About Gail Larsen

Gail Larsen is the founder of Real Speaking® and the author of *Transformational Speaking: If You Want to Change the World, Tell a Better Stor*y. An award-winning entrepreneur, she is a business leader and catalyst for life-affirming ventures. She was named the **U.S. Small Business Administration 1981 Tennessee Small Business Person of the Year** and is a former executive vice president of the worldwide **National Speakers Association.**

Gail is a thought leader in the worlds of public speaking and communications. She founded ***Real Speaking*** in 1991 to support her clients in mining the deep well of their life experience and self-expression to become powerful platform speakers. She has been instrumental in the success of numerous prominent speakers serving as both marketing consultant and literary agent. For four years, her monthly column *Talk about Speakers* appeared in *The Meeting Manager*, published by **Meeting Professionals International's** publication.

Gail was the founding partner of **JourneyWell Center for Integrative Health**, an exploratory venture that conducted research and program development for a retreat center to help people make empowered health care choices. From 1992-2002 she studied with cultural anthropologist **Angeles Arrien** to apply cross-cultural wisdom to contemporary life, team building, and conflict resolution. She received her facilitation training at the **Institute for Cultural Affairs** and received training and certification from **Doreen Virtue, Ph.D** (psychology), to expand her capacity to access intuitive and spiritual guidance and support others in this process.

She is the author of *Madame Ovary: Midlife As An Art Form*, and her book *Transformational Speaking: If You Want to Change the World, Tell a Better Story* was released in April 2009 by Ten Speed Press/Celestial Arts (now Random House) and Brilliance Audio (unabridged).

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