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"IN SEARCH OF GOLD"

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In Search of Gold

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Speaker's Bio:

Jim received a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University, completed post graduate engineering courses at Youngstown State University, and is a graduate of the Executive Management Program at the University of Michigan. He is a Registered Professional Engineer, an IEEE Life-Senior Member, and a Student Professional Development Program National Speaker. Following a 36-year engineering and management career with Ohio Edison Company, Jim took early retirement and established Watson Associates to provide programs to incorporate non-technical skill development within existing university engineering technical classes.

Jim has received numerous awards from IEEE for his volunteer activities including Robert S. Walleigh Distinguished Contributions to Engineering Professionalism, the highest IEEE-USA award for volunteer activities. In 2011, IEEE-USA established the "IEEE-USA Jim Watson Student Professional Awareness Award" to recognize key individuals for their contributions to Student Professional Awareness Achievement Activities in the United States. Jim is co-author, with Dr. Charles Alexander; of "Engineering Skills for Career Success" He has also published articles on career development in *IEEE Antennas & Propagation, IEEE Potentials, IEEE Women in Engineering, HKN Bridge*, and *Wireless Systems Design*.

Jim has delivered more than 2,200 presentations in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Asia to a total audience of over 108,000 including 74,000 students at 202 universities.