



## The RAT Pack

### October / November Newsletter

# speakers

# The Meetings

# When, Where, What, Why, Who



### October 25, 2007 Meeting



**Speaker:** Chris Winter  
**Project:** #5 – Your Body  
**Speaks Title:** “The Swamper”  
Tales of wildland firefighting with Buck, the sawyer.

### November 8, 2007 Meeting

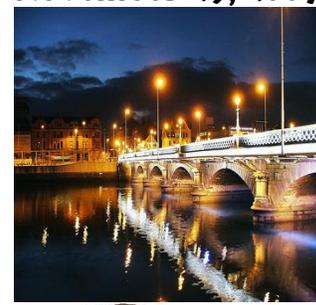


**Speaker:** Tod Sherman  
**Project:** Humorous Speech Contest  
**Title:** “The Sweaty Hair Jungle”  
-- Todd delivered his Humorous Contest Speech, which won the club, area, division and district competitions. Congratulations Todd!!!!



**Speaker:** Erin Withuski **Project #6:** Vocal Variety  
**Title:** “Home Is Where The Heart Is”  
-- Mortgages, Landscaping, Decorating, Furniture, Commute, Moving the Kids, and all things a new home purchase brings. In the end, “home is where the heart is”

### November 29, 2007 Meeting



**Speaker:** Betty Wilcox  
**Project #1:** Ice Breaker  
**Title:** “Water Under the Bridge”  
-- Betty impressed the RAT pack with an excellent Icebreaker speech, recalling her adventures throughout life and the ties to Bridge (card game).



**Speaker:** Will Bursack  
**Project #5:** Your Body Speaks  
**Title:** “Some Old Radios”  
-- Will displayed his vast knowledge of how radios work and how they have changed throughout the years. An old radio was even demoad.



**10/25/07**  
**“Fall Activities”**  
**Toastmaster**  
Erin Withuski

**Word:**  
Obdurate – unmoved by persuasion, pity, or tender feelings; stubborn; unyielding.  
**Table Topics Master:** Jim Studenski;  
Ali wowed the group with her explanation of Fall Activities and took the Dilbert home.



### Upcoming Meetings:

- Thursday December 13, 2007 at Water’s Edge Conference Room 403. White Elephant / Pizza Party. Bring a Gift / Gift Description and a Beverage.  
- Thursday, December 27, 2007 at Water’s Edge Conference Room 403.

### The RAT Pack ENCORE MEMBER PROFILE:

#### Brian Homan

Each month a random RAT Pack member will be selected to provide a member profile. See Brian’s repeat profile below for an example.

**December – Betty Wilcox**

**January – Paul Keck**

Brian has been a Toastmaster for over 13 years, joining the RAT pack as a Charter member in 1994, and is now the last of the Charter members still with the club. Brian is married to wife Teri (for 20 years) and has 3 kids, Brandon 10, Kelsey 14, and Andrea 17. They have lived in Lakeville for the past 8 years. Brian has worked for Mn/Dot in the Bridge Office for over 14 years. He keeps very busy running his 2 youngest children to their activities - Brandon who is active in hockey, and Kelsey in dance. Brian's oldest daughter is now a senior, and active in gymnastics and golf. Brian, in his spare time, enjoys playing with the kids, golfing, poker and painting.

**Announcements:**  
Send in your announcements to be placed in the newsletter.

### What are you THANKFUL for?...

**11/8/07**  
**Toastmaster:**  
Jim Studenski

**Word:**  
Cornucopia - a curved goat's horn overflowing with fruit and ears of grain that is used as a decorative motif emblematic of abundance or an inexhaustible store : **ABUNDANCE**



**Table Topics Master:** Holly Huntwork;  
Pat Moore answered a tough question on whether or not Native Americans celebrate Thanksgiving, but the terror of replacing Turkey with some favorite Scandinavian dishes gave Chris Winter a couple weeks with the Dilbert.



### 11/29/07 UFO's

**Toastmaster:** Judi Holloway  
**Word:**  
Braggadocio – empty boasting or arrogant pretension  
**Table Topics Master:** Paul Keck  
“What are your thoughts on UFO’s?” Ali recalled Mork and Mindy, Pat explained how an airplane could become a UFO, Jim P. thought back to the Twilight Zone, but Brian’s childhood encounter and a NanNoo NanNoo from Mork and Mindy won table topics.

