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## TESTIMONIALS

“I am extremely pleased with the quality and breadth of services that Elias has delivered.”

~Dr. Dave McMillan  
Kepa, The Advisors Institute

“Elias's content is always well prepared and relevant to the subject.”

~Yvonne Godfrey  
MIOMO

“Delivered in a thoroughly entertaining, thought-provoking and professional manner.”

~Ken Sowman  
Plastics NZ

# ELIAS KANARIS

## HOW I SURVIVED 9/11 THANKS TO THE SALLIES

### FIVE DAYS AND SIX NIGHTS

The story behind the musical “*Come From Away*” Where were you on the day that JFK was assassinated? What were you doing when man landed on the moon? How did you feel when you heard that Princess Dianna had died? The chances are that if I asked you, “**How did 9/11 impact you?**” I would get the strongest response...

Elias Kanaris was one of 198 passengers on flight UA929, flying between London Heathrow and Chicago O'Hare on that fateful day. His was one of 38 planes that descended into Gander airport on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

Now the subject of the musical, “**Come From Home**”, this narrative of resilience is shared by Elias 20 years on.

As a result of 9/11, life seemed to shut down overnight. The airline industry was decimated, and nobody thought it could recover. Yet, despite outward appearances, business returned to normal.

Delegates will learn more about:

- 1) The power of the community
- 2) How to function after a traumatic event
- 3) Why making bets on your future based on your past events is flawed

## BIO

Elias Kanaris is an author, professional keynote speaker, executive coach, leadership trainer, and entrepreneur. He has been a regular keynote presenter and he has frequently spoken to audiences in the I.T., telecommunications, insurance, financial services, real estate, and education sectors across thirteen countries on four continents. Since the early 1980s, Elias has been using humour and energy to deliver great learning experiences to his audiences.

Elias is the Founder and CEO of The Insight and Strategy Group and was the President of the Global Speakers Federation (2018-2019). He was also the President of the Professional Speakers Association of New Zealand (2015-2017).

Elias was born in North Africa, was educated in the UK, and now lives in Murrays Bay in Auckland with his wife of 22 years and two of his four children.

His latest book, ‘**Leading From The Stop: Positive Influence and Heartfelt Resilience in Times of Adversity**’ allows the reader to apply leadership lessons learned from the people of Newfoundland, Canada in the aftermath of 9/11.