

Kings Innovation Update #53: December 2009

## *Book Club:*

Starting January 12, 2010

Book: "The Power of 2"

Book Information:

<http://gmj.gallup.com/content/121931/Power-of-2.aspx>

Tuesdays 8:00am-9:00am

Kings RDA upstairs Boardroom

Please sign up via email to [mgates@kingsrda.ca](mailto:mgates@kingsrda.ca) by January 8, 2010

You must purchase your own book.

Participants should have chapter one read for the first session.

A schedule for the remaining chapters will be developed at the first session.

*Innovation Library:* [www.innovation101.ca](http://www.innovation101.ca) Go to the Library tab!

There are new books so check it out!

## *Quote:*

A cardinal principle of Total Quality escapes too many managers: you cannot continuously improve interdependent systems and processes until you progressively perfect interdependent, interpersonal relationships.

- Stephen Covey

## *Interesting Website:*

<http://www.businessweek.com/innovation/>

## *Interesting Article: A note this time...*

### **The Economy: Real or Illusory?**

By Dennis Jacobe, Gallup's chief economist

The current economic situation would be a lot easier to accept if it wasn't totally baffling. Companies that appeared to be an inch from bankruptcy a year ago now seem to be turning enormous profits. Wall Street is booming. Goldman Sachs is getting ready to pay out record bonuses. But Main Street businesses are struggling, and many small businesses can't get the credit they need.

Consumers aren't spending. Some companies are hiring, while others are cutting jobs, hours, and wages. Still, the U.S. Department of Labor just reported the smallest job loss since the recession began and a drop in the unemployment rate from 10.2% to 10.0%. It's a "through-the-looking-glass" sort of economy -- and when economics starts resembling fiction, there might be something wrong.

To continue reading: <http://gmj.gallup.com/content/124604/Economy-Real-Illusory.aspx>