

A man in a dark suit and tie is shown in profile, speaking into a microphone. The background is a warm, golden-brown color. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

SUSQUEHANNA SPEAKERS ASSOCIATION

*presenting professional knowledge
and personal experience*

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www.susquehannaspeakers.org



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Susquehanna Speakers Association?

The Susquehanna Speakers Association is operated as a service to the local community and its environs. It makes talented, worthwhile speakers available to civic, social, church, educational and other community organizations.

How is a speaker obtained?

This booklet lists the names of the speakers and descriptions of their talks. Your organization can secure a speaker from the ranks of the Association simply by contacting the speaker via their phone number or email address listed in the booklet.

What is the cost?

While the fee can be negotiated between you and the speaker, the average cost per speech is \$100.00. Fees received for programs presented by the Association members are divided between the Association and the speaker.

Our Website

The Association maintains a website at www.susquehannaspeakers.org. Any new speakers and speeches are added to the website throughout the year.

Whom do I contact for more information?

As officer roles may change from time to time, it would be best to check the website for the most current contact info.

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Doc Holliday Part 1: How John H Holliday Became Doc Holliday

Presented in the first person persona, “Doc” traces his life from his birth in Griffin, Georgia to the point of heading to Tombstone and the pages of history.

Doc Holliday Part 2: From Tombstone to the Grave

Again, “Doc” traces his life from his arrival in Tombstone, his involvement in the gunfight at the OK Corral, his companionship with Wyatt on the Vendetta Ride, to his declining health and eventual death.



Return to Sender – The Doolittle Raid

The history and ramifications of the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo during World War II is explained. The speech follows the raid from cause, to conception, to its immediate and far-reaching effects.



The Day Santa Called

The time-honored tradition of parents telling their children there is no Santa is given a new twist. Santa calls the parents and tells them the time has come for them to take over Christmas. The entire speech is done in rhyme and with humor.



The Navajo Code Talkers of WW II's

the history of the Navajo interaction with this country's government- their mistreatment in the 1800's to the creation of a code that was never broken-is explained in a perfect blending of historical fact and human interest stories. The code talkers were instrumental in helping win the war in the pacific.

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Hoarder: The Neighbor Next Door

The physical world of hoarders is different from that of the rest of us. Learn what hoarding is and gain understanding about the mindset of the hoarder, the cause of hoarding, what and how people hoard, and how the hoarder thinks. The speaker will also address when it is time to intervene and to work with a hoarder.



Too Much Stuff-The dilemma of Downsizing

It's so easy for clutter and “stuff” to take over your home. A task that we all will face is distributing and disposing of accumulated objects of a lifetime. Whether you are downsizing to a smaller home, dispersing the contents of a loved one's estate, or simply reorganizing your home, this presentation will give you a plan to reorganize and eliminate “stuff”.

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The U.S. Air Traffic Control System: Is It Safe to Fly?

The speaker has over 50 years experience in aviation and is a local expert on the nation's airspace system. He has a working knowledge of the 1981 PATCO strike and was on duty on 9/11/01 when the national ATC system was shut down. His stories, told in a lighthearted style, are both informational and enjoyable.

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Roll A Mile in My Chair

You will be inspired by seeing the life lessons the speaker has learned from a different perspective. Her experiences of living with a progressive disability moving from adapting to a cane, to a scooter, then a power wheelchair, and her faith as she faced these changing challenges.



From Pup to Partner-My Life as a Service Dog

I was just a pup when I began my training. With a lot of hard work and love I grew up to be a special type of dog; a service dog! I am now partnered with a human and you will see and learn about the exceptional bond between us. At the end I will even show you some of the skills I learned at school.



What I Learned from Gardening

Gardening teaches you more than just growing plants. It takes work and time to nurture fragile, young seedlings to maturity. We humans also take nurturing and time-along with some mistakes-before reaching maturity. Listen to the speaker's humorous stories, lessons learned, and leave with points to ponder.

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A Different Drummer...Where Attitude is Everything from Negative to Positive

We all have good and bad days-hopefully more good than bad. There is help on the way when you listen to this presentation. It will inspire you to be happy, healthy and feel terrific. The speaker strives to enhance the listener's mind to think outside the box and view the eye of vision. Listening is your best source of information. This speech is motivational and provides inspiration and hope. Come and see.

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Financing the Third Reich During World War II

This is the incredible story of how the Nazis stole Europe's gold during World War II. Gold was the economic means for the Nazis to wage war, so they looted tons of gold from the banks of the conquered countries. Millions were plundered from Jews' safety deposit boxes, businesses, land and jewelry, even extracting gold fillings from victims.



Operation Bernhard: Third Reich's Forgery of British Notes

During WW II, the Nazi Secret Service planned to undermine the British economy with thousands of counterfeit English notes. To produce the notes, skilled Jewish craftsmen were recruited from concentration camps. Their survival depended on the success of the program.

Discover secret marks the British Mint incorporated in their notes to foil counterfeiters. Come hear one of the most amazing, little-known stories of WW II.

My Neighbor's Secrets

The speaker tells the story of a Lancaster resident who fought for the Kaiser in WW I, was interned by the Nazis in a concentration camp, lost family members to the Holocaust, and was forced to leave his homeland because of his faith. Many photographs and historic documents of his journey survive.



David Rittenhouse (1732-1796): Astronomer, Inventor, Mathematician. Scientific Instrument Craftsman, Surveyor and First Director of the U.S. Mint

David Rittenhouse's survey established the Delaware-Pennsylvania border with a 12-mile circle around the New Castle, Delaware Courthouse. He helped establish the boundaries between New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania and was the first director of the U.S. Mint producing the nation's first coins. The program will include examples of his inventions, visuals of his home on the Wissahickon Creek in Germantown, Pennsylvania, and other colonial notables.

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Storytelling to Strengthen Families

Family history is too important to leave to chance. Tony Crocamo offers a program that gives you proven process to find and craft stories that will live on as family history and strengthen your family by providing your children, grandchildren and their children with cherished stories that reinforces who they are, reminds them where they come from, and creates a bridge between your life experiences and their future. Tony Crocamo is a Rostered Teaching Artist with South Central PaARTners, Millersville University and was named *Lancaster Story Slam's* Best Storyteller 2017.



Storytelling for Business:

Stories enable you to connect with prospects, co-workers, and clients. Successful leaders have always used stories to inspire, share their vision of a better future, and to convey a path to that vision. We all have stories. Not all of us know where to find or how to craft them. Tony Crocarno offers a program that reveals story sources available to everyone and gives each participant the skills needed to organize stories that effectively communicate ideas, concepts, and visions.

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The Army and Navy Nurses of Pearl Harbor – 12/7/1941

The extraordinary experiences of the nurses stationed in Hawaii during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor are recounted by the speaker, who is the daughter of an Army nurse who survived. Some of the women made the military their career. Others were successful in civilian life. Come and hear their captivating stories!