

Welcome to *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).

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1. Now & Then ~ Babble On This Week and Next Week

This week's Toastmaster was past President Laurel Rigby, and the meeting theme was "Cartoons." Those who attended got to know one of our newest members, Kathleen Furey, when she gave an energetic Ice Breaker speech. Richard Parsons then treated us to the last speech needed for his ATM-B. Adopting a persona he created, Richard gave a politically themed humorous presentation. Kudos to both Kathleen and Richard for their achievements and for keeping us so entertained!

Martin Tenette is next week's Toastmaster, and our theme is "Fall Colors." Please review the current schedule (attached or online at http://babble_on_toastmasters.homestead.com/TMSchedule.html) to see if you have a duty.

2. Club Dues ~ Don't Fall Behind

Greetings Fellow Babble On Toastmasters:

Fall is around the corner and that means it is time to renew your Toastmasters membership! I must receive your renewal by September 25th in order to submit the club renewal to Headquarters by their deadline.

The semi-annual renewal is \$24.00 and checks/money orders should be made payable to "Babble On Toastmasters". Getting your renewal to me is as easy as 1-2-3!

- 1) Just bring your renewal to me at the club meetings on September 11th, 18th, or 25th.
- 2) Bring your renewal to me at the Area 54 Contest (Sept 12th).
- 3) Mail your renewal to me (post in time for delivery by 9/25) at:

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Maybe you're wondering why we pay dues. \$18 of your dues goes to Toastmasters International and contributes to the cost of the TM Magazine and other operations. The \$6 you pay to Babble On helps defray the cost of ribbons, club registrations, and the club website. All that for just \$24 every six months!

If you have any questions, please e-mail (imacmaster@yahoo.com) or call (916-730-1956) me. I sincerely hope everyone chooses to renew your membership. You are all what makes this club so dynamic and enjoyable.

Thank You,

Martin Tenette, Treasurer
Babble On Toastmasters

3. The Spirit of Competition ~Fall Speech Contests

The **Area 54** Fall Contest () is tonight, **September 12, 2003**, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Sacramento County Admin., Bldg., (700 H Street) in the 6th 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) to volunteer.

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.

We hope that you will plan to attend both contests.

4. Resources For You on the Club's Website!

Looking for a clean joke? Need a "Thought for the Day?" Maybe you need a form for your speaker's introduction, meeting agenda, Grammarian, or General Evaluator. You can find ALL of these forms, or links to jokes and thoughts on the Babble On Club website! You can even find a New Member application.

The Member Resources and Forms page has been updated. Some forms that need no modification by the person with the duty are now in adobe (.pdf) format. Check it out at http://babble_on_toastmasters.homestead.com/MemberResources.html.

Don't forget that the club has a site on SacBee's Our Town club community at http://ourtown.sacbee.com/main.wsi?group_id=674.

Lisa Hughes, Webmaster

5. Education and Training Yahoos & Kudos

Coaches' Corner. Coaches, is your member close to completing their CTM? If so, encourage and support the completion of this first Toastmaster level. If your member is not on track, find out how you may be able to help. Also, encourage your member to attend the Fall contests. This is a great way to get the motivation to finish that CTM and to participate in contests this Spring. If you want to be a coach, contact Joe Samora, VP Education.

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.

6. Membership ~ Member Views

Recently we asked some of members to tell us their proudest Toastmaster moment, their Toastmasters goals, and how Toastmasters helped them. Here are a few responses:

*Richard Parsons (CTM) wants to achieve his Advanced Toastmasters (ATM) designation. He has less than five speeches to go to reach his goal. Richard views Toastmasters as “an actor’s workshop” and he enjoys the enthusiasm of our club.

Rachel Orlins Bergman (CTM, CL) proudest Toastmasters moment was competing in the Area 55 Toastmasters Evaluation Contest last Spring. Rachel reports that she was “even prouder of fellow club member and contestant Erik Ibarra in the International Speech contest.” Rachel is looking forward to getting back into the habit of speaking, and recently took a vacation that will provide material for her future speeches.

Don Howe (CTM, CL) says that he has “never before been a member of such a vital, growing and positive Toastmasters’ club, until the past few months in Babble On.” Don thinks that it is “this type of growth and limitless potential that makes me excited for the future of our club.” He thinks our dynamic club should “look forward to helping out at the International Conference in Reno next year, it a great opportunity to demonstrate our club vitality.”

7. Did You Know?

Fun Facts about Toastmasters!

*One of our original members and a past President, Tracy Fletcher Bowman, is now Division E Governor.

*Joe Samora (DTM) is Area 62 Governor, club mentor/coach to Coyote Communicators (Area 62), and will assist with new club in Natomas.

*Richard Parsons is also Club President of ADP Toastmasters.

*Kathleen Furey, a member of Member: Screen Actors Guild (SAG) and American Federation of Television & Radio Artists (AFTRA), has appeared done several commercials (on camera and voice-overs).

*Rachael (Montoya) Hubbard delivered baby Jasmin on August 9th. Rachael says it was “such an awesome experience”, and reports that her little bundle of joy is just beautiful. You can see baby Jasmin her on her webpage at www.geocities.com/jasminhubbard.

*Club photos are on the club website at the bottom of the main page (http://babble_on_toastmasters.homestead.com/index.html).

** Do you have an occasion or incident where Toastmasters training helped you? If so, we’d like to share it here. Please submit your personal experience to Lisa Hughes, Online News Editor, at babble_on_toastmasters@yahoo.com.

8. District 39 Fall Conference ~ Bringing Out the Best in People

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 will be at the Stockton Inn on November 14 – 15, 2003. If you can make in on Friday November 13th, there will be appetizers and karaoke. Updates will be provided here in the *Babble Online News* and on the District website (http://www.district39.org/Fall_Conf/fall_conf.htm)

9. 2004 International Conference ~ Just Up The Hill in Reno

That’s right the 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, bottom of the page).

10. Announcements & Feedback

Please submit announcements to Lisa Hughes
(babble_on_toastmasters@yahoo.com) by noon each Wednesday.

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

11. Unsubscribe & E-mail Changes

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). To unsubscribe, send a message to Lisa Hughes at babble_on_toastmasters@yahoo.com, please put UNSUBSCRIBE in the subject line. I hope you will consider downloading the newsletter on our

To change your e-mail address, send a message to Lisa Hughes at babble_on_toastmasters@yahoo.com; please put CHANGE OF ADDRESS the subject line.

12. Credits

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