

Ron Labez Gandiza

MCSE, MCLC, Network+, IT Project+
Learning Solutions Architect



Mr. Ron Gandiza started his career in Information Technology after joining the US Air Force as a computer operations specialist. He was immediately assigned to the Pentagon, in Washington D.C, and helped develop IT training programs for both the Army and the Air Force. He later served as the lead network engineer for then- Secretary of Defense, William Cohen. After leaving the military, Mr. Gandiza served as the Director of Information Services for the Congressional Commission on Veterans Affairs under the direction of Anthony Principi.

Mr. Gandiza then decided to leave the government and joined Microsoft as a technical account manager for Microsoft's Premier Support Services (PSS) group, managing the technical support relationship with NASA's seven major Space Centers. In 2000, Mr. Gandiza became VP of Learning Initiatives and Chief Information Officer (CIO) for I/Tech Services, a national training company, developing and managing the computer training programs of over 150 colleges and universities. He also helped conceptualize and develop the Microsoft IT Academy Program with Microsoft. Mr. Gandiza then served as the Lead Solution Architect for New Horizons Computer Learning Center for the Southeast, architecting and delivering training solutions for enterprise clients. Ron then served as the Global Director of Programs for Culminis where he helped to grow it into the largest support network of IT PRO organizations in the world supporting the professional development needs of over a million IT Professionals.

Mr. Gandiza is currently an independent learning solutions architect helping enterprise organizations more quickly adapt to change and lower risk through adaptive learning solutions. He is also the Executive Vice President of the Charlotte Chapter of the Association of IT Professionals (AITP) and serves on the Board of Regents of the Foundation for Information Technology Education (FITE).

Scott Sample

Microsoft

Unveiling Vista and Office 2007

Microsoft has been making great strides to improve the security and productivity of your desktop. We will examine some of the newest innovations in computer technology and where these technologies enhance productivity. Specifically we will review the new Microsoft Products and Product line Enhancements, VISTA and Microsoft Office 2007. Learn about Microsoft's passion for developing tools that will help you realize your potential.

Scott Sample lives in Raleigh, North Carolina with his wife of 15 years and his three children. He has been involved in computer technology since the 70's when his first foray into computers involved programming on a Teletype system and storing programs on punched paper tape. He is passionate about the potential for technology to help us work, learn, and govern better. He has spoken at numerous conferences in the US and Canada on behalf of Microsoft since 1997. He served as one of four MSCE trainers for a worldwide Windows 2000 Server training project focused on the US Military. He ran a Microsoft Solution provider in Raleigh, NC, until he recently joined Microsoft last year to further evangelize technologies use in the public sector. .

Mark Gilfand

AITP Association President.

Mark Gilfand is the 2006 AITP Association President. Mark is a 26 year member of AITP, having served the Twin City Chapter as Publications Director, Membership Director, Programs Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, President, and Association Director. Mark was elected to the post of President of AITP's Region 5 in 2001 and 2002. Region 5 consists of 60 professional and student chapters in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Northern Kentucky, the very eastern edge of Iowa, and the St. Louis area of Missouri. It is one of AITP's largest regions in terms of number of members. Mark served on the Association's "national" Board of Directors as a Director from the "Central" district in 2003. He was elected as the Association's Secretary/Treasurer in 2004 and elected Executive Vice President/President-Elect for 2005.



Mark's "regular job" is that of a management staff assistant in the Systems department of State Farm Insurance in Bloomington, Illinois. A 30-year veteran of the industry, Mark has held a variety of positions from operator, programmer, systems analyst, business analyst, and component steward. One of Mark's previous assignments was a 14-year stint supporting State Farm's email system and he was responsible for the development of State Farm's highly successful enterprise directory system.

Mark is the holder of several certifications including the CDP - Certified Data Processor, now known as the CCP - Certified Computing Professional and insurance/financial services certifications like CPCU - Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter, CLU - Chartered Life Underwriter, and ChFC - Chartered Financial Consultant.

Carolyn Walters

AITP Region 18 President

Carolyn Walters currently serves as President for AITP Region 18. Her affiliation with AITP began with DPMA as a student chapter member in 1980. She has been a member of the Tarheel Chapter, headquartered in Winston Salem, NC, for over 15 years and has served as, Student Chapter Liaison, Treasurer, Region Director, and Chapter President. Carolyn also serves on the AITP National Collegiate Conference committee, and has been a Presenter at their annual conference for the past 5 years. She has also served the National Board as committee chair for AITP's 50th anniversary celebration.



Professionally, Carolyn started her career as a programmer in the 1980's and left the corporate sector as Vice President of IT. She is currently the President of Business and Technology Management, and also owns Financial Solutions. Her career experiences include public, private, and non-profit sectors.

Carolyn is active in her community and serves on the advisory Boards for NC A&T State University School of Technology, ECPI College of Technology and Guilford Technical Community College. She also serves on various civic and non-profit Boards in Greensboro, NC.

Chuck Stump

Founder of The Performance Group

Program Title: Behavioral Styles - Facts and Friction

Understanding behavioral styles is the key to communicating, motivating, and coaching those around you.

Key Components:

- Understanding how your behavioral style impacts others on the team.
- Learning to communicate better with people who are "different."
- Identifying how this knowledge transfers into recruiting, motivation, and coaching others.
- Discovering how your ability to be more versatile will increase your capability to get things done through others on the team.

Bio for Chuck Stump:

If you're looking for an energetic, inspirational, knowledgeable, and interactive speaker (that's right...interactive) look no further. Over the years, Chuck Stump has developed a reputation for making a lasting impression while creating memorable experiences for his clients. And, his relaxed, easy-going nature makes him a "low-maintenance" speaker/facilitator who is pleasure to work with and fun to be around. Since 1995, Chuck has given over 600 keynote, half, and full day seminars in the areas of leadership, personal confidence and motivation, client care, and process improvement. His seminar series, The Quest for Perfection, draws from over twenty-three years of hard-learned life lessons and creative ideas to help people change not only the way they think...but also act!

Chuck will work with you to ensure that his performance meets your specific goals as a meeting planner. Your audience will remember the stories, repeat the quotes, and share the experience with others long after the applause dies down. Don't miss the opportunity to give your people a chance to be a part of the show! Have him help you "build your people, so your people can build your business."

Chuck is a graduate of West Virginia University and holds numerous professional certifications. He and his wife, Sarah, live in Hurricane, West Virginia with their son Brendan, and daughter Rachel.

Education - West Virginia University - 1982 BS Marketing

Professional Background

Over 23 years of corporate experience (Omni Services, Inc., Culpeper, VA) in the areas of sales, management, customer service, recruiting, sales management, quality, management information systems, software development, and training.

Professional Certifications / Affiliations

- Professional member - International Speaker's Network
- Certified Facilitator – Development Dimensions International (DDI)
- Certified Facilitator – Achieve Global (formally Zenger-Miller)
- Member - South Charleston Chamber of Commerce
- Member – Putnam County Chamber of Commerce

Lou Maiuri -

Line Dance Instructor

Lou Maiuri is from Summersville, WV and is the Founder and Director of The Appalachian Country Cloggers and is known throughout the country for his dancing and teaching ability. He has won many awards in clogging and flatfoot competitions including three national championships in his age division. Most recently he was the Grand Champion Flatfoot Dancer at the Florida State Clogging Competition in February 2005 in Tampa, FL. His team is the current West Virginia hoedown champions.

He has years of experience as a mountain style square dance caller and instructor. He teaches traditional square dancing, clogging and old time flatfoot dancing. He currently serves as Treasurer and Workshop Chairman of America's Clogging Hall Of Fame. He is also a certified judge of clogging, flatfoot and traditional square dancing and judges competitions throughout the Southeastern part of the Country. On October 30, 1998 he was inducted into the Clogging Hall Of Fame.

The past twenty years he has worked for the West Virginia Department Of Parks and Recreation teaching and calling traditional Appalachian dances. He is also a regular caller and instructor at the Vandalia Gathering and the Appalachian String Band Festival. He works at the Augusta Heritage Festival at Davis & Elkins College as a dance caller and dance instructor. He is also part of the masters program and teaches dance calling. In July 2000 he had the honor of dancing on the stage of The Grand Ole Opry with the Melvin Sloan Dancers.

Kick up your heels at the Saturday evening AITP Hoedown! Wear your casual country apparel, cowboy/cowgirl hats, and boots and be ready for lots of fun!

