

# For Speakers, By Speakers

## National Speakers Association - Illinois Chapter: Serving Both Professional Speakers and Event Planners



**Are you looking for a speaker for your next event?** Do you currently speak professionally and want to advance your skills? Do you aspire to be a public speaker but don't know how to get started?

As diverse as those questions are, there is one organization that fills all those roles – National Speakers Association-Illinois Chapter (NSA-IL).

**Whether your need is for keynote speakers, facilitators, trainers, coaches or consultants,** NSA-IL is a one-stop resource for speakers with topics ranging from Business to Health to Inspirational to Financial and Ethics. On their website, [www.nsa-il.org](http://www.nsa-il.org), you can find speakers by topics or by name, and even access the helpful “10 Tips for Finding the Right Speaker.” Since only speakers who have met specific qualifications are eligible for membership to NSA-IL, meeting planners can be assured of the competence of the speakers they select.

**If you already are a professional speaker and want to advance your skills,** learn ways to be more effective, or gain more knowledge on a variety of topics, NSA-IL offers a diversity of forums for sharing that information.

**One of those forums is Fabulous Friday.** These seminars are conducted by guest speakers on either the second or third Friday of every other month from September to May and focus on topics such as

speaking competency, authorship, marketing and assisting speakers in reaching (and surpassing!) their professional goals. You do not have to be a member to attend a Fab Friday which are held from 10 am to 2:30 and includes an always fabulous lunch at Maggiano's in Oak Brook. Where else could you get together with a diverse group of people dedicated to speaking, consulting, coaching, training, and authorship – all committed to one another's success?!!!

**In the intervening months, special events are also held.** Information on the topics for the 2009-2010 season and registration can be found on the website [www.nsa-il.org](http://www.nsa-il.org).

**And for those just getting their feet wet in the speaking business,** NSA-IL has a program specifically designed to meet those needs – Speaker University, an exciting, intensive and interactive educational program designed to assist aspiring speakers. Classes meet for 2 hours once a month from October thru May and cover NSA's four competencies: Eloquence, Expertise, Enterprise and Ethics. As with Fab Fridays, you do not need to be a member to enroll in Speaker University. An in-depth description



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and sample syllabus are available at [www.nsa-il.org](http://www.nsa-il.org). If you are interested, don't delay as classes begin the first week of October.



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