

**Toastmasters, Inc**  
**Presidents Club**  
**District 14, Area 31-Club 1713**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 2009**  
**Chabad Temple**  
**Thanksgiving Traditions**

**AGENDA**

<b>Time:</b>	<b>Task:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Name:</b>
7:00pm	Call to order	Sgt at Arms	<i>Emma Hitt</i>
7:02pm	Invocation/Pledge		<i>Kumar Choudhuri</i>
7:04pm	Toastmaster		<i>Trae Johnson</i>

7:06pm	Introduction of Helpers		
	<b>Jokemaster</b> Lan Bercu	<b>Grammarian</b> Ellen Katzowitz	
	<b>Vote Counter</b> Judy Anderson	<b>Timer</b> Vahn Wagner	
	<b>"Ah" Counter</b> Charlene Anderson	<b>Videographer</b> Tom Nixon	

**Word of the Day:**

*Quintessential: 1) pure & concentrated essence of a substance 2)most perfect embodiment of something*

7:18pm	Table Topics		<i>Susan McMullen</i>
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1 *"How do you and your family celebrate Thanksgiving Day?"* *Sutham Cheuroprakobkit*

Did not celebrate Thanksgiving in Thailand and was a little scared by the size of the "chicken," when he was first introduced to the holiday. Sutham has to make sure he always has a side of hot sauce with him because traditional Thanksgiving food is not hot enough.

2 *"Is there anyone in your or your spouses family that makes Thanksgiving interesting and how?"* *Alex Gunther*

It was always a memorable experience to visit Alex's ex-wife's family in the upper peninsula of Michigan (Yupers). They lived in town that basically was made up of a cross road of bars and bowling alleys with snowmobiles parked out front. The entire Thanksgiving meal was made up of store bought food...nothing was homemade.

3 *"Do you and your family have a unique way of sharing special thanks?"* *Casey Moore*

We share our special thanks by feasting on Turducken followed by watching football and napping followed by another round of gorging on food, watching football and napping until later in the evening when watching football is accompanied with rounds of Scotch with my father followed by more napping.

4 *"What is the biggest debacle you have ever had at your house?"* *ErniePollitzer*

Growing up Ernie and his friends had a tradition of playing football on the morning of Thanksgiving. It was during one of these games that the other team, tired of losing, brought in a "ringer." During the game a simple sweep was being run when the "ringer," took out the ball carrier's legs, causing a compound fracture and officially putting an end to the long lived tradition.

7:28pm	<b>-----5 MINUTE BREAK -----</b>
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7:33pm **Introduction of Speakers and Speeches**

*Trae Johnson*

1 "Meeting in the Middle with a Toastmaster Assist."

*Debbie Field*

Manual: Competent Communicator, Speech #2, Organize Your Speech

Time: 5-7 min

**Objectives:** Select an outline that listeners can follow and understand, make the message clear, use appropriate transitions when moving from one idea to another, and create a strong opening and closing.

Debbie, after coming to the notion that performance appraisals are an important, if not essential, managerial responsibility, pitched the idea to the CEOs of her company and gained their approval to implement a new job performance appraisal software. The annual job appraisal at Debbie's employer was a tedious process that Debbie was constantly looking to streamline. She realized the main problem with the firm's appraisal system was that standards by which employees should be assessed were not clearly defined. Debbie showed her CEOs how a system of set standards, cascaded throughout the organization, would help to develop employee strengths, discourage bad behavior, motivate and increase moral. Debbie has Toastmasters to thank in assisting her in selling her idea. As a member, she has observed the benefits of an ongoing appraisal process and has built confidence in her public speaking ability.

2 "How to Feel as Rich as Bill Gates."

*Joni House*

Manual: Competent Communicator, Speech #3,

Time: 5-7 min

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

What makes Bill Gates feel great? Bill Gates feels great because of how he gives his money away. Joni shared with us the 6 principles of Philanthropy for the Middle Class which she feels can help us to feel rich like Bill Gates.

1. Control where your money goes. A donor can easily direct where his/her funds will be utilized with a donor directed fund.
2. It is important to have a cost effective way to give money away. A donor directed fund can help minimize administrative costs.
3. Bill Gates uses the money he gives to teach his money how to give.
4. It is important to learn to give early in life.
5. Have fun right now. Nothing beats seeing the positive impact your donations can have on the lives of others.
6. Keep control from beyond the grave. Setting up a donor directed fund allows you to set up a process of how future projects are screened.

3 " Big Union."

*Mark Eysted*

Manual: Competent Communicator, Speech #6, Research your topic

Time: 5-7 min

**Objectives:** Collect information from numerous sources' carefully support points and opinions with specific facts, examples and illustrations.

On the October 30, 2009 the White House released its list of visitors which showed the president of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Andrew Stern, had visited the White 21 times in the first 6 month's of Obama's term to meet with Obama himself or one of his top advisors. In 1950, 34% of the US workforce belonged to a union, the total today is approximately 12%. Since Andrew Stern has become SEIU's president their membership has doubled and been transformed into a grass roots army ready to mobilize on behalf of candidates and legislation in support of health care reform. Mark poses the question, "Why is health care reform so important to the SEIU?" It's because 50% of SEIU members work in health care and their employers depend heavily on government spending for health care.

The SEIU is lobbying heavily to increase government spending on health care through support of health care reform protest at town hall meetings to organizing unionization meetings at company's throughout the US and pressuring any employees that refuse to sign the union petition card. The SEIU is looking to increase the number of workers who belong to a union because they believe that the bigger unions grow the more power they will have.

#### 4 "Beck."

*Rob McGoldrick*

Manual: Adv. Communication. The Entertaining Speaker, Speech #1

Time: 7-9 min

Objectives: Entertain the audience by relating a personal experience; organize an entertaining speech for maximum impact.

Rob recalls a time in his 20's when he and his girlfriend, Beck, loaded up his 1972 Ford Gran Torino and headed to Mt. Rushmore. Beck was a free spirit who loved nature and people. She had a Mary Tyler Moore charming personality and befriended everyone she met. At the time, Rob and Beck were both unemployed, so they had nothing holding them back from enjoying the beautiful countryside as they made their way to South Dakota. Along the way they made sure to detour along side roads to visit small towns to visit their local diners and antique shops. Rob remembers it was during one of these detours, in Missouri, that he got to experience what it was like to change a tire in the pouring rain. Rob and Beck eventually made it to South Dakota and enjoyed their visits to Mt. Rushmore and other surrounding sights. On the trip home Rob and Beck pulled into a national park and walked the trails and just enjoyed the scenery. During the walk they came upon a small creek, about 5-6 feet wide, with mud on either side. Beck dared Rob to jump across and, not wanting to look like a dandy, Rob backed up, took a running start and cleared easily cleared the creek, landed in mud up to his ankles, lost his balance, fell over and was on all fours in the mud. It was then that Beck strolled to a narrow part of the creek and gingerly stepped over. Rob then stood up covered in mud, rushed over to Beck and gave her a huge bear hug. Eventually Rob and Beck went their separate ways but she left him with great, lasting memories.

#### 8:08pm **Introduction of Evaluators and Evaluations**

General Evaluator

*Rush Netterville*

Evaluator for *Debbie Field*

*Daniel Jourdan*

Evaluator for *Joni House*

*Eric Holtzclaw*

Evaluator for *Mark Eysted*

*Emma Hitt*

Evaluator for *Rob McGoldrick*

*Lisa Goodman*

#### 8:45pm **Business Meeting & Announcements**

*Tom Nixon*

- 1 Officers have decided that up to \$500 will be spent on a new projector the club will stick with the timing lights we have now.
- 2 Will have holiday party on January 9th at The Relish. Cost to attend will be \$35
- 3 Please invite friends and family to join our club
- 4 Let Judy know what you would like to accomplish with the Club before year end in June so she can better help you meet your goals

#### **The Evening's "Bests"**

Helper *Lan Bercu*

Table Topics *Casey Moore*

Evaluator *Eric Holtzclaw*

Speaker *Rob McGoldrick*

**Attending Members:**

Charlene Anderson, Judy Anderson, Lan Bercu, Sutham Cheurprakobkit, Kumar Choudhuri, Mark Eysted, Debbie Field, , Lisa Goodman, Alex Gunther, Emma Hitt, Eric Holtzclaw, Daniel Jourdan, Ellen Katzowitz, Rob McGoldrick, Susan McMullen, Casey Moore, Rush Netterville, Tom Nixon, Ernie Pollitzer, Judi Rogers, Trae Johnson, Vahn Wagner, Joni House, Ernie Pollitzer

**Guests**

Brian Hullman, Robert

