



BEST SIDE TOASTMASTERS APRIL 2015

Message from the President



The Toastmaster year is rushing by and Spring is in the air. We have had the pleasure of being visited by our Area Governor, Tamra Fakhourian twice

recently, once for her official Area Governor visit. Area Governor's visit each of their clubs at least twice a year, and it is always a pleasure to have her at Best Side. One of the great things that Tamra brings to Area 65 is to focus on attracting and retaining members. She saw an opportunity and provided a Mentor for Area 65 to focus on these critical issues. All Club Officers and members are welcome to participate in the conference calls with our Area Mentor, Jane Reisdorf.



Jane has already provided some great insight in just one conference call. I know I am

looking forward to hearing more from her. This is a great opportunity to get a fresh perspective from someone who can look at our Area and Clubs from the outside in.

Jane has ideas that I think would be great for Best Side to start using, and they are so simple to do. -

- Why not send out an e-mail to the whole club after the meeting when you are

Toastmaster, and give a synopsis of what happened. Let those members absent know that they are missed.

- When you are the scheduled speaker at a meeting, invite at least two people to come hear you speak. Those guests may not join, but will learn about Toastmasters and might know someone else that would benefit.

These are just a couple of simple ideas that we can all incorporate. Having talked to Jane several times, I know she has many more great ideas we can use. I will share more ideas next month.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE



April 24-25 is the date for the District 11 Spring Conference that will be

held in Indianapolis, IN. There is still time to register for this fun and educational conference. The District level of the Evaluation Contest and International Contest will be held during the Conference, and there will also be educational breakout sessions which never fails to inspire and motivate. (cont. next page)

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Guests are always welcome!

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*Best Side Toastmasters Club meets every **Thursday** evening from **6:00-7:00 p.m.** at the West Side Schnuck's on W. Lloyd Expressway in Evansville.*

If you need a registration form, either search for it on the Toastmasters District 11 website or contact a Club Officer.

CLUB TREASURER

The Club Treasurer plays a big role in helping the club run successfully. The Club Treasurer is in charge of sending out renewal of dues notices in March and September each year, and making certain that when dues are collected, the deposits are made in a timely manner. Those dues are then paid to Toastmasters International prior to the semi-annual deadline. The Treasurer collects dues from new members and makes certain dues are submitted to Toastmasters International in a timely manner so they can start taking advantage of all the benefits quickly. The Treasurer is also responsible for making certain that all bills are paid, that the club has

sufficient funds to operate and reconciles the account for accuracy. The Club Treasurer attends semi-annual training and attends Executive Committee meetings to plan for club success. As with all Officers, it is important when leaving office, to prepare your successor to take over the duties with ease.



*"Toastmasters is a learn-by-doing organization.
You only get out of it what you put into it."*

Member Profile

Rujuta Agashe, CC, Club Treasurer

I joined Best Side Toastmasters in



August of 2013 to overcome my fear of speaking in front of an audience. When

I started my journey with Best Side, I expected to improve my public speaking skills. Best Side Toastmasters not only helped me improve my speaking skills, but also helped with my leadership skills.

I am currently the Club Treasurer, and last year I served as the Vice President of Education.

One of the most rewarding things I have experienced since joining

Toastmasters was learning how to evaluate someone and provide constructive criticism instead of bringing someone down.

Toastmasters has helped me in my work. My job involves speaking not only to patients but also their families, and families always have questions. Table Topics helped me better prepare myself for an impromptu response.

*"Spring is the time of the year,
when it is summer in the sun
and winter in the shade"*

- Charles Dickens

CLUB SECRETARY

The Club Secretary's role is to take and keep the minutes of all club and Executive Committee meetings. Taking notes about what was done at the meeting, who the speakers were; the award winners and any business conducted is recorded in the Secretary log. This provides a useful record to refer to if questions arise at a later date. The club Secretary is responsible for club records and correspondence and attends Executive Committee meetings and officer training. The Secretary also is responsible for finding a replacement for meetings to take minutes if they are unable to attend, and to help see that a seamless transition takes place in providing guidance to their successor.

*"Despite the forecast, live like
it is spring"*

- Lily Pulitzer



Best Side members hamming it up after a "Celebration" meeting.