

PAN PACIFIC TOASTMASTERS NEWSLETTER

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Opening Remark

Dear Readers,

Our club welcomes those who are interested in developing public speaking and writing skills. Visit our club and learn in a safe environment. Our club has strength in diversity and appreciates culinary cuisines with a tradition of potlucks and foods shared from around the world. We learn many ways to grow together and appreciate wisdom from different cultures. Listen to presentations of local and international travels filled with fun, tips, adventures and stories with symbolism that enrich our lives. Indulge your curiosity to Discover, Explore and Learn More! Enrich your life with others. You'll be inspired and learn to inspire those whose lives yours touch.

~ VaNessa Vollmer, President

Hall of Fame

- ❖ **Sushma Rajput** is the **Division F Area Governor of the Year & Founder's District Area Governor of the Year** for 2009-2010! Congrats for the double win!
- ❖ **Shirley Tseng** is the **Division F Outstanding Member** for 2009-2010!
- ❖ **Irina Druskin** has achieved her **Competent Communicator!**
- ❖ **Arulselvi Amirrthalingam** has achieved her **Advanced Communicator Bronze!**
- ❖ **VaNessa Vollmer** has achieved her **Advanced Communicator Bronze!**
- ❖ **Sushma Rajput** has achieved her **Competent Leadership!**
- ❖ **Koting Lo** has been selected to represent our club in the **Area F4 Speech Evaluation Contest**, which will be held on Sept 18th, 2010!
- ❖ **Emil Stempel** has been selected to represent our club for the **Area F4 Tall Tale Speech Contest**, which will be held on Sept 18th, 2010!

CONGRATS TO ALL!

Club News Capture

❖ May 16th, 2010

A traditional Pan Pacific Toastmasters potluck was held along with the annual officer election. Each of us brought a special dish to share and to celebrate for our new officers for the upcoming Toastmasters season. Congratulations to the following members for taking on their new leadership roles: VaNessa as President, Emil as VP of Education, Bill as VP of Membership, and Ross as Sergeant at Arms! Also appreciation goes to those who are continuing to serve in their current roles for the next term: Beverly as Secretary, Shirley as Treasurer, and Chao as VP of Public Relations.



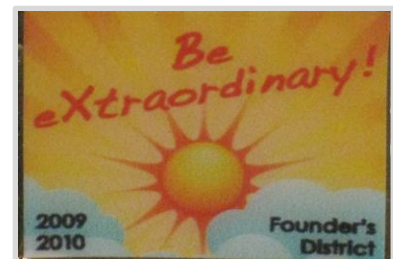
❖ Jun. 20th, 2010

Officer installation ceremony was held. A special guest, Ryan Durkin, the Division F Governor came to perform the installation ceremony. This meeting also featured an ice breaker speech by Idamae and fun fortune cookie questions prepared by Selvi for the Table Topics session.



❖ Aug 14th, 2010

The 79th annual Toastmasters International Convention ran from Aug 11th to 14th in Palm Desert, CA. At the convention, nine International Speech Contest semifinals were held as well as the World Championship of Public Speaking. Besides getting a chance to witness the best of Toastmasters in the contests, one could also participate in workshops focused on building communication and leadership skills. For those who missed this year's convention, don't give up the opportunity next year to learn from the speeches given by the best of Toastmasters from all over the world.



❖ Aug 25th, 2010

“An Evening with Founder’s District Stars”, was held in the District Executive Committee quarterly meeting for officers in Founder’s District. During this special event, our very own Sushma captured the stage with two awards that highlighted her extraordinary leadership achievements. She is now the Division F Area Governor of the Year and Founder’s District Area Governor of the Year for 2009-2010! Congratulations for the amazing achievement!



❖ Aug 29th, 2010

Congratulations to Jenny and Andy for their upcoming wedding! A special Pan Pacific Toastmasters party was held at I-Tuan’s house for our Bride and Groom-To-Be. We had a fruit-and-veggie-style potluck with lots of colorful yummy dishes. The party was opened with three entertaining speeches: one by Go about being an architect in US, another by Ross about his outer-space encounters at Extraterrestrial Full Moon Midnight Marathon at Area 51, and a tall tale by Emil that involves “Martians”. Later on, all of us got a chance to be involved in a fun table topics session where we shared many strategies for relieving stress, such as induced from planning a wedding.



Why Pan Pacific is My Favorite Toastmasters Club

I have recently completed my first year anniversary with Pan Pacific Toastmasters club. I love my club for the following reasons:

- Our club members provide excellent hospitality. We have a very friendly and fun-filled learning environment.
- We have members ranging from those who just started in Toastmasters to members who are the Distinguished Toastmasters (DTM), the highest distinction given by Toastmasters International. The diversity in our membership enhances the chance for our members to witness and learn how Toastmasters experience helps each of us in building communication and leadership skills.
- Our club provides excellent opportunities for our members to learn leadership and team-building skills from taking leadership roles and from working together and supporting each other as club officers and as members.
- We have members that have been Toastmasters Area Governors. We learn from them whose exceptional leadership skills extend beyond our own club and into clubs in our neighboring communities.
- We have members from various ethnic backgrounds. Therefore, we often have

very interesting speeches that help us to learn more about different cultures and countries.

- Our members provide very honest and helpful feedbacks on speeches. Evaluations from fellow members have helped me to learn more and to improve myself so to deliver more effective speeches.

Thank you!



~ Arulsevi Amirrthalingam

Officer Training is for All Toastmasters

Officer training is the best opportunity for expanding your communication and leadership skills in a friendly, congenial and dynamic atmosphere. Moreover, an entire day of officer training is never boring and is always a bargain at only a few dollars. You'll learn valuable leadership and club management skills working with fellow club presidents, vice presidents, treasurers, sergeants-at-arms, secretaries or just regular members in a workshop setting taught by the most experienced Toastmasters in Founder's District.

As you probably already know, Toastmasters International stresses teamwork, positive thinking and action. Training sessions involve both individual classroom settings and group based brainstorming sessions utilizing teamwork in solving problems common to all clubs. You'll form working relationships with people whom you may have never met or every see again. Officer training is "never" a passive experience. You'll always be encouraged to actively contribute to the discussions and brainstorming. Another club president or treasurer might just have the solution you need to fix your own club's problems.

I have personally attended training sessions focused on improving basic listening skills, evaluation, running meetings, building club

websites, editing newsletters, delivering PowerPoint presentations, voice modulation, and team-building—to name just a few. There is always something to satisfy everybody's individual needs.

Each and every Toastmaster club is an important player on the Toastmasters International team, which is composed of thousands of diverse clubs around the world — with the common purpose of making a better world through improving communication and management skills. We learn best by learning from each other's failures and successes.

Toastmasters International has always been the best bargain around. Officer training is cheap, fun and worth every bit of effort you put into it. Reach out, grow and blossom. I hope to see you all at the next officer training!



~ Ross Johnson

A Lady Bug

In this world, sometimes I feel so small.
With my small eyes, I can barely see what's ahead.
Yet with the small feet I have, I keep crawling forward.
Though how physically miniscule I might be,
As long as I have the will, I have the power to create great hope for my own.



I won't give up going forward
And learn from my own mistakes until my last day.
Doesn't matter how small my feet are, I can conquer big obstacles that get in my way,
And keep moving forward with hope that I create.

~ Chao Fan

Welcome to Our Club!

The club is excited to have
Wendy Robbins and **Paul Shepard**
as our new club members joining us this season!

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We Love to have New Members. Please Come Join Us!

Pan Pacific Toastmasters is a Toastmasters International Club Located in Irvine, CA (Club F-9314, Area F-4)
The Club Meets Every Other Sunday at 10am at Irvine Ranch Water District

President
VaNessa Vollmer

Secretary
Beverly Moss-Jones

VP of Education
Emil Stempel

VP of Public Relations
Chao Fan

**Club
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Treasurer
Shirley Tseng

VP of Membership
Bill Chang

Sergeant at Arms
Ross Johnson

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