



President's Message – Greg Middleton

Fellow Toastmasters,

I must say that it is indeed an honor to represent the distinguished group that comprises the Pasadena Community Speaker's Bureau. I must admit that nearly three years ago, I felt rather intimidated by this club and I never imagined I would be in this position as the current President. This illustrates the remarkable opportunity we all have here in the way of personal growth and self-improvements. I literally rave about our club and the Toastmaster organization to anyone who will lend me an ear. My own personal growth is only part of the experience. It gives me a sense of pride to watch new members come into our fold and see them grow. It is somewhat like watching family members mature.

Our club is one of the top clubs in our local area and has been for a long time. I have had the opportunity to visit several other clubs and in my opinion, we are simply the best. Our membership is strong and our individual members are so diverse that anyone who experiences this unique blending cannot help but admire our special fellowship. It is my task to keep us strong and hopefully raise our club to an even higher level,

as it is my wish that future members have the opportunity to enjoy what has benefited us. In our first officer's meeting we proposed creating a special logo for our club along with advertising to show our uniqueness. There are a few loose ends that we can tighten to make this club even better. We are currently in process of welding this ship so it can remain strong for years to come.

I look forward to each of our meetings and hope to do everything in my ability to keep us a distinguished club, one in which we will forever be proud of calling ourselves a member. Just remember, the strength of our club is not based upon any one person but the combination of what each of us brings to this unique blending pot. We are like brothers and sisters of the same family and that is what makes us so strong. I wish all the best to each of you and I look forward to seeing and listening to you on a weekly basis. Best wishes God Bless you all!

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NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – Lindy Liska

Owner of BODY BREAKS Mobile Massage Therapy Service

Creative, adventuresome, nurturing and entrepreneurial are just a few words that describe one of our newest members...Lindy Liska.

Lindy's exciting life has included a 3 month exotic travel expedition through the "Golden Route of Marco Polo" that took her from Greece to Mongolia. Her business afforded her more localized exotic adventures as an on-location caterer for the film industry where she worked with celebrities such as Jack Lemmon and Dudley Moore.

In addition, Lindy has been an image consultant and licensed paramedical aesthetician, helping disfigured clients regain their self-esteem. For fun, Lindy has also danced semi-professionally and has competed in ballroom dance competitions.

We're very lucky to have such a creative and diverse individual as Lindy in our midst. We look forward to getting to know her and hearing about her adventures at future club meetings.

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MEMBERS SPEAK UP & ANSWER THE QUESTION...

What makes a speech memorable to you long after the meeting is over?

The ones that are full of personal examples and stories. Even in an informative speech, I may not remember all the facts but I will surely remember most of the vivid "word pictures" that the speaker used. One I will remember long after the meeting is over is that of Chris Bravata entitled "Falconry". Chris captivated us with detailed information, challenged our thinking, made us laugh, provoked emotion, and shared a personal story that made us feel we were taking part in this event in Scotland.

—AMIT PATEL—

What makes a speech memorable is very personal and most likely related to what touches us, whether it's emotional, educational, spiritually uplifting, moving, stimulating, or otherwise. There are many speeches I remember from our club members, many of which were given long ago. I guess the staying power potential is not in the content, but the way it comes across, i.e. delivery is everything.

—PENNY SPARK—

An idea. Steve's Table Topic on discipline was a great way to look at the world; it made me think. I prefer introspection to a pep talk. With the former, I'm being engaged, with the latter, merely talked to.

—ARTHUR CRITTENDON—

A personal story delivered passionately.

—REVA KUSSMAUL—

Word pictures, gestures, and vocal gymnastics. The best story teller or speaker knows how to incorporate all three of these characteristics such that they leave an almost indelible print on the minds of the listeners.

—ANTONIO GOODWIN—

W A N T E D



I need current photographs of all our members, as good as this one of our illustrious Dr. Eve Cappello. I will be highlighting various members in upcoming newsletters. Please provide a photographic print, or email a scanned image of yourself in either a .tiff, .eps or high-resolution .jpg file to:

alison@kuzmadesign.com

Ask Dr. Eve about her new and exciting book..



For me, there are two things that make a speech memorable. The first is passion. I ask myself if the speaker delivered the speech as if they truly believed in what they were saying or simply said the words without conviction. The second is impact. You can always tell if the speech is having an impact by the audience's response to it in body language, laughter, tears, obvious disagreement, attention and, of course, applause.

—BOB NEARY—

Personal stories from the heart: Bob Neary's praise of his father's collected and stoic behaviour when he almost cut his finger off. Peggy Boultinghouse's story about giving a nun a Mont Blanc pen, and then receiving one herself as a gift.

—HUGH SCHEFFY—

Giving the audience something back, for the time they spent listening. **Example: solutions or something to think about to a be happier, and more successful in our business, personal or spiritual life.** Of course a hilariously funny speech that leaves me naturally high on life. Or in other words not humor at the expense of others.

—JERRY RETTKE—

Positive emotional impact will get me everytime. I'm talkin' about that kind of elocutioner who takes a subject that's near and dear to her heart, pulls out all the stops, winds up, and blasts the audience with an earnestness and passion that would make Al Pacino proud!

—BENSON FREDERICK—

Club 9452 Welcomes Our New Members

Bennie Maupin
Carol Wagner
Karen Wade
Lindy Liska
Arthur Crittendon

We wish you the best of success!

NEED A MENTOR?
Contact our VP-Mentoring
Karl Kasca
to help you find one.

Contestants & Volunteers Needed

Our Club Contest will be held on March 12, 2003

We encourage members to compete. Winners go on to the Area Contest.

Area B has scheduled its
INTERNATIONAL SPEECH AND TABLE TOPICS CONTEST

to be held on
Friday, March 21st at 6:00P.M.

INDY MAC BANK 2nd Floor
155 North Lake Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101
(S.W. Corner of Lake and Walnut)

Ask Bob Neary about details.

GENERAL CLUB INFO

Club 9452 meets every Wednesday at 12 Noon at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church located at 585 E. Colorado Blvd. (corner of Colorado and North Madison Ave.) Pasadena, CA 91101 in Fellowship Hall, Room 136.

Be sure to check out our website:

<http://www.orgsites.com/ca/pasadenatoastmasters/index.html>

To be listed or to update your info go to our SmartGroup Site:

<http://www.smartgroups.com/groups/pasadenatm>

The mission of a 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.

