

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

April 7th, 2008



Dear President's Club Toastmaster,

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 4/02; Your roles for 4/16; Member spotlight on **Jim Dawson, DTM**; 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 **Sutham Cheurprakobkit** for providing the meeting minutes and **Lisa Goodman** for providing the meeting roles, 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

April 16th, 30th (educational), May 7th

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

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Your Role Next Time 4/16/2008

Prepared by our VP Education, **Lisa Goodman** **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)

Cheurprakobkit, Sutham

Choudhuri, Kumar
Dawson, Jim
Filvinsky, Ilya
Gaskin, Robert
Gillespy, Sharp
Goodman, Lisa

Hart, Rich

Hilgers, Mike
Hilgers, Rachel
Hitt, Emma
Johnson, Trae
Kurelic, Joe
LaPorta, Ed
McGoldrick, Rob
Moore, Casey
Netterville, Rush
Nixon, Tom

Osborne, Patricia

Pollitzer, Ernie

Rindler, Jamie

Rogers, Judi
Ryan, Sean
Shelton, Denna
Wagner, Vahn

Wegener, Kara

Available

Jokemaster
Toastmaster
Grammarian
Speaker
Speaker
Out

Available

Evaluator
Videographer
Evaluator
Ah Counter
Vote Counter
Out?
Out?
Invocation/Pledge
Timer
General Evaluator

Available

Table Topics

Available

Speaker
Evaluator
Speaker
Evaluator

Available

Member Spotlight

Jim Dawson, DTM

What
do you
get
most
out of



TM? A constant education, an opportunity to work my new material on a willing audience, to keep my skills sharp for my profession, and meeting motivated people every week.

Occupation: I own 2 businesses: one as a speaker, trainer, and coach, and the other one is a marketing company that helps get people in front of decision makers.

[\(adiperformance.com/\)](http://adiperformance.com/)

Place of Birth: a small community in Queens, NY, called Maspeth; (Interesting tidbit, Maspeth has more cemeteries per square mile than any other place in the world--Why? "people just liked it I suppose").

Favorite quote: "Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough." By Og Mandino.

Family: Married to wife Hedy, and two children, Jennifer (a partner in his business) and son Jimmy, and two grandchildren, Tyler and Kayla. "I am

Upcoming Events

Announcement: **Jim Dawson** is President Elect of the National Speaker Association of Georgia (NSA GA), and **Rich Hart** has been elected to serve on the NSA's Board of Directors.

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](#)

We have two new members!!

Welcome to **Casey Moore** and **Kara Wegener**--we look forward to your icebreaker speeches!

Educational meeting on April 30th Toastmasters should attend the educational meeting on April 30th Helpful and useful information about public speaking will be given.

Judges Needed

for an invitational tournament for those students who qualified at one of the home school pre-qualifying tournaments in GA, FL, NC, or SC. The top students from this tournament will go on to compete in the National tournament in June.

The tournament will be April 23-26 at Piedmont Baptist Church in Marietta. Call Dianne Little 770-722-4300 for more information.

Meeting Minutes 4/02/2008

Prepared by **Sutham Cheurprakobkit**

Attendees

Number of members in attendance: 18

Number of guests: 1

actively involved in their education twice a week." **Proudest moment:** when my wife said she would marry me-it changed my life-married 40 years last November. **Was it difficult to get her to marry you?** "Yeah, I was a bum." (It's OK Jim--many of us weren't at our best in high school). **What is the secret to being married for 40 years?**

Communication-even when you are upset and things aren't going well-keep on communicating.

Officer's Corner

New Members

Wanted! Please think about which friend, family member, or colleague you might invite to the next meeting. We currently have nearly 30 members--the more the merrier--you'll be helping to build a stronger club.

Newsletter Please [email](#) with content, suggestions and feedback.

Member Awards

Sutham Cheurprakobkit
Kumar Choudhuri
Jim Dawson
Ilya Filvinsky
Robert Gaskin
Lisa Goodman
Rich Hart
Mike Hilgers
Rachel Hilgers

Emma Hitt
Casey Moore
Rush Netterville
Tom Nixon
Ernie Pollitzer
Judi Rogers
Denna Shelton
Vahn Wagner
Kara Wegener

Tom Nixon, our Sergeant At Arms, started the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Helpers

Ernie Pollitzer-
Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
Robert Gaskin-Joke Master
Rachel Hilgers-Timer
Emma Hitt-Grammarians
Denna Shelton-Ah Counter
Casey Moore-Vote Counter
Robert Gaskin-Videographer

Robert Gaskin won best helper for serving as jokemaster *and* Videographer!



Speeches



Jim Dawson, DTM, won best speaker for his speech "What's New about Intelligence."

- **Kumar Choudhuri** gave the first speech entitled "Navigating in a Flat World." Kumar presented the idea that the world now is small and within reach of more people than ever before thanks to the Internet and technology. The "knowledge workers" concept has made the concept of globalization become not only more real but more widespread. Therefore, Kumar believes each country needs to focus on building its infrastructure, and improving science and technology to stay competitive in today's world. Ilya Filvinsky evaluated the speech.
- **Sean Ryan** gave the second speech entitled "The Name Game." Sean, a soon-to-be father, talked about a daunting task of selecting a name for his unborn child. He suggested people can google to find a name, its origin, and its meaning. Names can be categorized as popular names, family names, or unique names. But whichever name you will choose, make sure you and your spouse are in agreement. Mike Hilgers evaluated this second speech.
- **Rich Hart** gave the third speech titled "Teeing up Our Favorite Pastime." Using 3 props and one assistant, Rich ebulliently talked about his love for the game of baseball. It's the game of fun and, more than that, it's the game of life. Rich demonstrated the fundamentals of the game (the art of hitting), which consists of (1) stance, (2) grip, (3) trigger, and (4) release. Rush Netterville evaluated this third speech.
- **Jim Dawson** presented the fourth speech titled "What's New about

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**

Intelligence." Jim started by referring to the two old measures (math skills and vocal skills) used to judge people's intelligence. He then emphasized more recent and interesting development in intelligence concepts (emotional intelligence and social intelligence). Emotional intelligence (knowing yourself) is about self awareness, critical thinking, and asking the right question. Social intelligence is about empathy, listening, and suspending judgment. To Jim, emotional intelligence should precede social intelligence. Tom Nixon evaluated this last speech.

Rush Netterville won for best evaluator



Table Topics-"Convince us who wrote the Famous Quote from Literature"



Best Table Topics speaker: **Mike Hilgers**

Judi Rogers was our Table Topics Master

- First quote: "It's the best of times; it was the worst of times."
Mike Hilgers immediately said it got to be a quote given by our legend Paul Banyan who spent a lot of "good times" and "bad times" in the woods with his big blue axe.
- Second quote: "Go to the sea again to the lonely sea and sky."
Sean Ryan said it got to be from a Chinese poet who practices Confucianism and who loves sea and ocean.
- Third quote: "Old captain, my captain"
Robert Gaskin confidently said it's from the movie "Titanic" because the ship captain said a lot of things including this quote.

Business Meeting - None

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