



The Voice

District 83 Newsletter
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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!

District Newsletter Contest Starts Soon!

The District 83 newsletter contest will begin on January 15, 2014 and ends on March 15, 2014. Although the official points to be judged will not be revealed here, I can let you know that the competition will be stiff so you may want to get those creative juices flowing early. The winning club will have their entry published on the District 83 website, and will also win a \$50.00 gift certificate for club supplies. What could be a better way to start the new year than by winning a prize?

This Just In . . .

News Flash! The District 83 newsletter cannot be published without your help! Your newsletter editor is in desperate need of articles, pictures, blurbs, blogs, musings, whatever you can share that would be of interest to your fellow Toastmasters. Just make sure that the theme revolves around Toastmasters and or events that were attended by Toastmasters. Please, no pictures of family reunions, your office Christmas party, or the family dog dressed as a reindeer. Although these are amusing and entertaining to your editor, they do not relieve the angst that is experienced by not being able to publish a newsletter on a monthly basis (preferred). Wouldn't you like to see your name and article published in our newsletter? Or a picture of your club members celebrating a special Toastmasters event? Please send them to your editor at greenbriar206@yahoo.com and they will be published in the very next issue. What could be easier than that?

Art of Speaking Club Celebrates its Eleventh Anniversary

On Saturday, July 13th, the Art of Speaking club in Edison had a noteworthy meeting, combining its usual slate of well-crafted speeches, entertaining Table Topics morsels, and thoughtful evaluations with an out of the ordinary – and well-deserved – celebration. As the club officially welcomed its new officer team, Art of Speaking celebrated both its eleventh anniversary and its third consecutive year of achieving all 10 of the Distinguished Club Program goals. Though a young club, it has many accomplishments in which to take pride, and the anniversary meeting both celebrated and showcased many of the things that make Art of Speaking special.



The meeting began with Area 42 Governor and former Art of Speaking club president Fred Eng thanking last year's officer team and making the current year's team official. New club president Bob Austin then introduced Toastmaster of the Day Hitender Mittal, also a former club president (and Area and Division Governor). A Toastmaster *extraordinaire*, Hitender expertly and eloquently facilitated the session of five excellent prepared speeches, which ran the gamut from Icebreaker to Advanced Manual.

After a break in which members and guests fraternized and enjoyed refreshments, including a special anniversary cake, Table Topics Master Bob Austin treated everyone to a very creative session in which offered the audience both many laughs and a unique opportunity to improve their vocabularies! Even a couple guests joined in the fun by participating in this session.

The meeting concluded with a General Evaluation session led by Venkat Vadlamannati and the presentation of awards for Best Speaker, Best Evaluator, and Best Table Topics Speaker. Two of the meeting's four guests were impressed enough that they decided to join the club!

The Eleventh Anniversary meeting was a great way to celebrate the past year's accomplishments and to welcome the upcoming year, which promises to be every bit as successful. Here's to eleven more years of continued success and growth at the Art of Speaking club!



The Fairleigh Early Birds and Speak and Lead Toastmasters Clubs of Rutherford, NJ joined forces to participate in Rutherford's Multi-Cultural Fair on June 1.

Members from both clubs presented Toastmasters magazines, brochures, signs and ribbons to curious onlookers. We drew them in, inviting them to attend either—or both—club's meetings to learn more and see how Toastmasters can benefit them. In spite of the heat wave, it was a successful event and a show of true teamwork.

June 1 was also the 33rd Anniversary of The Fairleigh Early Birds Club #4229.



Public Speaking Quotes

(from <http://bigfishpresentations.com/2012/05/03/25-awesome-public-speaking-quotes/>)

Fellow Toastmasters: In the absence of content for this issue of the newsletter, I am including some famous quotes on public speaking that I hope inspire you to achieve your goals.

“There are always three speeches, for every one you actually gave. The one you practiced, the one you gave, and the one you wish you gave.” - **Dale Carnegie**

“It usually takes me more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech.” - **Mark Twain**

“He who wants to persuade should put his trust not in the right argument, but in the right word. The power of sound has always been greater than the power of sense.” - **Joseph Conrad**

“The success of your presentation will be judged not by the knowledge you send but by what the listener receives.” - **Lilly Walters**

“If you don’t know what you want to achieve in your presentation your audience never will.” - **Harvey Diamond**

“Best way to conquer stage fright is to know what you’re talking about.” - **Michael H Mescon**

“There are only two types of speakers in the world. 1. The nervous and 2. Liars.” - **Mark Twain**

“No one ever complains about a speech being too short!” - **Ira Hayes**

“90% of how well the talk will go is determined before the speaker steps on the platform.” - **Somers White**

“It takes one hour of preparation for each minute of presentation time.” - **Wayne Burgraff**

“The most precious things in speech are the pauses.” - **Sir Ralph Richardson**

“Well-timed silence hath more eloquence than speech.” - **Martin Fraquhar Tupper**

“They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel.” - **Carl W. Buechner**

“The problem with speeches isn’t so much not knowing when to stop, as knowing when not to begin.” - **Frances Rodman**

“Words have incredible power.
They can make people’s hearts soar,
or they can make people’s hearts sore.”
-**Dr. Mardy Grothe**

“Speech is power: speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel.” -**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

“The right word may be effective, but no word was ever as effective as a rightly timed pause.” - **Mark Twain**

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

