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Susan, a Milwaukee native, is a national speaker, author, linguist and medical professional passionate about communication, quality of life, and giving voice to other people's voices. She began her career as a translator/interpreter for the Italian Ministry of Defense, later moving to clinical work as a speech-language pathologist.

Career Highlights include:

- TEDx talk on *THE POWER OF WORDS*
- Clinical treatment in more than 6 languages, including Chinese
- Development of one of the first rehab dining groups for stroke recovery in Washington, DC at The Washington Home
- As Director of Rehabilitation Services – Ingleside, Rock Creek, Washington, DC, development of a protocol for an inter-disciplinary approach to rehabilitation
- Facilitation of communication support groups for both Parkinson's Disease, through the Parkinson's Foundation of the National Capital Area (PFNCA), and aphasia
- Treatment of intellectually and developmentally differently-abled adults in residential settings

Publications and Recordings:

- *DON'T FORGET TO SAY THANK YOU: 20 THOUGHTS TO GUIDE YOU PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY THROUGH LIFE* (2017)
- *SUSAN ON SWALLOWING*, a DVD on safe swallowing and feeding techniques (2008)
- *THE CONFIDENCE QUOTIENT*, a CD recording on women's communication styles (2008)

Education:

- BS, MS - Georgetown University - Italian and Linguistics, Italian
- MA The George Washington University – Speech-Language Pathology
- L'Universita' Italiana per Stranieri – Perugia, Italy – Italian Language and Culture
- Middle East Institute – Arabic and Farsi
- Post graduate work in neuroscience at Harvard and The Johns Hopkins University

Media appearances include ABC, CBS and public radio. Clients have included the Smithsonian and National Geographic. Susan speaks on a variety of subjects, including aphasia, better brain health, clear communication, dementia, ethics, eating and the circle of life. She has a private practice treating neurogenic communication, cognitive, and swallowing issues in the adult and older adult population in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Her firm, SpeakSkill LLC, brings together linguistic, cultural, and medical expertise to provide training and therapy in comprehensive communication skills enhancement.-