

Philadelphia 2019

Jan 24: Straight Talk: Using Candor and Constructive Confrontation to get Better Results

This practical seminar develops skills for planning, leading, and following up on Candor Conversations about expectations and agreements. We tackle both the smoother, preventive discussions around clear upfront Agreements, as well as the most stressful of work discussions - Constructive Confrontations. We'll provide antidotes for someone repeatedly breaking an agreement - instead of giving up, blowing up at the person, or burying the issue.

Dr. Rick Brandon has over 30 years of performance improvement experience, and has educated over 100,000 people in workshops and speeches. He delivers keynote speeches at corporate events, educates thousands annually in workshops and appears in various industrial and educational videos.

Feb 12: The Power of Accountability: Build Engagement, Collaboration and Trust

In this interactive, highly practical session, we'll examine what it takes to create an environment where people are willing to step up and take ownership for their actions and decisions. You'll learn key principles for clarifying communication, creating team cohesion, and coaching performance that reduce "victim behavior" while fostering trust and teamwork. Discover how small but powerful changes in attitude and behavior - reinforced every day - can yield tremendous results.

Dr. Michael Brenner, president of Right Chord Leadership LLC, is an international leadership consultant, executive coach, keynote speaker, author, and professional musician. He has taught courses at Immaculata University, Temple University, and La Salle University in organizational behavior, negotiations, systems dynamics, interpersonal communication, and the sociology of work. Dr. Brenner earned a doctorate in adult learning and leadership from Columbia University and a masters degree in adult and organizational development from Temple University. He has worked with a variety of well-known organizations including SAP, QVC, Childrens Hospital of Philadelphia, Godiva, Boeing, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, and Sri Lankan manufacturer Maliban. He is Past President of the Greater Philadelphia chapter of the Association for Talent Development (ATD) and has been a featured speaker at many industry events and conferences. Dr. Brenner has published several articles and is currently writing a book on high performance teams. An accomplished saxophone player, Dr. Brenner has performed on stages around the world and frequently utilizes music and improvisation in his workshops to demonstrate principles of leadership and teamwork.

Mar 12: Breakthrough Ideas: How to Become a More Strategic Thinker

Being strategically competitive in today's chaotic and complex global environment requires a different way of looking at how we approach strategic thinking. Leaders who are tasked with strategic responsibility must be attentive, agile, adaptive and innovative thinkers. Four key issues are addressed in this session: Why do organizations need strategic thinkers? What is strategic thinking? Who is a strategic thinker? How can strategic thinking be developed?

Dr. Julia Sloan, author of the definitive book Learning to Think Strategically, is widely recognized for her pioneering work in the application of complex cognitive theory to everyday global strategic thinking practice. Her work draws upon more than two decades of her own expatriate corporate experience working on strategy to align the business agenda with prevailing economic, cultural and social issues.

Apr 17: Developmental and Performance-based Coaching for Today's Workforce

Your individual development plan may be the single most important document to advance your career. You will depart this workshop with your personal plan and the skills and tools to coach and develop Millennials and other career minded staff members on your team. Participants will learn and experience the connection of effective coaching and feedback to each managers team to be able to improve their ability to execute consistently. In the majority (around 70%) of executive failures, the real problem isn't bad strategy. The real problem is bad execution, according to the Fortune Magazine article titled, "Why CEO's Fail". At its core, execution comes down to setting clear expectations and regular coaching and feedback.

Four-time winner of the Business Advisor of the Year in North America, John D. Lankford is passionate about development, performance and results. An expert in executive coaching and developing leadership talent, his fun and lively approach motivates others to embrace development and innovative ideas. As a certified Executive Coach and 4 Time Business Coach of the Year, John loves to coach leaders on his proven coaching techniques. His impressive background is unique, boasting 23 years of corporate and 12 years of entrepreneurial experience. John has facilitated more than two dozen mergers and acquisitions, as well as launching three businesses and ultimately selling two. John provides hands-on, triage support that produces measurable results in real-time. His process provides laser focus on the execution of the plan. Johns coaching and accountability teaches business leaders not to be distracted by bells, whistles, or fads. His leadership experience covers every level of management from front line supervisor to becoming the former CEO of the Innisbrook Leadership Institute. His leadership track record includes leadership positions at the Executive Education team at Ford Motor Company, Oakwood Healthcare, Comcast University and the St John Healthcare system.

May 09: Boosting Productivity: Gaining Back Time for Yourself and Your Team

This fast paced seminar is designed for busy managers, project leaders, and senior individual contributors who are looking to maximize productivity and achieve more. Discover proven strategies which will enable you to:

- Solve the big productivity challenges: email, meetings, and interruptions
- Regain focus on your most important goals and projects
- Increase team engagement by getting more done in less time
- Protect critical planning and personal time

By teaching go-getters how to improve their efficiency, Time Management Fixer Helene Segura, MA Ed, CPO helps companies and agencies lower employee stress levels, decrease absenteeism, improve retention and leadership, and increase revenue. Known for her thought-provoking, yet entertaining time management keynotes and seminars that teach practical productivity tools, Helene delivers an experience that resonates deeply and inspires change. Helene has been the featured organizational expert in more than 150 media interviews and is the author of three books - two of which were Amazon best-sellers. Her latest book, *The Inefficiency Assassin: Time Management Tactics for Working Smarter, Not Longer* (New World Library), is the go-to time management resource for thousands of professionals around the world.

Jun 05: How to Reach, Teach and Engage Various Generations in the Workplace

Sheer demographics suggest that, in the very near future, we will feel strain on our generational talent pools and, consequently, organizational productivity. This seminar will provide leaders with insights and strategies for attracting, engaging and developing talent from all generations, as well as for enhancing intergenerational communication, productivity and results.

Dr. Jan Ferri-Reed is a seasoned consultant and President of KEYGroup, a 28-year Pittsburgh-based speaking, education and assessment firm. She has presented a variety of programs to thousands of managers and employees in a diverse range of organizations across the globe. She provides guidance, wisdom and wit to leaders who want to create productive and profitable workplaces.

Jul 23: Leveraging Optimism to Make Change Work

In the good and the tough times, the best leaders leverage optimism to make strategic change for yourself and your team. Optimists are realists who are the first to admit there are problems and the first to do something about them. As a leader, you'll learn how to reframe challenges as opportunities and to turn downturns into strategic progress. You'll learn how to turn your anxiety and worries into attitudes and actions that produce results.

Dr. Terry Paulson is a psychologist and author of the popular books "50 Tips for Speaking Like a Pro", "Paulson on Change", and "They Shoot Managers, Don't They?" Since founding Paulson & Associates in 1974, Dr. Paulson has conducted management programs for 3M, Hughes Aircraft, IBM, Merck, Nissan Canada, and hundreds of other organizations.

Aug 15: Influence to Impact: Leveraging Interpersonal Power for Women Leaders

Influence is a crucial competency that enables leaders to succeed in the global marketplace. This program is a highly interactive, leadership development workshop for women. In this course women come to understand the three levels of power involved in influencing, they discover their I2I (Influence to Impact) influence profile, they are taught the power of language and the role gender plays in organizational influence, they are taught to use dialogue as an influence tool, and are taught the secrets of leveraging the hidden power of the organization.

Dr. Jeanne Porter King is the founder and president of Trans Porter Group in Chicago. Her latest book is titled *Influence Starts with "I": A Woman's Guide to Unleashing the Power of Leading From Within and Effective Change Around You*. Jeanne's mission is to move people and systems to higher levels of effectiveness. Jeanne is a seasoned organizational development consultant with more than 25 years of experience consulting, coaching and training in areas including leadership development, diversity and inclusion, and communication.

Sep 11: The Manager's Toolkit: Proven Techniques to Effectively Lead Others

Employees who are deservingly promoted into managerial positions because they do well in their current jobs often need additional support and better preparation if they're to successfully manage and/or lead others. This session will focus on equipping managers with the knowledge and tools they need to effectively manage people and increase productivity in their areas of responsibility. Participants will explore basic managerial concepts, discuss common situations and challenges, and learn how to apply specific strategies and tools to successfully manage people.

Dr. Ellen Burts-Cooper is the senior managing partner of Improve Consulting and Training Group, a firm that provides personal and professional development training, coaching and consultation. She is also an adjunct professor at Case Western Reserve University in the Weatherhead Executive Education Program and author of the book *Canine Instinct: A Guide to Survival and Advancement in Corporate America*. Dr. Burts-Cooper also recently published *aMAZEing Organizational Teams: Navigating the 7 Critical Attributes for Cohesion, Productivity and Resilience*, a guide for improving group workplace dynamics. The book is based on the aMAZEing Team Building Experience centered in Cleveland, Ohio where teams navigate through a maze of highly interactive indoor mental challenges based on seven attributes of healthy, productive teams. Dr. Burts-Cooper earned a Ph.D. in organic/polymer chemistry at Virginia Tech and holds a Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt certification from 3M Company.

Oct 10: The Changing Rules of Strategy: New Mindsets for a New World

In this session, Professor Hewitt will present a practical model of "disruptive foresight". This will enable participants to do five key things: (1) spot and decipher early signals of competitive disruption in their industry; (2) analyse the forces driving disruption and their likely consequences; (3) consider realistic strategic options to benefit from disruption; (4) ensure the organization acquires the capabilities to handle game-changing challenges; (5) drive a deep mind set shift throughout the organization, well beyond the legacy of traditional change management models.

Professor Gordon Hewitt is widely acknowledged as one of the world's leading authorities on the challenge of competing and creating value in dynamic, complex markets. He has been involved in major strategy and top leadership development programs for corporations such as Pfizer, Sony, Honeywell, Time Warner and IBM. In addition, he has chaired meetings of European and American CEOs and Board Chairman to discuss the future of corporate strategy and governance.

Nov 07: Managing & Leading: Strategies to Help You Excel at Both

This session will explore the essential strategies and techniques required to powerfully lead and manage simultaneously from the same role. Being a manager is one of the most arduous and yet most valuable roles in any organization. The challenge lies in dealing with the expectations of those above and below you while also contributing to people's success around you. When you master this, you will discover how to impact any organization from the middle. You will leave this class with the skills needed to powerfully evolve into a successful Manager.

Ms. Ann Tardy, a former Silicon Valley corporate attorney and a current leadership expert, speaker, and author, Ann has been studying how people impact organizations from the middle for over 25 years. As the author of four books, Ann serves as the Founder and CEO of LifeMoxie Mentoring & Leadership and the Founder and Director of The Mentoring Council. She has cycled from San Francisco to New Jersey and down each coast in a quest to discover what people love about their jobs. Her documentary Work Matters captured the interviews she conducted on the bike.

Dec 04: Motivation, Cooperation and Engagement: Reaching for the Next Level

Unlike most motivational programs that do little more than explain the why of human behavior, this program shows you the how. You will learn specific communication skills to inspire productivity in others, build their trust, fuel their accomplishment, and assure their peak performance. When you give people the care they need, they produce the results you want. The objectives for this program include: (1) learning to avoid practices that erode motivation; (2) learning to generate lasting enthusiasm in others; (3) mastering a communication system that brings out the best in others; (4) practicing feedback strategies that improve work processes, boost performance and change unproductive behavior; (5) learning to create an atmosphere of respect and trust in the workplace; (5) learning to increase employee investment in organizational success.

Dr. Alan Zimmerman is the founder and President of ZCN, a training and consulting firm. He has delivered more than 3,000 management development programs over the last 15 years to such clients as 3M, Ernst & Young, Prudential, Target, US Steel and numerous others. In addition he was recently inducted into the Speaker Hall of Fame, an honor bestowed on a small handful of people in the last 30 years, including Ronald Reagan, Colin Powell, Art Linkletter, Zig Ziglar and Norman Vincent Peale.

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