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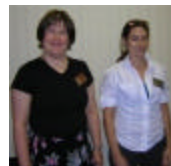
Club Speech Contests

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Contestants



Annette and Alli

Every year there are four contests—two in the fall and two in the spring. The two in the fall are the humorous speech and table topics. On August 25 we did our contests

with Chris Kolb, Jane Fry and Carol Caughlin. The Contest Master was Alli Coffin and the Chief Judge was Annette Caron.

Chris Kolb did such a fine job, that he represented the club at the Area 52 contests held on September.

We can all learn from participating in Toastmasters not just in the program but

Where Did The Time Go?

When was the last newsletter?

If it seems it has been some time since the last newsletter, it was. Our jobs, families and even Toastmasters get very busy. That is why the last issue was back in August.

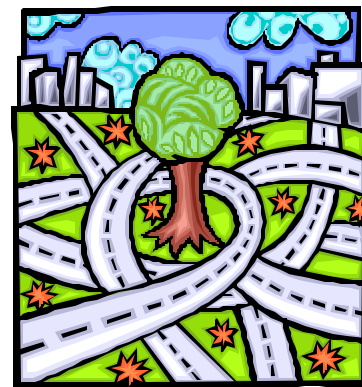
It reminds me when I was the invocator some time back. I elected to use an old stand by for this — quotes from a book titled “When Angels Speak: Inspiration from Touched by An Angel.” I used a quote that seems to be a part of our lives quite frequently:

People are too busy to meet themselves anymore. Everybody's faxing and modeming and on-lining and inputting and downloading and over-nighting.

When you look at the graphic in the next column it almost seems to say that life does get confused and we seem to be going everywhere

and nowhere. I hope we are able to make the time to not just travel all the roads, but work with ea other to make this and our website a means to communicate with one another.

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Lexicologist or Lexicographer?

According to the Random House Webster's College Dictionary (1991 edition) lexicology is the *study of the formation, meaning and use of words*. A lexicologist then is one who studies lexicology.

Why am I talking about this? Some of you may have been curious about our meeting assignments, including lexicologist/humorist.

Every club has it's own unique way of taking the suggested meeting agenda Toastmasters has developed and created their agenda. This club is no different. Our usual agenda is:

Meeting called to order
Invocation
Announce Guests
President's Welcome
Toastmaster
Word of the Day
Lexicologist/Humorist
Speakers
Table Topics



General Evaluator
Evaluators
Grammarian
Timer
Overall Evaluation
Toastmaster Closing Remarks
Club Business/Announcements
Adjournment

When this club was created nearly 25 years ago, there was an interest in lexicology. It was combined with a suggested joke of the day used in other clubs. Hence, lexicologist/humorist.

Another assignment unique to this club is the invocation. Since this club was originally founded as a part of our host location, St. Jude Church, it was included.

Although each club has its own unique way of doing the program the outcome is the same. To help fellow members in achieving their personal and professional goals — communication and leadership.

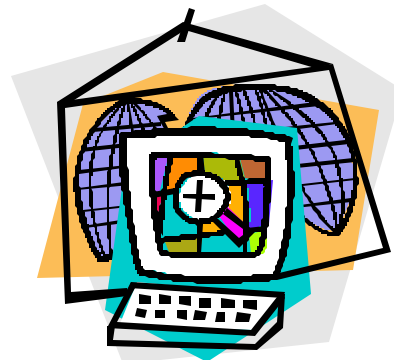
A Treasure of Information

Toastmasters Website Resources

The St. Jude Toastmaster website contains information useful to us members and to the public. Yet there is a link that should not be overlooked — Toastmasters World Headquarters at www.toastmasters.org. See the article at the next page for some information.

When you look at the homepage you will find such items as the winner of the International Speech Contest, information

a book from one of the speakers at the 2004 Convention and ways to submit individual and club updates. What else can you find?



Member Educational Achievements

Finding Out if Your Award is Registered

When I was Area Governor over five years ago I was one of a few people to know if an educational award was achieved by our club or one of the area clubs. It was privileged information.



The internet was still in its infancy, especially at Toastmasters. The printout Area Governors and up received in the mail was from a database that was old. The Toastmaster website contained a text version of the information. For someone like me, who was a part of the TM Internet group, it was frustrating at times waiting for the information.

Now that the internet has flourished and information is truly at our fingertips we can get the information ourselves. If you link to <http://www.toastmasters.org/dpr/dprReports.asp?r=3&d=36> you will see who has obtained their goals.

Welcome New Members!

For those of us who have been in the Toastmaster program for some time, we know the good fortune of being a member. We also enjoy welcoming new members. During the months of September and October we have had the added fortune of welcoming three new members.

Kenya Turner was our first recent new member. She is looking forward to any assistance we can give her as she works on her speeches.

Rich Saunders works at the Department of State and is required to speak frequently to very large audiences. He surprised us all when he first visited us by giving an icebreaker!

Kwame Brobbey-Mensah has been a Toastmaster who needed a more convenient time and location.!



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St. Jude Toastmasters Mission

St. Jude Toastmaster Club provides opportunities for community members to build and refine their speaking and leadership skills through our self-paced, structured program.

St. Jude Toastmasters Goals

1. Serve the community through services provided
2. Help members achieve their personal goals.
3. Keep meeting fun and educational.
4. Provide valuable evaluations

St. Jude Toastmasters Meeting Information

Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month. See calendar below for possible changes.

November 2004

Schedule of Events

- Meeting Schedule
 - ◇ November 10, 2004
 - ◇ November 17, 2004
 - ◇ December 8, 2004
 - ◇ December 15, 2004
- District 36 Fall Conference
 - ◇ November 20, 2004
- Toastmasters Leadership Institute
 - ◇ January 8, 2005
 - ◇ February 6, 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Meeting	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Meeting	18	19	20 District Conf.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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