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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.

October 11 Meeting Notes

We had great attendance today - seventeen present. The Meeting Theme was "Books and Authors." Hosted by Deb Liptak, who is a librarian by day and crime fighter by night, the meeting started with some interesting ties between the role holders and "books" (the past couple of Toastmasters have been setting a pretty high standard with their "theme opening remarks.").

The word of the day was provided by stand-in word master Amy Morenz. It was: incorrigible. It is an adjective:

- not reformable: depraved; delinquent
- Not manageable : unruly
- Unalterable, invertebrate

We only had one speaker, but it was an ICE-BREAKER. Steve Liptak was presented his first Keller Communicators' speech. He gave us a brief history of his involvement in Aviation as a pilot in both the military and in the private sector (American Airlines). He then wrapped up by describing why he joined Toastmasters. We're glad he did (though, this is the first time that part of the Toastmaster's Introduction included a kiss!! Before you are too shocked, see who the Toastmaster was).

We had six table topics provided by Phil Hamill. He selected the topics based upon a list of interview questions used by MicroSoft:

- Why do you think man hole covers are round. David Watkins provide a few possible reasons (easier to role, won't fall in the hole...).
- Toni Hendrick had to answer, "If you were going to receive an award in 5 years, what would it be and for what audience?" It would be for being the **Most Enthusiastic**. For any lucky group....
- Jon Atwood got to explain the internet to his grandparents. He would mention getting pictures of grandchildren and the JC Penny Catalog to

help explain how to use it.

- John Cregger was ask which of the 50 states would he remove and why? He said Mississippi (and not because it is hard to spell).
- Ted Martin was asked to design a coffee maker for an astronaut in space. Of course the maker would have to be completely encapsulated so water wouldn't escape. Though the best thing to do would be to use instant coffee..
- Mary Giordano had to describe how she thought M&Ms are made. She doesn't really like chocolate and would prefer fresh fruit straight from the source [however, M&Ms are made by rolling the chocolate cores in special containers of the candy coating. As they roll in the candy the coating sticks to the chocolate core. Once they are finish, little elves polish the candies and hand paint the M&M on the front].

Member News and Profile

If you haven't heard, Keller Communicators swept the Area Contest. See next section.

Club/Area/District News

Amy Morenz and Jon Atwood were officially inducted as members into the club. "Officially Welcome" to the club Amy and Jon.

Some Area Contest Highlights!!!! Rick Sharon won both the Humorous Speech Contest and Evaluation Contest at the Area 15 event. He will compete at the Division Contest on November 3rd.

Winners

Speaker Steve Liptak

Table Topics David Watkins

Evaluator Randy Potts

Word of the Day User No clear winner



Keller did very well in the area of Outstanding Officers. The club almost swept the awards for the January 1 to July 1 2007 term. The winners were:

Rick Sharon (President), Cindy Breaman (VP Education), Chris Nichols (VP Membership), Randy Potts (Treasurer), David Watkins (Sergeant at Arms). **Way to go Keller!!!!!!**

The Division A contest is on November 3rd at Stacy's Furniture in Grapevine. There will be competitors from all areas within the Division. Should be a fun contest!!

The District Conference will be held on November 30 and December 1.

Keller's Treasurer Report

Chris Nichols released the latest Treasurer's report. The club has just over \$2000 in the account. Please contact an officer if you have suggestions on ways to spend the money (that will benefit the club members AND support the Mission of Toastmasters).

Mission of Toastmasters

Toastmasters International is the leading movement devoted to making effective oral communication a worldwide reality.

Through its member clubs, Toastmasters International helps men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening and thinking - vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership, foster human understanding and contribute to the betterment of mankind.

Next Week's Major Players

Toastmaster Cindy Breaman

Table Topics Amy Morenz

Speaker #1 Scott Lewis

Speaker #2 Brenda Potts

It is basic to this mission that Toastmasters International continually expand its worldwide network of clubs, thereby offering ever-greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from its programs.

A Toastmaster's Promise

As a member of Toastmasters International and my club, I promise ...

- To attend club meetings regularly;
- To prepare all of my speeches to the best of my ability, basing them on projects in the Communication and Leadership Program Manual or the Advanced Communication and Leadership Program manuals;
- To prepare for and fulfill meeting assignments;
- To provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations;
- To help the club maintain the positive, friendly environment necessary for all members to learn and grow;
- To serve my club as an officer when called upon to do so;
- To treat my fellow club members and our guests with respect and courtesy;
- To bring guests to club meetings so they can see the benefits Toastmasters membership offers;
- To adhere to the guidelines and rules for all Toastmasters educational and recognition programs;
- To maintain honest and highly ethical standards during the conduct of all Toastmasters activities.

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>