



# Talk of the Towers



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

## Message from the President



We are on our way to accomplishing "10 out of 10" goals to earn President's Distinguished Club status for the third year in a row! So far we've accomplished five goals and half of another, so success is within sight. This could not be done without outstanding and committed members like you. A special congratulations to Denise Williams, our secretary, for earning her CTM, and we just completed another CL by yours truly.

We're very proud of Bob Share for advancing all the way to the District Level for Humorous Speech – that's an outstanding accomplishment. Ginger also made us proud by advancing to the Division Level – and she's only been a toastmaster for eight months! You should see all the trophies! Our club is rapidly expanding with new members too: 10 new members since July. A special welcome to Winnie Fu, Nelson Yip & Emiko Kimura! Did you see all the icebreakers given last month?

In closing, I thank everyone who attended the District Conference. Not only did you support Bob, but you also contributed to the success of the conference by serving on a committee. I personally enjoyed being a contest chair for Table Topics. I look forward to our "Holiday Extravaganza," which will be held on December 7. It's time we celebrated our success. In the meantime, enjoy the Holiday season with your families!

Let's continue to take it to the Next Level!

Sincerely,

Marquesa Pettway  
President



Marquesa and Ginger formally induct new members (from left, Haibo, Pat, Rick, Emiko and Christopher).

## Upcoming Dates:

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| <b>Dec 7</b>  | Holiday Extravaganza – Location: Park Central NY Hotel.<br>7-10 p.m. |
| <b>Dec 17</b> | Festivus   |
| <b>Jan 7</b>  | Regular Meeting  |
| <b>Jan 21</b> | Regular Meeting  |

# Members' Corner

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**New Members:** Let's welcome our new members as of November 2002: **Nelson Yip, Rick Perez, Winnie Fu, Pat Moore, Emiko Kimura** and **Haibo Wang**

**Icebreakers:** **Webster Langhorne, Haibo Wang, Rick Perez**

**Denise Williams** achieved her CTM, **Zoltan Kustra, Ginger Cox** and **Ji Qin** all received awards for achieving their HTMs. Also, **Marquesa Pettway** achieved her CL. Congratulations all.

**Bob Share** competed in the Humorous Contest November 17 at the LaGuardia Marriott Hotel.

## District Conference Contest LaGuardia Marriott – Nov 16-17

*Bob Share competed in the Humorous Speech contest and Marquesa worked as a Contest Chair. Here are some of their observations from the conference and the roles each played.*



Ulrich (Area Governor) and Marquesa carry in the Talk of the Towers banner at the District Conference.

**Marquesa:** The conference was very informative and it was nice to speak and mingle with other Toastmasters in the area. It felt really great to perform a role at the conference. I received such beautiful feedback from fellow Toastmasters. Also, the workshops were great.

**Bob (on how speeches are judged):** Scoring is on a 100 point scale, broken down as follows: Speech Development (structure, etc., 15%), Effectiveness (excitement created, the "unexpected twist", 15%), Speech Value (originality of ideas, 15%), Audience Response (laughter and interest, 10%), Appearance & Body Language (10%), Voice (10%), Manner (assurance, enthusiasm, 10%), Appropriateness (to audience, reflecting "good taste", 10%), and Correctness (grammar, pronunciation, word selection, 5%).

**Marquesa:** To be a Contest Chair, you only need a spirit to volunteer and the District Governor has to approve. It's a great opportunity and everyone should do it at least once.

**Bob (on his speech):** I'm always nervous before doing a prepared speech, regardless of the size of the group. Toastmasters has made me a lot better at handling the nervousness. I was probably more nervous than usual because this was the first time I was using my new ending in a contest setting.

**Bob:** There were probably about 200 people in the audience, 20 judges, and 10 contestants.

## Officer Spotlight – Q&A with Ginger Cox, VP, Membership



### What is the role of the VPM?

The role of VP Membership is to promote and build membership, welcome guests, sign up members, induct members and work with fellow officers to meet all new members' needs and goals. I can honestly say that I wouldn't be able to achieve any of these responsibilities without the continuous support and guidance of Marquesa Pettway, ("the Prez"), my fellow officers, and past president AnnMarie Perciballi. They have all helped me tremendously.

### What are the greatest rewards of being VPM?

Overall, it is the participation and positive energy of our members that has made my job a joy. Not to mention easy. Guests join because they like the "VIBE" of our club. They appreciate our club's humor, dedication, and commitment to public speaking. We have amazing speakers. It's contagious!

### A number of new members have joined us in recent months. How has that impacted the club?

Our new members bring incredible value to our club meetings, and we're always on the lookout for more people to join and experience what we have to offer. This year our club received the prestigious SMEDLEY Award, for adding five new members during the months of August-September. Another example of what a great club we have! I look forward to our continuing growth!

**You can never solve a problem on the level on which it was created.**  
– Albert Einstein

### Submissions for the Newsletter:

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