OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Mildred C. Joyner, DPS, MSW, LCSW, is President of the National Association of Social Workers, Inc. Board of Directors. She received her PhD and MSW from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Mildred “Mit” C. Joyner is a professor emerita of social work at West Chester University (WCU) in Pennsylvania. Joyner received a BSW from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, and her MSW from Howard University’s School of Social Work in Washington, DC. Her professional career began at Chester County Children and Youth services as a protective service worker; she was promoted to department head, then legal liaison of the child abuse unit. Joyner later joined the faculty at WCU as an associate professor, where she was elected by the faculty as department chair of the undergraduate social work department. She retired from the university as a full professor, and presently works as a consultant. Joyner is a member of the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Council on Social Work Education, and NASW, where she recently ended her term as national vice president. In West Chester she serves on the board of directors of Chester County Food Bank and is a bank director at DNBFirst.

CLOSING SPEAKER

Bil Lepp: Growing up in a family where the truth was fluid, Bil Lepp became adept at spinning tales and exaggerating circumstances at an early age. Bil’s humorous, family friendly tall-tales and stories are routed deeply in everyday life in Appalachia and have earned the appreciation of listeners of all ages and walks of life. Though a five time champion of the WV Liars’ Contest, Lepp’s stories often contain morsels of truth which present universal themes in clever and witty ways. Audiences across the country, from grade schools to corporate execs to Comedy Central’s Hudson stage, have been delighted by Bil’s mirthful tales and penetrating insights. Bil’s books and audio awards include the PEN Steven Kroll Award for Children’s Book Writing, Parents’ Choice Gold awards, and the National Parenting Publications and Public Library Associations. Bil and his family live in Charleston, WV.