



# Talk of the Towers



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*Talk of the Towers meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 270 Park Ave., New York, N.Y*



## President's Message

Since the new year began two months ago for Talk of the Towers, we've accomplished several major goals!

We've held an official mentorship ceremony to ensure that all members have mentors for the year; we've established Master Advisors for the club, debuted our club newsletter and sent members on speaking engagements outside the club.

If you're not aware of it, we're a very popular club! We've hosted more than 15 guests in the past two months and signed up and voted in four new members.

Speaking of our members – *you're on a roll*, as you'll read in the Members' Corner section of the newsletter.

I want to say a special thank you to my fellow officers who have worked very hard this year, and also to the Master Advisors who have been so helpful in "Taking the Club to the Next Level."

Look for Talk of the Towers to really burn with success in the upcoming months. We are well on our way to making the "10 out of 10" goals and achieving "President's Distinguished Club" for the third year in a row!

Sincerely,

Marquesa Pettway  
President - "Taking it to the Next Level"

## Upcoming Dates:

- 9/10** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contest
- 9/12** Teletraining: The Mentoring Program at Talk of the Towers. This hour-long teletraining session will focus on the benefits of having a mentoring program at the club level. It starts at 12 p.m. To sign up, send your name and e-mail address to Denise Williams at [dwilliam@panynj.gov](mailto:dwilliam@panynj.gov). You will be e-mailed an 800 number to dial in to prior to the call.
- 9/17** Speakathon
- 10/1** Backwards meeting



Bob Share being presented the Presidential Citation by Int'l President Alfred Herzing, at the International Convention in San Antonio, August 23.

# Members' Corner

**New Members:** A hearty welcome to **Andrea Hancock, Robert Mizrahi, Pat Moore** and **Chris Bowcutt** – the newest members of Talk of the Towers.

**Icebreakers:** In August, **Andrea Hancock** and **Robert Mizrahi** broke the ice with their first speeches. Congratulations both!



Andrea wows the club during her icebreaker at the 8/20 meeting

A special congratulations to **Bob Share**, who just completed his Competent Leader (CL). Bob may very well be Talk of the Towers' next DTM!

**Ji Qin**, our VPR & webmaster, deserves a round of applause for the development and maintenance of our Talk of the Towers Web site. Since the site went online in October 2001, more than 30 guests have been referred to us by way of it, resulting in 10 new members. Keep up the good work, Ji!

**Zechariah Agyeno** is not only a valued Talk of the Towers member for his past record as VPE and Toastmaster of the Year, but he just took on the task of Area Governor for area 71 in Westchester. Thank you for providing the meeting room as well!

Hats off to **Ginger Cox**, VPM; **Cameron Greene**, VPE; **Ji Qin**, VPR; **Denise Williams**, Secretary; **Zolton Krustra**, Sergeant at Arms; and **Marquesa Pettway**, President; for completing Officers training!

Thank you to **Wen Chang** for "Taking it to the Next Level" with our amazing Mentorship program.

Our best wishes go out to **Jil Mohr**, who will be leaving Talk of the Towers and New York to travel the world with her husband. We will miss you, Jil!



**September Birthdays:** Andrea Hancock, Annmarie Perciballi, Bob Share



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

-The Toastmasters Club mission

Self-improvement is our ultimate reward!

- Talk of the Towers' motto

## A Toastmaster's Promise

- To attend Club meetings regularly;
- To prepare all of my speeches to the best of my ability, basing them on projects in the Communication and Leadership Program manual or the Advanced Communication and Leadership Program manuals;
- To willingly prepare for and fulfill meeting assignments;
- To provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations;
- To help the Club maintain the positive, friendly environment necessary for all members to learn and grow;
- To willingly serve my Club as an officer when called upon to do so;
- To treat my fellow Club members and our guests with respect and courtesy;
- To bring guests to Club meetings so they can see the benefits Toastmasters membership offers;
- To adhere to the guidelines and rules for all Toastmasters educational and recognition programs;
- To maintain honest and highly ethical standards during the conduct of all Toastmasters activities.

## Submissions for the Newsletter:

The Talk of the Towers newsletter is circulated at the first meeting of each month. Please direct items for the newsletter to [cbowcutt@aol.com](mailto:cbowcutt@aol.com).

**Words without thoughts never to heaven go. - Shakespeare**