



# TOASTMASTERS

# NEWSLETTER

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## STATISTICS

Distinguished Club Program Goals Already Met  
For The 2011-12 Year: **2** (of 10)

Members who are halfway through the CC  
manual, or better: **5** (of 17)

Members who are on track to get a CL before  
June 30th, 2012: **2** (of 17)

## Ready To Compete?

Our club's International Speech Contest event will be at our next regular meeting time - 6pm on Thursday, February 16th, at the Public Health Building in room 119C. There's still plenty of time to sign up to give a speech - it doesn't have to be a manual speech (unless you want project credit,) and it can be on any subject.

The only requirements for entry are to be a current member of the City of Columbus Toastmasters Club (in good standing,) and to have completed six manual speeches. If you're one or two shy of the goal, you may still be able to get those speeches in, by visiting other clubs. Several clubs in our immediate area have relatively few members, and may be open to a last-minute participant. Contact Liz if you'd like more information on them.

Are you curious about what a Toastmaster's speech competition is like? Don't worry too much - it's an awful lot like a regular meeting. The main difference is that instead of evaluations being given by a single evaluator for each speech, and "Best Speech" awards being

given out on the basis of a vote amongst those in the audience, the speeches are all evaluated by the same set of judges, who collectively determine who has won.

The other important difference is that the winner of the International Speech Contest at the club level will be qualified to compete at the Area level, with members from the other clubs in Area 16: Down on Third, Children's Hospital, Brewery District, Camp Sherman, and City of Columbus. The winner of the Area contest competes against all the other Central Division winners; the Central Division winner competes against all the other District 40 winners, and so on. Every world champion, every year, starts off by competing at the individual club level.

Don't be worried about not being "good enough" or "experienced enough" to compete - if you've got your six speeches in, you're ready. The point is to have fun, to get some valuable experience, and maybe to show off what you've learned so far. Give it a shot! You have nothing to lose but your fear.

## Meeting Report: 2/2/2012

Yesterday's meeting went very well! We had six members in attendance, including brand-new member Aurokiam Anthuvan, who was voted into the club unanimously. We also had several guests, including one who's decided to join the club!

Sarah Parker-Allen and Liz Reed gave speeches: "The Romanovs" (CC6,) and "Valentine's Day Discovery" (Storytelling 4).

The theme of the meeting was "Love is in the Air," and the Toastmaster, Scott Garver, really went all-out to make the theme memorable. He even wore a Valentine's Day tie, and handed out Valentines to everyone who came. He also served as the meeting's TopicsMaster, with a fun Table Topics involving what you'd do with a random amount of money at a random place. Joel Gunn got a dollar to spend at Vegas, while one of our guests got a million dollars to spend on a cruise!

We want to give special attention to our newest member, Aurokiam, who served as Timer at his very first meeting as a member of Toastmasters! He also won the "Best Table Topics" award. Way to go, Aurokiam! Joel also went above and beyond, serving as

General Evaluator, Ah-Counter/Grammarians, and Jokemaster for the meeting. Thanks, Joel!

## Achievements

Sarah has completed project 6 in the CC manual, and Liz has finished 3 projects towards her ACB.

## New Members

Gene Bailey is the winner of the free membership drawing held at our Open House in January! Gene works at the Health Department..

Two other members joined at the Open House: Aurokiam Anthuvan and Max Bauman, who work in the Department of Technology and Department of Public Service, respectively. We'll be profiling these members in future issues.

## Member Profile



Scott Garver is our club's Treasurer. He's the guy you get your

renewal dues to in a timely manner! He's a Management Analyst for the City's Department of Development, and he's a real money guy. He first came to Toastmasters hoping to find some beer—lucky for us he stuck around anyway!

Scott went to Muskingum College, where he majored in Business Management. He loves reality TV, fitness, and OSU sports, and hopes to get his CC done before the end of 2012. He really wants all of the members to become more actively engaged so we can become the club we're destined to be!

## Role Profile - Toastmaster

The Toastmaster of the day is the only member who absolutely must come to the meeting - they're in charge of it!

Serving as the Toastmaster at a meeting fulfills a requirement for CL projects 4, 5, 7, 8, or 10. Be sure to get a written evaluation to receive credit, and tell Laura Hausman, the VP of Education, when you've completed a project.

## Grammar Tip

"In" Versus "Into"

"In" indicates **where something is** right now. "Into" implies **movement from one place to another** place.

So:

"She screamed at the kids to get into the house before she counted to ten, or they'd spend the rest of the week sitting in their rooms with no TV or internet."

## Speaking Tip

Know your audience! It matters whether you're speaking to a crowd of college students on Spring Break or the Mayor's staff meeting, right? Well, the more subtle differences matter a lot, too. Consider the education level, day to day activities, personal interests, likely individual experiences, and cultural nuances both when deciding on your topic and arranging your presentation. And be sure to look the part, too!

## Word of the Day

### **amorous**

*Adjective: inclined or disposed to love; showing or expressing love; of or pertaining to love; being in love; enamored.*

"Don Juan, Romeo, Mark Antony, and Sir Lancelot were famous for their amorous dispositions."

(This word comes from the same Latin root as the Spanish "amor" and Italian "amore" - think Dean Martin. You pronounce it "am-er-uhs.")

## Vocal Exercise

As a public speaker, your voice is your instrument - and like the violinist or drummer, you must practice with it to achieve the sounds you want to make, when you want to make them. Your

voice is an instrument whose sound can be described in many ways: pitch, tone, volume, speed, and so on.

To improve your vocal control this week, try some **tongue twisters**:

"I saw Susie sitting in a shoe shine shop. Where she sits she shines, and where she shines she sits."

"Denise sees the fleece, Denise sees the fleas. At least Denise could sneeze and feed and freeze the fleas."

"How many cookies could a good cook cook, if a good cook could cook cookies? A good cook could cook as much cookies as a good cook who could cook cookies."

Stay tuned for more ideas next time!

## Hello from Tokyo

One of the many Toastmasters clubs we've been talking with on Twitter this week (see page 4) is from Tokyo, in Japan. They say "hi" to all our members. This club, the Pioneer Toastmasters, is especially interesting: they're a bilingual club. Every meeting starts in one language (either English or Japanese,) and halfway through, they switch to the other language!

If you want to talk with them on Twitter, they're at @PioneerTM.

## Local Club Profile

One of our neighboring clubs is the Gahanna Toastmasters Club (#8226,) which meets at the Good Samaritan Church on McCutcheon Road in Gahanna, not too far from Easton, on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.

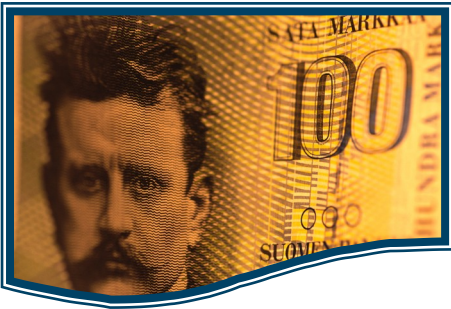
The Gahanna club has a Twitter account where they regularly talk about their upcoming events (@GahannaTM) and they have many helpful and experienced members.

Their Open House was held last Tuesday, and was attended by several members from other clubs (including our own Sarah) and several guests, including a young woman competing to be the next Miss Pennsylvania!

Their members also recently held, in conjunction with the Columbus Toastmasters Club (#959), the "Success/Communication" module "The Art of Effective Evaluation," presented by Gahanna President Anna Crooks (ACS,) featuring speeches and evaluations by several DTMs. It was a great event!

## We're Online!

The City of Columbus Toastmasters Club is all over the internet these days - we have a Twitter feed (@CBusTM), a Facebook page, a LinkedIn group, and an ever-expanding assortment of materials on the club's primary webpage.



## Twitter

Our Twitter account has been especially active, as we've been making friends of clubs and individuals from all over the world. That's not hyperbole - it's the plain truth. We've heard from the United Kingdom, Germany, Hawaii, Mexico, and so many more places - as well as folks a little closer to

home, in Canada, California, Minnesota, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, and our neighbors in Gahanna and Cincinnati. That's Finland's currency over there, in case you're wondering.



## Networking

We'd like to encourage all of our members, as well as guests and anyone else who's interested in our activities, to "like" our Facebook page, follow our Twitter account, and/or join the LinkedIn group. Our new website doesn't have a forum the way the old one did, so online conversation will be happening in those places instead, based on your preferences. One

of the great things about these social media sites is that our noon and evening club members can still interact, even though we don't all get to be in the meetings together.

## New Website

We launched the new website in January, and have been adding new materials to it all month long. If you've ever wondered who all the club members are, if you've ever wanted to find information about how to fill a meeting role, or if you'd like to print out one of our posters or brochures for your local coffeehouse, you can do it there!

Please visit, look over what we've got, and if you have any comments, suggestions, or questions, please contact Sarah at [smparkerallen@gmail.com](mailto:smparkerallen@gmail.com). If you are a member of the club, but can't log in, please let Sarah or Liz know so you can get set up properly!

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Meetings held on the **1st and 3rd Thursdays** of each month:

1st Thursday: Noon, CTDCE (750 Piedmont Road), Room C

3rd Thursday: 6pm, Public Health (240 Parsons Avenue), Room 119C

Visitors are **ALWAYS** welcome - you don't need to have a speech ready or be a member!

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