

Speak Easy

"Toastmasters International"

Memorial
University Club
March 2008

Toastmasters Provincial Convention

This year's Provincial Toastmasters Convention will be hosted by the Memorial Toastmasters Club May 23-25. The planning committee is working diligently to organize the Memorial event at the Inco Innovation Centre on campus. The convention will follow a similar format to previous years with the opening reception taking place on Friday evening, May 23. A full day of competitions, workshops and club meetings are scheduled for Saturday, May 24. That evening delegates will enjoy a closing dinner and awards ceremony,

followed by a dance at the Ramada St. John's. Registration and event details are available on the Memorial Toastmasters website:
www.mun.ca/toastmasters.

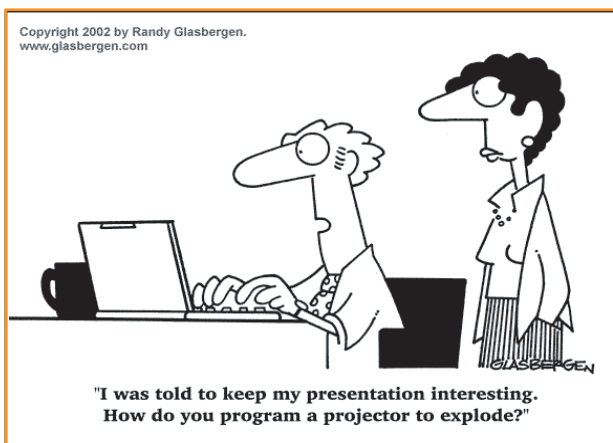
Members interested in participating in the convention planning committee, please contact Samantha Gerbeau, committee chair, by email at sgerbeau@nf.sympatico.ca



Inco Innovation Centre

Theme Night

Twice a year the Memorial Toastmasters Club meeting deviates from its traditional agenda to offer Theme Night. During the February 13th Theme Night, nine members delivered a 3-5 minute prepared speech relating to "My Bestest Present Ever." At the end of the evening, a vote was taken to award the top three speakers with prizes. First place went to Irene Tapper, who received a \$40 Toastmasters voucher. Second place went to Nami Ohara and third place went to Harry Nichols who each received a \$20 Toastmasters voucher. Congratulations Irene, Nami and Harry!



New Members

The Memorial Toastmasters Club is pleased to welcome eight new members and the return of two prior members, bringing our current membership to 37.

New members:

- Scott French
- Douglas Grouchy
- Courtney Rowsell
- Philip Way
- David Mattinen
- Liam Geehan-Hearn
- Martha Ross
- Siwen Yu
- Mark Fudge

Returning members:

- Jennifer Murray
- Farzad Shadkami

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and Leader You Want to Be**

Member Spotlight

Our very own Nami Ohara is a star! March 13, 2008 Nami was featured on CBC Television's lifestyle program, Living Newfoundland and Labrador. Nami's unique expertise in teaching Japanese language instruction in the community provided an interesting story. In the interview at her home in St. John's, she explained the importance of learning a foreign language, how one would go about learning a language, and points of consideration when investing in language instruction.

Nami Ohara has been an active Toastmaster since 2001. She brings enthusiasm, passion, commitment and inspiration to the Memorial Toastmasters Club. She has achieved the Competent Toastmaster (CTM), Advanced Toastmaster Bronze (ATM-B), and Competent Leader (CL) designation and is actively working towards the Advanced Communicator Silver (ACS). Nami is an outstanding member of our Club and we are pleased to have her on board.



Nami Ohara

Educational Tip

Preparing your own introduction

As we know, sometimes things don't go as planned on the meeting night, and alternative speakers or evaluations may be required at the last minute. All speakers should always compose their own introductions regardless. Write it out on a piece of paper, practise it, and place it in your manual with your speech notes. That way, if things do

change at the last minute, or your evaluator is unprepared, you can hand your introduction to the chairperson or stand-in evaluator. They then have a perfect scripted introduction to work from. This makes sure your introduction will be accurate.

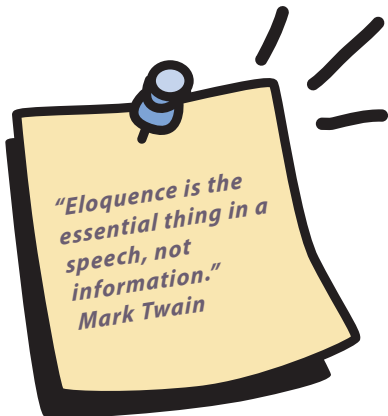
You as a speaker have learnt the valuable skill of preparing your own introductions. The person introducing you learns

how to introduce a speaker by working from a prepared script.

Courtesy of Toastmasters New Zealand, District 72



About Us



Toastmasters is a nonprofit organization which helps to build competence and confidence in public speaking and leadership. During weekly meetings, participants practice and learn skills by filling a meeting role, ranging from giving a prepared speech or and impromptu on to serving as timer, evaluator or meeting chair. Each speech and meeting is critiqued by a member in a positive manner, focusing on what was done right and what could be improved. The goal is to hone communication and leadership skills.