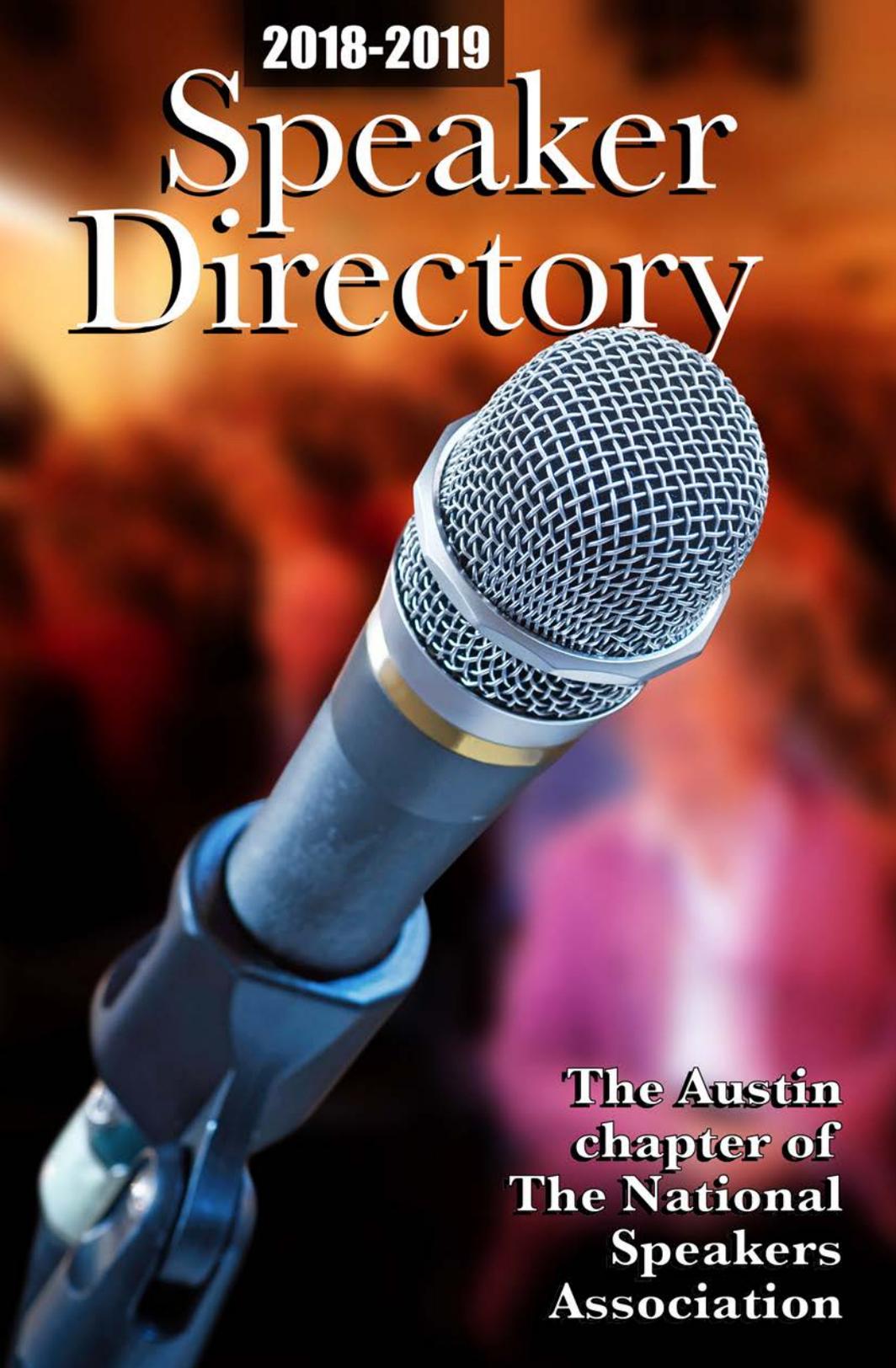


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HOW TO USE THIS DIRECTORY

This directory contains a list of all of the professional speakers in Central Texas affiliated with the National Speakers Association Austin Chapter. Our members are committed to the highest levels of the speaking profession, and we produce excellent results for our clients.

Whatever category of presentation you are looking to provide for your next event, NSA Austin has a speaker who is an expert on the topic. Our members conduct inspirational keynotes for thousands of people, intimate trainings for 15-person sales teams, and everything in between.

WHY SHOULD I HIRE A PROFESSIONAL SPEAKER?

The success of your event often hinges on the impression left by the speaker. You need a speaker who can embrace the theme of your event, keep the energy in the room high, and deliver a meaningful message that leaves your attendees feeling ready to achieve.

Professional speakers have a commitment to excellence that surpasses other presenters you might hire. The members of NSA Austin meet regularly to perfect their work and prepare to be in front of your audience. Don't trust your next event to an amateur speaker.

WHAT'S IN THE GUIDE?

To help you find a professional speaker for your event, we've listed categories and popular topics for our local speakers. Contact information is also included. We recommend that once you've made a list of the speakers that interest you, you visit their websites to view demonstration videos of their speaking styles and stories.

If you have questions about hiring a professional speaker in Central Texas, please contact the NSA Austin chapter, and we will be happy to serve you.

Good luck with your events!

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Leadership and Character Development

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Speaking Topics:

Leading Leaders — Be a high performing leader of integrity!

The Five Be's — A straightforward guide to life!

The Synchronized Leader — Connecting with your team and getting the mission done!

Leadership Lessons from Surfing — “Surf the wave” and take your team on an “epic ride” to success!

Bio:

Colonel Mickey Addison, USAF(ret), MSCE, PMP, is a leadership consultant and keynote speaker, blogger and author, and is a frequent contributor to military and industry newspapers and journals. He's appeared nationally on SiriusXM and a dozen popular podcasts and is contributing author at GeneralLeadership.com. He's on the faculty of the Engineering Management Institute, and regularly teaches engineering management seminars at Texas A&M.

Mickey is passionate about inspiring people to be their best and leading organizations to high levels of performance. As an Air Force officer, Mickey led thousands of Airmen and managed national portfolios totaling billions of dollars. He's presented to senior leaders in government and industry, and worked with international business and government executives and in a dozen countries in Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.

His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Bronze Star.

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Leadership keynote speaker

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You—According to Them: Uncovering the Blind Spots That Impact Your Reputation and Your Career

Speaking Topics:

You—According to Them: Understand How Your Professional Reputation Impacts Your Career Success

Your Leadership Brand: Evaluate Your Impact, Communicate Your Value

The Leader Has Entered the Room: Powerful Habits that Give Rise to Leadership Presence

Leadership Unchained: Know When to Embrace Conventional Wisdom and When to Break Free

Next-Level Leadership

Bio:

As a respected leadership strategist and engaging speaker, Sara has a unique gift for connecting and communicating with her audiences to propel them from lightbulb-moment insight to strategic change. Moving far beyond the business school basics, she helps people identify the professional blind spots that are preventing them from taking their careers—and their companies—to the next level. Sara's professional career spans 20 years and includes sales, leadership, and executive roles at USAA and Texas Mutual. She served as principal consultant for Empowerment Enterprises before opening her own consultancy, Sara Canaday & Associates, in 2009. Sara is a member of the National Speakers Association and the Founder and now Past-President of the Austin Chapter. She has been featured in a number of publications and broadcasts, most notably *Forbes*, *CNBC*, *Entrepreneur Magazine*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and the American Management Association's *Leadership Wired*.

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Inspirational / Retreat

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Speaking Topics:

Fractured Teams from Broken Trust – 3 Actions to Remarkable Teamwork

Leap of a Life Time – Risk Resolve and Epic Actions

Energizing Your Relationship Currency – Your Top 50 Connections

Bio:

Scott is the Change Energizer. People who want change in their organization, executive leadership team or in their own life seek Scott out. Scott is an expert in casting vision, repairing fractured teamwork and clarifying priorities. He is a natural entertainer and story teller that captures the imagination of his audiences. They enjoy his quick humor and contagious energy.

He speaks to medium to large companies (\$2-\$40 million) who want innovative change, fresh vision and cannot afford to be dragged down by unclear priorities or fractured teamwork. Scott has traveled to over 300 cities and overseas as a keynote speaker and for executive team retreats.

Scott is a tenured VISTAGE Speaker. He is on the board of the Austin National Speakers Association. From 2010-2015 Scott took his BNI Region of 45 chapters to the top 2% internationally in growth, retention and referral revenue (\$36 million annually).

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The Successful Struggle: Powerful Techniques to Achieve Accelerated Resilience

Speaking Topics:

Detour: Winning When Life Doesn't Go According to Plan

The Art of Accelerated Resilience™: Adapt Faster and Achieve More

Be On Fire, Not Burned Out! Strategies for Engagement and Enjoyment in a Challenging Environment

Bio:

Courtney works with teams who need to succeed during stress and change without burning out, lashing out, or giving up. She provides content-based motivation that helps individuals adapt faster, achieve more, and develop Accelerated Resilience™.

At age 26, Courtney beat cancer (for the first time). But five years later, a routine scan of her brain showed an aneurysm that was about to rupture. Courtney had a series of three brain surgeries in 2011 to remove the aneurysm. During those months she spent lying in bed, in pain so intense she wanted to die, she began her passion for researching resilience and teaching others how to succeed despite change, stress, chaos, and life's struggles.

Courtney is the immediate Past President of the Austin Chapter of the National Speakers Association. Her work has been featured in *Forbes*, *Psychology Today*, and *USA Today*. Locally, she has been honored by Leadership Austin with the Ascendant Award and by *Austin Monthly Magazine* as one of "20 in their 30s" to watch.



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When Roles Reverse: A Guide to Parenting Your Parents

Speaking Topics:

Presentation Skills: YOU Are the Message -- How to Be a Powerful Speaker; How to Survive Caregiving with Sanity and a Sense of Humor; Storytelling: Make Your Message Memorable

Bio:

Jim Comer is a speaker, author, and communication consultant with more than 25 years of experience working with Fortune 500 companies, professional associations and non-profits. He has informed, inspired and entertained audiences from Cancun, Mexico to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Jim's energy, humor and powerful message have captivated and inspired thousands who have heard his keynotes, including "YOU Are the Message: How to Be a Powerful Presenter" and "How to Survive Caregiving with Sanity and a Sense of Humor."

Jim has appeared on the *Today Show*, written jokes for Joan Rivers and a monologue for the legendary Bob Hope. His book, *When Roles Reverse: A Guide to Parenting Your Parents*, was nominated by the Texas Writers' Guild as Best Non-Fiction Book.

He has been Member of the Year for the Austin chapter of the National Speakers Association, an award-winning speaker in Toastmasters, and is a veteran of six quiz shows, including *Jeopardy*.

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Magic With a Message

Author of:

Discover The Magic, The CAN Do Book of Magic! and *The Magic of Change* (with Tom Britton) and numerous books, articles, and videos for specific clients

Speaking Topics:

TEAMBUILDING. All of Kent's amazing projects have been the result of his ability to form effective teams of diverse, energized people. He can do the same for your team.

MARKETING MAGIC. What are the real secrets of effective marketing? How can you make more money with the Self-Eating Watermelon?

Bio:

He's called, "The Fantastic Kent Cummins," and he is a prolific writer, teacher, and entertainer.

Kent's specialty is "Magic With a Message," in which he uses the fascination and fun of magic to educate, inspire, and entertain. This is what led him, in 1993, to start The Fantastic Magic Camp, a fully-inclusive program which has helped build confidence in thousands of children in Central Texas.

Kent's first public magic show was in 1952 in his home town of Del Rio, Texas, at the age of nine. His first professional speaking gig was for Navy club managers in 1970. Retired from the US Army as a Lieutenant Colonel, Kent is a Certified Military Community Executive (CMCE)...and a Certified Juggling Instructor! (There is a photo somewhere of him juggling live hand grenades in Vietnam.)

But Kent believes that his most important title is "Grampa."

Sometimes...It takes a Magician!

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Speaker, Workshop Facilitator,
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The Intentional Networker: Attracting Powerful Relationships, Referrals & Results in Business

SPEAKING TOPICS:

Success Secrets of the Intentional Networker: Attracting Powerful Relationships, Referrals & Results in Business

Are You a Collector or Curator? Attracting & Building Business Relationships with Greater Purpose, Polish, Presence & Productivity

*Networking Leadership: Living, Working & Connecting at a Higher Level
Courageous Conversations*

Others by request.

BIO:

Patti DeNucci is an award-winning communicator, consultant, and curator of connections and ideas. She works with motivated people to help them Live, Work & Connect at a Higher Level™ so they can be more connected, respected, and successful. Her book, *The Intentional Networker*, is a substantive, yet easy-to-read field guide that offers readers fresh, proven strategies for attracting and building valuable connections and relationships. The book swept the non-fiction category of the Indie Reader Discovery Awards and was a Finalist in *Foreword Review's* Book of the Year competition.

With a background in communications and promotion, Patti has worked with hundreds of clients, including: Hewlett Packard, Dell, Phillips66, Microsoft, Texas Conference for Women, Women Entrepreneurs of Minnesota, Texas Healthcare Association, Concordia University, Rodan + Fields, PayPal, Carlisle Etc. LLC, and others.

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Type of Speaker:

Large groups, smaller corporate events,
workshops



Speaking Topics:

Navigating Cancer in the Workplace

*How to be a Catalyst for Change in your Organization —
Contemporary Leadership*

7 ½ Steps to Transcend the Status Quo: Re-Invention and Resiliency

How to Be an Outrageous Woman at Any Age, State or Circumstance

Bio:

Ann has a background as a clinical social worker, healthcare director, college professor, executive/ leadership coach, author, and a Mother.

For the last 20+ years, she has been a professional speaker, delivering keynotes and workshops at association conferences around the country and in corporate training rooms. Her topics are related to her specializations.

She's an adventurer. At age 60, she sold everything and moved from Austin to NYC – just because she always wanted to do that. While in NYC she dealt with the nuisance of Breast Cancer and came out smelling like a rose. After 9 years, she returned to Austin to be closer to her son. She's back in Austin to stay.

Ann brings her maturity (and sometimes immaturity), her sense of humor and her heart to bring you topics that touch, inspire and make you laugh.

When clients speak Ann listens. When Ann speaks, Clients Listen!

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Speaking Topics:

Seeking Clarity & Purpose

Stepping Up & Accepting Responsibility

Setting Goals

Strong Physiology

Sophisticated Self-Image, Etiquette, & Style

Structured Time Management & Productivity

Step Outside Comfort Zone & Face your Fears

Self-Discipline through Communication & Listening

Safeguarding Positivity & Dealing with Naysayers

Superior Leadership Skills

Bio:

Sandra Gonzalez is an international speaker and warrior coach, who empowers women entrepreneurs to become “warriors not worriers.” She infuses her 20 years of military experience into her coaching methodology and helps them develop a warrior’s mindset. Having emotional, mental, and physical toughness is key to their success in both the personal and professional aspect. Sandra’s coaching services are designed to strengthen their character so they can be mentally agile, innovative, and adaptive to change. Sandra has spoken in Dubai, Miami, San Diego, and currently resides in Austin, Texas with her family.

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Speaking Topics:

Build High-Performance Teams, Building Highly Effective Relationships with Business Managers, Conscious Hiring, Cultural Alignment, Talent Strategy 3.0, INSPIRE, Mastering 21st Century Leadership, Maximize Your HR Leadership Effectiveness, Workforce Optimization, Your Communication IQ

Bio:

Magi Graziano engages audiences with her passionate and insightful philosophies on how to engage people and inspire teams. She is the Chief Evangelist for KeenAlignment, a global people optimization consultancy firm, specializing in enabling high-achievement corporate cultures.

Magi is a leading talent management expert, keynote speaker, and author of *The Wealth of Talent* with over 20 years of real-world, hands-on experience in hiring strategy and talent development. She brings neuroscience to hiring, learning and development, and employee engagement. A pioneer in her field, she has developed a talent strategy system that gives business leaders the actionable steps they need to align their corporate strategy with their people strategy and thereby maximize employee effectiveness and engagement and develop high-performing teams who consistently elevate the customer experience.

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Speaker, Consultant, Trainer,
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Speaking Topics:

Conversational Intelligence®: Recognizing the 3 levels of conversation and when they are helping or hindering your organizational effectiveness.

Change Style Indicator®: Amplify the 3 existing natural styles in your team members that reduce conflict and optimize innovation.

HeartMath®: On the job stainable tools for building resilience: Moving from depletion to renewal.

Bio:

International speaker, trainer, and coach Lynn Hayden has helped organizations maximize their productivity and navigate the rapidly changing world of globalization for more than 25 years. Lynn has vast knowledge on the subjects of Conversational Intelligence®, HeartMath®, Pearman Personality Integrator®, Change Style Indicator®, and MBTI®, along with a wealth of experience helping others apply these principles. She is equally comfortable coaching a Board of Directors or training a group of volunteers.

Lynn has a natural ability to connect with a wide range of people. She has shared her insight and expertise nationally and internationally in Hong Kong, Singapore, Guatemala, and Malaysia working with an impressive list of clients including Motorola, LCRA, UT Professional Development Center, Texas Education Service Center—Region 12, New York City's Health Pac, Texas Department of Agriculture, to name a few. Lynn is an incredibly gifted communicator who authentically conveys a powerful message on how to experience growth in both your business and personal life.

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Author of:

The Mobile Commerce Revolution

Speaking Topics:

Business Transformation, Digital Strategy, Data Unification, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Internet of Things, Futurist

Bio:

Tim Hayden has two decades of experience leading high growth technology firms and marketing agencies. Before Brain+Trust Partners, he headed marketing at Signal Labs, a real-time media intelligence platform. He is also former head of the Mobile program at Edelman Digital in North America.

Tim has served as a catalyst for transformational change in some of the world's leading brands, including Dell Technologies, Bacardi USA, McDonald's, ExxonMobil, Hilton Worldwide, Kraft Foods, and Walmart. He is co-author of *The Mobile Commerce Revolution (QUE Biz Tech, October 2014)*, lives in Austin with his wife and son, and he hasn't owned a car since 2003.

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Who's Behind the Curtain for YOU?

Speaking Topics:

Breakthrough Sales

Learn As You RUN!

Who's Behind the Curtain for YOU?

Bio:

Keynote speaker and business mentor Nancy Hopper has been motivating and teaching how to identify your STAR clients. She is the CEO of her own company and a former radio host in Las Vegas. She's interviewed hundreds of CEO's and celebrities, and the lessons learned have helped bring depth and experience to her audiences.

Nancy teaches individuals and companies how to accelerate their success by building relationships, mastering resilience, follow-ups, and ultimately closing more deals. Her stories Relate, Re-told and Remembered forever! She knows how to capture someone in an elevator where even they want more! Her programs are authentic and hilarious. She brings content with spit fire energy. From the time she took the stage at five years old, being hit in the mouth with a baseball bat, Nancy's stories are UNBELIEVABLE!

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Breakout sessions, workshops & retreats

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You ARE Good Enough Now! How to Build Confidence, Eliminate Negative Self Talk and Reach Your Goals

(Soon to be released)

Making Time for Personal Growth: Recognize, Strategize and Realize

by Cheryl C Jones and Helene Segura, MA Ed. CPO

Speaking Topics:

Beyond Stress Management: Resolving the triggers that cause apprehension, anxiety, and worry

Save My Sanity! How to stay sane in a chaotic environment, while working with crazy people

Management Secrets for Emerging Leaders:

How to encourage personal responsibility and accountability in employees

Bio:

For the past 28 years, Cheryl Jones has been a professional speaker, workshop leader and coach. She has spoken to professional a variety of associations, large corporations and small family-owned businesses. Many of her audiences have been in health care, hospitality, and private country clubs. Stress management, successful interpersonal communication at work, and leadership tools for up-and-coming managers are her most popular program topics.

Audiences often describe Cheryl as warm, approachable, and someone who understands their daily challenges. Her ability to connect with her audience creates the necessary opening for her to share tools and insights that will help enhance the quality of their lives.

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The Power of Presence: Influential and Persuasive Intelligence for Emerging Leaders

Speaking Topics:

Professional Platform and Brand Promotion Strategies

The Power of Presence: Influential and Persuasive Intelligence for Emerging Leaders

Stacking the Deck: Getting to the Top of the Decision Maker's Short List

InnerGame/OuterGame: Creating the Internal Conditions that Drive External Success

Bio:

Donn LeVie Jr. is the positioning/influence strategist audiences need to get them away from over-the-counter leadership solutions, because there's no such thing as a generic leadership resolution to a specific leadership problem. Donn's witty delivery, strategic three-decade leadership/management experience, and "tales from the trenches" with *Fortune* 100 companies (Phillips Petroleum, Motorola, Intel Corp.) connect with audiences on a personal level and help them create instant, paradigm-shifting insight that results in massive value infusions for organizations struggling with ineffective leadership.

Information today is a commodity; but what isn't is Donn's perspective, his opinion, his recommendation, his point of view, and his expertise. His life's work has made him eminently qualified to teach what he teaches; say what he has to say; and do what he does in his own unique and proprietary way. Donn brings professional advancement specialization, a laser-sharp niche focus, background, observation, and myth-busting expertise to what he does.

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Type of Speaker:

Professional



Author of:

Hard Earned Lessons

Speaking Topics:

Personal Conflict Management

Mental Conditioning Self-Awareness Self-Analysis

Self-Improvement

Bio:

A native of Chicago, now a military veteran and proud Texan. Honorably served for 25 years in the greatest, naval military in the world, 15 years as a U.S. Navy SEAL. Last seven years of military career, in addition to maintaining operational readiness, was a motivational speaker for the Naval Special Warfare (NSW) community. Travelled nationwide to educate high schools, colleges, and community centers on the diversity NSW had to offer and shared the mental toughness techniques used to achieve mission success. Forward deployed five times, with presence in 24 countries over five continents.

Currently, a highly regarded professional speaker and author with a purpose to positively affect people's lives. Passionate about the development, execution, and evaluation of initiatives, through the legislative and executive branch of government, to inspire those who seek improvement professionally, socially, mentally, and/or physically.

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Speaking Topics:

How to build a plan to age your way.

Leveraging longevity to your benefit.

Recognizing incapacity and devising a strategy.

The tension between medical & legal decisions.

Advance directives and guardianship options.

Family challenges in supporting the elderly.

Can dementia be a fun season of life?

Get your groove on for today's healthcare world.

Bio:

Debbie Pearson, RN has spent decades caring for others, as a hospital nurse, a home health care nurse, case manager and court appointed guardian. She founded Nurses Case Management in 2000 to advocate for people who could no longer care for themselves due to age, injury or illness.

Her books, *Age Your Way* and *The Blueprint to Age Your Way*, reflect her life's work. These tell stories to compare and contrast those who planned and those who did not. The Blueprint is a system developed to guide in gathering information, documenting wishes, and avoiding the unthinkable. When completed, the Blueprint provides an immense gift, a personalized roadmap to follow in executing your own plan or to assist another.

Lessons learned and communicated with passion and compassion. That is Debbie's "give back" gift.

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Thrival! How to Have an Above Average Day

Supervising: A Guide for All Levels

SEATING MATTERS: State of the Art Seating Arrangements

*The Supervision Transition: A Guide to Choosing and
Moving Into a Supervisory Position*

Speaking Topics:

Presence Matters: You Must be Present to Win!

*How to Influence Decision Makers: Promote Your Ideas, Issues,
Projects & Programs*

The Architecture of Meeting Management

*Hire the Highly Perceptive: Introducing the Conscientious,
Self-Managing Employee*

Bio:

Dr. Paul O. Radde, Ph.D., is a multi-talented, future-oriented presenter. His “ahead of the curve” leadership in high content topic development focuses audiences on what is inevitable, essential and unavoidable in their lives. Dr. Radde provides workshops on essential and timeless skills. His expertise in the Thrival perspective guides people in all walks of life toward the “richest experience of their lives.” Twenty-four Federal Agencies, hundreds of associations, Fortune 100 corporations; and notable clients such as the New York City Police Chiefs, NASA, Department of State, Wall Street Journal Sales Department have benefited from his expertise nationwide and on four continents. 3M corporate-wide used Supervising as a desk top guide. Paul also presents in Spanish. An avid racquetball player, Paul also skis, hikes, bikes, and swims.

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Keynotes, breakouts and training

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This Is Where I Came In

Shiny Spots In The Rust

Pearls In The Pigpen

Speaking Topics:

The Art of Readiness: Creatively Saying “Yes” to Success;

No Power & No Point: Why Your Slides Suck & How to Make ‘em Soar;

The Creature From the Next Cubicle: Dealing with the Monsters In Your Office

BIO:

Mike Robertson is creativity in a loud suit, using his unique talents to inspire, motivate, and enlighten audiences of all sorts and sizes. His humor and story-telling expertise make every presentation fascinating and entertaining. Mike’s keynote speech, “The Art of Readiness,” has energized thousands of people from coast to coast with his easy-to-grasp formula for increasing creativity and making better choices. His expertise in creative slide design has made him a nationally-known thought leader and earned him the title of “The Slide Ruler.” He’s been commissioned to design slides for many of the top-tier speakers in the country, and he shares his unique approach to presentations in a groundbreaking session called “No Power & No Point.”

Mike’s satisfied clients include the Texas Association of School Boards, Women In Technology Summit, Cal State University IT Dept., Semiconductor Research Corporation, the National Speakers Association, Washington State Health & Social Services, Texas State Comptroller, ATD-Houston, and many others.

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**Speaking Topics:**

Stop Should'ing On Yourself

Cultivating Courage: Don't Settle, UpLevel!

Stop Doubting, Start Deciding

Crack the Secret Code: Speak Their Language

Bio:

For the last 20 years Sara has been applying her leadership expertise at a variety of *Fortune* 200 companies, including T-Mobile, Capital One, Dell, Ingersoll Rand, Monster and even the American Heart Association.

Dubbed a “unicorn” by a long-standing client, Sara has mastered the ability to create programs focused on personal and/or professional leadership that perfectly align with your goals, the audience’s needs and her personality. Her oh-so-relatable style combined with her exceptional, intuitive nature as a facilitator always leads listeners to the promised land of breakthrough ah-ha’s.

“It’s a wasted day if you don’t learn something” was her mother’s mantra and one that Sara lives by. Perhaps that influenced her to leave a successful corporate career at age 35 to spend 2+ years on an RV trip across the country. It most certainly influenced her passion to continuously find new insights and test new solutions. Now her audiences are the direct benefactors of her journey and expertise!

With Sara you can expect to get an interactive, humorous, and thought-provoking speaker as she helps audiences get clear, get real and get going.



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Interactive Workshop; Insightful Break-
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in the USA; Living & Working Abroad

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Access to Asia: Your Multicultural Business Guide (Wiley, 2015)

Speaking Topics:

Mastering Cross-Cultural Communication

Successful Global Leadership

Intercultural Competency

Modern Dining Manners

Modern Business Etiquette

International Protocol

Bio:

Sharon Schweitzer, JD is an internationally recognized cross-cultural business expert who uses the power of self-awareness to guide participants in understanding and mastering global leadership and intercultural competency. Sharon captivates audiences through a dynamic, humorous, and engaging program. She presents abstract concepts in concrete terms providing practical techniques for improving business communication and increasing revenue.

Sharon has 20+ years of experience in 80+ countries as a corporate trainer, keynote speaker, lawyer, and entrepreneur with numerous business and book awards. She works with brands including Hilton Hotels, Lexus and JP Morgan as well as sports athletes and student leaders. Sharon appears on CBS, NBC and BBC News, and speaks at ALA, Big Ten Academic Alliance, and SXSW conferences as an expert in cross-cultural business.

On weekends, Sharon and John, her husband of 23 years, enjoy their golden retriever Toffee in Austin and the beautiful Texas Hill Country.

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Author of:

The Inefficiency Assassin: Time Management Tactics for Working Smarter, Not Longer (New World Library, 2016)

ROADMAP to Get Organized: Discover Your Thinking, Learning and Working Styles to Get Your Life Back on Track (Hacienda Oaks Press, 2012)

Less Stress for Teachers: More Time & An Organized Classroom (Hacienda Oaks Press, 2011)

Speaking Topics:

Helene delivers powerhouse keynotes and workshops that improve efficiency, lower stress levels and increase revenue. Topics include: time management, productivity and work-life balance; email, file and space management; procrastination, distraction and interruption prevention; time blocking and completing never-ending to-do lists.

Bio:

Do you want to wake up 10 years from now and lament, “I wish I’d lived a little more instead of work around the clock”? Helene Segura doesn’t want to either. That’s why she tells her time what to do - and teaches busy professionals how to do the same by eliminating lost time.

The author of two Amazon best-selling books, Helene has been the featured productivity expert in more than 150 media interviews. During her time management keynotes and trainings, she shares her mind-bending framework for decreasing interruptions, distractions and procrastination so that companies can spend more time generating revenue.

On weekends, Helene can be found experimenting with recipes or sneaking adult beverages onto the lawn bowling court. To connect with Helene or to download her complimentary Productivity Kickstarter Kit, visit www.TimeManagementRevolution.com.



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Speaking Topics:

The Paradox of Potential An interactive discussion on getting more accomplished in work and life.

Connecting with People in a Gadget Crazy World — An interactive program to get people to connect better in a world of distractions

Bio:

Thom Singer believes that all opportunities come from people. As a keynote speaker and master of ceremonies he combines a robust mix of actionable content with a high-energy delivery style.

He is the author of twelve books — and is the host of the popular “Cool Things Entrepreneurs Do” podcast.

Thom inspires audiences to move beyond the superficial connections of “likes”, “links”, “shares” and “follows” in our social media crazy world and re-embrace the long-term and mutually beneficial relationships that lead to more business.

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Speaking Topics:

Leadership, Confidence, Women Leadership and Professional Development, Team Building, Business Strategy, Effective Communication, Motivation, Inspiration, Super Hero Powers, Professional Development, Conflict Resolution, Coaching, Mentoring

Bio:

Darlene Templeton is a sought-after professional speaker. She is a master in LEADERSHIP and TRANSFORMATION, Darlene's extensive corporate experience, (36 years with IBM) has given her the tools to transform even the most experienced executives into world-class leaders! Her passion is working with professionals and businesses to improve their communication and leadership skills, increase productivity and achieve extraordinary results.

With Darlene's unique combination of her corporate experience, her own personal journey and her successful small business, she can speak to any audience, from individuals, small businesses to Fortune 100 companies.

Darlene has a special talent for easily connecting with audiences and workshop participants, creating immediate feelings of trust and integrity. Gifted with humor and a natural-born storyteller, her presentation style is exceptionally enthusiastic, energizing and fun! She has been called the "high octane" energy source in the room. She entertains, motivates and inspires—always, always leaving her clients and audiences empowered with the tips, tools and strategies for leadership, personal and professional excellence, and success.

Your audience will leave engaged, inspired and empowered to take immediate action in their lives, and achieve the success that they desire!

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Speaking Topics:

Productivity, time management, work-life balance, attention management, corporate culture

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Maura Nevel Thomas is an award-winning international speaker and trainer on individual and corporate productivity and work-life balance, and the most widely-cited authority on attention management. She is a TEDx Speaker, founder of Regain Your Time, and author of two books. She was named a Top Leadership Speaker for 2018 in *Inc. Magazine*, and she's a frequent expert and regular contributor to major business outlets, including *Fast Company*, *Huffington Post*, and the *Harvard Business Review*. Follow her on Twitter @mnthomas.

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Leadership, Culture, Communication

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MiniTrends: How Innovators & Entrepreneurs Discover & Profit From Business & Technology Trends by John H. Vanston & Carrie Vanston

Speaking Topics:

Leading with Engagement, Innovation, and Passion

Goodbye “Fight or Flight,” Hello Genius Intuition

The Seven Levels of Energy and How You Can Level Up

Bio:

Carrie Vanston, known as The Energy Transformer, helps people move from “flight and fight” to genius intuition. By providing essential elements that move them past the “junk” that keeps us all from moving forward, she helps organizations and their people achieve goals quicker and with less stress. This leads to higher productivity, happier people, and greater profit and sustainability.

Her presentations include insight on:

- Leading with Engagement: Providing opportunities for interaction, personal support, and shared vision between all stakeholders
- Leading with Innovation: Encouraging creativity, trend spotting, and foresight throughout the business
- Leading with Passion: Transforming with self-awareness and personal purpose

Carrie is a consummate connector and loves to provide practical ideas that can be applied immediately back at the office. She will inspire your audience to take their thought processes and business culture to the next level so they can live the life of their dreams, while building amazing organizations.

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Type of Speaker:

Keynote, Motivational,
Breakout Sessions, Workshops
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Speaking Topics:

Emotional Intelligence: The Key to Showing Up Well as a Leader

Leadership Presence: How to Develop, Nurture and Leverage for Your Success

Turning Obstacles into Opportunities: Knowing What You Want and Getting It Despite Major Challenges

Resilience: The Driving Force of Lasting Leadership

Harnessing the Power of Conflict

Bio:

Lisa Walker is a warm, friendly and captivating speaker who has an amazing gift to connect with others and motivate, inspire and challenge them to new heights. She has a passion for supporting others through obstacles, so they can show up well and succeed at business and life.

Dr. Walker is a psychologist, leadership development expert, relationship strategist, facilitator of difficult conversations and professional speaker. Lisa is powerfully engaging, and whether she is speaking to a large audience, having an intimate conversation with a few people, conducting a training or coaching an executive, she has earned the reputation for possessing the ability to help leaders unleash their highest potential and excel personally and professionally.

Dr. Walker leverages her depth of relationship and people knowledge to educate, motivate, inspire and move people to action. She brings over 25 years' experience serving leaders from varied industries.

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Keynotes & Workshops

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Speaking Topics:

Inspiring Leaders To Be A Force For Good

Looking to inspire change among your leaders that will stand the test of time?
Hire Ron to rally your people.

Chrysalis Program

Ron's signature Chrysalis Program incorporates five modalities that transform leaders and organizations: transformative thinking, leadership presence, collaboration, accountability and building influence.

Bio:

Ron J. West is a knowledgeable, inspiring and entertaining speaker with a delightful English accent. He stands ready to transform your next conference, private company event, retreat or leadership group meeting into a memorable one. Ron's purpose is to make a positive and lasting difference in the world by inspiring leaders to change. Throughout his career, he has led massive shifts in leaders and their organizations both in Europe and the USA.

"When Ron first took the stage to present in front of his peers, I immediately knew he was a natural. He has a profound gift for facilitating positive and lasting changes in leaders and their companies."

— Jack Canfield, America's #1 Success Coach

