



# Speak Up!

Club #499 Area G5 Division Gila—District 3 2011

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## CONGRATS TO OUR CLUB MEMBERS AS THEY BOTH “RUNNER-UP” AT DISTRICTS SEPTEMBER 17 Chenoa Miner - Humorous Speech Jeremy Vandenkark- Evaluator Speech

Hi Team,

The stage was set. The contestants were ready. Jeremy did an excellent job with his evaluation. Then Chenoa had all of us LOL as she shared her speech.

They were each 'Runner Up' to the division contest!  
YAY!!!!

I loved seeing so many of our club members there. I thought it was excellent. I look forward to seeing you next week!

Sue

## Dues are Due October 1

As directed by policy, the Board of Directors periodically reviews membership dues to ensure that the organization can satisfy member needs while continuously enhancing their experience and the services and programs provided. After a review of the organization's five-year financial forecast of activities compared with forecasted revenue, the Board has voted to increase membership dues.

As a result, on October 1, 2011 Toastmasters' annual membership dues will increase from \$54 (U.S. dollars) to \$72 (U.S. dollars), payable in increments of \$36 (U.S. dollars) every six months.

Several factors drive this increase:

- 1) Member needs are greater than ever.
- 2) Since 1995, membership has grown nearly 55%, from 169,330 members in 1995 to 262,000 in 2010. In this same period, annual dues increased only once in 2005 from \$36 (U.S. dollars) to \$54 (U.S. dollars).
- 3) Toastmasters has passed the economy of scale established a decade ago; its support services must expand in order to better serve its ever-expanding member base. **Our Gilbert Dues are now \$69.00 every six months.**

## Joke of the Month

### Month Ahead-

**Up coming themes :** Faith, Project Management and FEARS! Be ready!

And didn't we learn lots about autumn this past week? Now we know why the leaves change colors and autumn is a wonderful time in our life.

Executive committee: 2nd Thursday at 5:15 at Coffee Cove, just before the regular meeting.

All invited to come participate, add thoughts and ideas, and learn about an officer role.

### AND SOME SPEECH THOTS!

The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.

— *George Jessel*

"Public speaking is the art of diluting a two-minute idea with a two-hour vocabulary."

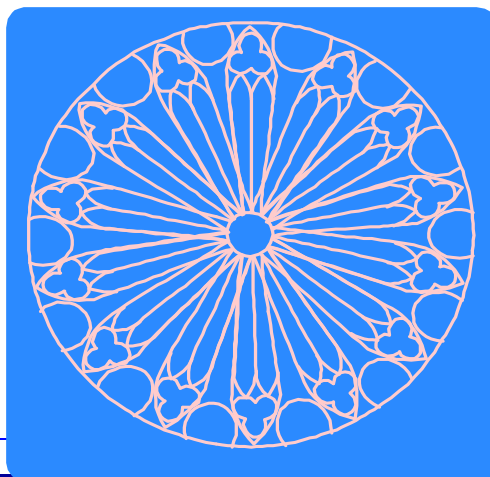
— *Evan Esar*

"It usually takes more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech."

— *Mark Twain*

**On the way back from a Cub Scout meeting, my grandson innocently said to my son, 'Dad, I know babies come from mummies' tummies, but how do they get there in the first place?' After my son hemmed and hawed awhile, my grandson finally spoke up in disgust, 'You don't have to make up something, Dad. It's okay if you don't know the answer.'**

Some people no matter how old they get never lose their beauty, they Merely move it from their faces into their hearts. Martin Buxbaum



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## Toastmasters International enters a new Updated brand

The organization modernizes its look and focus on leadership

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif., Aug. 17, 2011 – For the first time in 70 years, Toastmasters International, the world's largest non-profit organization dedicated to teaching communication and leadership skills, is updating its brand. The organization unveiled its new brand identity at its International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada today. As part of the rebranding effort, the organization has updated its logo, colors, fonts, imagery and messaging to make Toastmasters' identity clearer, increase awareness of its impact around the world and focus more on leadership.

Go to Toastmasters International ([toastmasters.org](http://toastmasters.org)) web site:

Our former member Emi is featured with answers to 10 questions.

[Toastmasters.org](http://Toastmasters.org) also to see the world champion of speaking for Toastmasters.

## Important: from Shanda vpe

Just wanted to give you a heads up about a couple of things...

If you're the scheduled speaker for our meetings, please send me your speech project (manual and which speech). I'm hoping to figure out a way speakers can provide this information to the VPE without calling or emailing multiple times during the week. You can send your speech project information to me at any time... even if you're scheduled 4 weeks in advance. I can easily input the information before the week you speak. If you're procrastinating a bit, please send me your speech project by Wed evening. This gives me enough time to input and send everything to our SAA. If I don't hear from you, unfortunately I can't include your information. ☹

If you're the Toastmaster or General Evaluator, please contact the rest of the functionaries to confirm their participation. If I don't hear from you with any changes, then I will assume the agenda is good to go. Because it's difficult to figure out who is doing what, if you have many changes, please send me an updated list with all your peeps. I can then change the agenda to reflect what you have worked so hard to organize. One of the things I enjoy about the Toastmaster and General Evaluator functions are the lessons learned in organization and communication. It's not just speaking we learn here, folks! ☺

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.