

**Toastmasters, Inc**  
**Presidents Club**  
**District 14, Area 31-Club 1713**  
**Wednesday, December 16, 2009**  
**Chabad Temple**  
***We Could All Use a Vacation***

**AGENDA**

<b>Time:</b>	<b>Task:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Name:</b>
7:03pm	Call to order	Sgt at Arms	<i>Emma Hitt</i>
7:06pm	Invocation/Pledge		<i>Charlene Anderson</i>
7:07pm	Toastmaster		<i>Ilya Filvinsky</i>

7:13pm	Introduction of Helpers		
	<b>Jokemaster</b> Vahn Wagner	<b>Grammarian</b> Clemmie Scott	
	<b>Vote Counter</b> Susan McMullen	<b>Timer</b> Debbie Field	
	<b>"Ah" Counter</b> Mark Eysted	<b>Videographer</b> Alex Gunther	

**Word of the Day:**

*Vociferous: crying out loudly; clamorous*  
of something

7:21pm	Table Topics		<i>Jodi Sheffield</i>
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- 1 *"What is a funny memory or story you have from a vacation?"* *Daniel Jourdan*

DJ's sister found a way to lock DJ out of the hotel room, on one vacation, in only his birthday suit. DJ banged on the hotel room door but only succeeded in alerting the other hotel guest that he was naked in the hallway.

- 2 *"If you were to lose your luggage what would the items you would be most upset losing?"* *Lisa Goodman*

Would not be upset losing any of her luggage because it would give her an opportunity and excuse to shop for herself.

- 3 *"What is a lesson you have learned about yourself while traveling?"* *Kumar Choudhuri*

Kumar learned he likes to be pushed to get things done. He discovered that he is not always good setting his own goals while on vacation. He came to this conclusion when he planned to catch up on some reading while on vacation but only read 3 pages in a weeks time. Kumar also learned that he does not care about seeing a lot of places while on vacation he finds it more important to just relax.

- 4 *"If you could live anywhere, where would it be and why?"* *Rush Netterville*

Rush wouldn't live in any one place. He has enjoyed many of the places he has visited such as Switzerland and Cancun. Rush also shared the story of a client of his who began wearing an earring the moment his wife found it in his pick up truck.

7:30pm

-----7MINUTE BREAK -----

7:37pm ***Introduction of Speakers and Speeches***

*Ilya Filvinsky*

1 "Wannabe Do-it-Yourselfer."

*Casey Moore*

Manual: Competent Communicator, Speech #6: Vocal Variety

Time: 5-7 min

Objectives: Use voice volume, pitch, rate and quality to reflect and add meaning and interest to your message; use pauses to enhance your message; use vocal variety smoothly and naturally

I gave everyone a glimpse into the adventures of my life over the past 4 months. Since August my wife and I have been working diligently to rid our house of carpet and, in its place, install tile and laminate wood flooring. We have experienced our fair share of setbacks. Our gutter caused our window to leak which, in turn, forced us to lay laminate three times in one room. Our home has been constantly cluttered. Our dining room table has been sitting in our living room since August, tools and materials are sitting out because we have nowhere to put them and at one point our fridge and stove were sitting in our dining room as we tiled our kitchen. Through it all I have learned to tile and lay laminate wood floors, I have learned to install toilets and water lines for an ice maker. I have contributed to Home Depot's well being in these hard economic times and I have come to know Home Depot employees on a first name basis. My wife and I no longer want to gain anymore from this experience; we just want it to end.

2 "Writing About What You Know for Extra Dough."

*Emma Hitt*

Manual: Advanced Manual: Speaking to Inform, Speech #1

Time: 8-10 min

Objectives: Select new and useful information for presentation to the audience; organize the information for easy understandability and retention; present the information in a way that will help motivate the audience to learn.

Emma tells us of a way we can get paid for something we can do at home, on our own time, in our pajamas and it's perfectly legal. Writing about the things you know is a good way to earn a little extra income. Industry standard is \$1 per word. If you are interested in writing for income but are concerned about your writing skills Emma suggests enrolling in writing classes and reading books which offer writing guidance.

Emma mentions 2 approaches to writing about what you know; write as an expert or, Emma's approach, write as someone who knows the field and can interview experts. Once you have written your article Emma suggests submitting it to [writersmarket.com](http://writersmarket.com) which, for a \$55, 2 year subscription, will help you contact editors and sell your writing. But if you are concerned about losing the copyright for your writings going through and editor Emma encourages you to use [payloadz.com](http://payloadz.com) which assists in selling your articles directly.

3 "Your Vacation Destination--Thailand."

*Sutham Cheuropakobkit*

Manual: Advanced Manual: Speaking to Inform, Speech #3, The Demonstration Talk

Time: 5-7 min

Objectives: Prepare a demonstration speech to clearly explain a process or activity and conduct the demonstration as part of a speech delivered without notes.

For the past 6 years Sutham has taken a group of students to tour Thailand. The group catches a flight from Atlanta and after only 3 meals, 5 movies, a few naps, and a stop in Korea or Japan to catch a connecting flight they arrive in Thailand. The group visits 3 sections while in Thailand; Bangkok, the northern province of Chiang Mai and the East coast.

What does Sutham and his group do while they are in Thailand?

They explore Thai culture, food and tourist sites. The group visits such places as the floating market, the ancient temples, the markets of Thailand's silk industry, and the beaches along the east coast. They attend Thai boxing

matches, take ox cart, bamboo shoot boat and elephant trekking tours. Sutham encourages us all to visit Thailand and remember what St. Augustine said, " The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page."

#### 4 "Rediscovering Your Creative Genius."

*Tom Nixon*

Manual: Entertaining Speaker Advanced Manual: Speech #2, Resource for Entertainment

Time: 8-10 min

Objectives: Draw humorous and/or dramatic material from sources other than your own experience; adapt your material to suit your topic, your own personality and the audience; use enterataining material as a means of conveying a serious message.

For many people, there is a little voice inside them that is constantly saying, "Don't think outside the box." Parents often raise their children to not think outside the box. Creativity is the thing that enriches our lives but so many of us have pushed it aside because we are afraid of things getting a little messy. Tom gives the example of a 5 year old girl who is full of creative spirit but as she gets older and takes on more responsibility in her life her creative genius is pushe dto the side.

Robert Lang, who is rocket scientist and holds a PhD in mathematics and physics, had a passion for origami as a child. Because he has allowed himself to think outside the box he has been able to combine math, physics and origami to create very complex origami art, design an airbag that expands quicker to save more lives, and design a telescope with a lens the size of a football field.

Tom also shared the story of Laura Ingalls Wilder who, although she faced many hardships growing up, was able to find that inner creative spirit late it life and, at the age of 65, wrote "Little House on the Prairie." Tom encourages us to find that "thing," inside us that drives our creative spirit, allows us to live our lives for ourselves and stay outside the box.

#### 8:30pm **Introduction of Evaluators and Evaluations**

General Evaluator

*Judi Rogers*

Evaluator for *Casey Moore*

*Judy Anderson*

Evaluator for *Emma Hitt*

*Joni House*

Evaluator for *Sutham Cheuroprakobkit*

*Ernie Pollitzer*

Evaluator for *Tom Nixon*

*Rob McGoldrick*

#### 9:00pm **Business Meeting & Announcements**

*Tom Nixon*

- 1 5th Wednesday meeting will be lead by Judi Rogers who will discuss values in leadership and Lisa will lead an exercise in better impromptu speaking.
- 2 After the 5th Wednesday meeting members and guest are invited to get together at Suburban Tent for food and drinks.
- 3 Formal social on Jan 9th at The Relish. Please have checks and number of guests who will attend to Charlene no later than Dec 30.
- 4 International speaking contest will be held on Feb 3rd. We need volunteers.
- 5 Ernie is promoting a contest to increase our membership. Whoever brings the most guest will receive an award.
- 6 Email your votes for annual awards to Lisa.

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

Helper *Vahn Wagner, Mark Eysted, Clemmie Scott*

Table Topics *Daniel Jourdan*

Evaluator *Joni House*

Speaker *Emma Hitt*

**Attending Members:**

Charlene Anderson, Judy Anderson, Lan Bercu, Sutham Cheurprakobkit, Kumar Choudhuri, Jim Dawson, Mark Eysted, Debbie Field, Ilya Filvinsky, Lisa Goodman, Alex Gunther, Emma Hitt, Joni House, Daniel Jourdan, Rob McGoldrick, Susan McMullen, Casey Moore, Rush Netterville, Tom Nixon, Ernie Pollitzer, Judi Rogers, Clemmie Scott, Jodi Sheffield, Vahn Wagner

**Guests**

Derek Broyard (new member), Mack Miller (new member), Jeremiah Lockett, Travis Peters, Lena Graham

