

Toastmasters, Inc
Presidents Club
District 14, Area 31-Club 1713
Wednesday, December 02, 2009
East Cobb Government Center
December - Our last chance to make it a good year

AGENDA

| Time: | Task: | Title: | Name: |
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| 7:00pm | Call to order | Sgt at Arms | Emma Hitt |
| 7:02pm | Invocation/Pledge | | Lisa Goodman |
| 7:04pm | Toastmaster | | Emma Hitt |

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| 7:06pm | Introduction of Helpers | | |
| | Jokemaster Mark Eystad | Grammarian Guest | |
| | Vote Counter Rob McGoldrick | Timer SuthamCheurprakobkit | |
| | "Ah" Counter Rush Netterville | Videographer Tom Nixon | |

Word of the Day:

None

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| 7:15pm | Table Topics | | Judy Anderson |
| | 1 <i>How to handle Stresses- stay active, don't worry about pleasing everybody, but make sure you give the what they want because that is what the season is about.</i> | | Alex Gunther |
| | 2 <i>How to balance finances - life is a balance sheet and need to keep a positive balance on life.</i> | | Ilya Flivinsky |
| | 3 <i>Ways to Give this season - His favorite charity this time of years is the Toys for Tots. Keep life simple - like Forrest Gump</i> | | Clemmie Scott |
| | 4 <i>Time to catch on cleaning - does most of her cleaning during the summer time when her daughters are off to camps</i> | | Lisa Goodman |

7:27pm -----5 MINUTE BREAK -----

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| 7:36pm | Introduction of Speakers and Speeches | | Emma Hitt |
| | 1 "Badly Enough" | | Ellen Katzowitz |
| | Manual: Competent Communicator, Speech #3, Organize Your Speech | | |
| | Time: 5-7 min | | |
| | Objectives: Select a speech topic and determining 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.

This speech was about her son learn a valuable lesson early in life. He was going to be cut from his soccer team because he was not as good as the other boys. The coach challenged the whole team by asking them if they wanted to play "badly enough". He called his coach to his house and told him he would improve if the coach gave him a chance. The coach did allow him to stay on the team and he ended up starting for the next four years. Now her son is grown and continues to play soccer, on 3 different teams, including a highly competitive team. She also told the story of befriending a lady, Megan, during a triathalon. Megan seemed confused during the bicycle part of the race. Then she grew tired during the running part of the race, but Ellen stayed with her to the end. After the race, Ellen learned the lady was in a bad accident and the doctor told she could not be active anymore. However, Megan wanted to be in a triatalon "badly enough". If you want something "badly enough", there are no time restrictions or financial restraints to keep you from your goal.

2 "Praise and Recognition"

Lan Bercu

Manual: Competent Communicator, Speech #3, Organize your Speech

Time: 5-7 min

Objectives: Select a speech topic and determining 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.

Lan started by telling the story on a young man in the slums of London. He worked menial jobs during the day and then wrote stories at night. While his stories did not sell, he was encouraged by one publisher to keep writing. This praise and recognition kept him writing. The young man's name was Charles Dickens. She then went onto the story of death in the family and the daugter did not know what to say for the eulogy. She praised Lan for her writing and speaking skills, so Lan listened to her talk about her mother and wrote the euology for her. The praise and recognition Lan receives from Toastmasters has helped her become confident in her first few speeches.

3 "Lost in Translation"

Eric Holtzclaw

Manual: Competent Communicator, Speech #4, How to Say It

Time: 5-7 min

Objectives: Select the right words and sentence structure to communicate their idea clearly, accurately and vividly. Use rhetorical devices to enhance and emphasize ideas. Eliminate jargon and unnecessary words. Use proper grammar.

Eric spoke on some recent trips to foreign countries where he has to communicate in another language. Most of the time he cannot even get some basic sayings correctly. Fortunately, most foreign countries speak English as a second language. He went to tell the story of his wife trying to order dinner at a French restaurant, and how the waiter ended up repeating the order in English. Then there was a time in India when two other people in the meeting could not understand each other, but since both knew English, Eric became the translator between the two.

4 "Memories"

Trae Johnson

Manual: Adv. Communication. The Entertaining Speaker, Speech #5

Time: 8-10 mins

Objectives: Prepare an entertaining after-dinner talk on a specific theme; deliver the talk extemporaneously, using the skills developed in the preceding entertainment projects.

Trae told his story of Holiday parties and gathering with his family. His fondest memory was his mother baking Red Velvet Cakes for the whole church. She would make up to 30 cakes, and people would leave the service early just to make sure they had a piece of Red Velvet Cake. He then told several stories about Christmas lights, his girlfriend buying him gifts, high school dances and spending time with family and the children.

8:28pm **Introduction of Evaluators and Evaluations**

General Evaluator

Jim Dawson

Evaluator for *Ellen Katzowitz*

Judi Rogers

Evaluator for *Lan Bercu*

Jodi Sheffield

Evaluator for *Eric Holtzclaw*

Charlene Anderson

Evaluator for *Trae Johnson*

Vahn Wagner

8:55pm **Business Meeting & Announcements**

Tom Nixon

1 Annual Party in January

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The Evening's "Bests"

Helper *Tom Nixon*

Table Topics *Clemmie Scott*

Evaluator *Jodi Sheffield*

Speaker *Ellen Katzowitz*

Attending Members:

Charlene Anderson, Judy Anderson, Lan Bercu, Sutham Cheurprakobkit, Kumar Choudhuri, Mark Eysted, Debbie Field, Ilya Filvinsky, 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, Clemmie Scott, Jodi Sheffield, Vahn Wagner

Guests