



Simi Valley Toastmasters #3533

President's Distinguished

Give Voice to your potential

August 6, 2015

Theme: "Hobbies"



 my hobbies

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.

Another wonderful meeting for Simi Valley Toastmasters was had! What helped a lot too, was the fact that ALL the members once again went online and pre-filled the agenda by Wednesday, which made it so extremely easy for the Toastmaster!

Thank you again Simi Valley Toastmaster members!

Our Toastmaster this week, was Joy Gaylord, ACS, CL who as always did an exceptional job leading the meeting!. The person who started us off with the Pledge & Inspiration was David Lavoie, CC who an incredible job for his first time at the role! I do recommend to **ALL** new members trying a role for the first time. We are **ALL** here to each other out and no one will ever fail at anything.

We had one speech this week, but it was an exceptional speech by one of our newer members, Brent De Ruyter, with the title of: "Knowledge, Perserence and Perspective."

The General Evaluator was Sridevi Thangadurai who called on the evaluator for Brent's speech (Alan Mann, DTM). He also did a phenominal job and he even made point to mention that Brent's speech would be a very good International speech in the next round of competition.

Our functionaries were: Ah Counter - Tracy Spinella; Timer - Greg Seymour, DTM; Trophy Master - Arnab Chauduri; Grammarian - Linda Mann, DTM with the word of the day being: "**Leisure**" – Noun "Use **FREE** time for enjoyment"

Radar Person - Alan Mann, DTM and Humorist - Joy Gaylord, ACS, CL

We had three guests tonight, two of them joined our club at the very end.

WELCOME to Simi Valley Toastmasters Maritza Baca & Biswanath Dash!!

The winners tonight were:

Best Table Topics: Brent De Ruyter

First Timer: David Lavoie, Jr.

First Timer: Maritza Baca

First Timer: Ronica Dash

Remember to visit our website, sign in and volunteer for a role for our next meeting

There have been changes made to the website.... Check it out today! Do you have a Twitter account? Follow us: @AreaJ1SVTO

Meeting date:
Every Thursday

7:15PM



Simi Valley Moose Lodge 1902
4860 Alamo Street
Simi Valley, CA 93063



From Left to right: Table Topics Master - Arnab Chauduri, First Timer - David Lavoie, Jr., First Timer - Maritza Baca, First Timer - Ronica Dash, and Best Table Topics - Brent De Ruyter

How to prepare for a functionary role

Club Meeting Roles as is on the Toastmasters website: The success of a club meeting depends on the program participants. In Toastmasters, you learn by participating. There are many roles to fill and all meeting participants play an important part in making the club experience educational and enjoyable.

Following are the roles you will be called upon to fulfill and tips for doing a good job. Roles and responsibilities may vary slightly from club to club, so check with your vice president education or mentor when you are assigned a role.



Ah Counter

The purpose of the Ah-Counter is to note any overused words or filler sounds.

Taking on this role improves observational and listening skills

The purpose of the Ah-Counter is to note any overused words or filler sounds used as a crutch by anyone

who speaks during the meeting.

Words may be inappropriate interjections, such as and, well, but, so and you know. Sounds may be ah, um or er. As Ah-Counter you:

- Request a copy of the Ah-Counter's log from your Sergeant at Arms. If a log is not available, be prepared to take notes.
- When introduced during the club meeting, explain the role of the

Ah-Counter.

- In the Ah-Counter's log, record overlong pauses, overused words and filler sounds relied upon too often by all speakers. Examples include: and, but, so, you know, ah, um.
- During the evaluation portion of the meeting, report your observations when called upon.

Grammarian

The Grammarian helps club members improve their grammar and vocabulary.

Taking on this role improves vocabulary, grammar, critical listening skills and evaluation skills

The Grammarian plays an important role in helping all club members improve their grammar and vocabulary. As Grammarian you:

- Introduce new words to meeting participants and monitor language and grammar usage
- Write down the language and

grammar usage of all speakers, noting incomplete sentences, mispronunciation, grammatical mistakes, non-sequiturs, malapropisms, etc. Example: "One in five children wear glasses" should be "one in five children wears glasses."

- At the end of the meeting, give your complete report when called on.
- Optional: Introduce a "Word of the Day" that helps meeting participants increase their vocabulary; Display the word, part of speech, and a brief definition with a visual aid and prepare a sentence showcasing how the word should be used. Note who uses this word or any derivatives thereof correctly or incorrectly during the meeting.

Timer

A Timer is responsible for monitoring the time of meeting segments and speakers.

Taking on this role improves time management skills

One of the skills Toastmasters practice is expressing a thought within a specific time. As Timer you are responsible for monitoring time for each meeting segment and each speaker. To perform as Timer, you:

- Acquire the timing/signaling equipment

from the Sergeant-at-Arms and know how to operate it.

- Explain the timing rules and demonstrate the signal device if called upon to do so.
- Throughout the meeting, listen carefully to each participant and signal them accordingly.
- When called to report, announce the speaker's name and the time taken.
- After the meeting, return the timing/signaling equipment to the Sergeant-at-Arms and give your timer's report to the secretary.

Table Topics Master

The Topicsmaster delivers the Table Topics portion of the meeting.

Taking on this role improves organizational skills, time management skills and facilitation skills

The Topicsmaster delivers the Table Topics portion of the meeting, which helps train members to quickly organize and express their thoughts in an impromptu setting. As Topicsmaster, you:

- Select topics in advance of the meeting that allow speakers to offer opinions.
- Give members who aren't assigned a speaking role the opportunity to speak during the meeting by assigning impromptu talks on non-specialized themes or topics.

- Don't ask two people the same thing unless you specify that it is to generate opposing viewpoints.
- In clubs presenting a Best Table Topics speaker award, ask members to vote for the best Table Topics speaker.

Table Topics Speaker

Table Topics helps members develop their impromptu speaking skills.

Taking on this role improves confidence and impromptu public speaking skills

Table Topics is a long-standing Toastmasters tradition intended to help members develop their ability to organize their thoughts quickly and respond to an impromptu question or

topic.

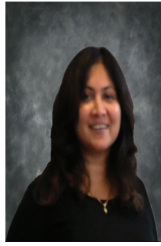
- Table Topics typically begins after the prepared speech presentations.
- The Toastmaster will introduce the Topicsmaster, who will give a brief description of Table Topics and then call on respondents at random.
- When asked to respond, stand next to your chair. Your response should last one to two minutes.

If you want to view more roles either go to our website; Login and then go to:

http://simivalleytoastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org/Meeting_Roles__Descriptions__ah_counter__grammarian__radar_person__Toastmaster.html or the Toastmaster website: <https://www.toastmasters.org/Membership/Club-Meeting-Roles>

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& Treasurer:** Alan Mann, DTM



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Simi Valley Toastmasters!

To view photos of club winners, go to: <http://www.picturetrail.com/joy9>

Remember our club website is: <http://simivalleytoastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org/>

COLORS

Next week's Theme: **August 13, 2015 "Colors"**

Login and sign up for a role please. It totally helps the club as well as the Toastmaster!

