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Mission of our Toastmasters Club

The mission of our Toastmasters club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

A Christmas Message

By Judy Hunt, CTM, CL

Truly, what is the holiday message? Wishes for joy and peace, health and happiness abound. Children seek lists of worldly goods from Santa. Adults seek to regain the miracle of Christmas past. Is your own happiness a part of your holiday message this year?

It is often said, and in many ways, that life is a journey, not a destination. Along this journey we all seek the ever-allusive 'happiness'. Even happiness has been described many ways. The latest definition I read of happiness was that it is something that can only be obtained by setting and then seeking our goals. Once our goals are met we become bored with life and lose our purpose, and become unhappy again. Of course, our total purpose in life seems to be the pursuit of happiness—ours or someone else's.

We make long lists of things to do before the holidays. These become our goals—our goals that will bring us happiness. But what happens when Christmas is over? Life will go on! May I suggest you set more goals? Make a whole list of goals on which to work. After all, it isn't in the making of the list, but in the achieving of those goals that we will find our happiness.

When you make your list, don't forget to add your Toastmaster goals. Do you want just the basic CTM? Do you want to become an accomplished speaker and leader? Perhaps an ATM-Bronze, silver or gold is best for you. Do you want to be a true leader? If so, you will want to earn either the Competent or Advanced Leader award.

The Toastmaster program works! It can help you achieve your ultimate goal in life. But for it to work, you have to give it a chance. You have to take part. You have to stay with it. You have to reach your goals.

Don't give up on life. Keep making, and achieving, your goals. Toastmasters is a key that can unlock many doors and help you achieve your ULTIMATE goal.

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Were You Listening? Did You See?

- ✎ Who achieved the CTM at the November 10th meeting?
- ✎ Who asked “Who Are You”?
- ✎ How many new members wanted to join our club at the Nov 22nd meeting??
- ✎ What is Jury Nullification?

Member's Forum



“WHO ARE YOU”

By Joanne Shimanek CTM

(Editor’s note: The following is a transcript of a speech given by Joanne.)

When is the first time you were ever asked the question, “Who Are You”? Was it when you were getting ready to apply for a job you wanted and sat down to do a resume? Did it happen when you moved to a new location where people are getting to know you and thereby you got to know yourself better? Maybe the question presented itself when you were working on your Ice Breaker Speech for Toastmasters. At some point we all need to ask ourselves that question. If we don’t know ourselves, how is anyone else expected to get to know us?

Handwriting analysis is a science that reveals a person’s personality. It is like a window into an individual’s personality. Let me give you a mini course on handwriting----the upper case letters, above the line letters, the on-line letters and the below the line letters are divided into three (3) zones. (Joanne showed an enlarged handwriting sample here.) These are the three (3) zones, the upper case zone, the middle case zone and the lower case zone. The upper case zone rules matters of the head. The middle case zone deals with daily life, social relationships, day-to-day behavior and mundane things. The lower case zone is about instincts and physical activity.

There is another school of thought on personalities. That is your birth order in your family. Some people feel that the first-born child will be more domineering, the middle child more easily adjusting and the youngest child spoiled. Some of you might use different words to define the first born, such as leader instead of domineering. And for the spoiled child, some might explain them as “carefree”. (Examples: Guard in prison & inmate) (O.J. Simpson’s trial) are examples of personalities with character absolutely lacking.

What it boils down to though is there is a difference between personality and character. Personality makes a person unique in some way and likeable. Character, however, is a quality that brings respect. Eleanor Roosevelt said, “Character building begins in our infancy, and continues until death.” Character building is a lifelong pursuit of looking for and striving for our full potential.

Is what you see, what you get? What makes you tick and why? Do people have a different opinion of who we are than what we think of ourselves? What are our core values?

I believe if we do things as best we can, according to God’s rules, all things will fall into place. It sounds simplistic, but then wouldn’t it be nice to get back to basics and have life be more simplistic. Take care of the small picture first and the big picture will follow. Periodic self-evaluations are important so things don’t get out of hand.

The sooner we all get it into our heads that we are imperfect beings the better off we all would be. This is not to say that we shouldn't be expected to do our best. When we find out that we are not perfect and no one else is perfect, a God-fearing person is expected to be a forgiving person. That is a big one! It is a sign of maturity when we come to those realizations and are able to accept a person for what they are.

Our own decisions and choices have made us who we are today. What motivates you? What do you think about the most? It is said that whatever that answer is, that is the thing that rules your life. If that is true, would you be proud of the answer?

Life has many distractions. Sometimes it is hard to keep our head above the water. Sometimes we may get ourselves caught up in the whirlpool of public opinion. Again, we need to frequently analyze our actions and motivations and make adjustments occasionally. I believe we need to keep our life balanced between God, family, community, and country. Sometimes we may carry a lighter load and sometimes a heavier load.

How many of us in Toastmasters have led a "charmed life". I doubt anyone would raise their hand to that. How many could say they've never had any problem? Most likely not a person would raise their hand again. We've all had good and bad things happen in our lives, or we wouldn't be human beings. It's how we handle the good and the bad that matters. Do we have Faith? It is my belief that people that have Faith are able to cope with their trials and tribulations in a healthier way. It is during times of crisis when character will hopefully show itself.

In retrospect keeping God's rules, the Golden Rule, Family Rules, all are good rules to follow and the rest will fall into place. Where do we stand in this regard? Who am I, and Who Are You?



MEMBER NEWS!

- q Welcome home Rich Leinonen.
- q Welcome to our newest member Sue Morris.
- q Look for Member Profiles beginning in the January issue of Superior Speakers.
- q District 35 is hosting a Tall Tales Contest. This will be a 3-5 minute speech "of a highly exaggerated nature". Division contests will be held during Officer Training. The District Contest will be held during Spring Conference. Why not you?
- q It is nomination time for District Officers. If you are interested in a District Office or are interested in being an Area Officer, contact Judy Hunt.
- q Have you visited the TI website lately? They have made many improvements. The site is easier to navigate. Information is easier to find, including Distinguished Club Program progress.
- q The Communications and Leadership manual has been revised. It still contains 10 projects, but those projects have been re-named and updated. You can work from either the old manual or the new one, but not both to achieve one CTM. This will impact our newest members most. However, the first project is still the Icebreaker, so there is no reason not to get started right away!

"Keep me away from the wisdom which does not cry,
the philosophy which does not laugh and
the greatness which does not bow before children."



Kahlil Gibran
Lebanese Poet and Novelist

Calendar of Events

December	8	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Ancestor's Room. Toastmaster: Bob We now meet on the first floor in a new room. Ask at the desk for directions.
	22	No meeting will be held due to the Christmas Holiday.
January 2004	3	Holiday Party at Whalstrom's restaurant. Bay de Noc Toastmasters will be joining us. Social at 6:00 PM, Public Buffet at 6:30 PM.
	12	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Ancestor's Room. Toastmaster: Open Meet in new room.
	26	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Peter White Public Library, Community room. Toastmaster: Open
April 30 – May 1		Spring Conference, Waupaca, WI. Make plans now!

Congratulations! to Bob and Joanne Shimanek for achieving their CTMs together, on the same date. We look forward to their next achievement. Will it be a CL or will it be an ATM-Bronze? Bob, our President, and Joanne our Sergeant at Arms, have been married for over 50 years.



"Don't let the fear of the time it will take to accomplish something stand in the way of your doing it. The time will pass anyway; we might just as well put that passing time to the best possible use."

Earl Nightingale

CLUB OFFICERS



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VP Public Relations	Dan Barrington
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Sergeant at Arms	Joanne Shimanek
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Points to Ponder

- Is there another word for synonym?**
- Why do fat chance and slim chance mean the same thing?**
- Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?**
- Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?**
- Why does slow down and slow up mean the same thing?**
- Why doesn't "onomatopoeia" sound like what it is?**
- Why isn't 'palindrome' spelled the same way backwards?**
- Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?**
- Why is it so hard to remember how to spell mnemonic?**
- Why is abbreviation such a long word?**
- Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?**

Answers to Were You Listening, Did You Hear?

- ✎ Bob and Joanne Shimanek both earned their CTM on November 10th.
- ✎ Joanne's speech was "Who Are You"
- ✎ Two persons wanted to join; one application was turned in.
- ✎ Jury nullification refers to a law. Ask Bob for details or look it up on the Internet

When it comes to Christmas, we are all kids at heart. Here are some puzzles to reveal some Christmas chuckles.

Solve these Christmas Riddles using the code below



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Why does Santa Claus have three gardens?

2	13	6	3	2	0	13	7	5	5	2	6	1
+17	+2	+2	+2	+1	+1	+1	+1	+10	+3	+13	+2	+14

What does a cat on a beach have in common with Christmas?

1	0	9	2	12	1	8	0	21	11
+18	+1	+5	+2	+13	+2	+4	+1	+2	+8

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

4	10	0	14	7	1	4	10	0
+2	+8	+15	+5	+13	+1	+5	+10	+5

What does Santa clean his Sleigh with?

1	13	5	4	10	11	1	2	7	18	8	16	3
+2	+2	+8	+1	+10	+4	+5	+1	+8	+3	+10	+3	+2



ANSWERS FOR THE Q AND YOU

All words in the following crossword puzzle begin with the letter Q.
How strong is your vocabulary? How many new words did you learn?

ARE YOU AND THE Q TWO?

Created by Judy Hunt with EclipseCrossword by Green Eclipse Software — www.eclipsecrossword.com

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