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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday June 20, 2006**



The Mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which each member has the opportunity to develop and practice communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

Speech Improvement ?

A judge was interviewing a woman regarding her pending divorce, and asked, 'What are the grounds for your divorce?' She replied, 'About four acres and a nice little home in the middle of the property with a stream running by.' 'No,' he said, 'I mean what is the foundation of this case?' 'It is made of concrete, brick and mortar,' she responded. 'I mean,' he continued, 'What are your relations like?' 'I have an aunt and uncle living here in town, and so do my husband's parents.' He said, 'Do you have a real grudge?' 'No,' she replied, 'We have a two-car carport and have never really needed one.' 'Please,' he tried again, 'Is there any infidelity in your marriage?' 'Yes, both my son and daughter have stereo sets. We don't necessarily like the music, but the answer to your questions is yes.' 'Ma'am, does your husband ever beat you up?' 'Yes,' she responded, 'about twice a week he gets up earlier than I do.' Finally, in frustration, the judge asked, 'Lady, why do you want a divorce?' 'Oh, I don't want a divorce,' she replied. 'I've never wanted a divorce. My husband does. He said he can't communicate with me.'

Schedule for the July 4, 2006 meeting

Please note – There is no meeting on July 4, 2006. So have a save holiday, enjoy the long weekend, and don't forget to celebrate the birthday of the United States of America!

Remember: All roles are important! If you can not attend the meeting, then do contact either our VP of Education or the Toastmaster of the meeting.

New Column Coming

To spice up your newsletter and make it even more educational – we will be having a new column. Each issue will contain an article written by one of our officers or members. The topic will be their choice – just as long as it's clean and is meaningful to the readership.

Articles, of about 300 words will be written for each issue and will be found on the right hand column of page two.

The ONLY officer that will be excused from this responsibility is our secretary, Christy Seay, since she will be writing the minutes of the previous meeting. Of course, Christy – you are more than welcome to join in the fun and joy of seeing your thought in print.

Articles will be accepted from any member on any topic. The idea for this is twofold. First, it allows a more diverse display thoughts. Second, it prevents the newsletter editor from getting burnout. So get your thinking caps on and put pen to paper (or keyboard to monitor.)

The June 6, 2006, Meeting

President Teddy Burriss presided over the business session. The Secretary's minutes are not available, so we will just assume that Teddy did his usual great job.

Toastmaster of the meeting Marcia Barney used the theme "Make It Count" to provide some interesting ideas.

Marcia called on our Wordmaster, John Clark, who gave us the word for the evening. It was a good choice since five and one-half members used it.

Timer for the meeting was John (stopwatch) Clark. Vote counter for the meeting was Evander Woo. Grammarian for the meeting was Butch Barney.

Table Topics for the meeting was led by Joel Schanker who continued the theme of the Toastmaster of the Meeting as he called on Evander Woo, Karen Harmon, John Clark and Butch Barney with questions.

Our first prepared speaker was Karen Harmon who spoke on "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" as she gave speech number two from the basic manual.

The second prepared speaker was Debbie Woo, who gave speech number six from the basic manual as she talked about "Summer Safety."

Our General Evaluator was Pam Christopher. In addition to telling us the both the "good" and "room for improvement" areas of the meeting, Pam called on:

- ü Brian Davidson to evaluate Karen Harmon
- ü Barbara Schanker to evaluate Debbie Woo

Pam Christopher next called on our Grammarian of the meeting, Butch Barney. Butch pointed out both the well-turned phrases as well as the flaws of all who spoke. Pam concluded the Evaluation Session by calling on our Wordmaster, John Clark.

Marcia resumed the meeting and did an excellent job of concluding the duties of Toastmaster of the meeting.

Teddy Burriss, as presiding officer, resumed control of the meeting. He announced tonight's winners:

John Clark for best table topics speech
Barbara Schanker for best Evaluator
Debbie Woo for best prepared speaker.

The meeting concluded with the Jokemasters report delivered by Joel Schanker.

HOW TO STOP PEOPLE FROM BUGGING YOU ABOUT GETTING MARRIED:

Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, telling me, "You're next." They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

COMPREHENSION

There are 2 times when a man doesn't understand a woman - before marriage and after marriage.

Happy New Year !

It has been said that we all join Toastmasters for selfish reasons – We want to improve ourselves. While that might be true, there is another benefit. The



Toastmasters year runs from July 1 through June of the following year. This gives each Toastmaster a second opportunity each year to make new years resolutions. If you are short of ideas for mid-year resolutions, then let me make some suggestions.

When we join Toastmasters, we make a promise to follow ten guidelines (For a list of these, see the Early October 2005 issue – otherwise known as Volume 32, Issuer 7.) These guidelines are designed to help each Toastmaster improve and to set an example so each of us are a guide to fellow Toastmasters to help each Toastmaster to improve. Take a look at these and see if you need to make a resolution or two.

SHOPPING MATH

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs. A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need.

GENERAL EQUATIONS & STATISTICS

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband. A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife. A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

HAPPINESS

To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little. To be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all. Married men live longer than single men, but married men are a lot more willing to die.

MEMORY

Any married man should forget his mistakes, there's no use in two people remembering the same thing.

APPEARANCE

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed. Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

PROPENSITY TO CHANGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, and she does.

DISCUSSION TECHNIQUE

A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.