

## Juneau Glacier Valley Rotary 2015 Pillars of America Speaker Series



**John Beede, April 15, 2015:** John Beede's adventure stories have earned him the nickname, "The Climber Guy." He 'cut his climbing teeth' in the famous climbing area, Red Rock Canyon, only 30 minutes from his Las Vegas, NV hometown. **Now he has climbed on 6 continents and is currently on a quest to climb the '7 summits,'** the tallest mountain on each continent, which naturally includes Mt. Everest.

In addition, John gets inspiration from scuba diving with great white sharks in South Africa, skydiving in New Zealand, whitewater kayaking the rivers of Colorado, kite surfing the Southern coast of Spain, or taking a taxi through the streets of Bangkok, Thailand (most scary of all)! **The photos, videos, and music that John incorporates into his presentation make his speeches an all-encompassing experience.**

**John loves working with youth.** He has worked with the Boy Scouts of America for 9 years and has guided teen outdoor experiences out of Colorado for many years. He is also the author of *Climb On! Success Strategies for Teens*, now in its fourth printing, and the upcoming *The Little Guide To Big Success*.

**Roger Crawford, April 22, 2015:** Driven to achieve dream of becoming a Hall of Fame athlete while living with a physical challenge affecting all four limbs, Roger Crawford knows what it takes to redefine the possible! **Although born with ectrodactylism, a rare birth defect, Roger became the only athlete with four impaired limbs to compete in a NCAA Division I sport and also became a Hall of Fame Division I athlete.** *Sports Illustrated* recognized Roger as "one of the most accomplished physically challenged athletes in the world," and in 2013 he was selected as the winner of the ITA Achievement Award, presented by The International Tennis Hall of Fame, the highest honor bestowed by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.



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After achieving immense success as a Hall of Fame athlete, Roger went on to inspire audiences worldwide, eloquently sharing the principles he has lived—perseverance, unshakable optimism, and overcoming adversity.

Roger has been featured on Larry King Live, Good Morning America, CNBC, and many other prominent television programs. **His life was the basis for an Emmy award winning movie entitled *In a New Light*.**



**Walter Bond, April 29, 2015:** Walter's passion for personal development has been anchored by his professional basketball career. Bond's college basketball career did not say NBA at all. His strong will, his ability to motivate his teammates and his can-do attitude helped him become a nationally recognized college player. As a reserve 6'5" shooting guard from the University of Minnesota, he was not drafted by an NBA team. **Unfortunately, Walter Bond suffered a broken foot twice during his senior year at the very time when scouts were reviewing prospective players for the NBA draft.** Walter's belief and his confidence in himself were put to the test. His dream of a professional career was in jeopardy. However, **Walter refused to give up on his dreams.**

**Only hard work, dedication and commitment got him into the NBA where he enjoyed an eight year career,** playing for the Dallas Mavericks (1992/93), Utah Jazz (1993/95) and Detroit Pistons (1994/95). It was while playing in the NBA that he learned peak performance truths that he has also applied to a successful speaking career.

Now a motivational speaker, Bond is passionate about sharing his **31 Truths to Boost Peak Performance.** He is also the **host of the Food Network series *Giving You The Business*,** which premiered in April 2013.