BIG HEARTED STORIES: GENERATIONS

Thank you for joining us as we provide an evening of storytelling from community members about their true life experiences.

6:45 pm  VIRTUAL LOBBY OPENS

7:00  WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
Victor Strecher, PhD, MPH
Emcee
Director for Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship, University of Michigan

7:10  STORYTELLERS
Margarita Gurri, CSP
Tyler Phillips
John Beilein
Tuyishime Claire Gasamagera
Jerry Lemenu

8:30  THANK YOU/CONCLUSION OF PROGRAM

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Victor J. Strecher, PhD, MPH
Emcee

Vic is a professor at the University of Michigan School of Public Health and Founder and CEO of Kumanu, Inc. His latest neuroscience, behavioral, and epidemiologic research; his two books, Life On Purpose and the graphic novel On Purpose; his free massive open online course Finding Purpose and Meaning in Life; and the Purposeful application his business (Kumanu) created are all focused on the importance of developing and maintaining a strong purpose in life.

MEET THE SPECIAL GUEST

John Beilein
Former University of Michigan Men’s Basketball Head Coach

Considered to be one of the best basketball minds, John Beilein patrolled the sidelines during his four decades as head coach. Beilein has compiled a career record of 829-468 (.639) during his 41 years as a collegiate head coach. He has recorded 20-plus win seasons on 23 occasions and has finished with a winning record in 35 seasons, placing him in the top 10 for career victories among active Division I head coaches. In 12 seasons in Ann Arbor, Beilein built the Wolverines into one of the nation’s elite programs, taking U-M to a pair of national championship game appearances (2013, ’18) while also becoming the winningest coach in school history.

MEET THE STORYTELLERS

Sailing Beyond the Sunset
Margarita Gurri, CSP

is a Misbehavior Expert who solves people problems. Leaders in business, healthcare, government, and military organizations rely on her wit and wisdom. Margarita is a licensed psychologist, Certified Speaking Professional, Certified Virtual Presenter, and in addition the author of: Color Me Difficult, True North for Military Moms, True North for Military Couples, The Ethical Speaker, La Trilogia de la Ira and more, and co-author of The Happiness Recipe.

The Chimp Who Ate the Frenchman
Tuyishime Claire Gasamagera

is an author, storyteller, activist, advocate, and multilingual journalist reporting on social and racial justice, equal human rights, and healthcare access. Her work has been published in thebody.com, Arts and Understanding Magazine, the International AIDS Alliance Key Correspondents, Voice of Africa, and AllAfrica.

My Mother’s Footsteps
Jerry Lemenu

was the one-person art staff at Focus: HOPE in the 1970s and early 1980s. In 1981 he began drawing courtroom art for WDIV. He was a high school art teacher at Ferndale High School and the Center for Advanced Studies and the Arts. Lemenu was a member of the ensemble cast of the Improv group, Empatheatre which performed once a month at Ann Arbor’s Kerrytown Concert House. Lemenu’s portraits of his mentors line the back wall of Detroit’s Cadieux Café. Each portrait has a story.

Aunt Brenda

Tyler Phillips

is an author and his storytelling is heavily influenced by the dialect, people, and geography of the Tennessee Valley, which will forever be his home. Tyler is currently working on his first novel about a small church in north Alabama. In his free time he enjoys Auburn football, Braves baseball, producing films for his friends, and visiting new states.
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