



TOASTMASTERS

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The Voice

District 83 Newsletter

**Toastmasters—Achieving Greatness Together
Dedication, Determination and Desire
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The Voice is dedicated to inspiring Toastmasters in District 83 to achieve their goals. Let **The Voice** be *your voice* by sending in your success stories—the way that Toastmasters has helped you either personally or professionally. Everyone has a story to share and your experiences can help others find *their voice*. Please send your submissions to Joanne Callahan, your District 83 Newsletter Editor, at greenbriar206@yahoo.com. Photos are welcomed!

Storytelling Toastmasters Holds Humorous and Table Topics Contest

The Storytelling Toastmasters Club located at ADP in Roseland, NJ held their Humorous and Table Topics Contest on Saturday August 28th, 2010. Pictured in the photo are Bruce Goldman, Nick Demonte, President of our club, Jason Velante, John Stribling and Alex Nazario.



New Jersey City University Toastmasters

Club # 799353

5-Year Anniversary Milestone Article

by: Franca Kirsch (Vice President of Education 2010-2011) and

Rita Oleas (Past President 2009-2010)

Excellence and distinction come from observing, listening and communicating!

Memorably packed with toasts and cheers, members and guests gathered on October 19, 2005 to charter the New Jersey City University Toastmasters. Five years later the accomplishments are attributed to a lot of hard work and dedication by all the members. What a phenomenal five years it has been! New Jersey City University Toastmasters has:

- Hosted Area Speech Contest – 2006 and 2007
- Achieved Distinguished Club Status 2006-2007
- Won Area Speech Contest: *Luis Morales* – March 2007
- Won Area Evaluation Contest: *Kenneth Sanders* – March 2007
 - *Judith Galang* become Area Governor 2007-2008
 - Achieved Distinguished Club Status 2009-2010

As a club we are meeting our personal and professional goals while ensuring there are enough members to keep the momentum for the club. This means so much more than earning the ribbon- it shows that our club is serving its purpose to each individual member. New Jersey City University Toastmasters has benefited many members who came to conquer their fear of public speaking or to strengthen their overall communication and leadership skills. The club's atmosphere and camaraderie amongst members is very conducive to learning and honing the basic skills required to be successful—listening, communication, presentation and evaluation.

As we think about the direction of New Jersey City University Toastmasters in the future, it is good to reflect on the personal and professional growth we have experienced thus far. The past presidents were a driving force to our success: Robert Piaskowsky, Tracy Szymanski, Judith Galang, Luis Morales, and Rita Oleas. Valuable contributions were provided by Dr. Ansley LaMar as a mentor and the club founder. Sponsored by New Jersey City University, the club truly exemplifies a commitment to communication and leadership. The result is a club that is fun, friendly, and filled with individuals who want more out of life.





Success Story
Cyndi Wilson
Division C Governor

How long have you been a member of Toastmasters and what is your home club?

I've been a member almost three years and my home club is Midtown TM in Basking Ridge, NJ

What made you join Toastmasters in the first place?

I couldn't speak I used to be a corporate speaker when I worked in NJ Bell many years ago. I would go out and do canned speeches where you can't change the words and just deliver the speech. When they closed the Speakers Bureau I stopped talking. As my career progressed, I realized that I couldn't say anything to anyone standing on my own two feet and that if I didn't have something to read from and I couldn't get the words out of my mouth. When I joined Toastmasters it was at Verizon and I had just moved from the Newark office to the office in Basking Ridge. My boss at the time had recommended that I join TM as she was a member of Midtown TM when the office was in New York. I sought out the club after I saw a little blurb in our company newsletter and I went to a great meeting and then joined.

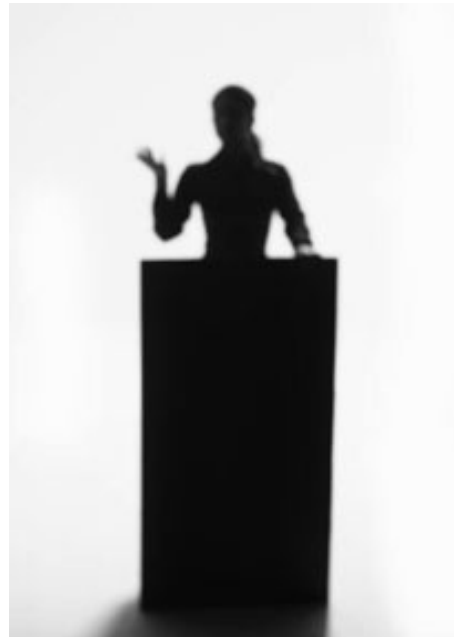
How has being a member of the club helped you either personally or professionally?

It has helped me both ways. Professionally it gave me the ability to speak again and I could speak to anyone from the CEO to my peers. I could make sense to people and I didn't have to think about what I wanted to say for too long or later and have regrets for what I said. Personally it has allowed me to hold a real conversation as opposed to the one word answers that scientists gives who talk in formulas and short sentences.

What are your goals as Division C Governor?

My initial goal is to assess all clubs in Division C giving support to clubs that need it. A number of corporate clubs need support as this environment is rough to be in right now. Once we get that assessment down, goal is to grow Division by clubs and members.

Its been a watershed environment for me I've been able to actually understand more about relaying information to people and working with them face-to-face and all the stuff that I've done in Toastmasters has helped immensely. I've got great leaders to follow, great mentors to work with, and great members to be friends with.



BMW Group Toastmasters Club 5940 10 Year Anniversary

BMW Group Toastmasters Club 5940 celebrated their 10 year anniversary. Many current and past members attended the event held at the company's Woodcliff Lake office.

The event opened with the club's Sergeant at arms, Rand Reed, bringing the meeting to order and introducing the club's President Saibal Majumder. Saibal outlined the club's many accomplishments of the past year which include:

- Two CC education awards, two leadership awards - CL and ALB
- Assisted the district with the start up of the Mercedes Benz Toastmasters Club which resulted in receiving the Founder award for the first time in club history
- Five officers attended two or more district trainings
- Increased membership with eight new members
- Participated in the District's speech contest coming in third place for the evaluation and international speech
- Hosted the District's officer training
- Earned the Select Distinguished Club Award for the first time in the club's history.

The Toastmaster, Barbara Monahan, spoke about how the club was started through the interest of BMW employees wanting to continue developing what they had learned in Dale Carnegie courses offered at BMW from 1996 through 2000. Founding members worked closely with the Area Governor, John Citti, to get the group up and running.

The agenda for this event continued with two table topics delivered by Barbara Racich and Division Governor, Andrew Paleologos. Both table topics were challenging, interesting and fun.

A toast to the club was delivered by one of the founding members Andrej Kirylak. Andrej captured some club history, appreciation of the efforts of all current and previous members and highlighted the new officers who will bring the club forward.

The meeting wrapped up with a great evaluation from founding member, Edna Berger as General Evaluator, Brian Cunningham as Ah/Um Counter and Mohan Kumar as Timer.



In these photos: The club birthday cake, Incoming President Sherry Allan, VP Membership Brian Cunningham, current President Saibal Majumder, Secretary and Treasurer Ann Walsh, VP Education Joginder Minocha, Founding member Andrej Kirylak, VP Public Relations Mike McCann

We Need Your Input!



Do you have a photo of a recent Toastmasters event or meeting? Will your club be celebrating an important milestone? Your District wants to know!

Please send me pictures and articles for inclusion in upcoming newsletters. You don't have to be a literary genius or a professional photographer. Just a Toastmaster willing to share with the rest of us what your club already knows – and that is just how special you are!

Please send your submissions to your editor, Joanne Callahan, at greenbriar206@yahoo.com

