



Mansion Toastmasters

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Contests Update

– Janice P.

I wanted to provide an update on the results of the Area 52 Evaluation and International Speech Contests held March 11th. The competition was fantastic – it was amazing to hear and see the best speakers of the Area compete to move on to the Division contests on March 27th! A big thank you to all the Mansion members who came out to support Adam M., the past President, and who volunteered for the judge, timer, and counter positions! Your participation is what makes the contest a fair and successful event!

Adam M. presented well on behalf of the Mansion Club by placing Second in the Evaluation and Third in the International Speech contests. On behalf of the club, congratulations to Adam!!!

Did you know that Adam is the only member to have won each of the competitive Mansion Trophies?

The Division L Evaluation & International Speech Contests is scheduled at Burlington Seniors' Centre (2285 New Street) on Friday, March 27, 2009, 7:30 - 9:30 pm.

If you enjoy hearing great speeches and highly proficient evaluators, come out to the Division Contest. It's an opportunity to learn and be inspired!



District 86 Spring 2009 Conference

– by Lee Z.

The first District 86 Spring Conference will take place at the Burlington Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Centre (3066 South Service Road, Burlington) from Friday, April 24 to Sunday, April 26, 2009.

The theme is Shaping Your Destiny - take the opportunities to learn by observing the many wonderful workshop presenters, the excellent speech contestants, the inspiring keynote speakers, and the remarkable District Leaders. By reflecting on your observations and applying the lessons gleaned, you can shape your destiny.

Over 300 enthusiastic Toastmasters are expected to attend the first District 86 Spring Conference. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline for registration is April 20, 2009.

For more information, please visit www.toastmasters86.org and click on Spring Conference.



Event	Location	Date & Time
Mansion Charter Party Gala	Burlington Golf and Country Club	Apr. 03, 2009 at 7:00 pm
Education Session: Creating An Introduction	Paletta Mansion, Cumis Room	Apr. 08, 2009 at 7:30 pm
District 86 Toastmasters Spring Conference	Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel & Conference Centre 3063 South Service Road	Apr. 24-26, 2009
Last Meeting in 2009	Paletta Mansion, Cumis Room	Jun. 10, 2009 at 7:30 pm

“What have I learned at Toastmasters?”

– by *Mario C.*

Since joining Toastmasters last September, I've noticed a remarkable improvement in my life.

Public speaking has always been a constant fear in my life. I'm by no means an expert speaker but I know I'm better than I was.

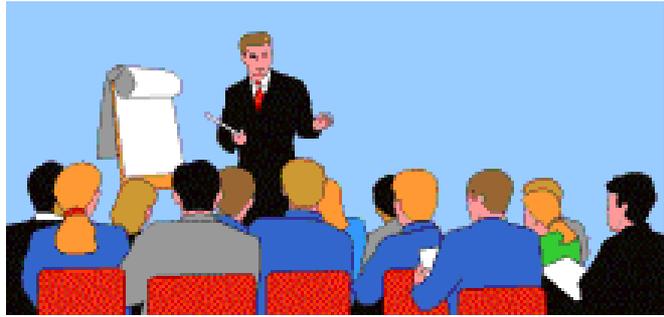
I have gained a lot of confidence and I think it's due to the warm, friendly and nurturing environment that Mansion Toastmasters offers to its members. You never have to do anything that you don't want to do. You go at your own pace and that's what I like about Toastmasters. Everyone is so encouraging.

I noticed at work I contribute more at meetings, proactive, and I'm more confident. I even received a nice bonus at Christmas that was the biggest I ever received and I think Toastmasters played a major role in helping me achieve that.

The membership has already paid for itself many times over and it has given me a sense of self respect, which is the most important thing.

My new motto now is “just do it”. I've learned not to procrastinate, thanks to Toastmasters.

If I've achieved this much in just six months who knows what the future may hold for me.



Education Session: Know Your Audience

– by *Peter V.*

"There are two kinds of speeches - those you want to do and those you have to do. Be ready by doing those you want to do first."

Before you prepare and do a speech, be sure to ask yourself the following questions:

Who will be the audience?

Make sure to know what type of audience you're going to speak to – your Toastmasters club members, or your boss and colleagues, or your customers. Knowing who you're speaking to, you can adjust your message and tonality accordingly.

When and Where the speaking will take place?

Whether you're doing a speech in the early morning or at night, you should always be enthusiastic about your topic. If the venue and location is not somewhere you're familiar with, you should check it out beforehand, if possible.

What's the purpose of your speech?

The purpose of a speech can be entertaining, training, informing, or persuading. What is yours?

What does the audience want to hear?

Put yourself into an audience's shoes, try to think about what your audience would like to hear.

Why will the audience listen?

Your speech better be worth the audience's time. Why will they get up early, or stay up late, or drive three hours to hear your speech? Make sure to give your audience a good experience.

For more information about this topic, please contact Peter V. for his insights.