The widow of Challenger Space Shuttle Commander Dick Scobee, June Scobee Rodgers remembers every one of the 73 seconds leading up to the Challenger accident. It marked the first time American lives were lost in space flight. An inspiration to everyone she meets, June has dedicated her life to writing, speaking, and education.

June holds a Ph.D. from Texas A&M University and a Master’s from Chapman College, both in Curriculum and Instruction. June is married to retired Army Lieutenant General Don Rodgers.

As an author, June has touched the lives of countless people through her heroic persistence during difficult times. June’s story of triumph, chronicled in *Silver Linings: My Life Before and After Challenger 7*, has been featured on Robert Schuller’s Hour of Power, and in Women’s Day, LIFE, Southern Living, and Guideposts magazines.

As a speaker, June has challenged thousands of people through her motivational and contagious personality. Providing the keynote for the National Prayer Breakfast Dinner and the Testimony to the President’s Commission to Moon, Mars and Beyond, June speaks honestly and thoughtfully to each of her audiences.

As an educator, June serves as a Founding Chairman for the Challenger Center for Space Science Education, where each year over 500,000 students participate in space programs. As a nationally recognized advocate for the advancement of science and math education, June has appeared on numerous national television programs promoting innovative educational partnerships, and has served on the President’s National Advisory Council on Education.

June has been nationally recognized and honored with countless awards during her professional career, including the National Eagle Award, the Women’s International Center’s Living Legacy Award, the Spirit of Volunteerism, and in 2000, the National Award for Excellence in Leadership.
Twenty-five years after the very public tragedy of the space shuttle Challenger, June Scobee Rodgers has written her private story—her winding path through childhood poverty, homelessness, and family dysfunction to her teenage marriage and twenty-six years of love and life with Dick Scobee. This is also the story of that heartbreaking day in January 1986, when Commander Scobee and his six crewmates tragically became the first lives lost in flight.

“June is truly one of my heroes. Silver Linings: My Life Before and After Challenger 7 is a true story of an American patriot.”

Barbara Bush
Former First Lady of the United States

Star Challengers is a series of science fiction adventures for young readers, with the goal of sparking interest in the space program and careers in science and technology. Developed by June Scobee Rodgers and bestselling authors Rebecca Moesta and Kevin Anderson, the novels feature the Challenger Centers, taking readers to a future moon base, a space station, and an asteroid probe—all simulations are offered by the actual Challenger Centers.

“The Star Challengers books inspire young readers with that sense of adventure, introducing them to a new universe of exciting possibilities.”

Buzz Aldrin
Astronaut, Apollo 11
With grace and dignity, June demonstrates how every event in life, no matter how tragic, can be used as a learning experience and can offer endless opportunities for personal growth. Her audiences are captivated by her sincerity, honesty, and her personal story of overcoming extreme adversity in the wake of losing her husband in the Challenger accident.

Whether you represent a Fortune 100 company or a classroom of young, inquiring children, June will inspire your group to pursue their greatest dreams and excel at every endeavor. June’s speaking topics cover Leadership, Education, Aerospace, and Motivational and Inspirational topics.

SUGGESTED HONORARIUMS
Corporations – Start at $25,000
Challenger Center Communities – Start at $10,000
Non-profits: Negotiable, available upon request

BOOKING INFORMATION
Travels from: Chattanooga, Tennessee
Most Requested Speeches:
My Path Toward Leadership; Inspiring Students, Engaging Teachers, Educating Tomorrow Workforce; Education in the 21st Century; Our Space Future: Uniting for Success; Power of Positive Thinking: The ABC’s; Reach for the Stars: A Journey of Spiritual Courage; From Dreams to Reality: The Roadmap
Panels:
Pros and Cons of Breaking the Glass Ceiling; Risk in Space Flight; Mining Asteroids; Inspiration Mars; Importance of Book Cover Art

Speaking proceeds support the Challenger Center for Space Science Education
Her passion, her emotion, and her message had everyone riveted—not a dry eye in the house. It was probably the most powerful speech I have ever heard.

Kevin J. Anderson
New York Times bestselling author

June is one of the most pleasant, knowledgeable, and dedicated people I have ever met.

John Goodwin
President, Galaxy Press

What joy to hear June Scobee Rodgers speak. She captivated the audience.

Ron Glosser
CEO, Hershey Trust Co

She had the audience in the palm of her hand as she spoke with such grace and dignity...her words continue to live on and inspire us all to be better humans.

William Luckey
President, Lindsey Wilson College

(June has) firsthand knowledge of what it takes to overcome adversity. (Her story is) all about patriotism, passion, honor, selfless courage, and heroism. She’s my dear friend and will be an inspiration to all who meet her.

George H. W. Bush
41st President of the United States
As a Founding Director for the Challenger Center for Space Science Education, June contributes to the lives of over 500,000 students each year, as they participate in Challenger Center programs. As a nationally recognized advocate for the advancement of science and math education, June has appeared on numerous national television programs promoting innovative educational partnerships, and has served on the President’s National Advisory Council on Education. June is personally proud of the fact that she has taught in every grade-level classroom from kindergarten through college.

“Only someone as extraordinary as June Scobee Rodgers could transform the greatest tragedy in her life into a priceless gift of inspiration for millions of school kids around the world. We’re so lucky to have people like June in this world.”

Scott Parazynski
Astronaut on STS 66, 86, 95, 100, 120
Chairman, Challenger Center


John Glenn
Former Astronaut and Senator
In 1986, just months after the tragic mid-flight accident of the Challenger, June Scobee Rodgers and the family members of the astronauts aboard that mission determined never to forget the memory and passion of their family members. To continue and honor their commitment to education and exploration, they opened the first Challenger Center. Over the last 25 years, nearly fifty Challenger Centers across the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom have educated millions of children on the importance of space and exploration. The goal of the Center’s programs is to raise student’s expectations of success and develop critical communication, decision making, team building, and collaborative skills.

The Centers also offer award-winning training workshops for teachers, to provide a deeper understanding of how to best teach subjects of science and mathematics in the classroom. Each Challenger Center program is developed by staff educators and space scientists, ensuring accuracy in both content and methods of instruction. Each year, the Challenger Center educates over 25,000 teachers on these innovative programs.

“The Challenger Centers for Space Science education (is) something genuinely useful for society.”

Neil Armstrong
Astronaut

“Tomorrow’s aerospace and scientific workforce and the destiny of our nation’s space exploration leadership are being shaped in Challenger Learning Centers across our nation.”

Wings in Orbit
NASA
To schedule June Scobee Rodgers to speak at your company’s or organization’s event, or for more information, please contact one of the following.

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