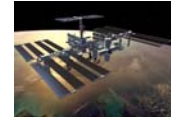




KSC Toastmasters



District 47, Div. B, Area 11, Club 3695

Kennedy Space Center, Florida February 2008

Club Meetings

KSC Toastmasters meets every Wednesday from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the KSC Headquarters Building in rm. 2254.

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Officer's Reports

President Deborah Bencich, CC:

Greetings fellow toastmasters, We have continued to welcome new members this month and your ice breakers have helped us get to know you a little better. I am amazed at the diversity of skills and experiences among our members and we welcome the new energy and creative ideas that you bring to the meetings.

We welcomed a Swedish visitor, Jesper Caron, to our club on February 20th. He spoke to us about different perspectives and we enjoyed talking with him very much. He is a professional Swedish speaker who joined Toastmasters to improve his English so that he could offer English speeches to his Swedish clients. We were reminded of the international nature of Toastmasters and were blessed to have the opportunity to share experiences with a Toastmaster colleague.

Our educational achievements this month included my Advanced Leader Bronze and a

second Competent Leader for Betty Wells. Congratulations on these achievements!

Welmon Speed and Rob Mueller won our International Speech and Table Topics contests and will be competing at the Area 11 contest in Cape Canaveral on March 8th. Please plan to attend the contest to show your support for our competitors. Welmon's speech was titled "Better, not Bitter" and Rob's question was "If I had known then what I know now.....". Debra Kirby chaired the contest and we could have not been successful without the many members who volunteered as functionaries /contestants.

Next month, I hope to complete the requirements for the Advanced Communicator Bronze. Many of you are close to completing your Competent Communicator awards. Lets work together on completing our goals and celebrate when we achieve the highest level Distinguished Club Program (DCP) distinction (Presidents Distinguished)!

Regards,
Deborah Bencich CC, ALB
KSC Toastmasters President / Treasurer

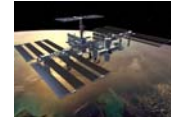
Vice President of Education, Welmon Speed ATMB:

Club function assignments are emailed to the membership weekly. Let me know when you are ready to give your next speech or if there is a specific function you would like to be scheduled for. If you are not receiving the functionary assignment emails, please contact me so that you can be added to the email distribution list.

Reminder - if you will not be able to perform your scheduled function, please let me know so I can revise the schedule.



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(email: Welmon.v.speed@nasa.gov or 867-6043)

Vice President of Membership,
Rodney Krienke.
No Report

Vice President of Public Relations,
Leisa Norman.

Read about our club at our club website – <http://ksc.freetoasthost.info>

Note: Club 3695 members – check out the **members only** section of the website. Contact our webmaster, Deborah Bencich at (867-8106) if you have forgotten your login information.

Please email your newsletter / web site articles, requests and suggestions to me at leisa.a.norman@nasa.gov

Secretary Betty Wells, ATMS:

The Secretary will include short jokes, definition of words, or quotes in the weekly minutes. Please share a copy of your presentation with her for inclusion in the weekly minutes.

Treasurer, Deborah Bencich:

Toastmasters members- It's dues time. Please send your dues check (payable to KSC Toastmasters) to Deborah Bencich at M/S KICS-004 by March 30, 2008.

Dues are \$33 for the period April 1, 2008 - September 30, 2008.

Note: Toastmasters whose memberships have **lapsed** can be reinstated at any time. International dues fees can be pro rated through the end of the membership year (September 30). Contact Deborah Bencich for details if you are interested in being **reinstated**.

Sergeant at Arms, Bob Haley:

Please let Toastmaster Bob Haley know in advance if you will need assistance with a slide presentation.



Educational Materials
Librarian, Cindy Gooden, CTM:

Librarian's Corner
Cindy Gooden, CTM

Note: Please remember to return your library materials when you are finished with them so that they will be available for others.

Upcoming Events

March 8 – Area 11 International Speech/ Table Topics Contest, Cape Canaveral Library, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Items and Articles

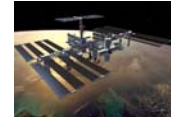
Meet the New Toastmasters!

Toastmaster Chien Nguyen:

Works at JP/CCSMO as an IPT Lead for Airfield, Logistics, and Propellants & Life Support; Export Control Rep; and Lessons Learned Rep. Graduated from Michigan State University in 1986 with a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering. Worked for GM, Lockheed Space Operations Center, and EG&G. Joined NASA in 1988. Worked on Space Shuttle Program, Space Station Program, Expandable Launch Vehicle, and Base Operation Contract. Enjoy gardening and invest in real estate. Married to a Dentist from California and have a 2 years old son. Recommended by my lead to join



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Toastmasters to improve my ability to make speeches and make a positive impression with an audience in order to present new ideas.

Toastmaster Pamela Tucker:

Holds dual roles as a Sr. Programmer/ Systems Analyst and a Quality Program Administrator for the Occupation Medicine and Environmental Health (OMEHS) group at KSC. Pam has worked in this group for twenty-one years. She's designed, programmed and implemented the Health and Environmental Resource System (HERS) which is a relational-database, computer program, with a graphical user interface that assists members of the OMEHS organization in the collection, analysis, and reporting of data pertaining to industrial hygiene, radiation health, environmental sanitation, control of pollution, management of construction, management of hazardous materials, and administration.

Pamela holds a Bachelors of Science in Engineering degree majoring in Computers from the University of Central Florida. She has a total of twenty-three years of experience working with DOD contracts and at OMEHS at KSC. Pamela is also the proud mother of two beautiful girls and married to a wonderful man. Pamela enjoys travel and is learning the fine art of cake decorating.

Pamela joined Toastmasters to improve her speaking skills and to learn to think faster and more concisely, on her feet, when called upon to answer a question.

Toastmaster David Sumner:

Is a project manager for NASA Kennedy Space Center in the Facilities Design division.

David received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the

University of Central Florida in 2005 and an Engineer Intern certification from the Florida Board of Professional Engineers.

Previous work concentration includes commercial and industrial facility design in HVAC, plumbing, and fire protection and multi-discipline facility design project management at KSC, Eglin AFB, Vandenberg AFB, Cape Canaveral AFS, and various counties throughout Florida.

Previous employers include AJT and Associates, United Space Alliance, and Jones Edmunds. David is currently employed with NASA since November 2007 and plans to pursue his Professional Engineers license with Florida in 2009.

In his spare time, David enjoys spending time with his son, Cody, on the baseball and football fields in Merritt Island. Other hobbies include time with family and friends and spending as much time in the outdoors as possible.

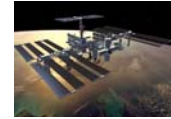
David joined Toastmasters in 2006 while employed with Jones Edmunds in Titusville, when he started a new Toastmasters chapter and became the president of that club prior to starting with NASA. David joined KSC Toastmasters to continue the personal training and awareness of public speaking skills that is provided by Toastmasters and to continue the friendships that have been acquired through the program.

Toastmaster Juan Vargas:

Is a material resource planner for Lockheed Martin Space System (Orion Program). Before moving to Cape Canaveral Florida, Juan worked for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics for the C-130 J program in Marietta, GA as an Operations technical representative.



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While in Marietta Juan received his Airframe and powerplant license from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and received a LM21 Green belt certification from Lockheed Martin.

Juan also completed his Bachelors of Science in professional aeronautics with a minor in management and started his master in Aeronautical science with emphasis in aircraft and aerospace management at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

Juan enjoys water sports specially scuba diving and spear fishing. Juan joined Toastmasters to improve his ability to make speeches and to make a positive impression with an audience in order to present a new idea.

Toastmaster Joseph (Joe) Davie:

I was recommended to Toastmasters by my manager who is a former toastmaster. My purpose in joining is to improve my interpersonal skills with diverse people and groups.

I have been working at KSC now for two years. Currently I am working for a. i. solutions on a NASA contract to provide IT support for the Launch Services Program. My work includes Network Administration and Security Work for the Hanger AE Launch Support Communications and Telemetry Center at CCAFS. We also provide IT support for the LSP Engineering and Administration in the O&C Building in the industrial area. My Father who has passed away now was an Engineer at KSC during the Apollo Program. His time at KSC was also very challenging and rewarding.

Prior to KSC I worked for Brevard Community College full time supporting their IT as well. I was also an Adjunct

instructor at BCC part time evenings for a few years teaching computer courses. I was a carrier changer in 1996 when I began learning about computers and have been working that field ever since owning my first PC. It has been a great experience for me and I have been glad that I made the change from doing routine clerical work. It is very exciting for me to be here at KSC and Share a small part in the Space Program.

Tell us what you have learned from Toastmasters! Please email your ideas to your newsletter editor, Leisa Norman at leisa.a.norman@nasa.gov

Highlights of Recent Meetings

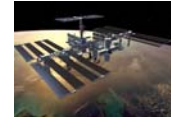
06 Feb 08 Table Topics Contest:

Speaker	Subject
Pamela Tucker	"If I had known then what I know now..."
Bob Haley	" "
Rob Mueller	" "
Welmon Speed	International Speech Contest – "Better Not Bitter"

- Table Topics:** Debra Kirby, Contest Master
- Contest Question:** "If I had known then what I know now..."
- Best Table Topics:** Robert Mueller
- Second Place:** Pamela Tucker
- Contestants:** Pamela Tucker
Bob Haley
Robert Mueller



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Best International Speech Contestant: Welmon Speed

Guests: Art Herrington,
Area Governor
Robert Gant
Max Mundy
Al Jenkins

Guests cont'd: Anthony Harris,
NASA Co-Op

13 Feb 08 meeting:

Speaker	Subject
David Sumner	Comm/Ldrshp Man, Spch #5 "Personal Impressions"
Pamela Tucker	Comm/Ldrshp Man, Spch #1 "The Ice Breaker – Hard Work Pays Off"

Word of the day: *Nettle* – v. To strike or sting with or as if with nettles

Theme: All We Need is Love

Best Speaker: David Sumner/
Pamela Tucker

Best Evaluator: Dr. Frank Merceret

Best Table Topics: Domenico Ruggiero

Table Topics: Leisa Norman

“Love is...?”

Domenico Ruggiero

“How can one tell when they’re in love?”

Joe Davie, Guest

“What is the most important facet of loving someone?”

James Davis

“Do you believe that love is by choice or chance and Why?”

Debra Kirby

“Is love all we need to survive?”

Ruth Rader, Guest

Honored Guests: Ruth Rader
Joe Davie

20 Feb 08 meeting:

Speaker	Subject
Jesper Caron	Comm/Ldrshp Man #8 – “Different Perspectives”

Word of the day: *Ludicrous* – adj.

Idiotic; unthinkable
Presidential Thoughts

Theme:

Best Speaker: Jesper Caron

Best Evaluator: Welmon Speed

Best Table Topics: Gisela Meinert

Table Topics: Deborah Bencich
“Tell us a Story About this Picture...”

“A Rose”

Debra Kirby

“A Bird Sitting Beside a Flower”

Frank Merceret

“Tulips Beside a Fence”

Rodney Krienke

“A Black Rose”

Gisela Meinert

“A Daisy”

Joe Davie

Honored Guests: Jesper Caron

27 Feb 08 meeting:

Speaker	Subject
Betty Wells	Adv Comm/Ldrshp Man #2/Humorously Speaking – “The Humor of Rearing Children”
Robert Haley	Comm/Ldrshp Man, Spch #9/Persuading with Power – “Using Music to Improve Your Life”
Domenico	Comm/Ldrshp Man,



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Ruggiero	Spch #2 – “The Ice Breaker – My Faith and My Family”
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Word of the day: *Temerarious* – adj. Rashly or presumptuously daring

Theme: What’s the Big Idea?

Best Speaker: Domenico Ruggiero

Best Evaluator: Gisela Meinert

Best Table Topics: N/A

Table Topics: N/A due to time constraints

A. **Officer List** – submitted on time. – done!

B. **October Dues** – submitted on time – done!

Goals Met: 8

Paid Membership: 25

Distinguished Club: 5 or 6 goals met

Select Distinguished Club: 7 or 8 goals

Presidents Distinguished Club: 9 or 10 goals

Must have at least 20 members or a net growth of five members, whichever is less.

Distinguished Club Scorecard

2006-2007

KSC Toastmasters achieved the level of **Select Distinguished Club** by achieving seven (7) DCP goals.

2007-2008

Goal 1: Two CTMs – **Gisela Meinert, 11 Jul 07; Brett Pearce, 19 Dec 07**

Goal 2: Two more CTMs - (none to date)

Goal 3: An ATM – **Welmon Speed, ACS, Nov 2007**

Goal 4: Another ATM – (none to date)

Goal 5: A CL, AL or DTM – **Deborah Bencich, 11 Jul 07**

Goal 6: Another CL, AL or DTM – **Welmon Speed ALS, Nov 2007**

Goal 7: Four new members – **Naja Somersall, Matthew Jimenez and James Davis, and David Sumner**

Goal 8: Four more new members – **Derek Vaughn, Pamela Tucker, Chien Nguyen, Domenico Ruggiero, Juan Vargas, Joe Davie**

Goal 9: Four officers trained - complete
A. Summer – 4 trained in August 07
B. Winter – 7 trained in January 08

Goal 10: Officer List and one dues submittal on time -

Club Contacts

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Useful Websites

KSC Toastmasters club 3695
<http://ksc.freetoasthost.info>

Toastmasters International (TI):
<http://www.toastmasters.org/>

District 47 Toastmasters:
<http://www.toastmastersd47.org/>

Division B website:
<http://www.toastmastersd47.org/div-b.html>

Region8 Website:
<http://www.region8tm.org>