

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](http://babble_on_toastmasters.homestead.com/TMNews.html)).

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**1. Babble On Needs YOU!**

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**Club Basket for the Fall Contest:** A-Tisket, A-Tasket...We Need Your Help with Our Club Basket! Babble On, along with the other District 39 clubs is donating a basket for the raffle at Fall Conference (November 14 – 15, 2003). We need **theme ideas** and donations (including the basket itself plus the cellophane wrap).

Rachel Orkins Bergman has started off the basket with a bottle of wine. What can you give? Club President Erick Ibarra is coordinating the Babble On basket, please contact Erick with theme ideas and donations. Our basket must be complete by November 4, 2003, so contact him today by phone (480-6092) or e-mail ([erick.ibarra@morganstanley.com](mailto:erick.ibarra@morganstanley.com)).

**Club Officers:** Yes! It is time for club officer elections for the term January 1, 2004 – June 30, 2004. Our club's leadership is important to its continued success. Each member should consider stepping up to the lectern to serve a term as an officer. Not only will you gain (or enhance) leadership skills and experience, you are accepting the responsibility for the viability of our club. We Need You!

Maybe you're holding back because you have questions. What are the duties of each office? Will I get officer training and a Manual? Can I assist an officer? Don't let questions hold you back; you can contact the current office holder for first-hand insight. You should also contact nominating chairperson Laurel Rigby at 609-7882 or [lrigby@henwoodenergy.com](mailto:lrigby@henwoodenergy.com), she can answer many questions for you. Elections will be in November, so contact Laurel soon.

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

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This week's Speech Marathon was a rousing success! We had five speakers at different levels of experience that all had a message to share with us.

- \* **Deborah Hatchett** related to us the impact a careless driver has had on her life, and how thankful she is that her precious grandson (through fate) was not with

her to be injured). Even with this serious subject, Deborah injected some humor and even told us matter-of-factly that, immediately after the accident, she looked for the other driver to “kick his butt.” We learned that because this person was thoughtless and careless, her vehicle is totaled and she stills deals with doctors and insurance adjusters. Deborah closed on a positive note acknowledging her good fortune to not have been disabled or worse. She will persevere. This was Deborah’s 4<sup>th</sup> speech.

- \* **Laurel Rigby** presented speech project #6, Work With Words, by relating the “Energy of Money.” Laurel learned of the concept and attended a workshop taught by the author, Maria Nemeth, PhD. Laurel shared the her experience with the concepts from the book and workshop. The essence of her speech, “The Morning Phone Call,” was how she has incorporated the workshop philosophies into her life by speaking each morning with her workshop partner.
- \* **Cherney Jackson** gave us another her dynamic presentations completing C&L project# 8, Add Impact, with just a 50¢ pen. Really, she opened her speech, “Is it 50¢ or You Destiny,” with a Bic Pen. Cherney grabbed our attention with some thought provoking questions about common misuses of the pen (toothpick, hair accessory), then adroitly steered us toward her personal feeling that the pen is mightier than the sword and that she gives it power through journaling. She journals for goals, personal enrichment, and even resources. She emphatically encouraged us all to take pen to paper and chart our own destiny.
- \* **Thomas Antolin** definitely met the objectives of speech project #9, to persuade the audience, with his speech “Not in MY Backyard.” Thomas reminded us of hate crimes committed a few years ago against local synagogues. Thomas not only discovered a close friend was directly impacted when he lost his place of worship, but that the friend was on a hate group “hit list.” Thomas shared his journey of not just being sympathetic, but of getting involved in raising funds to rebuild the Keneset Israel Torah Center. He ended with a call to action to us all to join his efforts and to never look away from hate crimes or they can happen in YOUR backyard.
- \* **Craig Moyle** was our last speaker. Craig inspired us (C&L project# 10) to reexamine how we handle race relations. He had started his presentation with a reminiscence of a kindergarten girlfriend, Charlotte, and slowly made us aware of her race and some of the comments of other children. Craig then nimbly directed us to his real point...Proposition 54 and whether we are really to the point of a color-blind society. Craig challenged us to all stop and examine words we use and even our actions. Craig conveyed his message by ending each idea or line of thought by asking us “what would Charlotte think.” Tying back to that time of childhood when are minds and opinions are still malleable. Craig earned this CTM with this speech.

Our speech marathon was taped by Kathleen Furey. We hope to show the tape at a meeting this month. You won’t want to miss it.

Join us next week when for Toastmaster Don Howe and a meeting theme of **Reality Shows**.

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**3. Education and Training Yahoos & Kudos**  
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**Kudos:** At Thursday’s meeting, Craig Moyle he delivered speech #10 for the C&L Manual. Crag’s speech inspired us to look beyond our own experiences and walk in another’s shoes by embracing diversity and individual differences. With this speech Craig **IS NOW OUR NEWEST CTM**. Congratulations Craig!

**Competent Leader May Be Closer Than You Realize!** Are you currently serving as a club officer? Or, maybe you are close to achieving your CTM. If so, you may have significantly completed or can easily meet the requirements for the **Competent Leader (CL) Award**. To be eligible for this award, you must have:

- \* Achieved Competent Toastmaster award

- \* Served at least six months (June 1 through December 31 or January 1 through June 30) as a Club officer (President, VP Education, VP Membership, VP Public Relations, Secretary, Treasurer, or Sergeant at Arms) and participated in the preparation of a Club Success Plan while serving in this office
- \* While a Club officer, participated in a District-sponsored Club officer training program
- \* Conducted any two programs from The Successful Club Series and/or The Leadership Excellence Series (may not be those completed for any previous award)

So, if you have your CTM consider serving your club as an officer and presenting two modules for Successful Club Series and earning that CL. If you already were/are an officer *and* you attended Officer's training, then you are just **two speeches** away from that CL award. Remember, modules in the Successful Club Series **already come with a prepared script**; see Joe Samora for copies of the prepared modules in the series.

**Coaches' Corner:** Coaches, encourage your members to attend this week's Speech Marathon. It is very motivating, and a good way to see a variety of speaking styles.

**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.

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**4. The Spirit of Competition ~Fall Speech Contests**  
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The Fall Contests continue with the **Division E Contest** tonight, **October 3, 2003**. Our very own Martin Tenette, CTM will be the Toastmaster for the Humorous Speech Contest. Tonight's contest begins 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.

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**5. Your Opinion Please**  
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**Survey:** Please take a moment to answer the questions below about our e-news letter and our club's Speech Marathons. Send replies to [babble\\_on\\_toastmasters@yahoo.com](mailto:babble_on_toastmasters@yahoo.com).

*Babble Online News*

1. Have you been able to easily read the Babble Online News? Or, is it garbled by your mail server?
2. Can you open the Adobe (.pdf) attachments?
3. Do you prefer attachments in Adobe or Word format?
4. What information or feature would you like to see in the Babble Online News?
5. What, if any information, would you prefer *not* be included

*Speech Marathon*

6. In general, do you enjoy the club's Speech Marathons?
7. Would you like to have the Speech Marathon's more regularly? For example, we have a Speech Marathon during a month with five Thursdays.
8. What suggestions do you have for the format of our Speech Marathons?
9. What do you like most about our Speech Marathons?

10. What do you like least about our Speech Marathons?

Thank you again for taking the time to reply to this survey. Please submit your reply to [babble\\_on\\_toastmasters@yahoo.com](mailto:babble_on_toastmasters@yahoo.com) by October 13, 2003.

**Your TM Experience:** 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](mailto:babble_on_toastmasters@yahoo.com).

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## 6. Did You Know?

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### ***Fun Facts about Toastmasters!***

According to TM International, the following "notable" persons are reported to have been Toastmaster members at some point:

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| * Tim Allen             | Actor/TV Star (Home Improvement)                 |
| * William Bennett       | Former Premier of British Columbia, Canada       |
| * James Brady           | Press secretary for U.S. President Ronald Reagan |
| * Nancy Brinker         | Founder, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation |
| * Debbie Fields Rose    | Founder, Mrs. Fields Cookies                     |
| *Walter (Wally) Schirra | Former U.S. astronaut                            |
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## 7. 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 will be at the Stockton Inn on November 14 – 15, 2003. If you can make in on Friday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.district39.org/Fall_Conf/fall_conf.htm))

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## 8. 2004 International Conference ~ Just Up the Hill in Reno

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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](http://www.district39.org/Special_Events/special_events.html), bottom of the page).

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## 9. Announcements & Feedback

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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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## 10. 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,

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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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## **11. Credits**

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Thank you to this issue's contributor, Joe Samora.