

Toastmasters, Inc
Presidents Club
District 14, Area 34-Club 1713
Wednesday, September 16, 2009
East Cobb Government Center, 7pm
College Football and What it Means to Americans

AGENDA

Time:	Task:	Title:	Name:
7:05pm	Call to order	Sgt at Arms	<i>Emma Hitt</i>
7:07pm	Invocation/Pledge		<i>Susan McMullen</i>
7:09pm	Toastmaster		<i>Tom Nixon</i>

7:11pm	Introduction of Helpers		
	Jokemaster Judi Rogers	Grammarian Rush Netterville	
	Vote Counter Vahn Wagner	Timer Charlene Anderson	
	"Ah" Counter Mark Eystad	Videographer Judy Anderson	

Word of the Day:

Healthy: possessing or enjoying good health or a sound and vigorous mentality.

7:18 Table Topics *Alex Gunther*

Theme: Beatlemania

1 "Which Beatle would you have been and why?" *Judi Rogers*

Judi would choose to be Ringo because she likes the sound of his name and his hair.

2 "Which is better, Beatles or Stones and why?" *Casey Moore*

I chose the Stones over the Beatles but would consider Milli Vanilli as my all time favorite band growing up.

3 "Was John Lennon out of line in comparing the Beatles to Jesus?" *Jim Dawson*

Lennon was not necessarily out of line in comparing the Beatles to Jesus because they both had their point in time and each spread the message of brotherhood and that we should all get along.

7:26pm -----7 MINUTE BREAK-----

7:33pm **Introduction of Speakers and Speeches** *Tom Nixon*

1 "Appreciation--The Gift of Life." *Lan Bercu*

Manual: Competent Communicator, Speech #1, Ice Breaker

Time: 4-6 min

Objectives: Begin speaking before an audience and discover speaking skills that you already have and skills that need some attention

Lan recalls the time her mother took her to a back alley on a rainy day in Vietnam, on her 7th birthday to pick up a gift that was forbidden by the Vietnamese government...an English to Vietnamese dictionary. The book gave her a sense of hope, dreams, and an escape to a fantasy land while growing up in post-war Communist Vietnam. Lan experienced the failure of Communism in Vietnam and the launch of a semi-free open economy that brought positive changes to the country. In 2000 she met an American man and before she knew it she was married, living in

East Cobb with 2 sons and earning her MBA at Kennesaw State.

2 "Making Your Customers Your Fans."

Eric Holtzclaw

Manual: Competent Communicator, Speech #3, Get to the Point

Time: 5-7 min

Objectives: Select a speech topic and determine its general and specific purpose; organize speech in a manner that best achieves those purposes; reinforce purpose with beginning, body and conclusion; project sincerity; control nervousness and strive not to use notes.

A fan is someone who has an intense, occasionally overwhelming, liking and enthusiasm for a particular sporting club, person, group of persons, company, or product. Eric suggests 4 rules a business organization should follow when striving to turn their customers into fans: never lose your cool, take the blame, fix the problem and follow up.

3 "Why Healthcare Costs so Much."

Kumar Choudhuri

Manual: Competent Communicator, Speech #9, Persuade with Power

Time: 5-7 min

Objectives: Persuade listeners to adopt your viewpoint or ideas or to take some action; appeal to the audience's interest; use logic and emotion to support your position and avoid using notes.

Kumar argues that healthcare costs are high because of the lack of competition, pharmaceuticals and insurance.

Lack of competition is present because the American Medical Association controls the number of practicing physicians.

Pharmaceutical prices increase the cost of healthcare because of the price protection they receive through import limitations of lower cost drugs and free riding. Lastly, health insurance insulates consumers from knowing the true costs of medicine and medical procedures.

4 "Moving Kindness."

Emma Hitt

Manual: Advanced Manual: Humorously Speaking, Warm Up Your Audience

Time: 5-7 min

Objectives: Prepare a speech that opens with a humorous story, personalize the story and deliver it smoothly and effectively.

Emma shared with us, in a lighthearted way, the stressful week she recently experienced packing for an upcoming move, meeting with lawyers and working to meet deadlines at work. But, with the acts of kindness she received from the people in her life she was able to make it through.

8:16pm **Introduction of Evaluators and Evaluations**

General Evaluator

Lisa Goodman

Evaluator for *Lan Bercu*

Judi Rogers

Evaluator for *Eric Holtzclaw*

Rich Hart

Evaluator for *Kumar Choudhuri*

Ernie Pollitzer

Evaluator for *Emma Hitt*

Rob McGoldrick

8:42pm **Business Meeting**

Tom Nixon

1 Motion passed to make Ed Laporta an honorary member and the club will pay his national membership dues

2 Dues are due by October 1st. Charlene will set up Pay Pal account to allow members to pay dues online

3 President's Club has been asked to donate a small gift and sell 25 business card slots for the upcoming District 14 Conference in late October

4 Social will be at the East Cobb Park on Oct. 30

5 Educational meeting will feature a debate on government health care. Jim will be the moderator.

"For" team: Charlene, Ernie, Tom

"Opposing" team: Eric, Mark, will need one more member

The Evening's "Bests"

Helper *Judi Rogers and Judy Anderson*

Table Topics *Casey Moore*

Evaluator *Rob McGoldrick*

Speaker *Lan Bercu*

Ice Breaker *Lan Bercu*

Attending Members:

Charlen Anderson, Judy Anderson, Lan Bercu, Suthan Cheurprakobkit, Kumar Choudhuri, Jim Dawson, Mark Eysted, Lori Feinstein, Lisa Goodman, Alex Gunther, Rich Hart, Emma Hitt, Eric Holtzclaw, Rob McGoldrick, Susan McMullen, Casey Moore, Rush Netterville, Tom Nixon, Ernie Pollitzer, Judi Rogers, Vahn Wagner

Guests

Brian Maloney, Mrs. Maloney (a member in Florida), Randy Williams, Bill, Stewart

