

For immediate release.

Ordinary people can achieve great things, says organizational expert

Lisle, Illinois ~ Geoff Bellman has seen it happen. Large groups of ordinary people achieving extraordinary success.

Bellman will share what he has learned when he presents “Extraordinary Groups: How Ordinary Teams Achieve Amazing Results” from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, on the second floor of the Krasa Student Center at Benedictine University.

The lecture is part of the Department of Management and Organizational Behavior’s Contemporary Trends in Change Management Lecture Series, which brings top national academicians and consultants to Benedictine to address major issues in organizational behavior and development.

Bellman worked at major corporations for 14 years before starting his own consulting firm in 1977. His external consulting has focused on renewing large, mature corporations such as Booz Allen & Hamilton, U.S. Bancorp, Verizon, Intuit, Ernst & Young, Shell Oil Co., Price Waterhouse Coopers, BP, SABMiller, Boeing and Accenture.

Bellman has written six books with more than 300,000 in print that have been translated into a dozen languages. “Extraordinary Groups,” co-authored with Kathleen Ryan, explores what makes certain groups so successful. The authors found that transformation is rooted in satisfying core needs of group members, needs that individuals bring to any group they join. The book builds on their field study and offers many examples, exercises and suggested actions.

Bellman's consulting and workshops have taken him to five continents. He and others founded The Community Consulting Partnership in 1996, an organization which teaches consulting skills and has given free consulting to 70 community-based organizations in Seattle., Wash., such as People for Puget Sound, The Center for Courage and Renewal, The Whidbey Institute, The Charlotte Martin Foundation, The Seattle Counseling Service and The Cherokee Nation.

Bellman is a graduate of Gonzaga University and earned a graduate degree at the University of Oregon. He recently received a national award from the Organization Development Network for his contributions to advancing the profession.

Seating is limited and registration is required. The cost of the lecture is \$490. To register, call (630) 829-6223 or e-mail bfrederick@ben.edu.