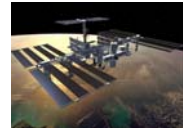




# KSC Toastmasters



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

Kennedy Space Center, Florida 24 Jan 2006

## Club Meetings

KSC Toastmasters meets every Wednesday from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the KSC Headquarters Building. Meetings are normally scheduled for room 2254. Otherwise, notice of the room is provided by email and posted outside of 2254.

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## Officer's Reports

President Luis Moreno, CTM:

No report this issue.

Vice President of Education, Curtis Ihlefeld, CTM:

No report this issue.

Vice President of Membership, Betty Wells, CTM:

No report this issue



Vice President of Public

Relations, Frank Merceret, DTM: I will be in Atlanta at a major conference of the American Meteorological Society from 28 January through 3 February, so the next

issue of this Newsletter will appear on the 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> of February depending on what's in my in-box when I get back.

Secretary Debra Kirby:

No report this issue.

Treasurer, Charlie Goodrich, ATMB:

No report this issue

Sergeant at Arms, Jim Thompson, ATMB/CL:

No report this issue.

Educational Materials Librarian, Cindy Gooden, CTM:

No report this issue.

## Recent Educational and Leadership Achievements

At the 18 January meeting, Frank Merceret completed a CTM for our club. This was his fifth CTM as a Toastmaster, and his second for KSC Toastmasters.

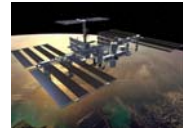
## Highlights of Recent Meetings

18 January 06 Regular Meeting:

At the 18 January business meeting, Area Governor Welmon Speed requested those officers who did not attend Planet Toastmasters please attend the makeup session on 4 February in Palm Bay. President Moreno asked that our Toastmasters please call scheduled functionaries before the meeting to assure their attendance or find a replacement. Bill Valentino asked for judges for the American Enterprise Speech Contest.



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At the educational session, Deborah Bencich gave speech #4 from the Basic Manual. Her title was "My Experience as a Disability Awareness Day Mentor.". She gave a very personal and compelling description of her experiences last October mentoring a 17 year old computer game developer in a wheel chair. She told us how her eyes were opened to the use of technology to overcome disabilities and how her misconceptions were changed. She closed by urging us to serve as a disability awareness mentor if we get the chance.

Frank Merceret gave speech number ten from the Basic Manual. It was entitled "Proud to be an American". Frank explained how the current dissention over the war in Iraq proves that we really are a free people in fact as well as in theory. He also explained how our history of peaceful transition of government through free elections and the independence of our courts demonstrates that our government works well.

Bill Valentino evaluated Deborah Bencich's speech and Luis Moreno won the Best Evaluator ribbon with his evaluation of Frank Merceret's presentation.

Jim Thompson hosted Table Topics using picture cards with simple cartoons on them for the speakers to explain. Yves Lamothe described a cleaning crew in a hotel. Curtis Ihlefeld described a pencil holder that looked like Robbie the Robot. Charlie Goodrich talked about hockey. Alice Smith won the best Table Topics ribbon with her discussion of a broken window.

## **One of the Best Things Toastmasters Taught Me (and I'm still learning this) Charlie Goodrich, CTM**

Table Topics gives us Toastmasters an opportunity to learn to "think on our feet". Life provides all of us occasional opportunities to make a few impromptu remarks to an audience - be it in a staff meeting at work or a family gathering for the holidays. Toastmasters is teaching me the value of thinking before I speak.

We've all heard the old adage "Be sure brain is engaged before putting mouth in gear!". Toastmasters training helps me put feet on that proverb! When I am called upon to speak in Table Topics, the clock doesn't start running until I speak the first words to the audience. This rule gives me an opportunity to calm my heart and think about what I really want to say.

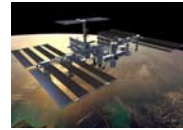
In a one-to-two minute talk, about three major points is all there is time for. Before speaking, I try to commit those three to memory and think about what I want to say about each. Often I am surprised how much this focuses my concentration, reminds me of what I want to say and helps me accomplish my purpose.

The habit formed in two or three table topics opportunities stands me in good stead when someone asks my opinion in a staff meeting or a family member wants me to describe one of the day's events after dinner. Nobody seems to mind when I take a few moments to think before talking. When they "see the wheels turning" they are more likely to appreciate what I say when I finally start talking!

## **Items and Articles**



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## Distinguished Club Scorecard

**Goal 1: Two CTMs – Done!**

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

Goal 3: An ATM –  
(none to date)

Goal 4: Another ATM –  
(none to date)

Goal 5: A CL, AL or DTM –  
(none to date)

Goal 6: Another CL, AL or DTM –  
(none to date)

**Goal 7: Four new members – Done!**

**Goal 8: Four more new members – Done!**

Goal 9: Four officers trained (both)  
A. Summer – all officers done!  
B. Winter – Kirby, Merceret

Goal 10: Officer list and one dues submittal  
on time

A. Officer List – done!  
B. October or April Dues – done!

Goals Met: 4

Paid Membership: 26

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.

## Club Contacts

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Newsletter Editor: Frank Merceret, DTM, 867-0818, HQ 2123, francis.j.merceret@nasa.gov.

## Useful Websites

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

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

KSC/CCAFS Toastmasters clubs:  
<http://KSCToastmasters.tripod.com>

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, 4 February 2006, Division B Club  
Officer make-up training, noon - 3 PM,  
DeGroot Memorial Library, Palm Bay, FL

TBD February 2006: KSC International  
Speech and Table Topics contests

TBD March 2006: Area 11 International  
Speech and Table Topics contests

TBD March/April 2006: Div B International  
Speech and Table Topics contests

19 - 21 May 2006: District 47 Spring  
Conference including the International  
Speech and Table Topics contests, Cocoa  
Beach Hilton, Cocoa Beach Florida.

TBD May 2006: KSC Officer Elections

8 - 11 June 2006: Region VIII Conference  
and International Speech Contest,  
Charlottesville, VA.

TBD June 2006: Club Officer Training