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NSA Ohio Award Recipient

2009 has been a very challenging year. The poor economy had a major impact on the speaking industry. The top-notch legends in speaking said their businesses were down by two-thirds and fees were cut in half just to keep food on the table. In hard times, training budgets are the first to go and that certainly was the case this year.

I was fortunate because part of my speaking business is "for profit," but the other part is through my employment. So even though my paid engagements took a significant hit this year, I still met my professional status quota because of the internal trainings at work. I'm now certified to do Drug Free Workplace seminars for the county as part of our required annual training.

I was honored in May by NSA Ohio as recipient of the Trudy Knox award for pioneering spirit and vision. This was a total surprise for me.

The funny thing is that as our President, Glenn Ray (pictured with me) was announcing this award, I was making notes for my segment which was coming up next. I wasn't paying attention to what he was saying until I heard my name announced and saw the award. I was shocked, humbled and deeply honored to be recognized by NSA Ohio. I am so pleased to serve as Vice President for this amazing group.

Even though I had less engagements this year, I used the time to really focus on professional development. I attended the NSA Na-



tional Convention in Phoenix, AZ in July. (Whoever chose Phoenix in July needs to be tarred and feathered - 115 degrees out there!). I attended an image enhancement workshop in Phoenix in October and attended the NSA Fall Workshop and Summit in you guessed it, Phoenix again in November. I spent time continuing work on my book "Why Are People Like That?" and am hopeful that 2010 will see it become a reality. Stay tuned. Even though this has been a hard year for me at work and in speaking, it has been a blessing!

Speakers Showcase Experience



On October 6, 2009, I participated in a Speakers Showcase that NSA Ohio presented. This was my second showcase professionally, but the first one where I actually knew what I was doing. 18 speakers presented 10 minutes of material to an audi-

ence of meeting planners and people who could potentially hire us. It was video taped and the clip is on my new website that is still under construction: WhyArePeopleLikeThat.com.

I received several positive compliments from my segment. Let me know what

you think of the video!

Around that same time, I was asked by Mike Frank, CSP, CPAE, to be in his Speakers' Bureau — Speakers Unlimited in Columbus. Mike is a legend in speaking and I'm honored to be promoted by his bureau.

Celery Girl Saga

My third trip to Phoenix, AZ this year made a lasting impression on me and those who attended the NSA Fall Conference. Picture this, you are at the swanky Arizona Grand Hotel & Resort rubbing elbows with the best and brightest in the National Speakers Association and during the opening session of the conference, you get pulled on stage as a “volunteer.” Now normally this would not bother me because I enjoy being in front of large crowds. However, the speaker who pulled me on stage was Las Vegas entertainer, Frank Miles. Frank is a magician, juggler, comedian and goof-ball, all rolled into one. He is a cross

between The Pass- When I he gave of holding machete a stalk of for the shoved the celery in my hand and told me that “we don’t always get what we want.” The premise was for me to put the celery in my mouth and he was going to juggle three machetes and throw one to cut the celery stalk off while in my mouth. YIKES! He then BLINDFOLDED himself and took 10 steps backwards and told me NOT TO



Gallagher and ing Zone.

got on stage, me the choice a razor sharp (big knife), or celery. I went knife, but he

MOVE! I froze myself, put the celery in my mouth, shut my eyes and started praying. I heard the audience roar with laughter and I finally opened my eyes to see if I had lost a limb. They were laughing at ME because my jaw was chattering and shaking so much the celery was vibrating up and down in my mouth. Frank had mercy on me and ended up cutting the celery off while standing beside me instead of hurling a knife across the stage. As a result, I have become the infamous NSA Celery Girl and was told I should go on the road with Frank. Thankfully there are no photos or video of this incident! Whew!

Image Eye-Opener with Janice Hurley-Trailor

I had the opportunity to meet the industry’s leading expert on professional image, Janice Hurley-Trailor, during one of my trips to Phoenix. I attended a two-day workshop with her to learn how to understand what my professional image is and what it should be. There were 7 professional women in the group with varying levels of success. The first exercise in the workshop was to write down 5 adjectives that we want other people to see in us.

Mine were: Intelligent; Professional; Classy; Confident; and Fun. Then through a series of questions and observations, we discovered what our current image was saying about us. My current image is saying that I am: Conservative; Old School; Matronly; Dull; and Boring. You can imagine how delighted I was to discover this!!! The workshop was difficult on my self-confidence at times, but the blessing was that it not only showed me who I

can be, but it also showed me who I DO NOT want to be. This was a powerful growing pain that showed me what the next level in my life could look like if I have the courage to pursue it. Janice opened my eyes to the “possibilities” of me!



Bigelow Church Changes

On April 5, 2009, Steven Schueren became the new Pastor of Bigelow Church (www.BigelowChurch.org). He and his family have been a tremendous blessing for our congregation and we give God all the glory for guiding him to Portsmouth. He is a “meat & potatoes” TEACHER of the Word who preaches with passion and truth. Pastor Steve’s sermons are available live on streaming video at the website. Past services are archived as well. I

have experienced a renewed sense of God’s spirit since Pastor Steve’s arrival. Although my travels have prevented me from attending as often as I like, the online sermons allow me to stay caught up.

Pastor Steve has challenged us to reach out to our neighbors as God commands us to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matt 22:39). In doing so, we spread the gospel through yard sales, care groups, home visits and

Operation Christmas Child. What we did reminds me of the new CD and single released by Casting Crowns called “Until the Whole World Hears.” My favorite part of the song says “I want to be Your hands & feet. I want to live a life that leads.” That is what I want to do—be the example so others can see Him in me and not be afraid to show it. I thank God for the incredible blessings he has given me & I pray for His will in my future.