



Welcome to

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THE MISSION OF THE CLUB

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

On a personal note

February is an exciting time for the Phoenix newsletter! Our newsletter is growing more feathers this month with a special message from our President Pam Kubis and a list of upcoming events including a "Tying the Knot" section. As each issue is published, look for more features in response to your ideas.

We, the members, have created at our club a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which **you** have the opportunity to develop a specific area, or areas, in your life. A newsletter is a perfect tool for opportunities, as it provides the chance to communicate something special and help others grow. The Webster's College Dictionary defines opportunities as "a good position, chance, or prospect, as for success." Obviously, success comes from taking a position, a chance or recognizing the prospect of a situation. Every day opportunities pass through our lives and it is up to us to grab them and use them to their full potential. So fellow Toastmasters, don't miss this one. This newsletter is yours. Take advantage and spread to your peers your visions, dreams and what matter the most for your heart so we can all together join the circle of life and make a bigger one filled with more opportunities!

Cheers,
Pierre Perron,
V.P. Public Relations

Quotes of the Month

"If you're proactive, you don't have to wait for circumstances or other people to create perspective expanding experiences. You can consciously create your own."

~Stephen R. Covey, Author and Speaker

This quote was sent to me by Fred Berni:

"Our limitations and success will be based, most often, on your own expectations for ourselves. What the mind dwells upon, the body acts upon."

~Denis Waitley

Message from the President

Greetings, Fellow Toastmasters: Welcome to our 2nd issue of the Phoenix Toronto Toastmasters Newsletter! It gives me great pleasure to formally "launch" our newsletter, it has been talked about for many years and has now, finally, come to fruition. Many thanks to our Vice-President, Public Relations, Pierre Perron for his efforts in making this happen.

Since becoming President last July, one of my goals for our club was to support our members in whatever way we could. That included setting up a mentorship program to assist both new and current members reach their educational goals, to include an educational component in the meetings to give our budding toastmasters some worthwhile tips and information, i.e. CL presentations, and to add interest and inspiration to our meetings with the addition of occasional guest speakers. I am pleased to say that we are well on our way to accomplishing these goals and becoming a "Select Distinguished Club". I would personally like to congratulate our members for their dedication towards attaining their goals and also helping one another reach their goals.

If anyone has a suggestion on what further tools or assistance Toronto Phoenix Toastmasters can provide to help its members reach their personal goals, please speak to myself or any one of our executive. We would love to hear your ideas! It is only through your feedback that we can continue to make Toronto Phoenix Toastmasters a "club of choice".

Many thanks.

Pam Kubis
President

Special Events

The Area 9 International Speech and Evaluation Contest is scheduled for March 29, 2004. Leading to that event our Club will hold those contests on March 9, 2004. So far we have three speakers for the speech contest and a target speaker for the Evaluation Contest. Terry Hawn, our V.P. Education, is still looking for contestant evaluators and judges, timers and ballot counters for the event. Following our Club and Area contests is the Division P contest scheduled for Friday, April 2, 2004.

Talking about opportunities. WOW!

Guest Corner

We were honored to have Ross MacKay, DTM as Guest Speaker at our club on Tuesday, February 17th. Ross is the former President of the "Towns of York" Toastmasters Club in Aurora and a three times winner of District 60's International Speech Contest. Ross also won 3rd place in Toastmasters International "World Championship of Public Speaking". As a professional speaker and trainer, Ross has traveled extensively to conduct training programs in "Pump Reliability Engineering", as well as his popular humorous keynote, "Lighten Up and Live Well". He has also served on the National Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers. Ross co-wrote and produced an audio book entitled "Rules are Made to be Broken" and is the author of "Humour is No Laughing Matter". Ross delighted us with an off-the-cuff presentation on the importance of humour in our lives. Ross gives much of the credit for his business success to his Toastmasters training and was certainly an inspiration to all us. We were indeed privileged to hear him speak! Stay tuned; another guest speaker will be appearing March 23rd. Details to follow.....!!!!

Pam Kubis
President

Tying the Knot

Marriage is an important stage in our lives and wedding announcements are cause for celebration! I am please to announce that our Area Governor and Past President, Lara Gunter, and her boyfriend Michael, are tying the knot on May 22nd, 2004. Congratulations to both of you!

Also on the wedding front, former member, Adam Dean got married in Taiwan in 2003 (he is an ESL teacher stationed in Asia) and is having a second ceremony in Toronto July 24th, which is also Pam's wedding anniversary. .

We wish you all many years of happiness, love and prosperity! Congratulations!

Final Note

I would like to thank the following Fellow Toastmasters for their contribution to the February Newsletter issue.

Pam Kubis, for the "Message from the President" and the "Guest Corner".

Fred Berni for one of the "Quotes of the month".

Michelle Warren, for proofreading the Newsletter and adding the Toastmasters logo to the Newsletter.

Pierre Perron,
V.P. Public Relations