Kathy Peterson

SPEAKER INTRODUCTION

At the age of five, Kathy Peterson was an aspiring speaker. Her first audience: dolls and stuffed animals. Her first podium: a piano bench. Today, Kathy holds the Certified Speaking Professional designation, placing her in the top 15% of speakers worldwide.

Kathy founded PeopleWorks, a speaking, training, and human resource consulting business in 1998. Prior to starting PeopleWorks, she was a member of the global human resources department at a large Fortune 500 technology company as a management development specialist. (Hint... The company had cow-spotted boxes!)

Although Kathy has enjoyed much success over the years, she has been fired from one job. She's no longer allowed in the driver's seat of the tractor! But, her years on the Peterson Family Farm outside Storm Lake, Iowa, taught her plenty about hard work and patience. Today, her son lives on the farm, carrying on the family tradition as the sixth generation.

In her spare time, Kathy is an avid supporter of her alma mater, Iowa State University (GO CYCLONES!) She is a past chair of the ISU Alumni Association Board of Directors, representing almost 300,000 fellow Cyclones. Kathy also holds a master's degree in Leadership & Talent Development from Drake University.

Kathy's greatest claims to fame are:

having four kids who aren't *currently* in jail,
AND
being voted the "Best Smelling Mom" when her son was in first grade.

Please join me in giving a warm welcome to Kathy Peterson, President of PeopleWorks.