friends. Sleep is great, but always short.

These are my days in De Pere ... traveling days are another story for a future "Walk in My Shoes".

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