



Karen Marsolek gave birth to a ten-pound baby, hiked 80 miles through the backcountry of Patagonia National Park and walked the Miss America Runway as a teenager. Her early career path wound from the professional stage in major cities to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in rural South Dakota. Karen's first "grown up" job was as Program Director for Camp Māk-A-Dream, serving children and adults diagnosed with cancer.

All this dynamic life experience directly informs Karen's interactive teaching style. So, your experience at one of Karen's workshops, presentations, or retreats will be entertaining, as well as personally and professionally inspiring. Karen's client list includes large corporations and small, family-owned businesses. She's that versatile.

For more than a decade, Karen has been involved in the design and implementation of conferences, retreats and education events. Her areas of expertise include Team Building, Customer Service, and Employee Engagement. She also provides personal leadership coaching and board development for non-profits. Karen is passionate about promoting and developing high-functioning, healthy work environments through the establishment of a community-driven culture.

In addition to Karen's speaking career, she has worked as a master educator and facilitator for the Northwest's largest healthcare system. For this group, Karen assisted in the design and facilitation of a multi-year leadership curriculum for the entire healthcare system. This program grew into a system-wide effort designed to involve all employees and implement wide-scale cultural change.

Karen has a B.A. in Media and Theater Arts from Montana State University where she also studied business marketing. As a Rotary International Scholar, she did her graduate work in the field of Integrative Arts Therapy & Group Facilitation at the Central School of Speech and Drama in London, England. Growing her knowledge base through attending professional conferences and continuing education classes — including training with the Disney Institute, The Studer Group, Baptist Hospital Leadership Institute, Kauffman Foundation for Entrepreneurs, and the Center for Ethical Leadership — keeps Karen's presentations current, fresh, and dynamic. Karen is a member of the esteemed National Speakers' Association and she is a certified Gracious Space Facilitator.

Karen's commitment to connect directly with each client helps her develop a message designed specifically for your unique culture, targeting specific outcomes. Don't expect a typical, dry, ho-hum presentation. But do expect to receive tangible tools and knowledge that are immediately applicable to your personal and professional life. Not only will she educate and inspire, Karen Marsolek will make you think.

