Keller Communicators Toastmasters, Club Number 621025

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Our mission is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop and practice communication and leadership skills which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

Treasurer Report

The latest report from Chris Nichols (Treasurer) is that we have a balance of $2051 in our account. The officers are having discussions on how to spend the money for the benefit of the club and members. If you have suggestions please contact Cindy (and she'll bring it before the Executive Council for discussion).

August 16 Meeting Notes

We had decent attendance today - thirteen present, including one guest, Steve Liptak.

The Meeting Theme was Desserts, which were brought by Toni Hendrick (cookies, M&Ms, fruit). Chris Nichols, our meeting Toastmaster, provided information about "desserts".

The word of the day was "**delectable**" (good choice for the theme): An adjective, meaning 1) highly pleasing, delightful, 2) delicious.

We had two speakers:

- Toni Hendrick gave a presentation on effective feedback (there are three types of feedback - whitewash, the overly critical one, and the one in between that provides positive reinforcement as well as recommendations for improvement).
- Rick Sharon presented reasons for why we should compete in the upcoming contest. As part of his presentation he presented a speech he gave at a District Conference several years ago ("The Handyman's Corner").

We had three table topics provided by Cindy Breaman:

- John Cregger was asked if he felt desserts were overused as rewards to children. Though he has been guilty of giving his children desserts as reward he believes that desserts are overused.
- David Watkins shared a story of a dessert disaster (key lime pie in the summer - or was it key lime soup). He also share a meal disaster that someone else had many years ago.
- Jim Jameson was asked if desserts should have warning labels or be taxed since there is so much "Obesity" in our country. He said no, there are too many taxes already.

Member News and Profile

Diana Patton has lived in North Richland Hills for 15 years (originally from Springfield, Missouri, she moved to Texas from the Kansas City (Kansas) area). She has two daughters - Amy and Aryn, and a husband (Bob). She recently retired from the BNSF Railway so she can spend more time in Toastmasters. She loves movies and TV dramas and loves to travel.

She joined Toastmasters about 3+ years ago after a department exercise in preparing presentations. Someone invited her team to visit a Toastmasters meeting and she joined. Her main focus in Toastmasters is to improve her leadership skills (she is the District 25 Fall Conference chair and is also the Division A Governor).

Club/Area/District News

Diana Patton was awarded District 25 Outstanding Area Governor of the 2006-2007 Year. Way to go, Diana.

The club received a number of awards/ribbons at the recent District 25 Awards Banquet. More about that in the next newsletter (there were too many to record).

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August 16 Winners

Speaker	**Rick Sharon**
Table Topics	**Jim Jameson**
Evaluator	**David Watkins**
Word of the Day User	**David Watkins (3 times)**

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Mary Giordano volunteered to step in as Club Secretary (Leone Lewis has been given increased responsibilities at work and could not compete her term). The club elected her as the new Secretary.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase stopwatches for those members who renew their dues for the next dues cycle.

Don't forget about the upcoming Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests. All members who are not district officers are eligible to compete in each contest. The club contest will be on September 20. Please contact Toni Hendrick if you wish to compete.

The Area 15 contest is on October 4th. The Division A contest is on November 3rd and the District Conference will be held on November 30 and December 1.

Stay Connected

All Toastmasters receive the monthly Toastmaster magazine called "The Toastmaster" (clever huh!?!). This magazine is sent to each member from Toastmasters International. If you are not receiving your magazine it may be because your mailing info has changed. If your address, phone numbers or e-mail ID has changed recently I encourage you to update your info with Toastmaster International. You can do this on-line via their website: www.toastmasters.org. From the home page select Info for Members (along the top), then select Name and Address Changes. You will need your member ID which is on your magazine label above your name; if you don't have any old magazines you can contact me for your member ID number. Our club number is 621025.

If you are uncertain about what they currently have on file for you just give them a call at 949-858-8255. A staff of friendly, knowledgeable people is at the office in Mission Viejo, California, just waiting to help you. Keeping your personal information current with Toastmasters International will ensure that you receive all publications, notices and award certificates in a timely fashion.

~Cindy Breaman, President
Keller Communicators

Next Week's Major Players

Toastmaster Bill Milligan

Table Topics Diana Patton

Speaker #1 Scott Lewis

Speaker #2 Jim Jameson

Parliamentary Procedure

Last week you read about the basics of Parliamentary Procedure. In this issue we will learn about a motion.

A motion is a call for some form of action for the club to take. For example, someone may want the club to reimburse them for cleaning the club banner. The steps for presenting a motion and resolving it are as follows:

- A voting member in good standing must gain the attention of the Presiding Officer (during the business portion of the meeting) and be "recognized."
- The member will state his/her motion. It should be clearly stated in an unambiguous manner so there is no confusion on what is being asked - "The club is to reimburse Bubba $45 for cleaning the banner."
- Another voting member must second the motion (does not require being recognized by the Presiding Officer). This person does not have to support the motion, just agree that it needs to be discussed by the club.
- The Presiding Officer will state the motion (to be sure he/she heard it correctly) and will then bring it before the members in attendance. Discussion can begin.
- The person who made the motion has the right to speak first. Once this person has finished the floor is open to any other voting member.
- The Presiding Officer is to remain neutral and not enter into discussion (or hand control of the meeting to someone who is neutral until the motion has been voted on). The Presiding Officer will try to encourage balanced discussion - asking for comments from those in favor and those against.
- Before someone can speak a second time during the discussion all of those who have not spoken are given a chance to speak.
- Once the discussion has been completed (or no new information is being provided) a vote can be taken. The Presiding Officer will repeat the motion and ask for those in favor to vote. The Presiding Officer will ask for those against to vote as well.
- The Presiding Officer will announce the results of the vote and how the motion will be affected (passed or rejected). The majority will rule on the motion.
- If there is not enough information for the members to decide how to vote the motion could be tabled (for a future newsletter).

Next week - What the heck is an amendment??

Web Sites of Interest

Keller Communicators web site:
http://keller.freetoasthost.org/
District 25 web site:
http://www.d25toastmasters.org
Toastmasters International web site:
http://www.toastmasters.org