

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

STANDING ROOM ONLY! Our dynamic club meeting was once again packed with an enthusiastic crowd. Babble On added a new member, Stacy Gillespie, and welcomed back a returning member, Ria Bitoy.

This week's meeting featured the new member induction ceremony for Mike Egan and Stacy Gillespie. Stacy stepped up to the lectern and gave an entertaining "icebreaker" speech where she compared herself to being a garden while her twin sister and mother were flowers. In other words, she felt she was a shy person but her sister and mother like attention and dressed in bright colors. We also learned that Stacy attended McGeorge Law School and now works for a company involved with litigation. Martin Tenette presented C&L Manual Speech No. 9, the objective being persuasive speaking. Martin shared how Toastmasters has changed his life; the title of his speech was "Challenge Yourself." New member Jennifer Ivery Johnson was our timer, performing the duty adroitly.

We had some very insightful evaluations also! Rachel Orlins Bergman evaluated Stacy's speech, remarking on how well she presented her first speech without notes. Joe evaluated Martin's speech, attributing Martin's significant improvement to his willingness to take risks, challenge himself, actively participating. Amir Rahbari, the General Evaluator, gave an earnest and thorough evaluation of the meeting.

We had two guests, Brad and Armando, at this week's meeting. Armando found it enlightening to see the induction of new members, then hear a beginning Toastmaster give her first speech, followed by the last manual speech for an experienced Toastmaster. Brad agreed that he could see that belonging to a supportive club would help members grow.

What a dynamic meeting...you won't want to miss this week's **Speech Marathon!** Richard Parsons is the Toastmaster for the marathon. **It's not too late to be a speaker or an evaluator**, contact Joe Samora (tm39samora@aol.com) as soon as possible for more information. As an added bonus, Kathleen Furey will be taping the meeting, giving our speakers a chance to evaluate themselves.

2. Club Dues Recap

Greetings Fellow Babble On Toastmasters:

Thank you to everyone for promptly paying your Toastmasters membership renewal. Because of your cooperation, I can remit our club dues to TM International on time. Timely payment of our dues is an important piece of the Distinguished Club Program...and our members made that happen. You are all what makes this club so dynamic and enjoyable.

Thank You Again,
Martin Tenette, Treasurer
Babble On Toastmasters

3. The Spirit of Competition ~Fall Speech Contests

The Fall Contests continue with the **Division E Contest** next week, **October 3, 2003**. The contest is 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

Kudos: Wednesday, Martin Tenette challenged himself by being a guest speaker at Coyote Communicators. At Thursday's meeting he gave a persuasive speech on how Toastmasters changed his life. With these two speeches, Martin has achieved his goal. **HE IS NOW OUR NEWEST CTM**. Congratulations Martin! Many of us have watched Martin become more comfortable speaking. His style and comfort level allow us to see his personality is enthusiastic personality and knack for humor. Give Martin a pat on the back for his accomplishment, and let's encourage him to compete in next year's Humorous Speech contest.

Valinda Debbs earned her Competent Leader award last summer, and recently made it official by filing her paper work. Congratulations Valinda.

Coaches' Corner: Coaches, is your member struggling to give speeches? Maybe you and your member can speak on the same day! Or, maybe they need to find topics to accomplish the projects. Topics come across our paths every day...consider giving them a jump-start by brainstorm topics fulfill the project objectives.

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

While attending various Area contests this Fall, a Toastmaster from another club shared an experience with me.

This Toastmaster has a manager that likes to catch staff off guard with pointed questions on projects or their opinion on ways to achieve the division's objectives. Because of Toastmasters, this person no longer gets physically ill or stammers when the manger does this. He treat it like Table Topics, giving a complete and succinct answer with confidence. This Toastmaster has recently begun taking promotional (oral) exams and feels that Toastmasters training has made them a more confident and articulate candidate.

How has Toastmasters helped you? We want to know! 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!

*Martin Tenette is our newest CTM

*Stacy Gillespie has a twin sister

*We have had five new members join since July 1, 2003

*You can find links to jokes & quotes/thoughts on the club website

*Joe Samora is a past District 39 Governor

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 in on Friday November 14th, 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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