

Welcome to the inaugural issue of *Babble Online News*, the weekly e-newsletter for Babble On Toastmasters. *Babble Online News* is designed to keep you informed about Toastmasters activities and events at all levels (Club, Area, Division, District, and International) in **one** weekly e-mail message.

Now, if you miss a meeting, you will still know what your friends at Babble On are doing! This e-newsletter will also be posted on the club website ([http://babble\\_on\\_toastmasters.homestead.com/TMNews.html](http://babble_on_toastmasters.homestead.com/TMNews.html)).

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**ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE**

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2. Current Club Roster with links for e-mail and educational designations
3. District 39 Fall Conference Registration Form (Individuals)

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**1. President's Message ~ Have A Vision**

Greetings Fellow Toastmaster,

Just last night I was sitting in my home having a meeting with my alumni chapter from my college. We are planning a picnic, and the topic of who is going to speak for the committee during the picnic arose. So, I asked, "Hey do you guys know about Toastmasters?" Some in the committee had heard about it, while others had not. But what concerned me the most was the member who said that she had nothing important to say in front of a large group. I was dumbstruck by that statement because I truly feel that we all have something to say. She lacked vision or forethought of the future. We will all have that moment in our lives when we accept the challenge of public speaking, and move people by what we say. So I urge you all to speak, and speak often. Jonathan Swift once said, "Vision is the art of seeing the invisible."

Have A Vision,  
Erick Ibarra, President  
Babble On Toastmasters

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**2. Now & Then ~ Babble On This Week and Next Week**

This week was Babble On's Table Topics contest. We had **six** contestants, who are winners just by participating: Jennifer Ivery Johnson, Thomas Antolin, Kathleen Furey, Lisa Hughes, Martin Tenette, and Craig Moyle. The impromptu question answered by contestants was "I Was Surprised To Learn." Congratulations to Lisa Hughes, who will represent Babble On Toastmasters at the Area 54 Contest on September 12, 2003 (see **Item 4**).

Next week Babble On resumes the more traditional meeting format. Our Toastmaster will be Laurel Rigby, and the theme is "Cartoons. Please review the current schedule (attached or online at [http://babble\\_on\\_toastmasters.homestead.com/TMSchedule.html](http://babble_on_toastmasters.homestead.com/TMSchedule.html)) to see if you have a duty.

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**3. Club Dues ~ Don't Fall Behind**  
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Hello Fellow Babble on Toastmasters,

The past six months have been awesome, and there is even more on the horizon for the next six months. I hope that you have enjoyed your time with the Babble On family and will choose to stay with us by promptly paying your \$24 semi-annual dues to renew your Toastmasters membership.

Please make your check or money order payable to "Babble On Toastmasters." You may either bring your dues to the next meeting, or mail to me at:

Babble On Toastmasters  
c/o Martin Tenette  
P.O. Box 456  
North Highlands, CA 95660

Dues must be received by September 27, 2003. The club must submit dues to World Headquarters by the deadline to remain a club in good standing.

If you have any questions, please e-mail ([imacmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:imacmaster@yahoo.com)) or call (916-730-1956) me.

Thank You,  
Martin Tenette, Treasurer  
Babble On Toastmasters

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**4. The Spirit of Competition ~Fall Speech Contests**  
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The **Area 54** Fall Contest ( ) is **September 12, 2003** from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Sacramento County Admin. Bldg. (700 H Street) in the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room.

Babble On will be represented at the Area 54 Fall Contest by **Craig Moyle** (Humorous Speech) and **Lisa Hughes** (Table Topics). Not only should you come out to support our club members, you can also challenge yourself by **volunteering for a meeting role**. Contact our Area 54 Governor Amy Corneiller ([hulabop@aol.com](mailto:hulabop@aol.com)) to volunteer for a meeting duty.

The winners of the Area Contest advance to the **Division E Contest** that will be held on **October 3, 2003** from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Sacramento County Admin. Bldg. located at 700 H Street in Downtown Sacramento.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend both contests.

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**5. Education and Training Yahoos & Kudos**  
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Speech Marathon: Our club's speech marathon is October 2, 2003. We have five members who have signed up to speak! Don't miss the chance to hear speeches and support your fellow members.

Did You Know?

- \* We have **five** members who have four speeches or less to achieve their Competent Toastmaster (CTM)?
- \* We have **six** members who are already CTMs?
- \* Our membership achievements also include: five Competent Leaders (CL); three Advanced Toastmasters (ATMs), and one Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM).

Coaches' Corner. Coaches, does your member have a meeting duty that they have never done before? Don't forget to provide the ins and outs of the basic meeting duties! New members don't be afraid to ask your coach or other members' questions, Babble On is a constructive learning environment. If you want to coach a new member, contact Joe Samora, VP Education.

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**6. Membership ~ Babble On Continues to Grow**  
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We are just bursting at the seams! As of August 30, 2003, we have 32 members! Our two most recent additions are **Kathleen Furey** and **Michael (Mike) Egan**. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our new members and welcome them to our club.

New Member Bio: **Kathleen Furey** is employed by Everything On-Camera, where she is an educator, trainer, and director. She comes to Babble On to continue developing and improving her speaking and presentation skills. One of Kathleen's goals is to teach others how to celebrate and express their unique, amazing selves. Her personal philosophy is "Magic is Everywhere."

New Member Bio: **Mike Egan** is employed by Roberts & Associates as a political fundraiser. Mike has been thinking about joining Toastmasters for years, and recently a friend encouraged him to take the first step by attending a meeting. He really enjoyed the Babble On meeting, and has joined our club with the goal of becoming more comfortable speaking in front of people and organizing his thoughts.

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**7. Share the Vision ~ Present a Module for Our New Members**  
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Yes, Babble On has many new members. And yes, we like the excitement of helping them reach their goals. What better way to help our new members, while keeping your skills current than, to present a module from **The Successful Club** or **Better Speaker** series. These modules, which can be checked out from the VP Education, are already prepared. You only need to modify them to fit our time schedule (10 to 15 or 20 minutes) and our club/member needs. Consider presenting the module with an overhead projector or PowerPoint presentation! Did I also mention that the presentation counts towards your Competent Leader or ATM-S awards? Visit the District 39 website (<http://www.district39.org/Education/education.htm>) for a listing of the modules in each series. Contact Joe Samora for more information or to schedule a day for your presentation.

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**8. District 39 Fall Conference ~ Bringing Out the Best in People**  
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Mark your calendar for the District's Fall Conference that will feature District awards, Humorous Speech Contest, Table Topics Contest, and educational sessions. The 2003 Fall Conference, whose theme is **Bringing Out the Best in People**, will be held at the Stockton Inn on November 14 – 15, 2003. If you can make in on Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be appetizers and karaoke.

Babble On has voted to pay the club registration fee that allows our members to attend the educational sessions at no additional cost. However, to attend the breakfast, luncheon, dinner, and contests you must register yourself. A discount is given for registering before **October 25, 2003**. The registration form for Individuals is attached to this message; hard copies will be available at the next club meeting. The form can also be downloaded from the District website ([http://www.district39.org/Fall\\_Conf/2003\\_fall\\_conf\\_indiv\\_reg.pdf](http://www.district39.org/Fall_Conf/2003_fall_conf_indiv_reg.pdf)). Conference updates will be provided here in the *Babble Online News* and on the District website ([http://www.district39.org/Fall\\_Conf/fall\\_conf.htm](http://www.district39.org/Fall_Conf/fall_conf.htm)).

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**9. 2004 International Conference ~ Just Up the Hill in Reno**  
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That's right District 39 is hosting the **2004 Toastmasters International Conference** August 17- 21, 2004! The International Conference location changes annually and this is the first time it's been this close in 10 years....just 2 hours away. Mark your calendar and plan ahead to attend this great conference and the educational opportunities. District 39 will need many volunteers to make the conference a success, so consider volunteering...you can meet even more people this way! Check out the District website ([http://www.district39.org/Special\\_Events/special\\_events.html](http://www.district39.org/Special_Events/special_events.html)), information is near the bottom of the webpage).

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**10. Submitting Announcements & Providing Feedback/Ideas**  
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Please submit announcements to Lisa Hughes ([babble\\_on\\_toastmasters@yahoo.com](mailto:babble_on_toastmasters@yahoo.com)) by **noon** each Wednesday.

Feedback on format, content, etc. of this e-newsletter are appreciated and welcomed.

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## 11. Unsubscribe & E-mail Changes

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Maybe your inbox is too full and you would prefer to view the *Babble Online News* by downloading from the club website ([http://babble\\_on\\_toastmasters.homestead.com/TMNews.html](http://babble_on_toastmasters.homestead.com/TMNews.html)). To unsubscribe, send a message to Lisa Hughes at [babble\\_on\\_toastmasters@yahoo.com](mailto:babble_on_toastmasters@yahoo.com), please put UNSUBSCRIBE in the subject line.

To change your e-mail address, send a message to Lisa Hughes at [babble\\_on\\_toastmasters@yahoo.com](mailto:babble_on_toastmasters@yahoo.com); please put CHANGE OF ADDRESS the subject line.

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## 12. Credits

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