



The Fork & Spoon

"Eat, Speak and Be Merry!"



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President's Message

NOVEMBER - A Month of Politicians and Turkeys!



Isn't it amusing that elections and Thanksgiving appear in November?! Politicians - Turkeys....get it? I always heard it was not polite to discuss politics and religion in mixed company. Aren't we glad that at Dining Out Toastmasters we can Eat, Speak and Be Merry no matter what the theme of the meeting?

It is sure to be a meeting that expands our minds and our bellies with John Robert Behrman leading the "Politics" theme for our November 2nd meeting.

On the subject of Thanksgiving, I've been thinking about the things I am thankful for. Take some time to ponder the question for yourself..."What am I thankful for this year?"

Aside from the obvious, friends, family and Toastmasters, I was able to come up with a list.

I'll call it PAM'S TOP TEN THINGS I'M THANKFUL FOR.

Here goes:

- No. 10 34 years married to the same great guy
- No. 9 Retirement - A great life with time to stop and smell the coffee
- No. 8 Morning coffee talk with my 86 year old mother
- No. 7 Monday crossword puzzles - they make me feel smart
- No. 6 Daily Word Jumble - challenges my mind and keeps me sharp
- No. 5 Telephone - to reach out and talk to people my reason for living
- No. 4 Good hearing - to enjoy great conversation and great music
- No. 3 Strong bones - to carry the extra pounds gained since retiring
- No. 2 Good teeth - aside from contributing to a great smile, they assist in the enjoyment of good food

AND THE NUMBER ONE THING I'M THANKFUL FOR:

The opportunity to EAT, SPEAK, AND BE MERRY at Dining Out Toastmasters with new members, guests and treasured friends.

You didn't truly think I could get through this list without mentioning Toastmasters did you?!

CLUB MISSION

The mission of a Toastmasters club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

New Member and Member Sponsor Opportunities

Speaking of New Members and Guests, November and December are the months you need to get busy recruiting new members. What's in it for you? If you sign up as a new member or sponsor a new member in November and December, your name goes into a drawing to win two ruby red crystal goblets to help you toast in the new year.

In addition to all the places you go in your daily travels, there are two places we need you to help us recruit new members.

When: November 10, 2007 at the Fall Conference
December 1, 2007 at the TLI Training

Where: E.B. Cape Learning Center - The Advanced Clubs Table

What: Stand there and look pretty while inviting folks to sign up to win the goblets

At our January DOT meeting, we'll have a drawing to win the ruby red crystal goblets. Your name goes into the drawing for every new member you sponsor for DOT membership. Your new member's name goes into another drawing for goblets. Each winner will receive a pair of goblets! Once we draw the names of the winners, we'll raise a toast to them to wish them success in the new year!

Sound like fun?! Go out there and gobble up the chance to win! Eat, Speak, and Be Merry!

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2007-2008 Club President
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EARLY DECEMBER MEETING

Friday, November 30, 2007

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Denis' Seafood House
9777 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77024
Location phone: 713-464-6900
www.denisseafood.com

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