

Musings from Bernice

In January I wrote an article on daring to suck at something, i.e., letting yourself try something you haven't done before, allowing yourself to make mistakes. The final call to action was inadvertently omitted, so here it is: My encouragement to you is to try something new and challenging. Be extremely patient with yourself as you struggle to learn and master the building blocks. Dare to suck at something!

Since I have received so much nice feedback on my columns, I'll continue to write when inspiration strikes. Today's inspiration came in the form of a challenge.

In November I completed the purchase of the air portion of a faraway vacation in February. In late January, however, I received an email that one flight was delayed. This new departure time would cause me to miss my connections and make it so I could no longer use my already purchased flights home. After initial panic and with support, I was able to book new flights and negotiate with the two airlines for my money back or credit. I initially leaned toward only asking for what I thought the airlines would be willing to give, but I was encouraged to go for what I wanted. That was the germ for this column.

Negotiation may follow, but why not go in asking for what you want, not what you might be willing to settle for?

This seems to be a good motto. Reach for what you want! Guess what, if I want more active social time with friends and more dancing in my life, it will be necessary to leave the house to get to a dance even if the weather seems foreboding or parking formidable.

So I encourage each of you to determine what it is you want and pursue it. Reach for what you want!