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What's Happening?

June 6th: Club officer meeting beginning at 1pm following the regular club meeting. Outgoing as well as incoming officers should plan to attend.

June 16th: TLI (Toastmaster Leadership Institute) at Tualatin High School. Registration at 8:30 am; sessions from 9 am – noon. All club officers should attend if at all possible. TLI is open to all members at no charge!

June 8th - 9th: Region 1 Conference in Sacramento, CA. See the [Region 1 website](#) for more information.

Next Meeting

Next week will be back in the Tigard Library.

Toastmaster: Holly General Evaluator: Kelly

WO: Daniel QOD: Brandon

Speaker 1: Celia Evaluator 1: Paul B

Speaker 2: Samantha Evaluator 2: Don

Speaker 3: Dora Evaluator 3: Trent

Table Topics: Rachel Timer: Claudia

Grammarians: Cecille Vote Counter: Alan

Please remember to confirm with the TM and/or GE.

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Memorial Day

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Toastmaster Don Bellairs selected the very appropriate theme of Memorial Day, since May 30th is Memorial Day. Don provided interesting and thought provoking information about the history and significance of Memorial Day and recognized the Club members who are veterans, Don and Alan.

Celia presented "delectation" as the word of the day; a word meaning pleasure, delight, enjoyment.

Rachel was the first speaker and presented part of a speech that she will give to new employees at her office next week. The speech was entitled "Credit Unions" and included historical and current information about credit unions. This speech was Speech 8 from the Competent Communicator Manual on using visual aids. Rachel provided several color coded handouts that she referenced during her speech.

Peg was the second speaker with Speech 1 from the Advanced Communicator Manual: Speeches by Management. Peg's speech was "Goals for the New Year" and addressed the reasons for goal setting, the reasons to review goals once set, and a review of the goals our members have identified for the new Toastmaster year (July 1st, 2007 to June 30th, 2008). Peg shared a table which reflected the various goals plus comments shared by Club members. If you have not yet completed a goals statement, please complete the attached form and return it to Peg.

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Paul Bailey was the Table Topic Master and presented language from General Order No. 11 signed by General John Logan in 1868, the step that enacted Memorial Day. Speakers then shared thoughts and stories. From the General Order: "If other eyes grow dull, other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life shall remain in us."

Alan shared a reflection instead of a quote for the day. Alan discussed the relevance of Memorial Day and suggested that Club members consider congressional and other leaders in the future who will help ensure that future war is avoided.



Winners

Once counted, the votes revealed Peg as Speaker, Brett as Evaluator and Brad as Table Topic Speaker.

Brad Joins!

Brad Fitt turned in his application on May 30. A hearty welcome to Brad, who has already demonstrated his talent for Table Topics by winning at least two Best Table Topic Speaker recognitions at different meetings.



Toastmaster Tips

1. *A new schedule:* Meeting schedules are created for 8 week periods. When a new schedule is available, pull out your calendar and note which weeks you are assigned a role, particularly a speaking role. If you are aware of a conflict, identify someone else on the schedule who has the same role, but on a different Wednesday – then call or email that individual and ask if you can switch: "I have a conflict and am not able to be evaluator 1 on XXX; I see you are scheduled to be an evaluator on YYY. Can we switch dates?" Once you have found a replacement, please let the TM and/or GE for both dates know.



2. *Reach out and touch someone - by phone!* As easy as it is to zip off an email, please remember that the telephone is also a great tool when confirming roles, discussing speeches, and connecting with fellow Toastmasters! If someone does not respond to an email – call!

3. *Speech ideas:* Skim through your current manual so that you have an idea of the types of speech projects/assignments that await you. Note any ideas that you may have during the review (one could write an idea on the first page of the speech project). Keep the projects in mind – life presents many Toastmaster moments! You will encounter experiences or have a great thought as you wait for a red light – if you are aware of upcoming speeches and carry a note pad, you can save those great ideas and be well on your way to a speech before you know it!

Special Meeting June 13th!



You will want to make sure that the June 13th meeting is on your calendar! Trent, Brett and John will present a Team Technical Presentation! Trent is working in the Technical Presentations Manual – all three of these talented speakers will present part of the project. This will be a wonderful opportunity to watch a unique presentation from one of the Advanced Manuals presented by three speakers from our club who are all on a fast track of self improvement. We will also utilize a club evaluation led by Peg to give feedback on the presentation during the evaluation portion of the meeting. Don't miss the opportunity to attend, watch and learn!

Resources

Are you looking for an idea for a meeting theme or Table Topics? Try the [District 7 website](#). Once at the site, click on the members area and scroll down the page. You will see a link to a list of interesting and clever ideas.

Another great resource is the [Toastmasters International website](#). If you are seeking specific information, try googling your interest with "Toastmasters." In addition to our own Club and District, there are other great club and district websites

Officer Elections

Officer elections took place during the May 30th, 2007 meeting. The following officers will serve the Club for the next year:

Jeff Schwindt	VP Education
Alan Lertzman	VP Membership
John Goalby	VP Public Relations
Cecille Spivak	Sergeant-at-Arms
Trent Mueller	Treasurer
Peg Woodward	Secretary

Don Bellairs continues as Club President. The term for the Club President is from January to December to stagger this office with the other offices so that the Club does not have a completely new slate of officers at any one time. Our warmest thank you and appreciation to the outgoing officers for their dedicated service:

Rachel Snyder	VP Education
Alan Lertzman	VP Membership
Cecille Spivack	VP Public Relations
Daniel Elzinga	Sergeant-at-Arms
Samantha Shelley	Treasurer
Peg Woodward	Secretary

Words to Remember

Loyalty to a petrified opinion never broke a chain or freed a human soul.

- Mark Twain

Ah, when to the heart of men was it ever less than treason to go with the drift of things?

- Robert Frost

Thanks Peg!

Thank you to Peg for providing the content for this newsletter. If you are interested in helping out send an email to John Goalby: jgoalby@hotmail.com.