

**The Fourth Annual
Raymond E. Mason Jr.
Leadership
Symposium**

**Tom Suddes
Founder of The Suddes Group &
For Impact Speaker, Coach, Writer and Trainer**

Tom Suddes has made a name for himself as a Thought Leader, Coach, Trainer, Consultant, Speaker and Writer.

Tom has been labeled Contrarian, Radical, Whacky, Crazy ... and is widely known as a Maverick and an Agent of Change. A serial entrepreneur since age 16, Tom has founded 19 businesses (his kids say he can't hold a job), and was the first Entrepreneur-In-Residence at the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at Notre Dame.

In 1996, Tom won a trip around the world (in the only contest he has ever entered) when Success Magazine and Opportunity International awarded him a chance to share his Social Entrepreneurial Experiences with Third World Micro-Entrepreneurs in Russia, Poland, India, the Philippines and Australia.

He began his career in the Development Office at the University of Notre Dame in 1973. In 1983, he founded The Suddes Group, which has managed over 300 campaigns, raised over \$1 Billion, and helped generate 3 million new jobs in their work with 125 economic development organizations around the country.

He is the author of *Take A Quantum Leap*, *The Change Manifesto* and the forthcoming *Just Ask!* Tom has also authored the content for the forimpact.org website, where Tom and Nick Fellers have created a powerful 'Open Source' tool designed to help all 'Nonprofit'/For Impact Leaders Fund Their Vision.

He has made more than 6,000 one-on-one presentations (sales calls); and also Speaks and provides Training throughout the country for entrepreneurs, sales people and leaders in both the not-for-profit and the for-profit sector.

Tom served in the U.S. Army as an Infantry Officer, Airborne and Pathfinder; was a two-time welterweight boxing champion at Notre Dame; and has been the boxing coach at Notre Dame for 35 years (returning every year for a six-week 'mini-sabbatical' to coach and referee the Bengal Bouts.

Throughout his crazy, eclectic, eccentric life, Tom has been anchored by his wife Trudy and his five wonderful children (who have somehow overcome their father as a huge life impediment). Now, his five grandchildren, Savannah, Keegan, Calvin, Thomas and Tatum are the centerpiece of life on a 50-acre farm/training center outside of Columbus, Ohio.