



Speak Up!

Club #499 Area G5 Division Gila—District 3 July 2011

WELCOME NEW GILBERT TOASTMASTER OFFICERS

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From our new Prez, Sue:

Happy New Year!!! Toastmaster's works on a fiscal year from July 1st-June 30. It really is a new year for Toastmasters. Everything starts over. What a great opportunity to review our personal goals! What exactly will be needed for you to accomplish your next goal? Do you know which items you need to complete your current Competent Leader or Advanced Leader goal? Maybe an idea for your next speech is eluding you. If so, speak to either your mentor or come to 'post-toasties' for ideas and direction. Let the VP of Education know of your goals and she will help you in achieving those goals as well.

As a club we also have goals. Each new year we accept the challenge to again fulfill all 10 Distinguished Club Program (DCP) goals. By reaching your goals, the club will reach its goals. Every year since the DCP began Gilbert has fulfilled all 10 goals! In our district; we are distinct by this accomplishment. I will be speaking more about how our club goals will be met this year in a future meeting.

Let us make this year be a shining example as we invite and make new Toastmaster friends, as well as accomplish our personal goals. I look forward to helping and working with everyone!!! Prez Sue

NEW OFFICER installation July 14

New officers were installed July 14, 2011 by our Area Governor, Chuck Thompson. New officers also met for their first officer meeting that eve. Plans for upcoming contests and the Smedley contest were discussed. Also discussed were ways to continue to increase our Toastmaster visibility to the community and ways to recruit and retain new members. Officers appreciate your input, ideas, and suggestions. We continue the discussion of our facility and search for a new meeting site. If you know of a possible place let an officer know!

Gilbert Survey results

In a recent survey of the club regarding "Preparing Your Speech" folks reported they rarely used a recording device to practice their speech, but 50% did practice their speech with a listener at home. When asked what they would change if they did the speech again, most responded they would practice more times. The favorite speech to give was the first "Icebreaker". It is always easier to talk about myself, therefore it may be a good idea to give the next few speeches using information about self. The question "what advice would you give to someone giving their first speech?" Good ideas were: Take time to breathe. Watch others and learn things that work for them. Speak from your heart. And practice your speech more than four (4) times.

- THOUGHTFUL-

The words of the tongue should have three gatekeepers:

Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?" – ARABIAN PROVERB

I have always been among those who believed that the greatest freedom, speech, is the greatest safety, because if a man is a fool the best thing to do is to encourage him to advertise it by speaking. Pres. Woodrow Wilson

Humorously Speaking

Knock, Knock,
Who's there?
Aardvark
Aardvark who
Aardvark a hundred miles to see one of your smiles.

It's the LAW in Arizona

Hunting camels is prohibited.

It is unlawful to refuse a person a glass of water.

Any misdemeanor committed while wearing a red mask is considered a felony. (back to the Wild West days)

In Glendale cars may not be driven in reverse.

In Maricopa County no more than six girls may live in any house.

When you are attacked by a burglar you may only protect yourself with the same weapon that they possess.

Month Ahead-

Post Toasties

What is it? I call it the meeting after the meeting. Gilbert Toastmasters has a meeting after the regularly scheduled meeting called post-Toasties.

Who can go? EVERYONE is invited!

Why go? Post-Toasties is the place to go for comradery, ideas, suggestions and mentorship. We laugh, we chat, we discuss, we share. Are you stuck for an idea for your next speech? Wondering what you could do to fulfill one of the projects in your Competent Leadership manual? Want to bounce a suggestion or idea off an open audience? Join us at Post-Toasties. Come and go as you want.

Where is it? We go to local places. We have been going to Sonic. Hang around a few minutes after the meeting and you will know who is joining us. The location is subject to change due to weather. COME JOIN US!!!

Prez Sue

Big Thanks to Vince, Dee, Sue, Chenoa, and Andrew, for article ideas and submissions.

UPCOMING CLUB CONTEST in August.

Humorous Speech
Evaluation Speech

Think about participating. Great fun, great practice. Area contest September 1.

SMEDLEY CONTEST:

July 1-August 31: In honor of our originator Mr. Smedley, invite a friend, co-worker, or a person on the street to visit and join our club. We receive honors with new members joining during this time.

OUR NEXT MEETING: July 24, 2011

GUEST SPEAKER:

World champion and competing as District 3 representative in International Speaking Contest: Michael Desiderio

Early-bird Registration for Convention and Hotel

is closed, BUT, you can still register and go even for specific parts like the speech contest.

International Toastmasters Conference in Las Vegas August 17-21. Go to website for more info: www.toastmasters.org

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Congrats Shanda Vandebark
Completion of ADVANCED LEADER BRONZE
July 14, 2011

Enriching EMAILS

We had two Recent visits from our new area Governor Chuck Thompson: He forwarded to us the email that reads:

“Thanks for letting me share your meeting. What a great club! I thoroughly enjoyed myself, got some ideas, and learned something in the process.”

INTERVIEW WITH OUT-GOING PRESIDENT

ANDREW SVORINIC

What did you find most challenging or interesting about your term as President?

The most challenging was to make sure I would just be me. Sometimes when I have been in leadership opportunities in the past I would try too hard to be someone I am not. I needed to remind myself constantly to just be Andrew— the good, the bad, and the ugly. Most interesting was how much I learned from every member in our club. The diversity has given me a chance to broaden my view, to see things from a different angle, and give me a different perspective. This provided great learning opportunities and greater appreciation for others.

Can you point to anything you learned about leadership or communications.

First, how important it is to remember we are a leadership and communication group. The greatest communication is face to face. This also goes with leadership in that we lead not only with words but more importantly with our ears. We have two ears and one mouth, why not take advantage of it.

Second, as anywhere two or more people gather together over a period of time there is possibly conflict. The most important thing is put issues on the table fast, discuss, forgive and move on. This goes back to communication.

Third, bring hope to everyone and encourage all. We all have time, talents and treasures that have been entrusted to each of us. Work together to bring those gifts out to serve others.

Special quotes heard at the meetings:

June 10: Special writings of Vicki Treciak just weeks before her death shared by Dee in her speech about Vicki mentioned “work diligently at doing something good each day, if for no other reason than you need to - and do it for someone who least expects it. It’ll purge the bad feelings you harbor because goodness and anger can’t occupy the same heart at the same time”

Interview cont:

What challenges are ahead for Gilbert Toastmasters?

First, honor the legacy at all times.

Whether toastmaster, or ah counter, or table topics master, give it your all and your best. I didn’t say perfect, just honor all the members of the last thirty years.

Second, expand your horizons and jump with both feet into any and all leadership roles. The world needs servant authentic leaders, why not start here at Gilbert Toastmasters?

Third, get our weekly attendance back to 25-30. A crowded enthusiastic room draws crowds. We are doing well: we can do better.

Fourth, continue to look for ways to improve our meeting place.

Fifth, Be happy, not satisfied. We cannot take the past for granted. We must continue to look for ways to improve and get better.

I believe in Gilbert Toastmasters.

Andrew Svorinic

This newsletter has been engineered by novice, Blair Revak. If you have concerns or corrections contact me.

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AND think of a thought to share, an article to insert, or just something you would like to see [HERE](#). Send it to me. Or give me the thought or idea at a meeting.