

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

We had a packed house at Babble On this week, led by the always entertaining Martin Tenette serving as the Toastmaster for the meeting themed "Fall Colors." Joe Samora, DTM started the meeting with a thought on the importance of sending Thank You notes followed by a joke from Craig Moyle (club Humorous Speech winner). Craig also was our Grammarian (word of the day was Autumn); while Thomas served as Timer and Deborah Hatchett was the Table Topics vote counter.

We had two guests (Stacy & Dan) at this week's meeting that featured new member Mike Egan giving his Icebreaker followed by the effervescent Rachel Bergman (CTM, CL) who gave an advanced speech entitled "Go with the Flow." Our speakers received feedback from evaluators Elaine Lewis and Erick Ibarra.

Past President Laurel Rigby was the Table Topics Master. Speakers included Cherney Jackson, Kathleen Furey, and Don Howe (CTM, CL). Cherney Jackson, who was voted Better Table Topics speaker for the meeting, was the meeting's General Evaluator.

What a dynamic meeting...you won't want to miss this week's! Cherney Jackson is this week's Toastmaster, and our theme is "TV Series." Please review the current schedule (http://babble_on_toastmasters.homestead.com/TMSchedule.html) to see if you have a duty and confirm with the Toastmaster as soon as possible.

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 (THIS WEEK) 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 THIS WEEK'S club meeting on September 25th.
- 2) Send your renewal THIS WEEK'S meeting with a fellow member.
- 3) Mail your renewal to me (post in time for delivery by 9/25) at:
Babble On Toastmasters
c/o Martin Tenette
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North Highlands, CA 95660

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 was held on **September 12, 2003**. Babble On was represented by **Craig Moyle** (Humorous Speech) and **Lisa Hughes** (2nd Place Table Topics). 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.

Division E Governor & Babble On member, Tracy Fletcher Bowman, can use some volunteers for the contest. Let's show how dynamic our club is by performing some of the contest duties! Contact Tracy at (916) 786-3739 or by e-mail at tracy.fletcherbowman@doj.ca.gov.

4. Education and Training Yahoos & Kudos

Coaches' Corner: Coaches, the new members below have duties for the September 25th meeting. Please contact your member and make sure they understand the duty.

Kathleen (Joe), Pledge & Thought.
Mike (Erick), Jokemaster
Jennifer (Don), Timer
Elaine (Joe), Grammarian

New Member Manuals: TM International HQ is still transitioning to their upgraded computer system. Consequently, many applications and educational achievements are taking 2 to 3 weeks longer to process. Please be patient.

October Schedule: Please contact Joe Samora (tm39samora@aol.com) with your October conflicts for scheduling. Take a look at your CTM or ATM manual and see what speech you can do in October!

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.

Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI): The district's monthly educational workshops at TLI are a benefit of your membership. Designed for the new and long-term Toastmaster, TLI offers a variety of subjects and the opportunity to meet other Toastmasters. The next session is October 18, 2003. Check the District website (<http://www.district39.org/Education/education.htm>) for a schedule of classes.

5. Membership ~ Member Views

Recently we asked some of members to tell us their proudest Toastmaster moment, their Toastmasters goals, or how Toastmasters helped them. Check out the following true story illustrating how Toastmasters training can help.

Last month I was giving an award as a trustee at my local theater; I got there early enough to make sure I knew the correct pronunciation of each of the nominees (a practice that the other trustees speaking quickly adopted). I also tucked away a bottle of water for that pre-speech dryness. I then knocked them dead with such an upbeat, comfortable presentation that actors and board members alike kept telling me "You ought to audition; you look really at ease up there!" Thanks, Toasties - there wasn't a single nervous moment. Keep at those Table Topics, ladies and gents, they're worth a million!

Rachel Orlins Bergman, CTM, CL

If you have a moment, goal, or achievement to share, please e-mail Lisa Hughes at babble_on_toastmasters@yahoo.com.

6. Did You Know?

Fun Facts about Toastmasters!

- *District 39 is celebrating its 50th Anniversary
- *You can find forms for meetings and speaker bio/intro forms on the club website
- *Almost any event in your day can be a speech topic...challenge yourself
- *You can find links to jokes & quotes/thoughts on the club website
- *New member Mike Egan is a cyclist, therefore, he shaves his legs (see what you learn from Icebreaker Speeches)
- *You must pay your dues, to the club Treasurer, THIS WEEK
- *District 39 is home to more than 145 clubs

7. 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 it on Friday November 13th, there will be appetizers and karaoke.

Babble On has paid the club fee for members to attend the educational sessions at no additional charge. But to enjoy the Keynote Breakfast speaker, Lunch, Dinner, and/or contests (Humorous Speech and Table Topics) you must register as an INDIVIDUAL.

Early-Bird (discounted) registration deadline for INDIVIDUALS is October 25, 2003. The registration form is available on the District Website. Updates will be provided here in the *Babble Online News* and on the District website (http://www.district39.org/Fall_Conf/fall_conf.htm)

8. 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).

9. 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.

10. Unsubscribe & Email 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

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11. Credits

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