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at our next Meeting



The Mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which each member has the opportunity to develop and practice communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

"Thomas Eakins" or a "Duckie"

by Elaine Wiles CC-G/CL



Lucy Van Pelt: Aren't the clouds beautiful? They look like big balls of cotton. I could just lie here all day and watch them drift by. If you use your imagination, you can see lots of things in the cloud's formations. What do you think you see, Linus?

Linus Van Pelt: Well, those clouds up there look to me like the map of the British Honduras on the Caribbean.(points up)

Linus Van Pelt: That cloud up there looks a little like the profile of Thomas Eakins, the famous painter and sculptor. And that group of clouds over there... (points)

Linus Van Pelt: ...gives me the impression of the Stoning of Stephen. I can see the Apostle Paul standing there to one side.

Lucy Van Pelt: Uh huh. That's very good. What do you see in the clouds, Charlie Brown?

Charlie Brown: Well...I was going to say I saw a duckie and a horsie, but I changed my mind.

Evaluations, whether grandiose or simple, can be invaluable. Knowing that my fellow toastmasters have my best interest at heart (to help me become a better speaker) has made a tremendous difference in my view of evaluations. Becoming aware of how one's presentation is perceived by others gives the speaker encouragement for things well done and ideas for positive changes in the future. It is the responsibility of the evaluator to give the most helpful evaluation possible. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the speaker to become the best speaker of which he/she is capable. This provides a win-win situation for all ----- especially for the audience!

Correction to last Newsletter

In the last issue, we congratulated Jeff for obtaining CL (Competent Leader.) It is true that Jeff is working on his Competent Leader award and will soon have it. However the name should have been our very own President, Craig Thrift that completed his CL. Way to go Craig!

New Competent Communicator Gold

Congratulations to Elaine Wiles, our newest CC-Gold. To see an example of Elaine's work, be sure to read the Guest Editorial column in the column to your left.

Contests

Our Vice President of Education, Don Barnett, has set the dates for our Table Topics and International Speech Contests. Those dates are:

Table Topics - during our regular meeting on February 17.

International Speech - during the March 3 meeting.

Don still has a few openings for contestants in both contests, but the openings are filling up fast. If you would like to participate, contact Don. As Don says, " These contests offer a great opportunity to improve your Toastmaster skills and observe others at their best."

Working on the Competent Leader Manual?

If you are working in the CL manual (and if you are not, then why not?) talk with our Vice President of Publicity, John Clark. He can always use help and that help will get you credit for helping with the newsletter (Northwest Words) or our web site, or both. John claims that the work is not only not difficult, it is also mostly painless.

Secretary's Report for January 20, 2009

by Evander Woo, Secretary

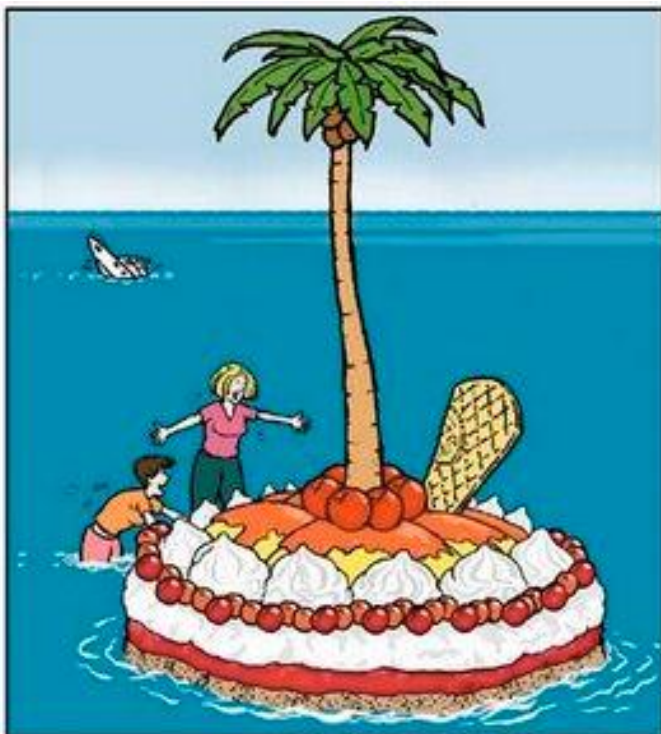


President Craig Thrift was the presiding officer for our business session. VP of Education, Don Barnett, announced the dates of the Club level Table Topics and International Speech Contests. Craig reported that the date for the Area level contests has not yet been set.

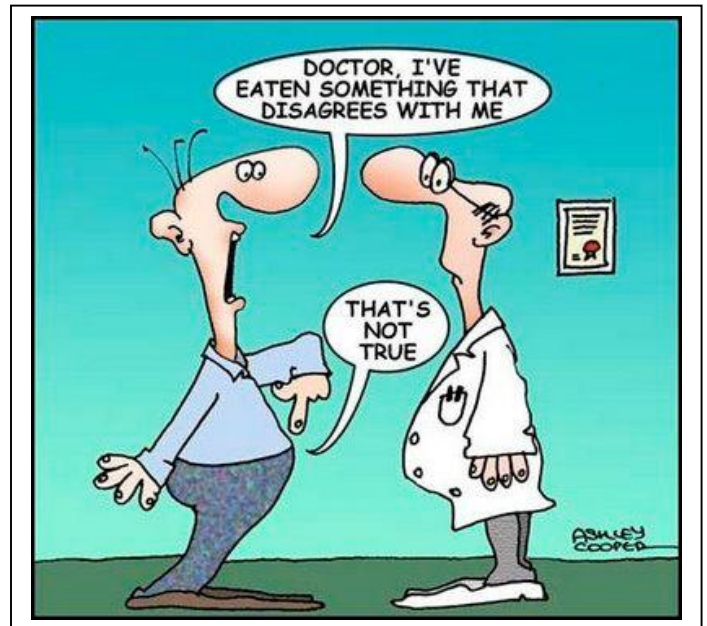
Our Toastmaster for the meeting was Jeff Walker. Our Wordmaster was Jennifer Davis, who challenged us to use the word "Inaugurate." The table topics session was led by Elaine Wiles, who called on Jordan Smith, Eddy Gaasbeek, Princess Edwards and Craig Thrift.

After his Toastmaster warm-up, Jeff called on our prepared speakers, Barbie Morgan, Joel Schanker, Don Barnett and Jennifer Davis. Our General Evaluator for the evening was Marcia Barney. Marcia, after commenting on how well the meeting was running and how close to our correct times, called on Barbara Schanker to evaluate Barbie; Madan Rangabasyam to evaluate Joel; Mark Perew to evaluate Don and John Clark to evaluate Jennifer. Marcia then called on our Wordmaster, Jennifer Davis, for her report and Butch Barney for the Grammarians report.

After Jeff completed his Toastmaster of the meeting responsibility, he returned control to Craig. Craig concluded the meeting by announcing our winners for the evening:
Craig Thrift - Best Table Topics
Mark Perew - Best Evaluation
Joel Schanker - Best Prepared speaker.
Eddy Gaasbeek, who gave us the Jokemasters report, completed the meeting.



Karen and Linda couldn't believe their luck
- washed up on a dessert island!



The small town where I grew up

The City Jail is called amoeba, because it only has one cell.

Main Street - one block long - dead ends in both directions.

McDonalds only has one Golden Arch.

The phone book has only one page.

The 7-11 is a 3&1/2 - 5&1/2.

The New Year's baby was born in October.

The ZIP code is a fraction.

The city limits signs are both on the same post.

Second Street is in the next town over.

There's no place to go that you shouldn't.

A "Night on the Town" takes only 11 minutes.

The mayor had to annex property to eat a foot-long hot dog.

Sarcastic One Liners

- I started out with nothing & still have most of it left.
- I pretend to work. They pretend to pay me.
- Sarcasm is just one more service we offer.
- Does your train of thought have a caboose?
- Errors have been made. Others will be blamed.
- Whatever kind of look you were going for, you missed.
- Well, this day was a total waste of makeup.
- See no evil, hear no evil, date no evil.
- Not all men are annoying. Some are dead.
- A woman's favorite position is CEO.
- I'm trying to imagine you with a personality.

