

# TEAMWORK

## Member Spotlight

*Debby Weiner (CTM)*



At a recent meeting, Debby Weiner reached a milestone. By successfully completing her tenth speech out of the Toastmasters basic manual, Debby has earned the Toastmasters International recognition of being a Competent Toastmaster (CTM). Debby has been a member of Twin Oaks Toastmasters for four years. She has served as club Secretary. She originally learned about Toast-

masters when a colleague at the insurance company she was working for in Los Angeles presented information about the organization. Debby thought about the organization, but did not find time to join until she moved to Vista. (She currently lives in Carlsbad with her husband and two children, Harrison and Jacqueline.)

Debby's past speeches have included "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Scrap Booking" and "Warning, the Plane Is Leaving." Most of Debby's speech ideas have come from real life situations. One speech idea came to Debby when a man at a PTA meeting asked her a peculiar question. "How often do you do your laundry?" became the inspiration for a speech on laundry. Anyone who has heard Debby speak knows that she has a knack for creative speech scenarios. For example, she presented her scrap booking expertise as though she were on her way to talk with Larry King about her latest book on the hobby.

Debby recently reflected upon accomplishing her CTM: "Toastmasters has made me a better conversationalist." Indeed, one of her favorite memories from Toastmasters was a Christmas party where members got to socialize in a relaxed, less rushed manner. Her next goal is to earn an ATM-Bronze. Debby has selected the entertainment manual as the focus of her next speeches.

In addition, to Toastmasters, Debby stays busy with her hobbies, especially traveling and scrap booking. She also is active in her children's school and is currently working on red-ribbon week, an anti-drug abuse campaign.

### *Club News*



On June 29th the new officers of Twin Oaks Toastmasters were officially installed. We look forward to the leadership of Dale Spangenberg, president; Sassan Haghgoo, vice president education; Monique Cordeau, vice president membership; Nancy Bennett, vice president public relations; Prashant Borse, secretary; Maria Delores Chadley, treasurer; and Aparna Vemuri, Sergeant at arms. Special thanks to the outgoing officers for their hard work.



Past President's Tip -- Yvonne Devine (ATM-S)



**Visual Aids**

Giving a speech is one activity when we may safely feel that it's all about me. This is because our delivery that will gain or lose our audience. Visual aids are background to our delivery. They are most effective when they "highlight" versus LEAD the audience through a talk. When we give a slide presentation, we juggle ensuring that the right

slide is on the screen and speaking to that slide while keeping eye contact and our bodies faced toward the audience. How do we do that? 1) Limit slides to 3-5 bullet points with 5-7 words per point; 2) Know these bullets inside and out; 3) When we switch to a new slide, we only need a quick flick of the eye to the first word on the slide and we are set to continue with our amplifying remarks. If for any reason, we need to use our

bullets as notes, copies should be placed near our speaking position to be easily viewed. It works better to quickly look down than to turn away from the audience.

It feels uncomfortable having audience members stare at us from head to foot--but if members are not focused predominantly on us--we, as speakers, likely do not have the attention we need for a most effective speech.

DID YOU KNOW?

Welcome to our new member Alex Weisz. Prashant Borse is now serving as the club's webmaster. Thank you for taking on this responsibility. Cy and Maria Delores Chadley hosted a wonderful summer pot-luck on June 25. Partygoers enjoyed excellent conversation, delicious food, and a tour of Cy's garden. See the photographs on our website.



UPCOMING EVENTS

New and returning officers should try to attend one of the **following officer training sessions**. It is a great way to learn about your office and our club gets credit toward earning next year's presidents distinguished club honor.

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| <b>Saturday, July 9 at 8:30 a.m.</b>   |  |   |
| Toastmaster Leadership Institute at 8:30 a.m. and Division & Area Governor Training from 8:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Miramar College, 10440 Black Mountain Rd, San Diego |  |   |
| <b>Thursday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m.</b>  | <b>Saturday, July 16 at 9:00 a.m.</b>                                  | <b>Saturday, July 23 at 9:00 a.m</b>                |
| ARC Regional Training Center- East County<br>1374 East Lexington Ave, El Cajon   | Tri-City Hospital, Oceanside (Downstairs)<br>4002 Vista Way, Oceanside | San Diego City College<br>1313 Park Blvd, San Diego |

OUR AWARD WINNING TM'S

Recently ribbons were awarded to...

**Best Speaker:** Carrie Dyal, Weihong Zhang, Patti Kinney, Jackie Basa

**Best Table Topics:** Sassan Haghgoo (CTM), Jennifer Helgren, Prashant Borse)

**Best Evaluator:** Prashant Borse, Monique Cordeau, Jennifer Helgren

