



Talk of the Towers



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

Message from the Vice President of Education

Reaching That Goal!



You can reach That Goal. What is That Goal? Becoming a CTM, or Competent Toastmaster. You definitely can do it!

Denise Williams is nearly there – her next speech will be her 10th. Lorri Santhay and I are close as well: on our eight & ninth speeches, respectively. By December, we'll have three new

CTMs!

I want to congratulate members Ginger Cox and Zoltan Kustra, both of whom are giving exciting and creative speeches and are on the fast track to becoming CTMs. They're now HTMs (Half Toastmasters) along with Ji Qin, our VP of Public Relations. Keep up the great work!

So, what are the benefits of reaching That Goal? Becoming a CTM will help you:

1. Lose the fear of public speaking
2. Find your speaking style
3. Increase your self-confidence
4. Improve your business & social life
5. Lead the way toward advancement in all areas of your life.

So let's continue on the fast track toward that CTM. Take it to the Next Level and reach That Goal!

Sincerely,

Cameron Greene
Vice President, Education



Bob and Ginger with their awards for Best Humorous Speech (Bob) and Best Table Topics Speaker (Ginger) at the Club level. See them compete in the Area contest October 17!

Upcoming Dates:

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| Oct 17 | Area Contest. Come see Ginger Cox and Bob Share compete in the Table Topics contest and the Humorous Speech contest. Location: AT&T building. Time: 6-9 p.m. |
| Oct 29 | Speak-a-thon |
| Nov 5 | Regular Meeting |
| Nov 12 | New Member Orientation. For all members who've joined since July 2002. |
| Nov 16-17 | District Conference. LaGuardia Marriott |
| Nov 19 | Unique Speak-a-thon |
| Dec 3 | Regular Meeting |
| Dec 7 | Holiday Extravaganza. Location TBD |

Members' Corner

New Members: Let's welcome our new members as of September 2002: **Haibo Wang, Rick Perez and Christopher Williams.**

Icebreakers: In September, **Chris Bowcutt** broke the ice with his first speech.

A big welcome to **Webster Langhorne**, our new Treasurer. Webster joined Talk of the Towers more than a year ago and just returned from his international travels.

Audrey Dagnachew had a baby girl at 9:55 a.m. on September 11. The baby, Alexi Elsabet Dagnachew, came in at 6 lbs, 5 oz and 20 inches. Audrey, baby and family are doing well!

Congratulations to **AnnMarie Perciballi** and Edward McCann, who exchanged vows on Saturday, September 28th, at Saints Phillip & James Parish in St. James, NY. The newlyweds honeymooned in Greece, spending the first few days in Athens and the rest of the time in the islands of Santorini and Mykonos. Welcome back!



Rob Mizrahi speaks of his fascination with helmeted figures during a September meeting.



October Birthdays: Denise Williams



From the Desk of Madame President

Talk of the Towers members: we are successfully taking our club to the Next Level! In three short months, we've recruited seven new members – helping to earn us the Smedley award – and we've achieved a CL, thanks to Master Club Advisor Bob Share. We're so excited about our educational accomplishments that Mr. VPE wrote a special report in this newsletter. I will take a little of his thunder by saying that we have scheduled six ice breaker speeches (and counting) for the end of the year.

We only have a few meetings left before we dive into to the holiday celebrations with our loved ones. I invite all members on our e-mail lists to jump back into the live meetings -- this is the meat of your toastmaster experience! One of the best feelings in the world is watching people reach their goals.

On a personal level, I'd like us to welcome back AnnMarie, now a

married lady; and Audrey, now a mother of a beautiful baby girl. Robert Mizrahi is accomplishing major career goals and we are sad to have to be saying goodbye to Michael Donahue, who received a wonderful job promotion in California. We'll miss you! I'm pleased to announce our new treasurer, Webster Langhorne, just came back from his travels around the world. Thanks for joining the leadership team. And lastly, let's support Bob & Ginger at the Area Contest on the 17th!

Let's have a bonding time at the District Conference, November 16-17th. I consider it 15 toastmasters meeting rolled into one! Let's also prepare for our Holiday Extravaganza and our annual Fetivus! Let's take on presenting speeches, like a family takes on a holiday meal, with a lot of energy!!!

Sincerely,
Marquesa Pettway

Meeting Tips

The more we as a club adhere to the highest standards of speaking success – both as speakers and as audience members, the more we'll take away from each meeting. Given that, let's be aware of certain things we could be doing during each meeting. Some things to keep in mind:

- Never relinquish the podium until the Toastmaster (or the next speaker) arrives and shakes your hand.
- When the Toastmaster introduces a speaker, as an audience member you should applaud and keep your applause going until the speaker settles at the podium. When the speaker has concluded the speech, applaud and continue to applaud until the speaker has returned to his or her chair.
- Keep your eyes on the speaker when he or she is at the podium. This will help you get a better feel for the speaker's body language as well as develop better eye contact skills. Of course, speakers love it when they have everyone's attention too!
- When guests arrive at the club, make an effort to introduce yourself to them and make them feel more comfortable. It's good practice for one member to sit next to a guest and act as a guide throughout the meeting.

Let's work together to make our meeting environment as successful as our speeches!

Submissions for the Newsletter:

The Talk of the Towers newsletter is circulated monthly. Please direct items for the newsletter to cbowcutt@aol.com.

The believer is happy; the doubter is wise. - Hungarian proverb