

# IEEE LiveWires Toastmasters Newsletter

Club 7328, District 83, Division D, Area 44 • 2008/2009 Select Distinguished Club



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## Toastmasters Topic of *Today's Engineer* Article

01 September 2009

You already know how receiving feedback and observing other speakers at bi-monthly Toastmasters club meetings helps to prepare you for your next speech project. Did you also know how regular participation in Toastmasters sponsored events helps to prepare you for challenges outside of the club?

There was an article about Toastmasters published in the September issue of the IEEE-USA webzine, *Today's Engineer*. The article entitled "Toastmasters: Becoming a Better Communicator and Leader" by [Candy Robinson](#), focused on the benefits of Toastmasters and how these benefits are applicable for a person on any career path.

To view the full article online, visit [www.todaysengineer.org/2009/Sep/toastmasters.asp](http://www.todaysengineer.org/2009/Sep/toastmasters.asp)

## IEEE LiveWires Members Win Toastmasters Area 44 Speech Contest

17 September 2009

Two members from the IEEE LiveWires Club members competed in the Area level contest at the Edison Main Library with the following results:

[Mark A. Vasquez](#) won first place in the Area 44 contest for Table Topics.

[Randi Sumner](#) won first place in the Area 44 contest for her Tall Tale.

As the alternate, Randi competed in place of [Asha Thomas](#), who, unfortunately, was out with an illness. Ever the consummate pinch-hitter, Randi managed to take home the first place trophy, with less than a week's notice that she would be competing.

It should also be pointed out that, although Mark already has an impressive collection of trophies from his previous speech contest victories, this is Mark's first Table Topics trophy.

Both speakers will advance to compete in

the Division Contest on 14 October at the Piscataway Municipal Building. [Randi Sumner](#) has invited all IEEE Livewire members via an E-vite.



Left - Right: [Khajan Gowda](#), (Area 44 Governor & Contest Chair), [Tom Somers](#) (District Lt. Governor Education & Training, & Chief Judge), [Randi Sumner](#) (Tall Tales winner), [Mark A. Vasquez](#) (Table Topics Winner), [Sarah Van Valkenburg](#) (Division D Governor).

## Speech-A-Thon

28 October 2009

IEEE LiveWires Club is hosting a special event on Wednesday, 28 October: an IEEE LiveWires Speech-A-Thon. Unlike a regular meeting in which a cast of club members fills roles ranging from Joke Master to Ah Counter, the Speech-A-Thon will concentrate solely on the speakers. Eliminating other roles from this meeting will allow more speakers to present on the same day.

The Speech-A-Thon will provide an opportunity for a number of club members to progress in their pursuit of Competent Communicator and Advanced Communicator certifications. During this event, evaluators will not present their feedback in front of the club; however, all speakers will receive written evaluations in their speech project manuals.

The current lineup of speakers who have signed up for this event includes: [Renuka Kumarasamy](#), [Patricia Stevens](#), [Lisa Yacone](#), [Asha Thomas](#), [Dan Leone-Zwillinger](#) and [Andrea Sadlowski](#).

If you are interested in participating in this event as a speaker or a non-presenting evaluator, please contact the Executive Committee alias: [lw-excom@ieee.org](mailto:lw-excom@ieee.org).



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### Becoming a Jokemaster

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During the 8 September 2009 meeting, [Asha Thomas](#), presented a video entitled "How to Tell a Joke" by John Everett. The video included few helpful hints for successful joke telling.

Setting up your joke:

- Be sure to clearly describe every detail in your joke
- Keep your mannerisms upbeat
- Try to emphasize all of the verbs

Proper timing of your punch line:

- Try not to rush to the punch line
- Change your tone of voice before the punch line
- Wait a few minutes after punch line delivery to gauge the audience reaction, and follow-up if needed

Practice makes perfect and anyone can be funny!

### Induction Ceremony

13 November 2009

The 2009-2010 IEEE Executive Committee officers will be inducted on 13 November 2009. The meeting will include officer induction, the membership pledge, and activities for all. Snacks will be provided, and members who would like to contribute are encouraged to bring additional snacks to share. Please remember to bring your Toastmasters manuals to this special event.

### Word Corner

Try to use a recent "word of the day" in your everyday conversations to increase your vocabulary!

#### Expatriate

Function: intransitive verb

1. to move about freely or at will : wander

#### Splendid

Function: adjective

1. possessing or displaying splendor

"I never could make a good impromptu speech without several hours to prepare it."

- Mark Twain

### Upcoming Meetings & Special Events

Please join us for our upcoming meetings!

- Wed., 28 Oct. 2009
- Wed., 11 Nov. 2009
- Fri., 13 Nov. 2009 - Induction Ceremony
- Sat., 14 Nov. - Sun., 15 Nov. 2009  
District Conference - for more info - <http://toastmasters83.org/component/content/article/23-district-conference/59-fall-conference.html>
- Wed., 25 Nov. 2009

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