



Simi Valley Toastmasters #3533

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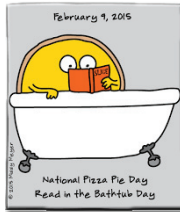
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Mission Statement

Simi Valley Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

Meeting date:
Every Thursday

7:15PM



Theme: "February Holidays" Thursday, February 19, 2015



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<http://simivalleytoastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org/>

This week's meeting was great just like all of our meetings, however, this newsletter is to inform **ALL members** that if you want credit in your **CL manual** for helping the web master out, all you have to do is help out on the Meetup page by responding to guests, greeting them and letting them know that we look forward to them coming to our meeting. I will also give you points for posting on Twitter and/or Facebook!

See below for links to sites if you are interested in receiving credit in Competent Leader Manual!

The word of the day for our Thursday meeting was milieu and on our Toastmasters website, we also have a word of the day page for those working on building their vocabulary or if you are interested in being the Grammarian. Today's word of the day (Saturday) is: "augur": *to predict*

If you are interested in checking to see what the word of the day is each day, then go to:

<http://simivalleytoastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org/wordofday.html>

Those at our meeting this week were:

Joy Gaylord, ATMS, CL, CathyA Haas, Himanshu Kathuria, ACG, ALB, David Lavoie, CC, Alan Mann, DTM, Linda Mann, DTM, Tom Reilly, CTM, Kamalika Roy, CC, Gregory Seymour, DTM and Tracy Spinella

We also had two guests: Janice Stevenson, Jim Gentry

I want to thank everyone for coming to the meeting and helping make it such an awesome meeting and thank you for welcoming the guests.



<http://www.meetup.com/Simi-Valley-Toastmasters/>



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Tom Reilly, CTM was our Trophy Master this week and he presented the ribbons to:

Best Table Topics: Jim Gentry (guest, & First Timer)

Best Evaluator: Tom Reilly, CTM

Best Speaker: CathyA Haas

First Timer: Max Taylor & Janice Stevenson



In photo, from left to right: Max Taylor, Janice Stevenson, CathyA Haas and Tom Reilly

Here is another reminder of our Spring club Tall Tales & International Speech Contests!

March 26, 2015!



I checked the rules on the Tales speech and it must be 3 - 5 minutes.

International Speech - 5 to 7 minutes. Any topic at all, so long as it's original. Can be funny, serious, whatever. It should be the best speech you can give, it must be original and in order to enter the contest, you must have given at least your first 6 Competent Communicator Speeches.



How to use a 'PETER' paragraph

- Stage 1: Get your point across, for example; in the extract from Alice in wonderland, Alice is the 'Good guy' and the wolf is the 'bad guy'. (P-point) *obviously your point will be a lot more sophisticated*
- Stage 2: Give evidence to support the point you have just made, for example; I know this because in the extract the wolf says 'All the better to see you with, all the better to smell you with, all the better to eat you with!', after Alice has complimented his eyes, nose and teeth. (E-evidence)
- Stage 3: Identify 1 or more techniques the writer used in the example you gave. In this case I could put; The writer used repetition and punctuation. (T-technique)
- Stage 4: Explain why the technique(s) you identified are good/bad. For instance; it is good that the writer used repetition because it gives the extract a rhythm. (E-Explain)
- Stage 5: Think of how your point affects the reader, for example; Knowing that Alice is the 'good guy' affects the reader, because it allows them to take sides and feel emotive against the wolf.

Our next meeting is: **Thursday, February 26, 2015** the Theme will be on the website, so keep on checking the website, by logging in if you are a member to: <http://simivalleytoastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org/agenda.html>

Remember our club website is: simivalleytoastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org/