

INTERESTING FACTS

About Dr. John Tolson

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- Recently named Team Chaplain for The Dallas Cowboys.
- In 1978, Dr. John Tolson founded a men's national networking and leadership movement called The Gathering USA, which today has helped more than 1 million men in 16 U.S. cities and in South Africa.
- Tolson launched the NBA's first life-coach program in 1978 with a program for the Houston Rockets.
- Tolson is credited with helping to bring the NBA to Orlando by connecting Pat Williams and Jim Hewitt together in 1985 - they soon became the franchise founders of the Orlando Magic.
- Through the years, Tolson has been a friend to a number of well-known celebrities and legendary sports figures including Monica Seles, Orel Hershiser, Mike Schmidt, Julius Erving, Artis Gilmore, Justin Leonard, Nancy Lopez Knight, David Robinson, Avery Johnson, Bobby Bowden, Gary Carter, Laura Baugh, Bobby Jones, Pat Williams, Del Harris, Bernhard Langer, Kevin Johnson and many others.
- Tolson has also been connected to some of America's leading CEOs and business experts such as Lee Roy Mitchell (Founder of Cinemark Theatres), S. Truett Cathy (Founder, Chairman of Chick-fil-A), Vonette Bright (Campus Crusade Co-Founder), Harris Rosen (Rosen Resorts & Hotels), Norm Miller (Interstate Batteries Chairman) and the late Mark McCormick (Founder of IMG Sports Management).
- In 30 years, Tolson has served as life-coach, consultant and speaker for a number of college and professional sports teams including his current role as Team Chaplain for The Dallas Cowboys, Florida State University Football, Houston Astros, Houston Oilers, Houston Rockets, LA Clippers, Ohio State University Football, Orlando Magic, Penn State Football, Philadelphia 76ers, San Antonio Spurs, UCLA Football, University of Central Florida Football, Auburn Tigers and more.
- Events held nationwide for Tolson's organization, The Gathering, have showcased a long list of prominent speakers such as John Maxwell, Joe Gibbs, Kathy Ireland, Tom Landry, David Weekley, Clark Kellogg, Coach Mike Krzyzewski, J.C. Watts, Peyton Manning, Ken Blanchard, Adolph Coors IV, Tony Evans, Tony Campolo, Leighton Ford, Jim Tressel, Wayne Huizenga Jr., Tony Dungy, David Carr, Vince Evans, Lance Berkman, Spencer Tillman, Kyle Rote Jr., William E. Dannemeyer, Lee Stroebel and numerous others.
- Tolson has been a featured speaker and coach at top business seminars and conferences including 170,000 people at a national men's conference, 160 messages for the Orlando Magic and a national conference for the Kiwanis Club; he has also held seminars and given corporate presentations for Hyatt Hotels, Walt Disney World and for nearly 1,000 employees at the leading sports marketing firm IMG.
- Tolson is married to former film and TV actress, Punky Leonard Tolson.



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