

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Mission Pointe, Mackinac Island | May 11-12, 2017

Featuring
Guest Speaker
Gilda Bonanno



Thursday, May 11, 2017

- 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Registration**
- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Developing Leadership Presence: Confidence, Competence and Leadership, Atrium Room**
Great leaders are made, not born. In order to be successful as a leader, you have to know what you're talking about and come across as credible, demonstrate confidence without being perceived as cocky and maintain your self-control, especially under pressure. Whether you are interacting with parents, managing change or leading and motivating your staff, you will achieve your goals if you can calmly and confidently tap into your knowledge and expertise and communicate clearly.
- 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Session continues**
- 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **Networking Reception, Colonial Room**
- 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Dinner Buffet**

Friday, May 12, 2017

- 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. **Bold Presentation Skills, Atrium Room**
Boldness means being confident, distinctive and imaginative in both routine and crisis communications. Bold presentation skills are a key skill for success as a leader in education, whether you are presenting to the Board of Education, speaking to the media, running a staff meeting or sharing your expertise at industry association meetings.
- 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. to Noon **Session continues**
- Noon to 1:00 p.m. **Networking Lunch and Adjourn**

Friday Afternoon Ferry Departures

Shepler's Ferry departs Mackinac Island every hour on the hour until 8 p.m.

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ABOUT THE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP NETWORK

Empowering district leaders to excel in their jobs is one of the services and supports that MASA offers to its members. MASA created the Women's Leadership Network to give women leaders the opportunity to share their insights with other MASA colleagues and to learn from others' experiences on the job.

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The Women's Leadership Network aims to support women in the superintendent's office and other administrator posts by offering targeted professional development programs and unique opportunities to network with other women in positions of leadership in public education.

ABOUT GILDA BONANNO

Gilda Bonanno is a speaker, trainer and coach who helps people improve their presentation and communication skills so they can be more successful. She achieves these results by combining her business background with her improv comedy performance experience and a conviction that with the right training and practice, anyone can become a more effective communicator. She has worked with executives and entrepreneurs throughout North America and in South America, Europe, China, India and Thailand.

In addition to facilitating high-energy, client-focused training programs, Gilda speaks about leadership, motivation, communication and humor to groups ranging from engineers to healthcare professionals to investment bankers. Gilda also coaches individuals to overcome their fear of public speaking and eliminate the barriers to letting their voice be heard.

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Visit Gilda's website at www.gildabonanno.com

After living through the tsunami that hit southern India in 2004, Gilda came home and decided to launch her own training, speaking and coaching business. Her previous work experience in the pharmaceutical and information technology industries gives her a keen understanding of the challenges facing businesses.

She is a certified Project Management Practitioner (PMP), has a certificate in Process Reengineering and holds an Advanced Business Certificate in Management from the University of Connecticut School of Business. Her expertise in process improvement and project management allows her to help clients use their communication and presentation skills to solve business problems.

She authored a chapter in *Paid to Speak: Best Practices for Building a Successful Speaking Business*, a book published in 2011 by the National Speakers Association, which includes chapters from speaking luminaries such as Nido Quebein, Lou Heckler, Glenna Salsbury and Pam Lontos.