#### **DUANE ABEL**

Duane became the youngest syndicated cartoonist in history at the age of fifteen with his comic strip "ZED", which is now distributed to newspapers and published in book collections by Duane's company. Duane's presentations are popular in schools, retirement communities, and everywhere in between. When he speaks to student groups, he encourages them to dream big and follow their passion with the four words required for success (that he learned from the masters of cartooning),



"Work; Study; Learn; Try" all while creating his beloved characters in a full cartooning demonstration. Duane also offers audiences an old fashioned chalk talk along with a view from the other side of the funny papers. With a skilled twirl of the pen and charisma to match, it isn't surprising that Duane is able to draw smiles from audiences of all ages. His topics/titles are:

CARTOONING WITH DUANE (Adults)
DRAW YOUR DESTINY (Students)

#### HARVEY ALSTON

A remarkable communicator and one of North America's most in-demand speakers, Harvey's career has spanned diverse positions – from high school head football coach to assistant director of student financial aid at the university level. As an educator, he taught English, biology, health, life sciences and math. Harvey also served in business management and supervisory positions. He's authored four books including, <u>Be the Best</u>. He has spoken



to millions of people who have benefited not only from his knowledge, but from his wisdom. Harvey has taken his personal proven message - BE THE BEST – to millions of people. His powerful, soul-searching presentation uplifts people to a higher standard – to a level where they will strive for the BEST. His topics/titles are:

BE THE BEST (Upbeat, high-energy motivation)
CLIMBING THE ROUGH SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN
COMPETENT COMMUNICATION
ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP
S.O.U.L. – SERVICE ON UNBELIEVABLE LEVELS

## KRISTIN ARNOLD, CSP

Kristin helps executives build high performance teams through energizing, practical programs. A multi-faceted resource for your conference or meeting, she tailors each keynote session, break-out or panel discussion to meet your organization's specific needs. Kristin focuses on results with lots of tips and techniques for team members to immediately put into action. One of the first women graduates from the US Coast Guard Academy, Kristin retired from active/reserve Coast Guard, earned an MBA



and has two decades of successful business practice in teamwork – as a team member, leader and facilitator. Some of her topics/ titles include:

EXTRAORDINARY TEAM SKILLS FACILITATION SKILLS MANAGING E-MAIL CLUTTER

ENDNOTES: NOW WHAT? A CALL TO ACTION

## BOB ASH, EdD

Bob has spoken to over 1,200 organizations and businesses, numbering over 310,000 people. Prior to 1995, when he went into business for himself, Bob served in several different positions in education. He was a janitor, teacher, principal and superintendent of schools. He also played a few years of professional baseball. Bob uses laughter as part of every presentation as he provides practical ideas and tools for improving what we do in life. His presentations train, inform and motivate on a wide



variety of management and organizational behavior topics in four main areas: personal growth, team building, managing change and leadership. Each of Bob's presentations is tailored to meet the needs of the individual clients. He consistently receives excellent evaluations from organizers and participants and is often invited to return. His primary speech titles are:

GREAT LEADERS ALWAYS WEAR CLEAN UNDERWEAR CHANGE IS INEVITABLE...GROWTH IS OPTIONAL TEACHING BUFFALO TO FLY LIKE GEESE (Leadership and Teamwork)

## LUTHER BEAUCHAMP, JD

Affectionately known as, "Laughter's Chief Counsel", Luther is a funny lawyer, which is certainly an oxymoron. "I don't wear cowboy boots because I can't bend my knees when I do." A short lawyer with a tall sense of humor, Luther delights his audiences every time. He is "one of America's five funniest lawyers" and we are not sure who the other four are. He believes you can be funnier than you look.



He has the ability to "see the funny" and helps others to develop their own sense of humor. Encouraging others to not take themselves so seriously, he emphasizes the importance of taking very seriously our responsibilities and relationships. Good, clean fun abounds with hilarious stories and one-liners.

His topics/titles include:

HUMOR FROM THE H.E.A.R.T. AMNESIA, AMBROSIA AND AMNESTY FIND THE FUN EVERY DAY

#### BRIAN BLASKO

Brian is a highly motivated, nationally known speaker and trainer. His programs, inspiring individual and organizational growth, are some of the most sought after in the country. This celebrated author of, <u>Cruisin' Through Life at 35 MPH</u> has a Master's degree in Interpersonal Communication and collegiate-level teaching experience. Every year, clients throughout the country depend on Brian to re-charge their organization and employees. Always the fun communicator, his contagious energy encourages others to feel comfortable about themselves and their personal development. Driven by his sincere



interest in others, and a genuine passion for public speaking, Brian enthusiastically invites you to discover and maximize your *own* personal potential! His topics/titles are:

CRUISIN' THROUGH LIFE AT 35 MPH (Motivation)
TAKING THE DRIVER'S SEAT (Leadership)
POSITIONING YOUR POSITIVE PIT-CREW (Teamwork)
WASH, WAX AND POLISH YOUR SPEAKING SKILLS
THE CAR KEY FACTOR (Interpersonal communication)
THE EMOTIONAL OIL CHANGE (Creativity)

#### **BRUCE BOGUSKI**

Bruce was in an automobile accident at the age of 18 and was paralyzed from the neck down. After two years, he regained full use of his body and went on to become a two-time Ohio State champion in racquetball and played on a state championship softball team. He was a high school head baseball coach and assistant football coach and a university tennis coach. He speaks, from personal experience, to all types of groups on how attitude makes the difference in whatever we do. He is one of the most "in-demand" motivational



speakers in the Midwest. His style is very upbeat and high-energy. His main topics/titles are:

THE WINNER'S EDGE
THE LEARNING ZONE: BRAIN-BASED LEARNING
THE TESTING ZONE (for students)
GOING FOR YOUR DREAMS/ACHIEVING THE IMPOSSIBLE
EMPOWERMENT THROUGH TEAMWORK
THE TEACHING ZONE (for teachers)

## JANE BOUCHER, CSP

Jane is a recognized international authority on workplace issues. She is the author of eight books, is a syndicated, newspaper columnist, a certified mediator, and executive coach. She has shared the platform with Dr. Bernie Siegel, Priscilla Presley, Senator Orin Hatch, and the late Coach John Wooden. She has been interviewed on hundreds of radio and television programs including: CNBC, CBN, and CNN (Larry King Live).



She is a past president of the International Team Building Association. Jane is one of the most versatile speakers in America in regards to the number of important subjects she covers. She is a high energy speaker and her programs are participative, whether a keynote or workshop. Her many programs she does:

BUILDING A HIGH PERFORMANCE WORK TEAM MANAGING CHANGE AND STRESS IN A TURBULENT ENVIRONMENT PROFESSONAL RENEWAL....BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE OFFICE IT'S ALL IN HOW YOU SAY IT: COMMUNICATION TIPS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL

RESILIENCE: THE ULTIMATE LEADERSHIP SKILL HOW TO MANAGE PRIORITIES AND IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY

## STEPHEN BOYD, PhD, CSP

Earning a PhD in Speech Communication was just the beginning of Steve's commitment to communication. He has written several books and published dozens of magazine and journal articles. As a university professor, he's taught speaking and listening courses since 1972 and is a past recipient of his University's "Outstanding Professor of the Year" award. He is a former Toastmasters world champion speaker. He will help you improve personal and professional performance as you speak and listen more effectively.



HIGH BID – Thought-provoking ideas, humor and the auctioneer's chant to help you appreciate improved communication

BE PRESENT WHEN YOU ARE PRESENT – Improve your job and your life by paying attention

POWER LISTENING - Listening is crucial to communication!

FROM DULL TO DYNAMIC: TRANSFORMING YOUR PRESENTATIONS – Develop your public speaking skills

PRACTICING SHORT LEAPS: MOTIVATING YOURSELF AND OTHERS – Get more out of your day and your life!

## BARBARA BRAHAM, PhD

Since 1986, Barbara has worked with managers and leaders who want to move their organizations forward. She guides leaders on how to cultivate the inner arts of leadership: presence, purpose, concentration, clarity and wisdom. Her reflective, thought-provoking style beautifully aligns with her message. Her work with organizations includes training programs, executive coaching and organizational development consulting. Her clients range from Fortune 100 companies to association managers to government entities.



She is a Master Certified Coach, the highest designation of the International Coach Federation. Barbara is author of eleven books including, <u>Be Your Own Coach</u> and Finding Your Purpose. Her topics include:

LEADERSHIP: WHY YOU CAN'T GET THERE FROM HERE - An

Inquiry Into What's Holding You Back

BE YOUR OWN COACH – STEP INTO WHAT'S POSSIBLE MANAGER AS COACH – HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF PEOPLE

## JANELLE BRITTAIN, CSP

A team building expert and renowned international speaker, Janelle has 30 years of business experience. She is the author of two books, <u>Star Team Dynamics</u> and, <u>How to Say It Performance Reviews</u>. Participants of her programs have reported that because of her professional approach, flexibility and ability to address their concerns, she was successful where others were not and they loved her animated,



interactive and humorous style. Janelle's successes and expertise have been showcased in leading publications like *The Wall Street Journal*, *Investor's Business Daily* and *Chicago Tribune*. Her topics include:

BUILDING STAR TEAMS IN DYNAMIC ORGANIZATIONS
MOTIVATE AND INVIGORATE YOUR TEAM
MANAGING THE "TUFF STUFF" OF LEADERSHIP
COPING WITH CHANGE WITHOUT MAALOX
COMMUNICATION: SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE
LEADING YOUR COMPANY THROUGH THE ECONOMIC ROLLER
COASTER

#### **BEN BROOKS**

Ben was one of the first African-Americans to enlist in the Pennsylvania State Police, and he rose to the rank of Major. He defi es the typical stereotype of the hardened, stern State Trooper. He can be very serious when the situation demands it, or he can be very warm and caring when it is appropriate. Through personal anecdotes, humor, charm, passion and his highly energized, interactive style, Ben is able to convey the most serious message. His presentation topics include:



UNDERSTANDING, VALUING AND MANAGING DIVERSITY
THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT
DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE
POLICING YOUR IMAGE
STRESS MANAGEMENT

#### SCOTT BROWN

With over 20 years of service in the highly competitive and ever-changing amusement park industry, Scott has gained a lifetime of stories and unique perspectives on Management, Service, Leadership and people in general. These experiences culminated with his first book, Who Cares? Creating a Culture of Service in Your Business. Scott's unique ability to transfer his passion and enthusiasm to his audience has made him a favorite presenter for businesses and associations around the country. Through personal anecdotes and humorous



observations, Scott's audiences leave feeling uplifted and empowered. While the presentations are entertaining, they are also packed with practical, insightful information that attendees can immediately put to use to profoundly impact their organizations. Scott's principle-based messages resonate with frontline employees, management and diverse audiences of all kinds. Scott's main subjects are: Attitude; Customer Service; Corporate Identity/Vision Development; Leadership; Management; Motivation. His speech titles are:

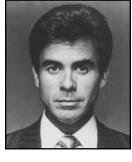
WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

THE MAGIC OF THE MOUSE: BRINGING THE FLORIDA THEME PARK EXPERIENCE TO YOUR CUSTOMERS

HIRING RIGHT – THE START OF SOMETHING GOOD FRONTLINE SERVICE PRO

#### TOD BUCHANAN

Internationally known as a speaker, illusionist and media personality, Tod is a veteran professional speaker and magician. He travels across the country presenting customized programs for many associations and Fortune 500 companies. The combination of his business degree, extensive fi eld experience and reputation as an illusionist, not only makes his programs visually exciting and entertaining, but when combined with an educational message, leaves a lasting impact on his audiences. When your special theme is skillfully



woven with Tod's powerful and spellbinding mix of motivation and entertainment, the result is a thought provoking magic formula...a formula he calls:

THE M.A.G.I.C. EDGE (A unique presentation combining the art of motivational speaking with incredible illusions. It includes issues such as attitude, goal-setting, imagination and the power of the mind to show the importance of developing one's own uniqueness.)

#### DAVE CAPERTON

Dave's clients in business, education and healthcare have described his presentations as "soul-searching", "powerful" and "frankly hilarious!" Dave is a veteran educator and stand-up performer who teaches individuals/ organizations how to make positive-perception choices to lower stress/boost morale, to strengthen communication and team dynamics...to enrich learning and nurture creativity. After 12 years in the classroom and five on the stand-up stage, Dave brought together all of his talents and experiences as a teacher,



performer, writer and even cartoonist to create keynotes and workshops that are uplifting, entertaining and results-driven. His programs include:

YOUR MISSION: CHANGE THE WORLD (Unlocking the power of perception for success)

LAUGHTER AND LEARNING (Using positive humor to aid retention and insight) STRESS MASTERY (Understanding and taking control of our stress response) HEALTHY HUMOR (Using humor to heal our bodies, our relationships and our lives)

#### A.J. CASEY

A.J. specializes in helping people and organizations become more successful. Her background is in the fundraising fi eld. She is a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) and a Certified Life Success Consultant (LSC). She has conducted training sessions throughout the United States, Canada, and in several foreign countries. As a speaker or facilitator, she teaches five principles of empowerment in her



program entitled, "Make Ya Wanna S.T.O.M.P.!" To S.T.O.M.P. is to move boldly and deliberately toward accomplishing your goals. The principles are as follows, whether she is speaking to corporations, associations, administrative professionals, public sector groups, fundraising groups, or religious groups:

Salute Your Super Self
Trust Yourself and Take Some Risks
Overcome What Holds You Back
Master the Mindset of Success
Proceed in Your Power

#### KERRY PATRICK CLARK

Kerry is a musical Norman Rockwell. His palette is a simple 12 note scale, a 6-string guitar and one voice that seeks to sing hope into the human experience. His songs are the compass that points the heart home. He dares the dreamer in each of us to remember who we are. He challenges the believer in each of us to choose who we want to be. With the familiarity of a *Saturday Evening Post* cover, it is as if he is singing your song. It is comforting. It is calming. His programs reflect his desire to truly inspire, motivate and entertain. The titles of his presentations are:



AN EVENING WITH A MUSICAL NORMAN ROCKWELL (for adult audiences – 70% entertainment/30% motivation)

BE THE BEST YOU, YOU CAN BE (Promotes self-esteem with an anti-drug focus...for elementary or middle school students)

IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN ACHIEVE IT (Focuses on defining goals and implementing a plan to achieve them – for students)

## SILVANA CLARK

Silvana's highly interactive programs give audiences the chance to learn through the use of humorous quizzes, contests and non-threatening group activities. The author of eight books and over 150 articles, Silvana shares proven and practical ideas with your audience. She began her marketing career by getting her dog "famous" and appearing in numerous television commercials. Those same principles apply to creating a high visibility for any association or business. Her topics/titles are:



C.P.R. FOR SUCCESS (Use Creativity, Passion and Research to help you reach success in your professional and personal life.)

TAMING THE MARKETING JUNGLE (Discover over 25 ways to gain local and national publicity, even on a limited budget. Captivate the media's attention for your service or product.)

CREATIVE PARENTING

## ZACH CLEMENTS, EdD

Zach is one of the most well known and most respected speakers in America within the educational community. However, he is just as well received in the corporate world. He is a former full professor at the University of Vermont and has taught English, Biology, and History in middle and high schools. He has spoken to over 4,500 groups in all 50 states, all provinces in Canada, and in six other countries. In the corporate community he has spoken for small corporations, Fortune 500s, and everything in between. He has spoken for



virtually every size association, as well. In addition to his educational connection and speaking success, his early years included being: a cook, laborer, insurance salesman, U.S. Marine, camp director, lifeguard, and as a musician, appeared on American Bandstand and the Ed Sullivan Show. His most requested titles:

Miracles Can Begin with YOU! The ABPs of Success Old Values and Personal Responsibility

#### ROSELYN CONNOR

Roselyn is on the faculty of a major university as one of their executive management trainers. Her majors in Astrophysics and Russian didn't lead her to her original career goal of becoming an astronaut. Instead, her natural ability to motivate and energize people took center stage. She's never regretted her choice. Roselyn has been instrumental to many companies, schools and government agencies in motivating and educating their staff. Her seminars have been the subject of over 20 newspaper and magazine articles. She was highlighted on a CNN special report. Roselyn is a published



highlighted on a CNN special report. Roselyn is a published writer and has been a speaker to more than 650,000 people. Her topics include:

TEAMBUILDING & MOTIVATING THE TEAM
LEADERSHIP SKILLS
CUSTOMER SERVICE: FINDING WHAT WE'VE LOST
DIVERSITY TRAINING FOR THE WEAK AT HEART
MANAGEMENT TRAINING TO PREVENT E.E.O. LAWSUITS
GIVING TEACHERS A MUCH NEEDED SHOT IN THE ARM

#### AARON COOKSEY

With a degree in Corporate Communications, and a strong background in psychology, Aaron has spent 6 years bringing alcohol awareness to hundreds of schools and organizations. A series of poor decisions placed him on a path of destruction that led to the death of his best friend. Aside from 4 years in prison and his driver's license taken away for life, Aaron realized the nightmare had affected hundreds, and now thousands, of people. He relives the details of that tragic day in efforts to save just one! He works closely with many



organizations and schools to educate kids on the dangers of drinking and driving. Aaron's slogan and speech title is:

• DROP YOUR PRIDE...TOO MANY HAVE DIED

#### **SHAUN DERIK**

Entertaining and dream-driven, Shaun – known by his audiences as the *Speaker for the Dreamer* – is captivating audiences across the country with his unconventional delivery. He empowers his listeners by teaching them what it means to dream big without limits. With a heavy background in business banking and the performing arts, Shaun is the perfect candidate to teach, entertain and motivate both the young and old. He has recently worked with a film director on a project for better programming for African-American



audience-aimed networks. He is one of the few motivational speakers ever to be signed to a music label. He is masterful at motivating students to "go for their dreams" and do what is necessary to succeed. His speech titles are:

SMALL WORLD, BIG YOU SIMON SAYS, "YOU'RE SIMON"

## PATRICK DONADIO, CSP

"Energetic, Empowering, High Content, Fun." Since 1986, businesses and association audiences have put to use Patrick's proven, practical ideas which have given them tools to "take action." His original humor and stories keep audiences laughing. He is a frequent guest on radio/TV shows. He served as a Goodwill Ambassador to Japan and as President of the Ohio Speakers Forum. As a "Master Certified Coach" (MCC) and consultant, Patrick's understanding of current workplace issues--combined with his energetic and thought-provoking



style--challenges audiences to change their behavior. His keynotes and breakout sessions are:

EMPOWER YOURSELF (Humorous, motivational talk to attain even greater success).

GRADE YOURSELF AS A LEADER (Take your leadership skills to the next level). COMMUNICATE WITH IMPACT (Improve your verbal communication skills with staff and/or customers).

THE SECRETS TO POWERFUL PRESENTATIONS (Add power and pizzazz to your next presentation).

THE MAGIC OF NICHE MARKETING (How to increase sales)

#### BARBARA DOOLEY

Recognized as one of America's wittiest, most entertaining women, both on stage and off, Barbara can wow an audience. If you need a speaker with sparkle and dynamic delivery, look no further because here she is. It is simply Southern humor at its captivating best. A storyteller of unmatched proportions, she rivets a crowd with stories of her decades spent as Coach Vince Dooley's wife. Her tales of mischief and mayhem will have an audience rolling with laughter and begging for more. Adding another important dimension to her presentations is



the inspiration she can deliver as a breast cancer survivor. Her story is powerful, moving and motivating to others who are battling challenges. Her message is always, "Make the best of any situation and find a way to laugh about it." She is also a woman of great faith and can easily tailor her presentation for Christian audiences. Expect a standing ovation because with this gracious and gifted storyteller, that is exactly what you'll get.

"GETTING BACK TO BASICS" - Motivation with lots of humor "HAPPINESS" - A motivational talk on the true meaning of happiness "THE TEN GREATEST THINGS ABOUT BREAST CANCER"

#### CEA COHEN ELLIOTT

Cea's sense of humor and love of life are contagious. She invites her audiences to hear their hearts and embrace their true spirits, filling everyone with a collective glow. Her mission is to help others laugh more and live better. As a motivational speaker, workshop leader and stress-management consultant, she brings a wonderful sense of humor, high-energy style and imagination to diverse audiences! She holds certification as a fitness and wellness instructor from the Kenneth Cooper Institute for Aerobic Research. Her main presentation topics/titles are:



LAUGH FOR THE HEALTH OF IT (Laughter really is the best medicine) • DON'T GET HIT BY A CAR WHILE PLAYING BINGO ON A DESERTED ISLAND (Putting life into perspective)

MOMMA SAID THERE'D BE DAYS LIKE THIS-WAS SHE RIGHT?

(Humor filled presentation exploring team building through humor - a message of hope vs. hopelessness)

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION/HEALTHY TEAMS FINDING YOUR VOICE WITHIN

### SUSAN FEE

Susan is a licensed professional counselor and author. She specializes in helping clients improve relationships by developing effective communication skills. She is the founder of <u>Circle of F.R.I.E.N.D.S.</u>, a program that helps girls develop positive social skills, self-esteem, and resiliency. She is the author of four books and the college survival guide, *My Roommate Is Driving Me Crazy!* Her advice has appeared in the Wall Street Journal, Dear Abby, and Good Housekeeping,



to name a few. She appears regularly on local TV and radio as a relationship expert. Susan offers practical and relevant information in a style that's highly interactive, humorous, and filled with engaging stories. Her most requested presentation titles are:

MAINTAINING A POSITIVE FOCUS AROUND NEGATIVE PEOPLE BUILDING RESILIENCY: SURVIVING & THRIVING DURING DIFFICULT TIMES

BFF! (EXCEPT WHEN WE'RE NOT): TEACHING GIRLS HOW TO DEVELOP HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS

#### GEORGE FIELDS

George has spent most of the last 27 years as a professional speaker and entertainer. Prior to making this his career, he was a YMCA youth director, a college football player, a soldier in the U. S. Army and a church staff worker. He was twice named as one of the "Outstanding Young Men in America." He is a gifted speaker, insight-giver, motivator, magician and singer. George mystifies his audiences with his memory and magic. He delights his audiences with humor, message and music (singing and guitar). He gets raves from any type of group he



addresses... education, government, corporate or association. His program is different, diverse, delightful and dynamic because of its variety. His topics/titles are:

THE E'S OF SUCCESS (keynote speech)
AN EVENING OF FUN WITH GEORGE FIELDS (entertainment)
ELEPHANTS NEVER FORGET (breakout session on improving your memory)
RELATIONSHIPS: THE 4<sup>th</sup> R

## JOAN FOX, CSP

Specializing in the areas of customer service, leadership and teambuilding, Joan inspires audiences to make changes. Delivering consistently compelling presentations, Joan challenges people and businesses to think in innovative ways. Joan's speaking style is playful, yet content driven. She believes that learning is facilitated by involvement, interaction, and having fun. A hallmark of Joan's work is the customized content that ensures a meaningful end product. A clinical microbiologist by profession, she re-careered,



entering the fi eld of sales. She met with success and was quickly promoted into management. She is the author of, <u>The Chronicles of Sir Vival</u>. Among her most requested titles are:

OUTWIT-OUTLAST-OUTSERVE: ULTIMATE <u>SERV</u>IVAL STRATEGIES EVERYDAY LEADERSHIP
WHAT KIND OF COMMUNICATOR ARE YOU?
SERVICE AND THE "DUH" FACTOR
YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE
TEAMING FOR SUCCESS

#### PATTI FRALIX

Patti inspires positive change in work, life and family through speaking, consulting and coaching in three specialty areas: Leadership, Customer Service and Managing Differences. She has been helping clients achieve practical results since 1992. Her prior experience includes twenty years in healthcare, the last twelve as an executive in hospitals. Patti's academic credentials include a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and a master's degree from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Patti's first book, How



to <u>Thrive in Spite of Mess, Stress and Less!</u>, was published in 2002. She is a frequently published author and quoted business leader in national newspapers and magazines. Her speech titles are:

HOW TO *THRIVE* IN SPITE OF MESS, STRESS AND LESS! LEADING HIGH PERFORMING TEAMS MOTIVATING A MULTI-GENERATIONAL WORKFORCE

## MIKE FRANK, CSP, CPAE

Mike graduated from the business school at the University of Georgia, then worked his way up from a fledgling salesman to the vice-president of sales for an international company (within four years and by the age of 26). He has spoken to over 3000 groups. He always adds 20%-30% humor and customizes his speeches. He is one of the most versatile speakers in North America...speaking in the private or public sector. Mike is a past president of the National Speakers Association. His presentation topics/titles include:



EVERY DEPARTMENT IS THE CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT EIGHT GREAT TRAITS OF SUPERSTAR LEADERS TEAMWORK MAKES THE DIFFERENCE MANAGING CHANGE EIGHT GREAT TRAITS OF SUPERSTAR SALESPEOPLE ETHICS IN TODAY'S BUSINESS WORLD EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION AND SPEAKING SKILLS EFFECTIVE TIME MANAGEMENT

## **MARC FREEMAN**

Marc's passion is bringing integrity to renegotiating. He renegotiates hundreds of millions of dollars in contracts all over the world. A recognized expert in his fi eld, Marc has developed a unique, practical approach to renegotiating and has written a book entitled, Renegotiate with Integrity: It's Not Business, It's Personal. based on the simple but profound principles of respect, honesty, creativity and clear communication. An extraordinarily powerful, interesting and humorous presenter, Marc is often requested to give his unique



speech on *Renegotiating Your Happiness*. For over 10 years, Marc has been a consultant on strategy, sales and marketing, product development, product sourcing and importing. He provides management training, executive coaching, and CEO mentoring. He is also a certified mediator. His speech titles are:

NEGOTIATING MADE EASY (5 easy steps to help you negotiate like a pro) TRUST IN THE WORKPLACE (Building trust, ethics, doing the right thing)

#### **DEBBIE & MIKE GARDNER**

"Courage Coaches" Debbie and Mike are fun, motivational speakers who teach "nice people" simple and explicit crime survival choices drawing upon mistakes and successes during their own police careers. While others teach safety emphasizing fear-rooted warnings, complicated tactics, and lifestyle rules, the Gardners teach *Rights, Courage* and a proven, *3 Word Survival Plan* – that saves lives! They are highly rated speakers sponsored worldwide by corporations and conventions. They electrify audiences with their fast



paced delivery, special effects, surprise-filled audience interaction, patriotism and folksy humor. They've been featured in numerous national media outlets including *The O'Reilly Factor* and have authored 3 books, most recently <u>Raising Kids Who Can Defend Themselves</u>. In 2007, they were invited guests to the White House Conference on School Safety hosted by President and Mrs. Bush. RAVE Reviews guaranteed! Their topics/titles are:

BUSINESS TRAVEL SAFETY
PERSONAL SAFETY
WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION
RAISING CONFIDENT, SAFE KIDS

## LaDONNA GATLIN, CSP, CPAE

LaDonna is the baby sister of the famous Gatlin Brothers. She sang with them all over the nation until she got married and decided to raise a family. Once her kids were in school, she reignited a career as a speaker and singer. And she has done it, big time. LaDonna is one of only 25 women in the world to be a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP) and Speaker Hall-of-Fame recipient (CPAE). She speaks to companies and associations of all types and sizes. Her main programs are:



"TUNE UP YOUR LIFE" (an inspiring, motivational presentation that includes seven principles that provide a guidebook for value-based living)

"THE SONG IN YOU" (perfect for after-dinner programs where more music is requested, yet with some content and lots of humor)

"THROUGH THE YEARS" (this is a program with predominantly music of many genres from Tony Bennett to Celine Dion to the Gatlin Brothers and much more...and she can customize this to your specific function or celebration)

#### **ERIC GNEZDA**

Eric blends his humor, music and content to inspire and entertain. Renowned for customizing his programs, Eric appeals to a wide range of audiences – from corporations and associations, to healthcare and education organizations, to service groups and general concert audiences. In addition to countless speaking engagements over two decades, Eric has many national media credits, including *USA Today*, National Public Radio, Entertainment Tonight, ESPN, Nickelodeon, The Business Radio Network, The Canadian Broadcasting



Corporation, the ABC Radio Network, *Sports Illustrated* and *Today's Caregiver*. A published writer and college speech instructor, Eric is also a speech and communications coach

His keynote titles include:

EVERYONE WINS – Teamwork

HOPE, HUMOR AND HARMONY - To entertain and inspire

TRUE HEROES – To validate and affirm

THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON YOU - To recognize achievement with a customized program

BLOSSOMS OF HOPE - Celebrate cancer survivorship

COMMUNICATE TO WIN - To prepare associates to communicate effectively

#### **GARY GRIESSER**

Gary is known as a "Singing Motivator"...his ability to communicate stories and songs that touch the heart and spirit of his audiences has been felt all across America. People stand and cheer for America as he honors veterans in a special musical tribute. This seasoned former educator, teacher, guidance counselor, assistant principal, principal, supervisor, assistant superintendent and acting superintendent, has spoken to hundreds of educational groups, but he is just as comfortable and well received with virtually any group



wishing enjoyable humor, motivation and music. His audiences leave with joy, pride in their country and a renewed zeal to give their best to others. He has appeared on programs with Zig Ziglar, Billy Graham and Johnny Cash. Zig Ziglar says of Gary, "America needs what Gary has to offer." His presentation topics/titles are:

THE POWER OF ONE: EVEN EAGLES NEED A PUSH GREAT OPPORTUNITIES/IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN EAGLE PUSHING "101"

## RAY GUARENDI, PhD

Ray is a father of ten adopted children, clinical psychologist and author. In addition to his private practice, he has spoken to or consulted for virtually every type of group in the public and private sector. He has been a guest on national radio and television, including Oprah, Joan Rivers, and CBS This Morning. He has appeared on regional shows in over 40 states and Canada. He has written several books, including: You're A Better Parent Than You Think!, (now in its nineteenth printing), Back to the Family, and Discipline that Lasts a



<u>Lifetime</u>. Ray also hosts his own national radio show and writes a syndicated parenting column. Ray is one of the funniest speakers in America on the serious subject of youth discipline. His presentation topics/titles are:

LESSONS IN LIFE WE LEARN FROM CHILDREN YOU'RE A BETTER PARENT THAN YOU THINK YOU'RE A BETTER TEACHER THAN YOU THINK BACK TO THE FAMILY
LAUGHTER: THE SANITY OF DISCIPLINE DISCIPLINE THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

## PATRICK HENRY, CSP

If you are looking for a fun and entertaining program, Patrick is your man. Patrick spent 10 years as a professional musician and songwriter in Nashville, Tennessee. He uses original music and songs to entertain and inspire his audiences while leaving them with a powerful message. His leadership and character building programs keep him working across the country. Patrick is the author of the recently published book, "The Pancake Principle". Adult groups appreciate the unique and entertaining experience he brings to their meeting. His topics are:



KEEPING YOUR TEAM IN TUNE (Teamwork in any organization)

CHOOSE TO WIN (Using music to influence teenagers to make wise decisions regarding drug and alcohol abuse, sex, violence and interpersonal relationships) THE POWER OF THE FOUR P's (Leadership program for students)

WILL WORK FOR FOOD (Entertaining program of music, laughter and stories for adults)

THE PANCAKE PRINCIPLE (Customer Service)

## JANE HERLONG, CSP

Jane is a Lowcountry, South Carolina farm girl who went from bare feet to high heels to compete in the Miss America Pageant. Jane is a humorist who delivers a powerful message combining motivation, award-winning singing and storytelling for an entertaining experience. In addition to her speaking, Jane is a wife, mother, businesswoman, professional singer, author and columnist. She is active in her community and church, and serves as a college trustee. Her presentation topics/titles are:



DON'T THROW TOMATOES AT MY FIELD OF DREAMS - A motivational journey to remind us how to handle challenges and stress

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THE C.E.O. TO BE A V.I.P. – Real answers for today's problems...for adults or students

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A BEAUTY QUEEN TO BE A BEAUTIFUL PERSON - With wit, wisdom and song, Jane "seasons" this presentation, helping audiences find their personal best

COMMON SENSE PRINCIPLES FOR EVERYDAY LIFE - Balancing personal and professional life

## **SUSAN HITE**

Susan is the founder of the personal and professional development program, Susan's Train Your Brain Series<sup>TM</sup>. She serves as President of a consulting and training company that links behavior to bottom-line results. She specializes in strategic and innovative consultative coaching and facilitation for leaders and their companies. She has traveled to more than 80 U. S. cities delivering professional keynote messages and training methods. Susan also hosts her own weekly radio show and has written and published two books. She is a School of Journalism graduate.



She is married and has two teenage daughters. Her topics/titles are:

SALES – "Solve and Sell...Ask the Right Questions"
TEAMBUILDING/COMMUNICATION – "Talk to People, Not About People"
LEADERSHIP/MANAGEMENT – "Hard on Problems, Soft on People"

## JEP HOSTETLER, PhD

Jep offers quite a unique combination... university teacher/professor for 25 years, highly uplifting and knowledgeable speaker on stress and world class magician. He is the author of a very useful tool, <u>The Humor Index</u>, which evaluates one's background in humor awareness, participation and preparation. He recently authored, <u>The Joy Factor</u>. In the speaking "arena", he is best known for his humorous, uplifting, educational and enjoyable presentations dealing with stress and getting the most out of life. He is a



former President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and has received their International First Place Award for best "close-up magician." He has spoken to over 1000 audiences, in addition to thousands of classes. Each of Jep's following presentations include a "touch of magic" …about 10%:

THE JOY FACTOR
TAKING THE STRESS OUT OF STRESS MANAGEMENT
HUMOR, HEALTH AND HEALING

## WAYNE HUMPHREYS, CSP

Wayne is a professional in agriculture. He is a hands-on farm operator with annual gross sales in the top 2% of all farms. Agricultural associations throughout North America have recognized his leadership and communication skills. He served as National Vice President of Future Farmers of America. He is a motivational humorist. His delightful messages reveal that the best investment is an investment in yourself and those around you. His most requested topics are:



LEAD WITH YOUR A.C.E.S. (A fun and thought provoking look at how our Attitude, Communications, Enthusiasm and Sincerity can change the world around us.)

TOMORROW'S CUSTOMER TODAY (Excellent opportunity for Agricultural Business Professionals to gain insight from an active buyer of agricultural inputs.) Highest rated segment by Ag Bankers and American Bankers Association.

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL (Wayne has been personally trained by Jack Canfield to facilitate self-esteem programs. This is a tremendous high value spouses' program.)

#### TED JANUSZ

Ted is the author of <u>Kickback: Confessions</u> of a <u>Mortgage Salesman</u>. This powerful book played a key role in the passage of Ohio Senate Bill 185, anti-predatory lending legislation. He was invited to appear live as a guest on the Geraldo Show on Fox News Network to discuss predatory lending. Ted conducts nearly 150 or more full-day seminars each year on a variety of managerial topics both in public workshop and on-site client formats. Through a nationwide search, he was also selected as one of 13 instructors to conduct "eBay University" for eBay at sites across the country.



NETWORKING: GETTING TO KNOW YOU (Meet more people so you can benefit both professionally and socially. Using humor, Ted shows you how you can confidently work any room.)

TIME REFUSES TO BE MANAGED: MANAGE YOURSELF INSTEAD CUTTING EDGE MARKETING STRATEGIES HOW TO EFFECTIVELY USE SOCIAL MEDIA

## FRAN KICK, CSP

As an educational consultant and author, Fran knows what makes kids KICK! He has been working with them, speaking to them, counseling them, teaching them and reaching them for the past 20+ years. During this time his unique perspective on what it takes to "get to" and "motivate" people has been shared with thousands of students, teachers, parents, and the many professionals who work with kids. He is the creator and presenter of KICK IT IN, a series of self-motivational personal leadership presentations and materials. Today, Fran presents



over one hundred programs every year across the country to thousands of college/university, high school, junior high/middle school students, plus the many people who work with them. In addition, he works with association/convention and corporate organizations who are actively engaged in the learning process. Fran speaks at many state, regional and national conferences. From fifth grade students, to teachers, to Fortune 500 professionals, Fran Kick always KICKS IT IN!

## **JUDSON LAIPPLY, CSP**

Judson has a Master's degree from Bowling Green State University. He has spoken to over 500 schools, colleges, organizations and companies in the last fi ve years. Judson's presentations are down-to-earth and highly motivational, humorous and thought provoking. He has appeared on The Today Show, Good Morning America, Inside Edition, Oprah and many more. He has been featured on the cover of *USA Today, Rolling Stone*, Wired, *Inc.* and others. Judson helps students understand that they can alter their life by altering their attitude; also that their power of choice influences the life



they live. His most popular program is titled, "INSPIRATIONAL COMEDY." His finale, "THE EVOLUTION OF DANCE" is requested by audiences everywhere he goes. It is one of the most viewed "You Tube" segments in history.

## ROBERT LAWSON, EdD

Dr. Lawson does both keynote addresses and in-depth training. One of his topics, DESTINED FOR GREATNESS, focuses on sharing with others the key principles essential to achieving positive organizational results. His second most popular topic is a multiple hour training program that shares specific strategies, tips and ideas on how adults can empower youth. It is referred to as the Y.E.S. program (YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SYSTEM). Additionally, Dr. Lawson



addresses topics tailored to leadership, team building, communications, organizational development, management and motivational empowerment. In addition to his speaking career, Dr. Lawson also teaches English Composition and writing. He is a very uplifting, inspiring, powerful and in-demand professional speaker. Insights on his youth program range from one hour to three days.

## **DAVE LEEDY "Super Hero"**

Dave received his undergraduate degree from Bowling Green State University and his master's degree from Xavier University. He taught in public schools for 30 years. He served as a football and wrestling coach at the high school level. Twice, he was voted "Teacher of the Year" as well as outstanding vocational educator two times. More importantly, he loves speaking to educators, parents, business people, service clubs, churches and students. He has addressed virtually every type of group imaginable, always in his "high-

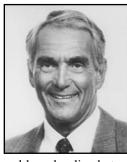


energy style." His ability to blend humor, message, self-esteem ideas and reality makes him one of the most sought after speakers in the Midwest. Dave's presentation is:

AN OFFER YOU CAN'T REFUSE (Motivation, self-esteem, enthusiasm and positive thinking). It has humor, music and message and involves all who are present. The presentation will leave you energized and refreshed with a rekindled fi re within you.

## JAY LEHR, PhD

Jay is a world-renowned environmental scientist, having already published fifteen textbooks with three more in progress. However, by far his greatest passion, next to his love for his wife, Janet, is sharing his daily philosophy of life that has allowed him to claim the title of "Happiest Person on the Planet." In his 70s, Jay catches for a senior men's hardball team and plays defense on a young men's ice hockey team. With Janet, he bicycles across the Rocky Mountains each June and walks over and back across the Grand Canyon each May.



He has completed the Hawaiian Ironman Triathlon nine times and has sky dived at least once each month in Ohio for the past 30 years (a world record). He does all this with no talent whatsoever (to which Janet will attest), but succeeds with limitless perseverance and enthusiasm. His 10-point plan for a happy productive day, coupled with a simple test to determine your personal happiness quotient, is guaranteed to change your outlook on life overnight. His presentation topics/titles are:

MAKING TOMORROW THE MOST EXCITING DAY OF YOUR LIFE A CELEBRATION OF OUR CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

## MARYELLEN LIPINSKI,

## PhD, CSP

A spirited speaker who just happens to be a psychologist by profession but loves to speak, write and coach, Dr. Lipinski believes that one never knows where life is going or how long it will last, but that it is on-going, changing and fluid. The best-laid plans need reconstructing, renovating and restoring which usually requires strength, wisdom and grace. Maryellen makes



an impact with her audience by providing knowledge, insight and a little bit of soul from her past experiences. Striving to be better, she shares her past mistakes, life stories and possible solutions that just might challenge you. Forever learning, she strives to live deliberately and works hard to connect with her audience. Of course, Maryellen uses humor to deliver her messages on change, balance and building your best life. She is the author of two books, Random Thoughts and Mine Always Are, and Life Under Construction. Maryellen's speech titles are:

LIFE UNDER CONSTRUCTION...A WORK IN PROGRESS EMOTIONAL MUCK ESSENCE OF CHANGE

## JIM MAHONEY, PhD

Dr. Mahoney is Executive Director of a national, not-for-profit organization that partners with school districts and state departments of education to develop strategies and solutions for improving teaching and accelerating student progress. With 30+ years of experience in roles including superintendent, principal, teacher and professor and the recipient of numerous awards for leadership in education, Jim offers a visionary, yet practical, perspective on various education topics. Committed to fostering collaboration and



opportunities for educators to share best practices, he has served as a keynote speaker in school districts and at conferences across the U. S., Canada and China. Jim's captivating message reinforces that <u>ALL</u> kids can learn and inspires us to cultivate a culture of excellence in schools that maximizes students' opportunities for success. His speech titles are:

BECOMING A MAGIC DRAGON – TEACHERS DOING WHAT REALLY MATTERS FOR STUDENTS
LEADING LEARNING IN A FLAT WORLD

## JACK McCALL, CSP

Jack is one of the most refreshing voices on the American speaking platform today. His humor is crisp, clean, and always in good taste. His message is insightful, timely, and founded on time-tested principles. He grew up on a farm and shares some of those experiences in many of his presentations. Jack brings to the table a wealth of experience from a career in which he has had success as a disc jockey, a licensed livestock auctioneer, a financial services professional (CLU and ChFC), and a healthcare executive. An award winning newspaper



columnist, he is the author of four books and is a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP) from the National Speakers Association. When Jack speaks, he challenges the mind and touches the heart with ideas and stories that everyone enjoys and appreciates. His main presentations are:

- "BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN PEOPLE"
- "REKINDLING THE FIRE"
- "LIFE: THE GREAT BALANCING ACT"
- "MAKING YOUR LIFE COUNT"
- "THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE"

## RICK METZGER, CSP

Rick comes from a rural background, having spent 20 years of his life on the family farm. He was a high school athletic coach and has competed in sports at the high school and professional level. He won gold medals at the 1995, 1997, and 2003 World Cup of Power Lifting. He served as President of the Ohio and National FFA Alumni Association. Rick has a diverse background, from sales to marketing to management in Ag business and the lawn and garden industry. He speaks throughout America to student groups, educators, coaches,



agricultural groups and corporate America. Rick's success as a speaker is based on his broad background and his fast-paced, high energy and down to earth approach. He will enlighten, entertain and empower all who hear him. His topics/titles are:

B.O.O.G.I.E. - Be Outstanding Or Get Involved Elsewhere (His most requested talk for students/teenagers)

GOLD MEDALS DON'T MAKE CHAMPIONS

DRINK, STEAL, SWEAR AND LIE (The four rules to success)

ME A LEADER? WHAT NEXT? (Student workshop)

THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT YOUR FUTURE, CREATE IT! (Adult workshop)

## JOHNNY MILLER, EdD, CSP

Dr. Miller is Emeritus Professor of Communication Studies at a midwestern university and former professor at the University of Southern Mississippi and the People's University of Beijing, China. In addition to his teaching, he is a former high school football coach. He has brought his compelling combination of humor and clarity to all 50 states as well as Russia, Japan, China, India, Brazil and Western Europe. His former clients include many of the top Fortune 500. Dr. Miller has co-authored three books. He is a highly animated speaker who combines 25% humor with a solid motivational message. His topics/titles are:



WHY NOT OUR BEST? LEAD, FOLLOW, OR GET OUT OF THE WAY HOW THE JAPANESE MANAGE MOTIVATING YOURSELF AND YOUR TEAM

## JOHN MINCY, CPCU

Despite losing his eyesight in late 1990, John has demonstrated the ability to excel in both his professional and personal life. John is a 1986 honors graduate of The Ohio State University with a major in accounting. John has over 20 years of proven business and management experience in both public accounting and the insurance/financial services industry. John holds the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter, Certified Internal Auditor, and Competent Toastmaster professional designations. His presentation title is, CARPE DIEM – SEIZE



THE DAY, which has become his guiding philosophy in life. John's presentation delivers a powerful motivational, inspirational and hope-filled message. John uses a wide range of emotions and personal experiences to relay his uplifting message. The presentation has proven to be effective with business, social, student and religious groups.

#### TAMELA "TAMMY" MOORE

"Tammy" is known as the "Personality Professional." Using her wit, charm and energetic presentation style, she helps audiences discover their personality types, embrace diversity and learn how to improve communication and leadership skills. She is a certified trainer in two personality systems and one leadership course. She has been conducting personality seminars with both public and private sector businesses for many years. Tammy holds an MBA and is a professional member of the prestigious National Speakers Association. She



has over a decade of experience in human resources and labor relations in dealing with a variety of personality styles. Her workshops have been described as "powerful, thought-provoking, entertaining and fun." Tammy's speech title is:

• WHY ARE PEOPLE LIKE THAT?" This program will improve communication skills, strengthen awareness of cultural diversity and provide participants an opportunity to laugh, while learning about what makes them tick.

#### JEFF MOYER

Jeff is an internationally known performer, songwriter, author, social justice advocate and developer of creative materials for schools. Jeff, who is blind, combines original music on themes that celebrate diversity and promote positive action and self esteem. His materials involve children and young people in creative self-expression toward the building of healthy school communities. His powerful public speaking, combined with humor and original music, has been heard by international audiences at conferences from Alaska to Australia. Jeff serves as an NPR commentator, has twice been invited to the White



House, has appeared on the CBS Evening News, 20/20, in *National Geographic* and in a BBC documentary about the U.S. disability rights movement.

His usual speech topics/titles to student groups are:

WE'RE PEOPLE FIRST HOW BIG IS YOUR CIRCLE?

His usual speech topic/titles to adult groups are:

BUILDING WHOLE COMMUNITIES LIVING EFFECTIVELY WITH LOSS

# STEVEN NEWMAN "The World Walker"

Steven is the first and only person in history documented to have walked solo around the world. For four years, the young Ohioan walked across 21 nations on five continents. A living folk hero to many, he has been an uranium prospector, an investigative reporter, a magazine writer, an oil rig roughneck, a cowboy, a world-ranked marathoner and a school teacher, as well as a guest on over 100 radio and television talk shows



(including the Voice of America, Today, Good Morning America and Larry King Live). He is a full-time author and a highly popular keynote/banquet speaker and motivator. Steven's most requested presentation is THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS. This deeply moving, humorous and inspirational program shows, through several unusual human encounters on Steven's world walk, that life is made of far more love than hatred. He conveys to his audiences several dramas and comedies from the common life in this world that teach us important lessons about our own hopes and fears.

## KORDELL NORTON, CSP

Inspiration, excitement, high energy and fun. At the same time you want someone you can trust to not insult or offend your audience. You can trust Kordell in a presentation that is both uplifting and educational. He has a rich background in business management and organizational development in companies ranging from small start-ups to multibillion dollar corporations. His experience includes being a Vice President of call centers, Director of Human Resources, Sales Management at local, regional and national levels, Marketing



Director and an Operations Executive. He has worked with educators on strategic and marketing planning. Kordell's speech titles are:

STATUS QUO TO STATUS GROW – GROWING YOUR BUSINESS SALES TIPS, TRICKS AND TRAPS DEVELOPING POWERFUL STRATEGY, INSPIRING LEADERSHIP AND HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAMS – I DON'T KNOW WHERE

I'M GOING, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE I'M NOT THERE YET

EFFECTIVE NETWORKING AND/OR SOCIAL NETWORKING

## SUSIE OBERDAHLHOFF

Susie and her husband live on a cattle farm in the Midwest. They have two grown children and two grandchildren. She has held positions with several agricultural commodity groups and served as agriculture business director for a marketing/communication fi rm before returning home "full time." Years of experience on the family farm are brought to life as she relates what it was like marrying a farmer after growing up a city-born preacher's kid. Her realistic and



uncanny humor touches your heart and mind as she shares excerpts from her multifaceted life. Susie entwines the importance of being proud, positive, patient and persistent no matter what life brings your way. You'll laugh; you'll cry as she brings to life memories of "down on the farm." Her presentation is entitled:

#### THE HUMAN SIDE OF FARMING

## PATRICK O'DOOLEY, CSP

Patrick has been a professional speaker for over 30 years. Repeat and referral speeches have enabled him to have spoken in all 50 states and seven other countries. He gives high energy, high content, humorous programs while involving his audiences. They love his clean humor and powerful messages. They leave with a psychological triggering device to remind them of his message for a long time. He went to Oklahoma University on an athletic scholarship and graduated with a degree in marketing. He served in the U.S. Army where he was



an aviation officer. He has been a licensed pilot for 40 years, having been a commercial, military, and private pilot. Upon completion of his military service, he was successful with IBM and Steelcase Office Furniture. He is a former board member of the 3,000 member, National Speakers Association. Patrick is the author of the book entitled, FLIGHT PLAN FOR LIVING. His two main topics are:

"ONE DOWN AND THE B.E.S.T. TO GO" (A plan for successful daily living and how to stay motivated)

"EIGHT AND A HALF WAYS TO INCREASE SALES" (Taking your sales skills to a higher level)

#### **ERIC PAPP**

Eric has delivered more than 500 programs for corporate, association, and government audiences. He has been featured in the New York Times, USA Today, HR Executives, and many other publications. He is the author of the recently released book by John Wiley and Sons, LEADERSHIP BY CHOICE. He was voted in the top 1% of management trainers in the United States. Eric is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and among his prestigious clients are: Nationwide Insurance, The Million Dollar Roundtable,



American Dental Association, and the Department of Homeland Security. He produces a daily one minute "Thought of the Day" for radio stations across the country, receiving an audience of over four million each day. His main topics are:

"LEADERSHIP BY CHOICE" (How to increase influence and effectiveness through effective self-management. He shares why leadership is a choice, not a title or a position. It includes solid input on teamwork, communication, productivity, and personal development) "LEADING THE ENTITLEMENT GENERATION" (Understanding the mindset of Gen Y and how to get the most from them)

#### RICHARD PAUL

Richard has inspired thousands of students, educators and business professionals redefining diversity, improving character skills, reducing conflict and promoting humor in the workplace. Richard's use of ventriloquist characters and uplifting humorous stories combines life lessons with comic relief. He has been featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Detroit News* and on FOX News. His presentations include:



BEING DUCKY – Four strategies that will help to improve customer service and promote humor in the workplace.

BEING A WISE QUACK – A teen **character building** presentation that demonstrates the value of respect and responsibility.

PUTTING YOUR WEB FOOT FORWARD – A teen program that explains the importance of creating a mission statement and having short term/long term goals. NO TWO DUCKS ARE THE SAME – A diversity awareness program.

**Elementary School Programs include:** 

No Bullying, Conflict Resolution and Core Democratic Values.

#### MARIE CARTER POLLACK

Marie has over 25 years of experience inspiring, encouraging and entertaining audiences. Her creative, customized presentations are delivered to meet the specific needs of any organization with energy, humor and enthusiasm. Marie is an author, TV personality, public speaking trainer and Certified Laughter Leader. Her workshops, keynotes and presentations are designed to bring lively, enjoyable, applicable learning to individuals and their organizations. Her most requested programs are:



THE 411 ON LEADERSHIP (Sharpen and expand <u>your</u> leadership skills and inspire <u>others</u> to achieve their highest potential)

NAVIGATING CHANGE FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT (Whether it's personal or professional change you are experiencing, learn how to navigate *through* it and become energized *by* it!)

<u>YOU</u> MAKE THE DIFFERENCE (Be a compass for your organization with a positive, proactive approach to whatever you do)

W.O.M.A.N. (W-orn O-ut M-eeting A-ll their N-eeds: Hats off to you! The new role for today's woman)

## KAY POTETZ, PhD

Kay has been a keynote speaker and a management consultant since the early 1980s. Her qualifications include 25 years of management and administrative experience, an MBA, and a PhD. Her last position was that of Vice President of a Midwest hospital. Kay has the ability to combine her business expertise with a generous amount of common sense. Her keen observations of people and quick wit make her seminars



enjoyable as well as educational for all participants. She is the author of the recently published book, "Take it Back". Her presentation topics include:

WHAT MAKES ME TICK, WHAT TICKS ME OFF (Dealing with anger and difficult people)

WHAT YOU HEARD IS <u>NOT</u> WHAT I SAID (Communication)
IT AIN'T THE SAME AND IT NEVER WILL BE (Change)
ORGANIZE AND DEPUTIZE (The value and art of delegation)
LAUGHING MATTERS (Emotional intelligence and coping)

THE MYTH OF TIME MANAGEMENT (Managing yourself is as good as it gets)

## **DELORES PRESSLEY**

DeLores is known for her electrifying and exhilarating performance as a professional speaker. She carries her message of mastering motivation and inspiration, while working with people to help them become more confident to achieve life and business success. DeLores has appeared as an attitude and self confidence expert nationally, including OPRAH, *New York Daily News, Washington Post* and many others. She has authored



three books: <u>Clean Out the Closets of Your Life</u>, <u>Advanced Revelations</u> and <u>Believe in the Power of You</u>. DeLores' topics include:

BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF YOU (Harness your inner power and discover how to empower yourself and others for career and personal fulfillment)

DISPLAYING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE (Learn how to utilize attitudes, whether positive or negative, to achieve success)

ACHIEVING MAXIMUM CLASSROOM SUCCESS (Many students perform far below their potential. Success is not an accident, it is a learned skill)

#### SHAWN RAMEY

Since 1998, Shawn, known by many as "Dr. Choice", has empowered audiences in 40 of the 50 United States and in Puerto Rico. He is a motivational speaker and trainer who uses humorous storytelling to deliver high energy, rich content and interactive presentations. He draws his messages from years of experience in business management, education and the U. S. Army. His book entitled, You Can Win: It's Your Choice,



discusses the ripples that result from the choices we make. Today, Shawn is President and CEO of one of the largest youth chess and leadership companies in the Midwest. His most requested presentations are:

CHOICE LEADERSHIP – Humorous presentation for adults or youth. He discusses pros and cons of various leadership styles and how recognizing your choices is essential to the success of any leader.

YOU CAN WIN: IT'S YOUR CHOICE! – Discover the choices you are presented with and how they can have lasting effects on the lives of people with whom you live and work. (adult & youth)

GETTING GREAT GRADES – Students will discover several ways to improve their grades in this fun-filled, interactive program. (youth)

## GLENN RAY, PhD

Glenn is a storyteller who has gathered illustrative, creative stories for his presentations from raft trips through the Grand Canyon and down the Sarapique River and Gauley Rivers, and hikes on volcanoes in Costa Rica and Hawaii. He has worked in all levels of organizations from machine operator and production supervisor in the underground coal industry to plant training manager and corporate training director. He



has written two books including, <u>The Facilitative Leader</u> and <u>You Can't Push a Pig Into a Truck</u>, plus he contributed chapters in four other books. He has contributed almost 200 newspaper columns on leadership since 2000. His presentations include:

YOU CAN'T PUSH A PIG INTO A TRUCK (Organizational Change is About Choices)

THE VERTICAL TURTLE (Developing Change Enablers)

YOU CAN'T CATCH A LIZARD BY THE TAIL (Creativity and Organizational Problem-Solving)

#### RANDALL REEDER

#### (as Will Rogers)

Will Rogers'son, Jim, told Randall a few years ago, "I sure liked your speech." Now you also can experience the wit and wisdom of an American legend. Randall brings to life the warmth and humor of Will Rogers as he speaks to business and agriculture audiences and a variety of other groups. He is more than a "Will Rogers impersonator."



You'll feel like you are in the presence of Will Rogers. If you know Will, this Will Rogers look-alike will make you do a double-take as soon as you lay eyes on him. As an experienced professional speaker, Randall draws on Will Rogers' published writings and other sources to customize his presentation, based on the interests of the audience. Then he adds observations about life, politics and the world today, presented with the Will Rogers style and grace. The result is an enlightening, inspirational and thoroughly entertaining presentation your group is sure to enjoy.

WILL ROGERS TODAY (Usually an after-dinner or luncheon talk) FARMING AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE (As 'Will Rogers', he blends his experience in agriculture with the eternal wisdom of Will Rogers to entertain and enlighten farmers and agri-business folks.)

## CAROL RITZ, CSP

Carol is a versatile keynote speaker and dynamic seminar leader. She is a gifted storyteller with wit and wisdom to help audiences "Create a Ritzy Future." Carol holds a Master's Degree in Change Process from The Ohio State University. She led change at the Ohio Department of Education, taught management at the collegiate level and worked with an international management fi rm. Her presentation style is informational, humorous, interactive and inspirational. Audiences applaud Carol's expertise in



preparing them for continuous change in their personal and professional lives. Her most requested topics are:

THE TIMES ARE A CHANGING – ARE YOU? LEADERSHIP DURING TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY CREATING OUR DREAM TEAM WORLD CLASS CUSTOMER SERVICE PUT THE "S.P.I.N." ON YOUR COMMUNICATIONS JOB BURNOUT IS COMMON...NOT MANDATORY!

## DOUGLAS ROSS, PhD

Dr. Ross is an active speaker, researcher and an award winning professor. His doctorate is in Business Administration, specializing in marketing. He has taught at several universities and has over twenty years of industry and consulting experience in both large and small corporate settings, as well as goods and services marketing. Dr. Ross blends practical strategies and tactics with an enjoyable and energetic presentation style. Participants



will leave with marketing ideas that they can implement the next day. He has also published in the *Journal of Business Ethics, Journal of Nonprofit and Public Sector Marketing* and *Business Horizons*. His presentations are titled:

INCREASING CUSTOMER SATISFACTION
EVERY EMPLOYEE SHOULD BE A MARKETER
DEVELOPING UNCONVENTIONAL MARKETING TACTICS THE
"FUNCTIONAL WORKPLACE"® (Appropriate fun with a purpose can help in developing creativity and innovation.)

## **DENISE RYAN, CSP**

Denise has the mission "to light the fi res of enthusiasm and to teach others to keep them burning" and her sessions do just that. They are loaded with practical information participants can put to use immediately, improving their lives and work. She has the ability to get participants reenergized and refocused. She combines a great sense of humor and timing with a tell-it-like-it-is style that audiences love. She was the NC CPA Association's



Speaker of the Year. Healthcare and government agencies bring her in to train workers on customer service. Attendees start off resistant, but wind up having a great time despite themselves. Few speakers can pull this off. Her topics are:

GREAT BALLS OF FIRE! (This motivational session gives attendees a six step process to ignite their enthusiasm.)

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS (Customer service training has never been like this before! The session has an Elvis theme and covers everything from body language to dealing with angry customers.)

SETTING YOUR TEAM ON FIRE! (Opening with tips on how to stop de-motivating team members, this session then gives dozens of ideas on how to motivate them.)

#### JAVIER SANCHEZ

Javier is a product of effective, cutting edge, youth leadership programming and now wants every young person he comes in contact with to have the same opportunity to experience life to the fullest. His personal challenge is to move his audience to do three things: Laugh, Think and Do. Audiences will LAUGH (a lot!) at stories from Javier's life, THINK about their own attitudes and experiences and be ready to DO whatever it



takes to make a difference in their own lives, their homes and their communities. His presentation titles are:

EXPERIENCE LIFE – USE F.O.R.C.E. IF NECESSARY (Teens will learn how to use F.O.R.C.E. – Focus on Reality, Commitment and Excellence – to get the most out of life.)

LIVING LOUD AND CLEAR (Motivate teens or adults to stand up for what they believe in, and, as they rise to the occasion, lift someone else up with them.)

#### DONNA SATCHELL

"Just Get Serious" is Donna's message to propel people into action. An engaging, high-energy professional speaker, success skills trainer, and author, she is the 2008-2009 winner of "The Best Motivational Speaker in 5 Minutes or Less" presented by The Twinkie Awards, honoring small business excellence. Her exciting presentations include what she considers the four I's needed to motivate people: 1) information, 2) insights, 3) inspiration, and 4) ideas. The information comes from



Donna being a life-long learner and avid reader. The insights and inspiration are based on successes she achieved after overcoming a lack of confidence, direction and knowledge. The ideas are "take-action" strategies and steps she used to turn a one-week temporary assignment into a successful 17 year career with Clairol, Inc., which included being the first secretary promoted into a management level marketing position. Donna is one of the co-authors of <u>The Power of Motivation</u> and other books. Her presentations include:

JUST GET SERIOUS ABOUT SUCCESS
JUST GET SERIOUS ABOUT CUSTOMER SERVICE
JUST GET SERIOUS ABOUT TEAMWORK
JUST GET SERIOUS ABOUT MANAGING YOUR TIME
JUST GET SERIOUS ABOUT TEAMWORK
GETTING FROM GEN X TO GEN Y

### **DAVE SCHWENSEN**

Entertaining, energetic and armed with hilarious examples from his career as a television talent coordinator in Hollywood and New York, Dave offers unique solutions to common problems. A veteran of the fast paced and high stress entertainment industry, he uses his experiences to share winning communication skills based on creativity and politically correct good humor. The results are less stress, improved teamwork, increased productivity and



sales and better customer service. An author, radio host and award-winning humor columnist, Dave has also designed and instructs courses in business communications and presentation skills. His programs include audience participation and are titled:

HUMORING YOUR CLIENTS & CO-WORKERS: TALKING YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS

CREATIVE WAYS TO COMMUNICATE YOUR MESSAGE THROUGH GOOD HUMOR

CREATIVE WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR PRESENTATION SKILLS

## MARK SHATZ, PhD

All audiences agree – learning should be fun! Dr. Shatz draws on 28 years of unique professional experiences – psychology professor, certified death educator, golf instructor and co-author of a top selling humor writing book – to offer a no-fluff guarantee while teaching practical information blended with humor. He focuses on harnessing the power of humor to increase productivity in the workplace, classroom and everyday life. He values



individualized instruction, carefully customizing each presentation to meet the clients' needs. Whether the topic is motivation, stress management or communication strategies, Mark's talks are content-driving, memorable and fun. His programs are titled:

THE POWER OF FUNNY: LIFE'S FREE, NON-ADDICTIVE PROZAC • PRODUCTIVITY CPR: USING HUMOR IN THE WORKPLACE WORK AIN'T FUN ANYMORE: IMPROVING MORALE BY REDUCING STRESS

## SCOTT SHEPERD, PhD

"Powerful People Create Powerful Organizations." If stress, change, communication and staff retention are issues that are important to your organization and if you are tired of presentations that crank out clichés, e.g., "let's do win-win," but are short on substance, Dr. Sheperd's message is something you might be looking for. In a humorous, yet thought provoking presentation, Scott will help your audience learn how to become emotional



powerhouses and deal with the challenges of the workplace and of life in general. Scott has over 30 years experience working with people in difficult situations. He has had six books published including the recent, "Who's In Charge? Attacking the Stress Myth." "Every time Scott has spoken to our employees he has left them with a greater sense of optimism and hope. Not only is he entertaining, his message has staying power."...Cincinnati Insurance Companies. Scott's speech title is:

DON'T MANAGE YOUR STRESS – REKINDLE YOUR SPIRIT STAYING CREATIVE TO STAY AHEAD WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH, REKINDLE YOUR HEART

#### **DAVID AUSTIN SKY**

David is a storyteller. He creates original stories that encourage you to enjoy your memories and grow toward your dreams. His programs are relaxing events that will speak to your heart while your body is laughing. David's experience as a musician, crew chief in the U.S. Air Force, counselor, writer and performer, a graduate of the Methodist Theological School and a janitor at Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum, provides him a rich



background to write and perform his stories. Experience why audiences say "David is a child trapped in a bald man's suit." His presentation topics/titles are:

SEE THE FOREST, HEAR THE TREES: THE ART OF STORYLISTENING RUBBER DUCKIES AND RED WAGONS: WISDOM FROM CHILDHOOD. PAYING ATTENTION TO YOUR INNER VILLAGE IDIOT IN THE QUEST FOR HAPPINESS

GLADNESS IN THE NOW, CELEBRATING WHAT WE DO! FOR PEOPLE LIKE US: DEALING WITH STRESS AND NEGATIVITY

#### **BARBARA SMITH**

## "The Hat Lady"

One thing Barbara has learned in life—no matter what the job description is, you will be required to wear a few more hats! Watch THE HAT LADY model her assortment from her whimsical hat box, and you will laugh, sigh and enjoy how often you identify with each chapeau! Barbara has

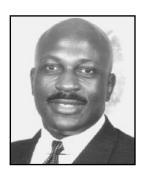


worn many hats: corporate wife of a busy CEO, mother (she has three children and four grandchildren), elementary teacher, horse groom, active church and community volunteer and a passel of other unexpected positions. She has presented her HATS from Boston to San Antonio to conventions, hospital wellness groups, service organizations and national associations. As a young man reported after Barbara's presentation, "I came prepared to be bored, and I wasn't!" Barbara's exuberant portrayal of the ever flexible hat wearer will refresh, amuse and encourage your audience. Her presentation is titled:

• "HATS OFF" (Perfect for spouse programs and women's organizations)

## WALTER SMITH

Walter was exonerated and freed via DNA testing following 11 years of wrongful imprisonment. He acknowledges how he survived the horrors of prison life, ultimately returning to society a winner. Walter's unique experience has enabled him to speak before Ohio's Senate Judiciary and Criminal Justice Committee. He also participated in a Criminal Justice Workshop with Police Chiefs and was appointed to an African American Male



Empowerment Commission. Walter has proven successful before various audiences and as a radio talk show host. Across the nation, his inspirational presentations are unparalleled. His topics/titles are: • AGAINST ALL ODDS – An adult presentation that has been well received by audiences.

CHOICES – A presentation focused on crime and drug prevention. (for students and educators)

Walter's universal message that zeros in on varied social ills like smoking, alcoholism, addiction, social misbehavior, poor health and physical fi tness, is:

WINNING AGAINST ALL ODDS

#### JIM STEFFEN

Jim's fitness motivational show is an enthusiastic solution for people who need some basic instruction to get started on the right path to exercise and healthy eating. Jim's attention grabbing presentation encourages audience participation and provides ideas for getting active. Jim's presentation is about more than physical fitness; it's about being fit in all aspects of life and how healthy living makes one more successful in all areas of life. Jim shares



his "5 STEPP" success plan and discusses goal setting and attitude as important tools to becoming fi t. It's impossible to leave this upbeat and optimistic presentation without a renewed interest in eating right, exercising more and making better choices that help you achieve amazing things! His titles are:

FIT TO ACHIEVE
FIT BE BE DRUG FREE
FIT TO BELIEVE
DON'T LET FAT BE YOUR FATE (FAITH, ATTITUDE, TARGET AND ENTHUSIASM)

# TOM STEINER, PhD

One of America's most prolific speakers, Dr. Tom has been a professional speaker, EnterTRAINer, management consultant and teacher for over 15 years. He has spoken to over 2000 groups. He combines his talents in a way that makes learning fun. His background is quite diverse: Director of corporate training, university professor, elementary school principal, stand-up comic and rock & roll guitarist. He says that his most valuable learning



experiences came as a taxi driver and door-to-door salesman in New York City. All of his speeches include his "high-energy style, a heavy dose of humor and a light dose of magic." Among his most popular presentations are:

LIFE IN THE EXPRESS LANE: MOVING AND THINKING FASTER

LEARN TO LOVE CONSTANT CHANGE

OPTION THINKING: THINKING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

CONVERTING HIGH STRESS INTO HIGH ENERGY

THE POWER OF HUMOR: CREATING THE WORK-PLAY-CE

## **TED THOMAS**

Ted is a retired businessman with a broad and successful background, who is now offering to share his insights, skills and knowledge from the small business arena. He came up through the ranks creating and building several small and varied business enterprises. He has been in the trenches, experienced the highs and lows, the jubilation and satisfaction, as well as the frustration and disappointment associated with starting, owning and



running a small business. He has lived with the do's and don'ts of every element of running a business; such as delegation, partnerships, budgeting and financing, product development, sales and marketing, expansion and downsizing decisions, pricing, payroll and personnel issues, all of which are deeply embedded in his memory. Ted has delivered in excess of 3000 speeches, mostly on sales, sales management techniques, and skill development with a "be the best you can be" message of encouragement.

## **DEBORAH THOMAS NININGER**

Deborah is the founder of a company that provides training on all areas of international and domestic protocol specializing in "Reputation Management" and communication strategies. She brings to you over twenty years of business etiquette, communication, and self-presentation expertise, rooted in behavioral science and successful human interaction. Deborah organized the etiquette interests for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.



She is a frequent subject of interviews, which often appear in publications both nationally and internationally. Deborah's speech titles/topics are:

REPUTATION MANAGEMENT - one of her most requested programs focusing on the top ten items necessary for today's professional to stand out from the pack! MIXING, MINGLING & MAXIMIZING YOUR NETWORK - a pivotal need today for all professionals

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION – includes assertiveness, presentation skills, dealing with difficult people, diplomacy and more!

## CHARLIE THOMPSON

Whether your organization is focusing on sales, customer service, leadership, teamwork, or communication, success boils down to one simple point – personal relationships. Charlie shares how a generous serving of humor can play an important role in our daily interactions with others, both professionally and personally. Humor abounds in our every day life and the people around us. All we have to do is look for it. Set the tone for your meeting, lighten the



mood in the middle, or send them home laughing and renewed. Charlie delivers not only laughter and lots of it, but the important message that our quality of life is determined not so much by WHAT we are looking at, but by HOW we are looking at it. The titles of his presentations are:

LIFE IS ALL IN HOW YOU LOOK AT IT GUNSHIPS, GRITS AND GRANNY BREATHING IS OPTIONAL. LAUGHTER IS ESSENTIAL

## DON THOREN, CPAE

Don's magical yet practical formula for discovering "3rd Ideas" dramatically improves results, morale and organizational excitement while saving time and money. His valuable experience coupled with a thoughtful, dynamic presentation style, spiced with humor, helps audience members to be even more effective change agents at any level of an organization, association, church, charity, club and even their own home! Don's speech titles are:



LET IDEAS COMPETE – NOT PEOPLE SELLING DIFFERENT PEOPLE, DIFFERENTLY EXERCISING LEADERSHIP THROUGH COACHING LAUGHTER-GOOD MEDICINE FOR CREATIVITY AND HEALTH

(Don and his wife, Kathleen)

CONVERTING CONFLICT TO CREATIVITY THROUGH DIALOGUE AND LAUGHTER (Don and his wife, Kathleen)

## LINDA TREASURE

Linda is an articulate, knowledgeable speaker with a warm and supportive style. She entertainingly challenges the way people think, building new awareness and skills leading to lasting results. She has personally trained over 40,000 people from a wide range of organizations in sexual harassment prevention. Her subtle humor is an important part of her approach even when addressing sensitive issues. This helps to reduce resistance, minimize



defensiveness, build understanding and foster improved working relationships. In all of Linda's dynamic presentations, an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust is created. Her speech titles are:

THE GREY FACTOR - A seminar which speaks to the grey areas of sexual harassment, creating lasting clarity and understanding in an enjoyable, informative process.

5 STEPS TO IMPROVED RELATIONSHIPS - The 5 Step process for increasing interpersonal effectiveness and forming lasting relationships while minimizing stress. TREASURE'S TREASURES – Jewels of insights from a seasoned consultant, experienced educator and parent of four.

# DARRYL TUKUFU, PhD

Dr. Tukufu gives new meaning to a highly charged, enigmatic, motivational speaker. He is a master storyteller. He uses humor and real-life experiences. He has taught at the university level, held top level and distinguished administrative positions in municipal government, as well as non-profit organizations. Additionally, he is an author of self-help, personal development books. His heartfelt and insightful experiences and anecdotes have proven to



be of great interest to youth and youth-serving organizations, non-profit organizations, and corporations.

R TO THE 3<sup>rd</sup> POWER: REFLECTION, REGENERATION & REVITALIZATION (For personal growth and development either at home, at school, or on the job.) DIVERSITY: WE'RE DIFFERENT AND WE'RE THE SAME (As a diversity specialist, Dr. Tukufu shares ideas on all aspects of diversity.) • KEEPIN' IT REAL! (He relates to youth, utilizing rap and stories designed to move toward a new stage of development.)

## KAREN VADINO, MSW

Karen is a motivational speaker, humorist, trainer and consultant. She is a nationally recognized speaker known for her unique and humorous approach to life. All of Karen's presentations are humorous in nature, reflecting her own approach to dealing with the stress of everyday life. She has worked for two different Children Services Boards, in a children's psychiatric hospital and several chemical dependency agencies. These have included both



clinical and educational departments. Karen's two most requested presentations are:

- LAUGHING: JUST FOR THE HEALTH OF IT Humor and laughing offer important benefits in our lives. This presentation will help participants learn how to reduce stress and be healthier through looking at life with some humor
- ALL STRESSED UP AND NO ONE TO CHOKE! This stress management workshop is designed to help participants recognize stressors, become aware of their own personal stress level and discover some healthy, effective methods to reduce stress.

#### JOHN WAGNER

John is a *Seriously Funny* motivational humorist! He combines hilarious humor with concrete content to provide audiences with the fun and motivation they need to improve their attitudes and actions. He has professional experience as a licensed clinical counselor, faculty member and college dean of student services. John's programs help people take responsibility, improve relationships and increase productivity, all while they are



laughing. John's *Seriously Funny* keynote speeches, workshops, and banquet programs entertain, enlighten and empower.

His speech/titles are:

HUMOR HELPS YOU THRIVE ON CHANGE INJECT HUMOR - ENHANCE HEALING SERIOUS FUN-DAMENTALS FOR SUCCESS

TEAMING WITH HUMOR

#### DAWN WALDROP

Dawn is a powerful speaker who connects with each person in her audience. Her informative and comfortable style motivates audiences to improve their professional presence. She is the author of, <u>Best Impressions - How to Gain Professionalism</u>, <u>Promotion and Profit</u>. Dawn presents across the nation to clients such as: NASA, Key Bank, Cleveland Clinic, Comcast and Progressive Insurance. Her articles appear in *Wall Street Journal, Sales & Marketing, Healthcare, Management Accounting*. Her speech titles are:



Corporate Programs:

BRANDING YOUR IMAGE FOR SUCCESS SO, WHAT'S IN YOUR CLOSET?

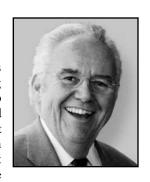
THE CLOTHES IN YOUR CLOSET MAKE YOUR CAREER

Women's Programs:

LOOKING YOUR BEST FOREVER LOVING THE SKIN YOU ARE IN BRING SIMPLICITY TO YOUR LIFE THROUGH COLOR & STYLE

## AL WALKER, CSP, CPAE

Al is a motivational humorist who is funny and brings strong content to any program. If you need an uplifting message that challenges your people to think, lighten up and laugh at the same time, then you need to let them spend some time with Al. His ability to immediately connect with his audience - have them laughing from start to finish while also providing them with solid, relevant content that encourages them to think bigger, do what needs to be done



to increase productivity and thrive in these challenging times - is guaranteed to make their world and yours more fit to live in. Al's unique approach is what has led to over 90% of his speaking and training being for repeat and referred clients.

Al's most requested topics are:
THINKING BIG AND LIVING LARGE
A WORLD FIT TO LIVE IN
THE GATEWAY TO EXCELLENCE IS AS BIG AS A BARN

SERVICE THAT SELLS SUCCESSFUL SELLING

## **EDITH WASHINGTON**

Energy, passion and humor make Edith an exciting speaker. She entertains with stories based on real life experiences in a variety of corporations and communities. Edith excelled for more than 25 years in the design and construction industry, becoming the first African-American woman elevated to "Fellow" by the Construction Specifications Institute. Believing that "people" are the world's greatest resource, Edith offers



ideas for solving "human" problems, before they become costly court cases. She works with organizations to improve communication and create productive, "people-friendly" environments. Edith inspires people to dream, achieve and believe in themselves – and others. Her topics/titles are: • BEYOND DIVERSITY (Embracing differences and celebrating commonalities)

THE POWER OF MENTORING (Changing lives, companies and communities) WHERE'S MY CRYSTAL BALL? (Meeting the challenge of change)

#### **BOB WELSH**

With a lump in your throat and tear in your eye, be inspired as you learn and laugh until you cry. Uncanny storyteller and author, Bob has mesmerized listeners nationally. His gripping stories, one-liners and unique delivery will keep you alert and laughing. Bob's life experiences in the U. S. Navy, Ohio Highway Patrol (29 years) and graduate of the FBI National Academy, inspire equally unique stories and accounts of survival, labor and love that you may have



never heard of but will never forget. He is a classic outdoorsman, enjoying hiking, hunting and camping. His book is entitled, <u>Embers From a Storyteller's Mind</u>. Bob's heartwarming, humorous and educational presentation is titled:

#### VALUES TO LIVE BY

## GAIL WENOS, CSP, CPAE &

# Ezra D. Peabody "Smart Dummy"

After 25 years of speaking for corporations, associations, government agencies, education and health care groups, Gail and Ezra have become "experts" on the subjects of teamwork and communication. There is no better way to open or close your next conference or convention than



with the dynamic duo of Ezra D. Peabody (Smart Dummy) and his able associate, Gail Wenos. They will have your audience rolling in the aisles with laughter, wiping tears from their eyes and sitting on the edges of their seats as they are mesmerized with a powerful message. Gail's topics/titles are:

WORKING TOGETHER, SMARTER! (A fun, team-building message with a powerful impact – emphasizing teamwork, encouragement and communication.) YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! (A presentation that will inspire the audience to see how their lives can make a difference. It's the little things that count.) UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL! (Ezra mingles with your group, remembers names and faces and delights with a personalized message from the platform.)

## MARION WIKHOLM, LCSW

Marion is an "inspirational humorist" who uses her wisdom and training as a psychotherapist, along with her wit as a "sit-up comedian", to involve her audience in making important choices in attitude – you deserve to be a part of this presentation. Diagnosed with lumbar polio as a child, she spent many years learning to accept and overcome her disability. As a presenter, Marion weaves her magic to free her audiences to turn their major irritants



into their fi nest pearls! She is the author of a book entitled, <u>Bitter or Better; It's Up to You</u>, endorsed by Dr. Wayne Dyer. Marion invites participants to overcome obstacles in their lives by enhancing their strengths and conquering stress through the use of humor. "Sooner or later we have to give up hope of a better yesterday…but never give up the choice of a better tomorrow." She is also a Katrina survivor. Her topics/titles are:

BITTER OR BETTER: IT'S UP TO YOU (An enlightening, humorous presentation in which participants are challenged to see things differently)

TURNING STRESS INTO SUCCESS

## OTIS WILLIAMS, Jr., CSP

Otis is one of America's most sought-after speakers and educators in the area of human performance. He is committed to working with individuals and organizations who want to compete and advance in a changing world. Otis delivers a high-energy message that challenges people to take responsibility for their lives and stop making excuses as to why they are not living up to their potential. In 1993, Otis emerged victorious from among



more than 10,000 speakers worldwide to capture the coveted title of "World Champion of Public Speaking" for Toastmasters International.

WHAT IT TAKES TO BE GREAT STAYING MOTIVATED IN CHALLENGING TIMES FIVE QUESTIONS EVERY LEADER MUST BE ABLE TO ANSWER REACH YOUR GOALS THROUGH NETWORKING VICTORY 4 YOUTH (Students)

## STEVE WILSON, CSP

Steve is a licensed psychologist. He is the author of eight books, including: The Art of Mixing Work and Play; Eat Dessert First; Super Humor Power; and Good-Hearted Living. In addition to being a powerful and sensitive personality, he is a recognized authority on applying psychology and humor to life and work. Steve is in demand to present keynotes, workshops and seminars about his unique theories on the power of humor and



laughter. These are life-affirming, enjoyable, empowering, self-care strategies that improve morale, productivity, health and the joy of living. He believes in humor and laughter and uses them as powerful tools for getting across that information which is most important to the meeting planners' purposes. His topics/titles are:

PUTTING HUMOR TO WORK AT WORK
HUMOR FOR THE HEALTH OF IT
HUMOR, SELF-ESTEEM AND TEAMWORK
THE ART OF MIXING WORK AND PLAY
DON'T POSTPONE JOY: ADD LIGHT YEARS TO YOUR LIFE
GOOD-HEARTED LIVING

## LESLIE YERKES

Leslie's specialty is helping organizations turn challenges into opportunities. Her philosophy is simple: People are basically good, well-intentioned, courageous and able to learn, and her job is to provide a framework in which they can draw on their own inner resources to find creative solutions. Leslie earned her Masters of Science in Organizational Development; Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, in Education; and founded a consulting group. In



the corporate world, she often assists in managing change to increase productivity. Non-profit organizations turn to Leslie for strategic planning, leadership coaching, team building and training. Leslie is co-author of the best-selling 301 Ways to Have Fun at Work.

She is the author of:

- Fun Works: Creating Places Where People Love to Work
- Beans: Four Principles for Running a Business in Good Times or Bad

• They Just Don't Get It! Changing Resistance into Understanding • Beyond Kicks and Carrots - Motivation in the Twenty-First Century.

## **JUSTIN ZABOR**

Justin is, "The Director of Death who speaks the Language of Life for you and your business." As a licensed funeral director and professional speaker, he helps associations, corporations and individuals achieve greater levels of success in their personal and professional lives. Justin has been granted the designation of Certified Funeral Service



Practitioner (CFSP) by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice. There are over 35,000 funeral directors in the U.S. alone and only 4% of the entire profession have achieved this distinct honor. As a result of attending Justin's programs, audiences will be more educated, motivated and inspired to make positive changes in their personal and professional lives. His speech titles are:

- CUSTOMER SERVICE TO DIE FOR 5 SENSATIONAL SERVICE SECRETS FROM THE FUNERAL PROFESSION
- THE PASSION PRINCIPLE OF LEADERSHIP IN BUSINESS AND
- IN LIFE
- THE 7 "F-WORDS" OF LIFE BALANCE

# SPORTS SPEAKERS

## WINSTON BENNETT

Winston is a college basketball coach and has been an assistant coach in the NBA (National Basketball Association). He was also a player in the NBA with the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Miami Heat. Winston has the distinction of being one of the only players to have ever held Michael Jordan to four points in a half. Winston played his college basketball at the University of Kentucky where he received his degree in Business Administration. Winston believes you must seize life,



don't just survive...master life's challenges...fight for your life. Nothing just happens, you must make it happen with a tremendous faith that all things are possible, and a dogmatic determination that says, "I will never give up." His keynote and seminar topics are:

FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE: FIVE POWERFUL KEYS TO MASTER LIFE'S DIFFICULTIES

TEAMWORK YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS: NOTHING GREAT IS EVER ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT A TEAM

## **BOBBY CARPENTER**

Bobby was a first team All-Ohio football player in high school and was in the National Honor Society. He was a linebacker in college at The Ohio State University, where he was a four year letterman, 3 year starter, 3rd team All-American, and played on the OSU national championship team in 2002. Twice, he received the Randy Gradishar Linebacker of the Year Award. He graduated from OSU in 2006 with a degree in business and in that same year, he



was drafted in the first round of the NFL draft by the Dallas Cowboys. He played for the Cowboys, the Miami Dolphins, Detroit Lions, and New England Patriots. His father, Rob Carpenter, also played in the NFL for ten years. Today, Bobby is co-host of a local sports radio show, works with 2nd graders to help promote literacy, works with football players where he went to high school and at The Ohio State University by mentoring them and assisting in player and personal development.....in addition to giving motivational speeches. His main speech titles are:

For adults: "DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS", "MAKING EVERY DAY A PURPOSEFUL DAY", "DEVELOPING CHARACTER"

For students: "HANDLING ADVERSITY", "GOAL SETTING AND PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE", "DEVELOPING CHARACTER"

## **BILL CONLEY**

Coach Bill was nationally known as one of the nation's top football recruiters. As a former member of The Ohio State Buckeye Football staff and as recruiting coordinator, Bill consistently brought top 10 recruiting classes to Ohio State. His reputation as a successful coach and recruiter has placed Bill in high demand, nationwide, as a motivational speaker. His presentations center around his true experiences as a player under Coach Woody Hayes to his coaching and recruiting accomplishments at Ohio State. His topics include:



COMPETING FOR THE BEST ATTITUDE: THE KEY TO SUCCESS THOUGHTS FOR CHAMPIONS VISUALIZING YOUR SUCCESS LEADERS AREN'T BORN, THEY'RE MADE

#### JOHN COOPER

Coach Cooper won 193 games as head football coach at Tulsa, Arizona State and The Ohio State University. He is currently a consultant for the Cincinnati Bengals and a motivational speaker. John is the only coach to win the Rose Bowl as a coach of the Pacific Ten (Arizona State) and Big Ten (The Ohio State University) conferences. He was a National Coach of the Year and has served as President of The American Football Coaches Association.

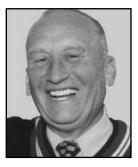


Coach Cooper coached 25 First Team All Americans and had 20 first round draft choices. In 2009, he was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame. His speeches are entertaining, informative and motivational. His topics/titles are:

SUCCESS....ONE HEARTBEAT, ONE TEAM RECRUIT, COACH, MOTIVATE AND WIN BUILDING A CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM O.S.U. and NCAA FOOTBALL

#### **GERRY FAUST**

Coach Faust is a highly animated motivational speaker. Audiences never forget his high-energy style and charisma. Gerry was a former head football coach at Notre Dame and the University of Akron. As a football player, he was all-state in high school and was a three year letterman quarterback in college. He went on to coach at the high school level, where he took Moeller High School to one of the most successful high school programs in America, winning numerous city championships and several state championships. His last seven years, his teams won 72 out of 73 games and the one loss was by



one point. While the results of his tenure at Notre Dame were not what he had hoped for, he says he would not trade that time for anything, as it helped him to realize that facing adversity was a major part of life. His presentation titles are:

HOW TO BE GREAT IN WHAT YOU ARE DOING

DEALING WITH PEOPLE, PROBLEMS AND ADVERSITY

THE GREAT LEAP

## **MATT FINKES**

Matt was a four year letterman for The Ohio State Buckeyes in the mid-90's, earning All-Big Ten and All-American honors 3 of those years. He was part of 2 Big Ten championship teams and a member of the 1997 Rose Bowl Champions. After being selected in the NFL draft, he went on to play 4 years as a professional for the New York Jets, Washington Redskins, and Jacksonville Jaguars. Upon retiring from football, he concentrated his entrepreneurial efforts as part of the family construction



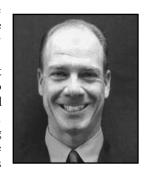
business. He is also involved in the self-storage industry and real estate development. But the calling of the sports world remained. During his time as a high-school football coach he has been a member of the 2007 Div. II state champions and multiple playoff teams. As a high-school wrestling coach, he has mentored numerous individual state champions as well as 5 team state titles and 2 national titles. His current endeavor sees Matt involved in personal coaching and mentoring student athletes toward their goals of championships and scholarships. He has mentored 17 Div. 1 athletes over the past 3 years and numerous players at the Div. II and III levels and continues to help kids reach the highest levels of competition.

His speech titles are:

- "THREE KEYS TO WINNING...ON AND OFF THE FIELD"
- "BUILDING A WINNING TEAM....FROM THE TOP DOWN"
- "ATTACKING AND ELIMINATING FEAR, DOUBT AND HESITATION"

### **GREG FREY**

Greg is a former three year starter at quarterback for The Ohio State University, Realtor, broadcaster, real estate investor and high school football coach. Greg is the only QB in Ohio State history to throw for 2,000 yards in 3 consecutive seasons, and you may remember the 31 point Minnesota comeback on October 28, 1989, in which Ohio State outscored Minnesota 41-6 in the final 30 minutes and won 4137! Greg shares his life lessons from the football field and how they directly correspond to "real life." Being one of the only college or pro quarterbacks to wear the "black visor" before they were outlawed, Greg shares his unique "lens" on life and football.



FAITH, FOOTBALL AND LIFE (Life lessons he has learned from football and how faith and football remain a foundation to his success)

THE MINNESOTA GAME! (Experience overcoming a 31 point deficit and how that has defined his outlook on life and how to tackle life's many challenges)

### **MAURICE "MO" HALL**

"Mo" attended The Ohio State University where he was a member of the National Championship Football Team in 2002. He scored the game winning touchdowns against The University of Illinois and The University of Michigan in the National Championship season. He graduated from OSU with a degree in Communications and a Masters degree in Sports Administration. After finishing school, he



decided to pursue a career in acting which is something that brings the same kind of excitement and passion to his life that football once did. He has recently worked on The Mindy Project. He has also created his own web series called Shadow Love. "Mo" is the founder of The Game Winner Foundation, a company designed to inform, prepare, and encourage individuals to be winners in the game of life. His foundation focuses on faith in God, education, healthy living, persistence, and work ethic. He is the founder of Mo-tivation Unlimited which produces content via film, television, and the web to emphasize the five principles listed above. "Mo" believes if a person has all the above qualities, success is inevitable. Ever since he graduated he has done motivational speeches for students, corporations, and associations. His speech titles are:

For adults: "HOW YOU CAN SCORE THE GAME WINNER"

"PASSION: WHO HAS IT? WHO WANTS IT?"
For students: "STEPS TO MAKING THE GRADE"

"RELATIONSHIPS: WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT YOU?"

#### SHAWN HARPER

With a true-to-life "rags to riches" experience, Shawn rose above poverty, learning disabilities, a last place academic ranking in high school, and obscurity in football to become a Big Ten College graduate, an award-winning offensive lineman with a 7-year NFL career, an owner of a successful company, a top-notch motivational & inspirational speaker and a family man. Using riveting personal stories, humor and wit to share his insights on



life, hear him speak with passion, purpose and power. His speech titles are:

WINNER, LOSER OR CHOOSER? (Student Groups)
THE BLIND SIGHT OF A VISIONARY (Corporate Speech/Workshop) • JUST
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? (Corporate Speech/ Workshop)
THE TRANSFORMATION OF CATERPILLAR TO BUTTERFLY (Churches)

## **BILL HOSKET**

Bill was the Ohio High School Basketball Player of the Year in 1964 and went on to play at The Ohio State University where he was All-Big 10 and All-American, as well as Academic All-American. He was on the Gold Medal winning team for the United States at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City. Bill played in the NBA and was on the 1970 New York Knicks World Championship team. He has served on the USA Olympic



Basketball Committee...is a member of The Ohio State University Athletic Hall of Fame...and was the first President of the Ohio High School Athletic Association Foundation Board. Formerly group vice-president of a large paper company, Bill still serves as a consultant to the paper industry and is an insurance executive. For many years he has been a television analyst for Big 10 Basketball. His presentations are filled with real life stories from his sports and business experiences. His speech topics are:

POSITIVE VALUES = SUCCESS TEAMS CREATE RESULTS PEOPLE CREATE RESULTS

#### JIM JOHNSON

Based on what transpired in a few short minutes in early 2006, Coach Johnson is now an authority on the subject of realizing your dreams. He emphasizes the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship, delivering his talks with a heartfelt style that has brought audiences to their feet. He has developed winning high-school basketball teams for the last 23 years, taking over three losing varsity programs and turning them into winners in short periods of time. Of his 300+ career victories, one in particular will surely never be duplicated. On February 15, 2006, Coach



Johnson made the kindhearted gesture of inserting his autistic manager, Jason McElwain, now known to the world as J-Mac, into his high school's fi nal home game, which the Trojans won 79-43. J-Mac scored 20 points in just over four minutes, including six three-point baskets, to become an instant national celebrity. Coach Johnson, also, was featured in major news outlets around the country. He was named Coach of the Year in 2006 by several area organizations and was also presented with a National Sportsmanship Award. These honors brought to light an impressive body of work over the past two decades. His speech title is:

• DREAMS REALLY DO COME TRUE (For adults and/or students)

#### JIM KARSATOS

Jim was the California Football Player of the Year as a senior in high school. In college, at The Ohio State University, he was team captain, team MVP, All Big Ten and honorable mention, All-American. He played professional football in the NFL for the Miami Dolphins. Today, Jim is President of a large financial services company. In addition, he has done radio and television commentary for Ohio State football games, as well as



motivational speeches for all types of organizations. Jim is active in many civic organizations and is President of the Central Ohio Chapter of the NFL Alumni Association. His speech titles are:

PAY FORWARD
GRIDIRON LESSONS FOR LIFE
INSIDE OHIO STATE FOOTBALL
FROM THE SIDELINES

### CRAIG KRENZEL

Originally from Michigan, Craig has become a Buckeye in all regards. He received a full-ride football scholarship to The Ohio State University in 1999 and led them to an undefeated season in 2002, a victory in the 2003 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and to the National Championship. He also led the team to the 2004 Fiesta Bowl victory, where he was named MVP for the second year in a row. He graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 3.68 GPA in Molecular Genetics and received numerous major awards for his academic prowess. In addition to doing broadcasting and



commercials, he is in the insurance business and gives motivational speeches.

His speech is titled:

• THE PERSON, THE PLAYER, THE PASSION

(Motivational and sports stories)

#### JIM LACHEY

Jim is one of the most celebrated athletes in Ohio history. He was an All-American lineman at The Ohio State University in 1985 and was a first round NFL draft choice of the San Diego Chargers in that same year. Among Jim's many honors as a pro...he was on the NFL All-Rookie team in 1985, was All Pro five times, was Offensive Lineman of the Year twice and was a starting tackle for the 1992 Super Bowl Champions, the Washington Redskins.



In 1999, he was inducted into The Ohio State Sports Hall of Fame and is presently on the ballot for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Off the fi eld, Jim is proud of his numerous civic and charitable involvements, including: Multiple Sclerosis, United Way, the Jim Lachey Athletic Endowment Fund, Salesian Boys and Girls Club and many others. He is involved in a variety of successful business activities, as well as being a regular on several radio and television programs. His traditional speech title is:

• PASS IT ON (Experiences in football and life)

#### AL OLIVER

Al was one of the most consistent major league baseball players in history. His 18 year career includes a lifetime batting average of over .300... he got more than 2700 hits, which ranks him ahead of many other "greats of the game," including Lou Gehrig, Mickey Mantle, Joe DiMaggio and Johnny Bench. He batted-in more than 1300 runs. He was on the 1969 "All-Rookie" team, the 1971 World Champion Pittsburgh Pirates and was the 1982 National League batting champion. Besides his



successes on the field, Al has been consistent when it comes to attitude, staying fit and motivated. He has given numerous speeches to all types of groups and loves to share some of his experiences, as well as his philosophy of life. His speech title is:

#### • LIFE'S A HIT - DON'T STRIKE OUT!

## JACK PARK, CPA, CSP

Jack is an award-winning national presenter who inspires the present and impacts the future. His content-packed presentations elevate attitudes and lead the way to improved performance. He spoke in 33 different states in the past year. He also is a football radio commentator each season on the Ohio State Football Radio Network, and is the award-winning author of <a href="The Official Ohio State">The Official Ohio State</a> Football Encyclopedia - <a href="National Championship Edition">National Championship Edition</a>;



<u>The Ohio State University Football Vault;</u> and <u>Ohio State Football: The Great Tradition</u>. His two most requested keynotes are:

THE LEADERSHIP SECRETS OF FOOTBALL'S MASTER COACHES – Leadership and coaching essentials, adopted from the strategies of football's most successful coaches.

OHIO STATE FOOTBALL...THE GREAT TRADITION - Be thoroughly entertained, experience the excitement of the Buckeyes' legacy, and learn about meaningful moments that created one of America's most storied programs.

## LEA ANN PARSLEY, PhD, RN MSN

Lea Ann was a standout basketball player and track & fi eld star at Marshall University, where she was inducted into the MU Athletic Hall-of-Fame. Dr. Parsley has received bachelor's degrees from Marshall University and the University of Virginia. She received her Master's of Science degree in Community Health from The Ohio State University. Dr. Parsley's commitment to the community is highlighted by the 17 years she spent as a volunteer



firefighter with her local Volunteer Fire Department. In 1999, she was named Ohio Firefighter of the Year. As if this was not enough, Lea Ann took a leave of absence from her fi re unit to pursue her Olympic dream and earned a Silver Medal in Skeleton at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City. While touring the country speaking at various functions, Lea Ann still found time to further her education. In 2003, she received her PhD in the College of Nursing Doctoral program at The Ohio State University.

Her message is:

• LEARNING FROM THE OLYMPIC EXPERIENCE

#### "SCOONIE" PENN

James "Scoonie" Penn was noted for his athleticism on the basketball court while attending Salem High School in Salem, Massachusetts. He received recognition as a state champion and high school All-American. "Scoonie" continued his basketball prowess while pursuing his post secondary education at Boston College and continuing it at The Ohio State University. Some of his successes include:



1995-1996 Big East Conference Freshman of the Year and first team All-Big East 1996-1997 First Team All-Big East and MVP of the Big East conference tournament 1998-1999 Big Ten Conference Player of the Year, led OSU to the Final Four 1999-2000 Naismith Award for being the nation's top senior under 6'0" tall During his junior and senior season, "Scoonie" was selected third team All-American and first team All-Big Ten conference player. He ended his career as OSU's all time three point shot maker. Even today, he is fourth all time and only played two years at OSU. Prior to graduating in 2001, he was drafted by the Atlanta Hawks in the second round of the 2000 NBA draft. He played professional basketball in Europe for eleven years. Today, he is a speaker, educator, and basketball mentor. He has done basketball radio and television commentary for the past few years. "Scoonie" says, "God is responsible for all of my successes, but not to blame for any of my failures." He addresses student and adult audiences. His usual speech titles are:

"THE JOURNEY TO SUCCESS"

"A BASKETBALL JOURNEY"

### SAM RUTIGLIANO

Sports fans remember Sam as the head coach of the Cleveland Browns from 1978 to 1984, taking them to the playoffs twice and being voted the AFC "Coach of the Year" in two consecutive years. He has done quite a bit of television broadcasting with NBC and ESPN. His book, Pressure, has been endorsed by Joe Paterno, Pete Rozelle, Ahmad Rashad, Tom Landry, Don Shula and a host of other top sports personalities. When he was in college, he



was a junior college All-American and played on the national championship Tennessee team of 1951. Sam graduated from Tulsa University and received his master's degree from Columbia University. He coached in the European Professional Football League for seven years. In his speeches, he includes such items as attitude, integrity, faith, a work ethic and teamwork as some of the "keys to success". His speech title is:

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

#### KATIE SMITH

As a professional basketball player, Katie has scored more points than any other professional woman basketball player in history...which includes her time in the ABL and WNBA. She has been on six WNBA all-star teams and was a star for the World Champion Detroit Shock in 2006 and 2008. In addition to having scored over 6,500 career



points, she is just as proud of her over 1,000 rebounds, 1,000 assists and 300 steals in her career. And, to top it off, she has three Olympic Gold Medals as a member of the U. S. basketball team at the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games and team captain for the 2008 Olympic team. Her speech title is:

#### THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT

### **RON STOKES**

Ron played high school basketball at Canton McKinley, where he was all-state and his team was number one in Ohio and number 12 in the nation. He lettered in basketball and track for three years. He then played at The Ohio State University from 1981 to 1985. He was elected co-captain his junior and senior year. During his senior year, he was voted Most Valuable Player on the team and selected second team, All Big Ten. In the OSU record books, he ranks in the top 25 all time in scoring



and he is in the top five in assists and steals. Since graduating from college, he has been successful in the business world. He has been a radio analyst of OSU basketball games for twelve years, does many radio commercials and is President of a successful company in the printing and advertising fi eld. He is on the board of several civic organizations. Ron is married to his childhood sweetheart. They have four children. His message is entitled:

SUCCESS IS NO ACCIDENT

# **ENTERTAINMENT**

## MIKE BISHOP

Mike's comedy hypnosis show begins with a brief description of hypnosis, its clinical applications and how it interacts with the mind. Volunteers are asked to join Mike to see for themselves what hypnosis feels like. The volunteers are hypnotized and then a series of suggestions guide them through a truly hilarious presentation that demonstrates what happens when the imagination is unleashed. Just when you think it's over, the volunteers are



dismissed back to their seats where the post hypnotic suggestions get the laughter going again. When the show ends the volunteers receive the applause and recognition they truly deserve. Afterward, Mike stays to talk with the subjects. He will answer any questions and the subjects will describe their experience in many ways, all of them positive. A post show option may include a group session where everyone can experience a brief "induction" followed by a post hypnotic relaxation suggestion. This program is purely entertainment.

THE WILD MIND COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW HYPNOLARIOUS

#### JERRY CARROLL

Great comedians say comedy is everywhere. Jerry found it on his family's farm where he was a farmer for 20 years before pursuing his life's dream of entertaining people and making them laugh. Jerry harvests a bumper crop of high hilarity in his fast paced, high-energy show about his life and times, with a distinct southern fl air and accent. He has performed for crowds from 20 to 20,000, whether at a local volunteer fi re department's banquet or the Ministers of



Provincial Parliament in Toronto, Canada. Besides corporate meeting and events, conventions, countless associations, comedy clubs and country clubs, Jerry has opened concerts for the following musical artists: Michael Bolton, Patty Loveless, Lyle Lovett and Larry Gatlin. He has left audiences roaring with laughter. His speech title is:

JERRY CARROLL "THE WILLOW SPRING WILDMAN"

#### DAVID CRONE

A former Fortune 500 executive, David is no dummy. He understands your need to create a compelling and engaging experience. His unique combination of comedy, ventriloquism, and magic is sure to have everyone laughing for days. He has performed from coast-to-coast for corporations from AOL to Zippo and for every



conceivable type of association. He has a wealth of material that can accommodate almost any group, from totally family friendly to a bit edgy. Any way he performs, the audience laughs a ton. If you want more content, he can include heartfelt messages from his own crazy career path and daily life, interspersed with comedy ventriloquism to create a roller coaster ride of laughs and introspection that will leave your group inspired to approach each day with a fresh perspective. His main presentations are:

"JUST FOR FUN!" (Pure entertainment....get ready to laugh)

"THE INTENTIONAL CAREER" (Take charge of your career and your life)

"WORK SHOULD BE FUN" (We spend most of our lives at work... make it fun)

"DON'T QUIT THE DAY JOB" (And other useless advice from friends & family)

## **DAVE DUGAN**

What makes Dave a unique corporate comedian is his ability to customize humor to best relate to each group. He provides laughs <u>and</u> relatability...the best of both worlds! Dave has also portrayed a variety of IMPOSTORS, being introduced as everything from a so-called expert (with whacked out ideas) to the new hire who just happens to be the CEO's brother-in-law. Dave's quick wit and one-of-akind delivery has earned him national television



appearances on HBO, Comedy Central, Fox, The Arsenio Hall Show, etc. He's also been a regular writer, performer and guest on radio's nationally syndicated Bob and Tom Show for over 20 years, making standout contributions to over 25 of their best-selling CDs. Sporting the "deepest voice in comedy," Dave has extensive experience as an Emcee. He is a widely used voiceover actor and can be heard regularly on ESPN, ESPN2, The Travel Channel and the Speed Channel. His performances are "hilarious, tasteful, relevant." Dave's speech titles are:

LAUGHING YOUR WAY THROUGH LIFE THE IMPOSTOR BEATING THE SYSTEM MR.HOSPITAL GOWN

## JOHN FLOYD

John first did stand-up in a school talent show when he was only 8 years old and he has been making people laugh ever since. His squeaky clean act is proof that you don't have to talk dirty to be funny. Although his accent is as southern as a bowl of grits, his act is not regional. In fact, he has performed in 39 states and Canada as well as being a regular entertainer for Carnival Cruise Lines. He was a



semi-finalist in the HBO Aspen Comedy Festival Talent Search. He has been seen on CBS-TV's "Central Park West" aa well as on "Comedy Central." He has appeared in comedy clubs in over 25 cities; performed for such corporations as IBM, The United Way, Aetna, Met Life, USD Law, First Union Bank and others; opened for comedians: Tommy Chong, Jamie Foxx, Soupy Sales, Henry Cho, Dave Chappelle, Caroline Rea and many others; and has shared the stage with: Michael Bolton, Martina McBride, John Davidson, Frankie Valli, The Diamonds, Herman's Hermits and Chubby Checker.

#### KAY FRANCES

Kay has inspired audiences in 38 states and Canada since 1984. She offers a healthy dose of laughter that can be just what the doctor ordered for your event. With her clean and upbeat stress management presentations, people laugh while they learn without straining their brains. Kay has been a professional stand-up comedienne, morning radio personality, director of marketing for a national restaurant chain, TV talk show host and family caregiver. She holds



an MBA, a degree in Physical Education and a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt in karate. Years of national touring have honed Kay into one of the most respected and requested stress management humorists in the country. With her extensive experience and educational background, your meeting dollars will go twice as far because you get both an educator and an entertainer. Kay is also a professional emcee and can keep your event running smoothly, adding humor and dignity where appropriate. Kay's speech titles are:

LAUGH...JUST FOR THE HEALTH OF IT! - A keynote presentation.

It's "humor-with-a-message" at its finest!

SAY "YES!" TO LESS STRESS – Interactive stress management workshop. Still lots of laughs, but higher in content. Participants leave with an ACTION plan for managing their stress.

#### KEN GROVES

Ken is a professional comedy ventriloquist and has been seen all over the world on cruise ships and 12 times on national TV. He has entertained in Atlantic City and Las Vegas and on 200 college campuses across the country. Ken started his career in 1985 doing 300 school shows a year for six years in eleven states. He has entertained at



trade shows, conventions and sales meetings. He has appeared on programs with Kenny Rogers, The Statler Brothers, Billy Ray Cyrus, Crystal Gayle, Debbie Reynolds and many others. Ken's shows are informative, hilarious, interactive and entertaining. For adults or students, any place you want to laugh and have fun is the place for Ken. His presentation topics/titles are:

FUN WITH KEN GROVES AND FRIENDS (Adults or Students)

DRUG AWARENESS AND HOW TO MAKE DECISIONS (Students) • GETTING IT, KEEPING IT, USING IT (Being in Control)

EVERYTHING I KNOW I LEARNED FROM A BOOK (Magic, Juggling, Balloon Art, Ventriloquism)

## MIKE HEMMELGARN

Mike has been fascinated with the art of ventriloquism since the age of 8 and juggling since the age of 16. He is a comedy ventriloquist and juggler, extraordinaire ... having performed for over 1,000 events including corporations, associations, fairs, festivals, libraries and school assemblies. He receives rave reviews for his clean humor, creative "dummies" and his effective audience participation.



His presentations are:

JEST FER FUN (For adults or students) CHARACTER COUNTS (For students) DRUG BUSTERS (For students) THE MAGIC OF READING (For students)

## **JAY HENDREN**

If you want to make your next group event unforgettable, then Jay is the perfect choice. He has toured the country appearing in comedy clubs and corporate events, but never forgot his roots of growing up on the family farm. He has shared the stage with such stars as Ron White and Larry the Cable Guy. Jay has also made numerous appearances on film and television. He provides clean comedy that the whole family can enjoy. He also has an extensive improv



background which makes him able to interact with the crowd. Jay has a unique blend of down-home humor and stories of life experiences. This is an act you definitely don't want to miss! His presentation is titled:

DOWN-HOME HUMOR WITH COMEDIAN JAY HENDREN (Primarily for agricultural audiences)

# KURT KILPATRICK, JD, CSP,

#### **CPAE**

Kurt is an attorney by training and a hilarious humorist by choice. Having spent thirty-five years as a morning radio co-host on a popular morning radio show, he knows what is funny and how to deliver wit and wisdom in a unique way. Kurt delivers fast-paced topical humor and



impressions of 15-20 celebrities. He tailors the message with audience participation that will have your people laughing and learning. Kurt uses clean, topical humor to evoke uproarious laughter and to create a memorable experience. Kurt is an author, radio personality and businessman who believes, "A positive mental attitude and a good sense of humor are fundamental keys to SUCCESS." Add "Style, Substance, and Sizzle" to your next meeting with Kurt! His speech titles are:

90% OF LIFE IS HALF MENTAL DON'T TAKE THINGS SO SERIOUSLY, ESPECIALLY YOURSELF EFFECTIVELY USING HUMOR IN BUSINESS AND SALES

## FRANK KING, CSP

Frank has been a stand-up comedian for 20+ years. He was a two-time Star Search champion, but lost in his next appearance to a PUPPET. He then went on the road and set the world record for the longest, non-stop comedy road trip EVER....2,629 nights in a row – without a home, just a post office box and an answering service. Since then, he has done hundreds of banquets for all types of associations and corporations. He has appeared on television and has



written material for Jay Leno. He has been told that his performance seems less like an act and more like a "comedy conversation." And a clean, corporate conversation at that. His goal is to have granddaughter sit next to grandmother, both understand and enjoy the show, and most importantly, neither one be offended. His topics/titles are:

LIFE IS A LAUGHING MATTER, YOU JUST GOTTA FIND THE

FUNNY – Using humor to relieve stress and avoid court ordered anger management JUST COMEDY – Frank's hilarious look at life and its challenges.

CORPORATE EMCEE – The funny host with the most, about whom all your attendees will boas

#### MARK KLEIN

Mark's message is laughter. This accomplished humorist has been profiled by CBS on the television show 48 Hours, featured in GO Magazine, and has multiple national television credits, including A&E and Showtime. His speaking style is fast-paced and humor-driven, making him the perfect choice to energize your lunch or dinner program. His act has been polished by 23 years of headline comedy engagements from Alaska to Jamaica. He has done shows for bank presidents and women prisoners - surely your event falls hilariously in between! His presentation topics/titles are:



HUMOR: ALL THE SENSE YOU NEED FORTY FUNNY MINUTES ON FREEDOM KING OF THE ONE NIGHT STAND-UP

#### KEITH MATHENY

Keith is a motivational mentalist. He mixes his talents as an extraordinary and entertaining mentalist with messages focusing on such topics as overcoming the impossible, improving sales, achieving excellence and developing a winning attitude. Keith may be slotted as an entertaining speaker or as a banquet entertainer. Not only is his show baffling and mind-boggling, it is also hilarious. Packed with audience participation, Keith will leave your audience



laughing and scratching their heads in amazement. He will share with his audience the keys that help unlock imaginary boundaries and mysteries of the human mind. His topics/ titles are:

MIND OVER MAGIC OVERCOMING THE IMPOSSIBLE DRIVE UP THE SALES IMPROVING YOUR SELF-ESTEEM THE MAGIC OF HUMOR

#### KENT RADER

Known as the "World's Cleanest Comedian and Speaker," Kent helps people and associations learn and experience how laughter matters in reducing stress. He graduated from college with a B.S. in Accounting. He spent five years in public accounting and twelve years as C.F.O. and C.E.O. of hospitals before becoming a professional speaker and comedian. Kent has written the stress reduction book, Let It Go, Just Let It Go. He has been



heard on Sirius Satellite Radio and NPR's *Talk of the Nation*. Kent also performs clean stand up comedy in comedy clubs from New York City to Seattle and is the winner of the 2007 Branson Comedy Festival. Kent's keynote program takes participants on a journey they won't want to end. It begins by showing participants the origins of stressful feelings and how humor is a proven tool in combating these feelings. He offers practical ways to include more humor in your life and work, along with stories that are guaranteed to make your audience laugh and your conference a success. One conference participant may have said it best, "I laughed so hard my face hurt!" We are lucky that Kent chose to leave the business world to develop this wonderful gift. His topic/title is:

• LET IT GO, JUST LET IT GO

## JOHN RATHBONE

John has performed over 5,000 comedy shows throughout North America and the Caribbean during the past 23 years. He has performed for every size organization...from AT&T, General Electric and Honda to small companies and everything in between, as well as dozens of comedy clubs. He has worked with Tim Allen, Paul Reiser and Ray Romano. John has testimonials from Jerry Seinfeld,



Drew Carey and David Letterman and has appeared on numerous radio and television shows. His topic/title is:

JOHN RATHBONE: MODERN STAND-UP

## LYNN "Win" ROBERTS

Lynn started entertaining professionally at age 14 with his father's dance band. He earned his BME degree from the University of Nebraska and went on to play with name dance bands. In the '60s he decided to develop his own musical act, playing several instruments and singing. He has performed at nearly 5000 school clinics and assemblies as well as his many concert performances internationally.



He has also appeared on national TV shows, made recordings and won several awards for his talents. Lynn's most recent award was the Reel Awards at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas. He was the winner of the Bea Fogelman Lifetime Achievement award. The winner is selected by agents and celebrity impersonators internationally. In his presentation, MUSIC AND MEMORIES, Lynn sings, plays several instruments and impersonates several comedians such as Red Skelton, Jack Benny, Jimmy Durante, Bob Hope and others. As Bob Hope, he does a special tribute to our veterans.

## JOHN SLICER

When your audience demands an entertainer who can uplift, astonish and tickle their funny bone, John is a sure-fi re winner. With 18 years of corporate world entertainment to his credit, John delivers a high energy, comedy magic entertainment experience enhanced with big band era music and plenty of audience participation. His playful, approachable personality connects with every type of audience, evoking laughter, rejuvenating their



sense of wonder and leaving them with smiles on their faces. Whether dazzling small groups of guests during your reception or playing to a room of 400 after dinner, John's entertainment is a guaranteed winner. His presentation is titled:

#### AN EVENING OF MAGIC & LAUGHTER

## **GREG STEELE**

Your event will have lasting memories of a hilarious, funfilled evening with Greg Steele's Comedy Hypnosis Show. Greg is a professional corporate entertainer who offers clean, non-offensive entertainment that is always "in good taste." Greg's material is 100% business appropriate and your guests are always treated with respect. More fun than a comedian, he has 20+ years of after dinner



show experience, entertaining corporate groups and organizations. Greg will have your audience laughing and applauding, as volunteers become the stars of the show. Greg is an author, a certified hypnotist with The National Guild of Hypnotists, member of The National Speakers Association and The International Brotherhood of Magicians. He specializes in making events more memorable for corporate event audiences. His program titles are:

COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW (Incredible After Dinner Entertainment) CRUISE CONTROL GOLF (Mental Training for Golfers)

## **GLENN STRANGE**

Glenn is MORE than a magician. Watch with amazement as he transforms his audience from high energy, hilarious laughter to being attentive and receptive to a sincere, uplifting message. His programs are 80% entertainment/20% message and contain comedy, magic, recorded music, humorous stories, and just the right amount of audience interaction. He never embarrasses or makes fun of anyone. People love experiencing situation



comedy routines. They eagerly become the stars and their input determines the comedy avenue Glenn takes them down. Every program becomes unique to the audience. Glenn makes sure each attendee has a great, fun time laughing, forgets their everyday problems and returns home with fun memories. The success of your event and your complete satisfaction are most important to Glenn. His topics/titles are:

NEVER FORGET TO LAUGH A FAMILY THAT LAUGHS TOGETHER (stays together) A TIME TO LAUGH