



DAVE RIVENESS is the founder and CEO of **CORPORATE JESTER**, a company created to assist individuals and organizations to learn and develop strategies for success. In this role, he now delivers personalized keynotes, learning sessions and coaching for companies, organizations, and individuals.

In 2006, after working as a corporate speaker/consultant for over 10 years, David decided to tie together his organizational insights into a business book entitled “**The Secret Life of the Corporate Jester: A Fresh Perspective on Organizational Leadership, Culture and Behavior**”.

CORPORATE JESTERSHIP is not about wearing colorful costumes and entertaining others, but is, instead, a unique perspective into organizational dynamics. Historically, in the royal courts of old, jesters spoke truth when others couldn't or wouldn't. In fact, in many cases, Jesters transformed into highly valued advisers as they were recognized for their ability to contribute information unavailable from any other source.

The value of a jester revolves around their ability and commitment to look beyond the obvious for information and perspectives that are often not widely shared. Jesters hunt for, and then illuminate for others, blind spots in thinking and action that keep individuals and organizations from reaching full potential.

Since publication, the book has received positive praise from a number of people in many different fields including the Senior VP of Strategic Change Management at Hewlett Packard who said: **The Secret Life of the Corporate Jester is a fun and intriguing read filled with insights into what it takes to be a successful leader in today's complex corporate environments.**

Prior to founding Corporate Jester, David served as the Director of Global Facilitations for Eagle's Flight, a worldwide innovator in the development and delivery of practical training programs for organizations. While at Eagle's Flight, he facilitated and implemented hundreds of training programs with such industry leaders as Warner Bros., NIKE, ESPN, Pfizer, The American Heart Association and Citibank on a variety of topics relating to organizational and individual effectiveness.

Over the years, David has successfully hosted dynamic training workshops and speaking engagements ranging in scale from more intimate classroom-style engagements to large-scale, more formal venues with over 3,500 attendees. Dave's experiences have also been global in scope, facilitating and speaking across the world including such diverse locations as India, China and Brazil.

Dave lives in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, but is often on the road, and is a principal in the **SAN MIGUEL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**