

The President's Gavel

Minutes, news, and announcements from
The President's Toastmasters Club

East Cobb, Georgia
Club # 1713; Area 44, Division "D" District 14

March 7th, 2008



Dear Emma,

Please find **The President's Gavel** enclosed. Please forward this to anyone who would be interested in attending our meeting.

In this issue: Meeting minutes from 3/5; Your roles for 3/19; Member spotlight on **Denna Shelton**; Upcoming events and announcements.

A hardcopy of this issue will be available at the next meeting to pass out to future guests. Each issue is also archived on our [club's website](#).

Many thanks to **Judi Rogers** for providing the meeting minutes on which much of the content is based.

Sincerely
Emma Hitt
VP PR, The President's Club

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Meeting Info

The President's Club meetings are held on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of each month from 7pm to 9pm. Please check [club calendar](#) for exceptions.

Upcoming Meetings

March 19th, April 2nd, April 16th

East Cobb Government Center: 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta.
[Directions](#)

Quick Links

Your Role Next Time 3/19/2008

If you can't do it, please find someone who can. For the member directory/contact info, please [click here](#) (password to club website required)

Blakely, Charles Cheurprakobkit, Sutham Choudhuri, Kumar	Available Speaker Vote Counter
Dawson, Jim Filvinsky, Ilya Gaskin, Robert Gillespy, Sharp Goodman, Lisa Hart, Rich	Available Invocation/Pledge Ah Counter Videographer Speaker Evaluator
Hilgers, Mike Hilgers, Rachel Hitt, Emma Johnson, Trae Kurelic, Joe	Available Available Evaluator Timer Grammarian
LaPorta, Ed McGoldrick, Rob Netterville, Rush Nixon, Tom Osborne, Patricia Pollitzer, Ernie	Available Available Table Topics Speaker Speaker General Evaluator
Rindler, Jamie Rogers, Judi Ryan, Sean Shelton, Denna Wagner, Vahn	Available Evaluator Jokemaster Evaluator Toastmaster

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Member Spotlight



Denna Shelton

Born: March 21, 1956, Kansas City, Mo;
occupation: author/publisher of Twenty Gems, a 5-set DVD series; 22 years in the health and fitness industry; **family:** married to Chuck, mother of son, Adam, 26 years, and daughter, Angela, 28 years; **what TM has taught her:** how nervous I actually could get if speaking publicly; have become more aware of how many words I use when I write and speak; **hobbies:** reading, books on self growth and spirituality, and hiking; **greatest talent:** musical and artistic creativity; **a favorite quote:** "You yourself--as much as

Upcoming Events

Area 44 Table Topic and International Speech Contest
Tomorrow, March 8, 2008, 9:00 am - 12 noon come and support our **Jim Dawson!!** [more info](#).

Spring Conference May 2 & 3, 2008 in Peachtree City GA.
Click [here](#) for details.

Announcements

We have achieved Distinguished Club status! See what we have accomplished and what other goals lay ahead of us by clicking [here](#)

Your Dues Are Due by March 19, 2008. Please send a check for \$45 to treasurer **Rob McGoldrick** as soon as possible at 2866 Johnson Ferry Rd Marietta, GA 30062. Make check payable to The Presidents Club.

Meeting Minutes 3/05/2008

Prepared by **Judi Rogers**

Attendees

Number of members in attendance: 18

Number of guests: 5 (**Laurie** [friend of Jim's], **Carol Harper**, **Kara Wegener**, **Elyse Kraus**, and **Casey Moore**)

Our guest Laurie said that in the state of Georgia "We rule!"
Thanks, Laurie!

Charles Blakely
Sutham Cheurprakobkit
(Toastmaster)
Kumar Choudhuri
Jim Dawson
Ilya Filvinsky
Sharp Gillespy
Lisa Goodman
Rich Hart

Rachel Hilgers
Emma Hitt
Trae Johnson
Rob McGoldrick
Rush Netterville
Tom Nixon
Ernie Pollitzer
Judi Rogers
Sean Ryan
Vahn Wagner

Helpers

Trae Johnson-jokemaster:
told of being teased by LA
friends about his "Southern
accent".

Rachel Hilgers - gave
invocation and pledge

Rich Hart explained the red
light-green light-yellow light-
machine

Tom Nixon entertained us
with his impression of an
"expensive paparazzi",
and introduced the meeting

Sharp Gillespy was
grammarian gave the word of
the day, specificity

Charles Blakely explained
the duties of the AH-a!
counter

Rush Netterville read a
poem composed by the
erstwhile Tom Nixon on the
duties of the Vote Counter

Tom Nixon won most enthusiastic
helper for his high-energy, hat-on-
backwards description of
videographer!



Speeches

anyone in the
universe--deserve
your love and
affection..." Buddha;
favorite movie:
"What in the Bleep Do
You Know?" (an
independent movie
that blends science
with spirituality);
favorite books:
Jonathan Livingston
Seagull and Illusions,
both by Richard Bach;
life's purpose: To
grow and learn and
stay in joy as much as
possible because it's
then and only then
that I will be a positive
influence and
inspiration to others.

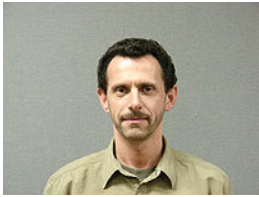
Officer's Corner

From Our President

I recently
attended
a the
Atlanta



Metro Chamber of
Commerce
"ChamberMasters" TM
meeting and our very
own **Jim Dawson** is a
member. It is a small
club with ~14
members that meets
every Monday morning
from 7:30 am - 9:00
am (meeting usually
adjourns before 9
am). At the end of the
meeting I was asked if
anyone from our club
would be interested in
a speaking slot at one
of the
ChamberMasters



Ilya Filvinsky won best speaker for his speech "One small step for man." Giving his tenth speech from the CC manual, he reminded us all about to benefits of TM.

Joe Kurelic #2nd speech was on taxes, social security, and...the tax rebates!

Ernie Pollitzer spoke about "A Funny Experience", beginning with a ruptured appendix that was misdiagnosed and, after losing 3 organs (not sure just which ones), was \$21,000 poorer. This was Speech #4 for Ernie.

Ilya Flivinsky gave his #10 speech thereby earning his Competent Communicator pin, on the value of Toastmasters and that, even in a "dry spell", he still feels it is important to attend the meetings and be inspired. He thanked the group for all their enthusiasm and support.

Judi Rogers gave Speech #2 from Speaking to Inform on the Warrior Queen of 1st century England, with a hard-to-see map of the region, and comparing Boudica, the Warrior Queen to Judith, of the Apocrypha.

Evaluators were:

- Jim Dawson** for **Joe Kurelic**
- Sean Ryan** for **Ernie Pollitzer**
- Vahn Wagner** for **Ilya Flivinsky**
- Rush Netterville** for **Judi Rogers**
- Emma Hitt** was general evaluator

Vahn Wagner won best evaluator for her evaluation of Ilya's speech.

Table Topics-"It is Spring"

Best Table Topics speaker: **Vahn Wagner**

Kumar Choudhuri-Table Topics Master: Asked various questions about Spring.

Vahn Wagner said she liked spring because it reminds her of last spring when her brother-in-law came here to run in a marathon and she had an opportunity to get to know him better.

Sharp Gillespy, when asked politically who he would most like to run against, he replied "Hillary"; but, mostly, stays away from politically controversy.

Rich Hart was asked what books he has been reading lately and he said he liked Jack Canfield's latest book as well as books about real estate and adventure.

Business Meeting PLEASE REMEMBER THAT DUES (\$45.00 semi-annually) ARE DUE BY MARCH 19TH. YOU MAY BRING YOUR CHECK TO THE NEXT MEETING.

meetings.

This is great opportunity to get out of the comfort zone and speak in front of a brand new audience.

If you are interested in this growth opportunity, please let me know when you would be available and I will get you on the speaking docket!

Sean Ryan, President

New Members Wanted! Please think about which friend, family member, or colleague you might invite to the next meeting. We currently have 29 members--the more the merrier--you'll be helping to build a stronger club.

Newsletter Contest
Emma Hitt, your VP PR, is on a mission to win the next newsletter contest. Please email with content, suggestions and feedback to help our club get first place. Entrants will be judged on: content, layout, visual appeal, ease of understanding, overall impact. Deadline to submit entry April 15, 2008. Prizes will beawarded at the



for new members, there is a new member fee one time only of \$20.00

Questions? Comments? Contact [Emma Hitt](#), VP PR The President's Toastmasters Club

Spring Conference:
May 2 & 3 , 2008 in
Peachtree City.

Member Awards

A Competent Communicator!

On March 5th, **Ilya Filvinsky** completed his 10th speech from the competent communicators manual--way to go Ilya!!!

Annual Awards

Congratulations to the following Presidents Club members who won the following awards at this year's annual banquet on January 18, 2008:

Toastmaster of the Year: **Lisa Goodman**

Most Improved: **Rob McGoldrick**

Most Enthusiatic: **Tom Nixon**

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