

All About Dalene and Kelly

(at least what they're comfortable telling you!)

I spent a Saturday morning with Dalene and Kelly at their office. As we sat around the conference table in Kelly's office, drinking coffee, and getting to know one another, I was struck by the similarities in their outlook on life, and the vastly different way each deals with it.

Dalene exudes warmth and friendship, quickly putting you at ease. She sits, gesturing frequently with her hands, telling mad-capped stories about her daily life. It is easy to see where she comes up with the material for her Blonde Daze column. Today her story centers on going to her office at the radio station and discovering that her computer screen is upside down. As she tells how she questioned everyone, you get a sense of the personalities at the station and her affection for each one. You find yourself laughing at her co-workers, as each tries to blame it on a computer virus.

Kelly tends to watch, taking in the conversation, weighing my reaction. At first, while she is friendly, she is also very reserved. As the morning moves on, and the conversation moves from the personal to business, she becomes much more outgoing.

I wondered at how they managed to put together a magazine every month with their busy schedule. Dalene works at a radio station, Kelly, a bank. The answer is a weekly Saturday morning staff meeting. They drink coffee, brainstorm ideas, and decide what needs to be done by the next meeting.

Interviewer: Why a magazine?

Dalene: It was actually Kelly's idea. We are both avid magazine readers and we thought we could do something different, besides hair, makeup and clothes. We really wanted to speak to women just like us, who have the same challenges, dreams and the same aspirations.

Kelly: It is cheaper than therapy

Interviewer: How do you come up with content?

Dalene: Originally, we thought we would write most of the articles, but as word of WEENC started getting around, we discovered there were women out there much smarter than us who wanted to provide articles and information to the magazine.



I asked them a series of questions trying to get a sense of who they are. I found their answers as funny and unique as they themselves are.

What is your first thought in the morning?

Dalene: Good Lord, I've gotta pee!

Favorite comfort food?

Dalene: Mashed potatoes and gravy

Kelly: Pizza Pasta

If you had a free afternoon, what would you do?

Dalene: It would be a toss-up between working in my garden (good weather) or going to the movies

Kelly: I'd lay by the pool, read a book, drink a margarita and listen to music.

Favorite movie?

Dalene: The Women

Kelly: Sahara

Book?

Dalene: Whatever I am currently reading

Kelly: Whatever I am reading

Song?

Dalene: Right now I'm in a Nickelback phase

Kelly: Anything by the Eagles

Flower?

Dalene: Calla Lily

Kelly: Delphinium and snapdragons

If we looked at your MP3 player, what artists would be on it?

Dalene: I don't own one but in my car I listen to Maroon 5, Train, The Eagles, Fleetwood Mac, Nickleback, Vanessa Williams, and of course, the classic rock station I work for!

Kelly: Eagles, Martina McBride, Waylon Jennings, Cheryl Crow, Bruce Springsteen, Kid Rock, Lynard Skynard, BonJovi and the list goes on.

If you are down, how do you pick yourself up?

Dalene: There's always tequila

Kelly: Chocolate

What makes you laugh?

Dalene: Funny people, puppies, Kelly, my daughter, fart jokes

Kelly: My grandson, dogs with their ears blowing in the wind, laughing children, monkeys

Favorite actress?

Dalene: Sandra Bullock

Kelly: Renee Russo, Julia Roberts, Ashley Judd

Actor?

Dalene: Looks? – Nathan Fillion; Substance – Morgan Freeman

Kelly: Kurt Russell, Dennis Quaid, Morgan Freeman

What movie do you always watch when it is on?

Dalene: The Rainmaker or Sahara

Kelly: Sahara or A Time to Kill

Television commercial that always cracks you up?

Dalene: Those E-Trade babies always get me.

Kelly: The commercial where the Mom and the teen-age boy are arguing over used minutes. That is so my life.

Brings a tear to your eye?

Kelly: The humane society commercial with all the unwanted animals. I have to turn the channel.

Who do you want to be when you grow up?

Dalene: A best-selling author

Name one thing on your Bucket List?

Dalene: Travel, there are so many places to go!

Kelly: Go to Ireland

Who has influenced you the most?

Dalene: My fabulous business partner, Kelly or my daughter Pamela

Kelly: My husband and Dalene

What do you most like about yourself?

Dalene: My sense of humor and my confidence

Kelly: I never panic, I tend to just take things as they come, and work through the details.

What traits in others do you find yourself drawn to?

Dalene: A sense of humor and a sense of confidence.

What talent do you possess people would be surprised to know about?

Kelly: Absolutely no talents, just a can-do attitude

What is your Powerball dream?

Dalene: Buy a home, help out my children, set up a foundation that would provide scholarships for single mothers

Kelly: I'd invest, maybe remodel the house, and give money to my favorite charities, set up retirement accounts for my children. Just ordinary dreams.

What do you struggle with the most?

Dalene: My weight

Kelly: time

Which birthday did you struggle with the most? When you hit your 30's, 40's or is it one coming up?

Dalene: I hated my fortieth but I'm really looking forward to my fiftieth!

Kelly: I haven't struggled with any age. Life is too much fun to get hung up on a number.

Black and white or shades of grey?

Dalene: Shades of grey

Kelly: Shades of grey

What is your favorite thing for breakfast?

Dalene: Omelets or French toast

Kelly: Cookies and coffee

Any hidden addictions?

Dalene: Victoria Secret bras, hair accessories, candles

Kelly: Pajamas and lipstick. I also love to drive too fast and play really loud music.

Sitcoms or reality TV? Favorite?

Dalene: I'm more of a drama girl. Give me a good cop show any day.

Kelly: Sitcoms- I love that everything is solved in 30 minutes, and they have time for commercials.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Dalene: In a home by a lake, sitting on the porch with Kelly talking about the next issue of WEENC and planning what we are going to do with all our free time.

Kelly: Here, writing, planning the next issue of WEENC.

What is your last thought of the day?

Dalene: Did I pee before I got into bed?