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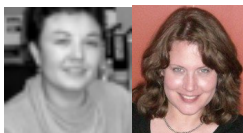
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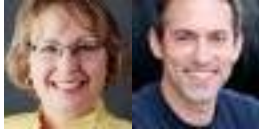
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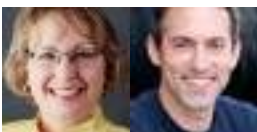
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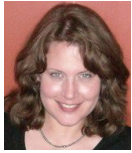
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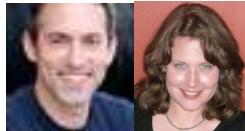
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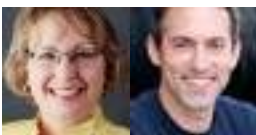
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- [karensxim](#): [@prosperitygal](#) So glad you could join! :- ) [#solopr](#)

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- [dariasteigman](#): [@karensxim](#) Of course, airline discounts barely cover your seat these days. :) [#solopr](#)

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- [karensxim](#): RT [@LoisMarketing](#): RT [@KristK](#): Ive discounted rate for lots of hours, for non-profits I love but not for potential referral source [#solopr](#)

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- [jgombita](#): [@SaraLanePR](#) thanks. It's a new biz (in a fairly competitive 'hood), so I thought it was quite clever, too. And I really do like him! [#solopr](#)

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• [dariasteigman](#): [@karenskim](#) Discounting is such a slippery slope, isn't it? [#solopr](#)

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• [MarketingMel](#): [@doylebrand](#) Depends on what you are trying to accomplish. Sometimes "he who hesitates is lost." :) [#soloPR](#)

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• [karenskim](#): A3: At the end of the day you still have to do the same work, how good do you feel doing it for less than your worth? [#solopr](#)

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• [karenskim](#): [@lindsaysydenham@dariasteigman](#) I am not a believer in the discount strategy, I do good work & 90% of my biz is referrals @ full fee [#solopr](#)

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• [dariasteigman](#): [@3HatsComm](#) I run away from people who ask for a quid pro quo. It always makes me uneasy. [#solopr](#)

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• [SoloPR](#): Yes- a note, token gift also nice RT [@luannsaid](#): Q3 I've never paid referrals, but I've thanked them by taking them to coffee, etc [#solopr](#)

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• [prosperitygal](#): Ok back to working on this project-got a deadline-thank for convo both [#solopr](#) & [#smchat](#)

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• [lindsaysydenham](#): [@KristK](#) That's very true. We all kind of do things our own way! And certain clients choose us for that reason. [#solopr](#)

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- [SaraLanePR](#): I like that! RT [@jgombita](#) A3. New hair stylist gave me biz cards w/ his name. If I refer people & they use him, accumulate \$5 [#solopr](#)

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- [jgombita](#): Can tell [@LoisMarketing](#) feels very strongly about this! "Will they sing your praises or whisper that you gave them a big discount?" [#solopr](#)

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• [karens swim](#): [@KellyeCrane](#) No apologies needed here :-)  
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• [LoisMarketing](#): [@KristK](#) Thanks! I'll be quiet now .. LOL!  
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• [dariasteigman](#): This is a biz philosophy issue too. I believe referrals should happen "b/c" -- not "b/c I'm getting something in return."  
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• [MarketingMel](#): [@LoisMarketing](#) I completely agree! People talk. Need to keep fees consistent and come up w/ other ways to thank referral sources.  
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- [lindsaysydenham](#): [@karensxim@dariasteigman](#) Perhaps, it depends on what you're getting out of the discount and who the client is. [#solopr](#)

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- [KellyeCrane](#): By the way, if I ever tweet something during [#solopr](#) that you've already said ([@karensxim?](#)), sorry. I don't always see everything!

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- [krisTK](#): I agree with everything [@LoisMarketing](#) is saying for A3: she's right on target. [#solopr](#)

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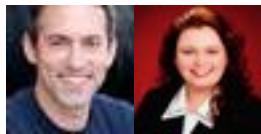
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• [paulajohns](#): Agree -- gift cards, or nice lunch out. RT [@KellyeCrane](#): A3: If you feel you must offer something monetary, call it a "finders fee" [#solopr](#)

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• [dconconi](#): there are other ways to "reward" - by helping them grow theirs [#solopr](#)

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• [3hatscomm](#): [@doylebrand](#) Yes, try searching via <http://whatthetrend.com/#solopr>

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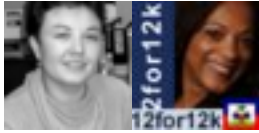
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- [lindsaysydenham](#): [@DoyleBrand@KristK](#) But, if u get what u needed branding-wise from that client w/ discount - u kind of got paid in a different way. [#solopr](#)

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- [MaxwellStevens](#): RT [@KellyeCrane](#): A3: Keep in mind that most people are referring business to you to make themselves look good/connected. It's a win-win. [#solopr](#)

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- [garrettkuk](#): jumping in late to [#soloPR](#) - will try and catch up...

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- [karenswim](#): RT [@SaraLanePR](#): RT [@dariasteigman](#): As long-time biz owner, my answer is NO. Never devalue ur work. u can thank client in other ways. [#solopr](#)

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[karasw](#): RT [@dconconi](#): this is good! RT [@KellyeCrane](#): A2: If u have a nutty exec who just \*must\* have a rls, convince them to put it on their website only. [#solopr](#)

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[karensxim](#): A3: In a word "No" if clients refer you business you can thank them with a gift or pay a referral fee but don't discount your svcs [#solopr](#)

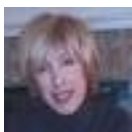
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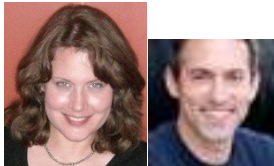
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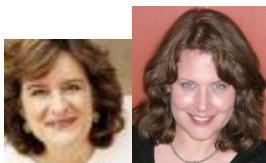
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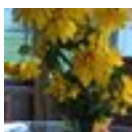
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[doylebrand](#): [@TShryerPR](#) I did not say a press release must be pitched. [#solopr](#)

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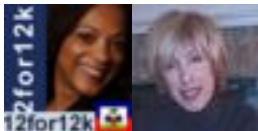
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[cgornpr](#): [@karenswim](#) Thanks! I think people forget about the SEO side...[#solopr](#)

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• [mdbarber](#): Client calling. Must head out. Talk with you all next week. [#solopr](#)

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• [prosperitygal](#): [@karensxim](#) so opportunity for us to inform clients multitude of options and build trust showing concern they do no alienate [#solopr](#)

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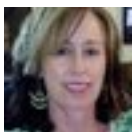
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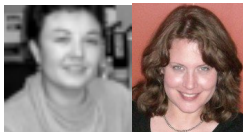
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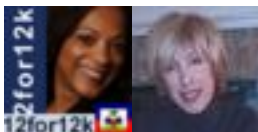
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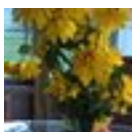
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