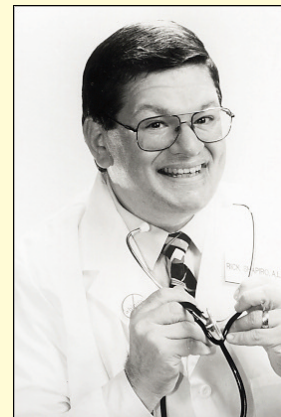


## **Rick Shapiro**

A former Ringling Bros. clown, Vietnam veteran, comedy writer for television and stage, and special events company owner, Rick offers educational, entertaining, and motivational programs. His captivating presentations are developed to teach the importance of humor and the positive effect that laughter has on our lives. Rick is also known as “The Stress Doctor” and has presented to groups across the country.



### **Topics Include**

- Stress Management • Change • Overcoming Adversity
- Education Staff Development

### **Program Titles**

- Humor, The Necessity Of Life • From A Ringling Bros. Clown To Vietnam: Surviving Change
- Stress Management For The New Millenium • Laughter Is Still The Best Medicine
- Humor Skills For Speaking Success • Customer Service Starts With A Smile

## **Biography**

Rick Shapiro, The “Humor Doctor,” is an authority on humor and laughter, having worked in the field for over 30 years. He was a featured clown for Ringling Bros., has performed and produced comedy acts for nightclubs, television, and film and is a much sought-after comedy coach and writer. As President of a nationwide special events production company, Rick has also shared his humor and special events expertise to help improve corporate morale and productivity.

Rick was the founding member of the International Special Events Society and also created “Camp Laughter” for adults with stress. Over his 25 years as company President of his special events company, he produced celebrity events for Regis Philbin, Jacqueline Onassis, Jon Bon Jovi, Pearl Bailey, Lincoln Center Arts Festival and the NYC Opera to mention a few. Rick is a member of and contributor to: The American Association of Therapeutic Humor, The Atlantic City Convention and Visitors Authority and The National Speakers Association.

## **Testimonials**

“Your stress reduction methods were beneficial and were well appreciated. Comments made to me that evening indicated that we all needed to laugh. Your presentation certainly accomplished that” – *Mancymarie Bride, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mental Health Association of Union County, N.J.*

“Your hour with us was one of the most delightful times I’ve spent in ages. You had us all laughing so hard there were tears in our eyes. There is no doubt in my mind that humor works.” – *Susan G. Tully, Education Specialist, Northport EERC, Department of Veterans Affairs*

“Thank you for presenting an excellent seminar on therapeutic humor. You touched the heart-strings of many caring nurses as well as their funny bones. Your participation certainly added to the success of the event as well as enriched the knowledge base of nurses.” – *Agnes H. Goldsmith, RN, Managing Editor, Nursing Spectrum*

“A great message on relieving stress in the workplace. You were humorous, insightful, poignant and right on.” – *Frank Horowitz, Paine Webber*

### **Audiences will:**

- Learn to use humor as a coping skill • Discover how to improve morale at work and at home
- Experience the benefits of good, clean laughter • Gain lifetime survival skills
- Revitalize their mental well-being and improve spirit and productivity
- Shape Rick’s celebration of life through humor