



DOGWOOD TOASTMASTERS #1901

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The result of the club 's Tabletopics Contest are in. The winners are:

First Place - Jay Gee (a.k.a. "Dr. Gee)

Second Place – Rajnish Kumar

Third place – J.G. Kiely

Contest was held at the regular meeting on October 14, 2006.

Officers

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Kevin takes two at the Division Contest

It could have been called "Kevin's Day" at the Decatur Library on October 7th. Kevin, a member of Dogwood Toastmasters since 1996, displayed his experience, creativity and skill at the District competition. He won both the Humorous Speech Contest and the Evaluation Contest.

When asked how he developed a humorous speech, Kevin said, "No one ever gives a good speech unless there is some element of truth in it." Even with an idea as far-fetched as an earlier speech that had his Pekinese playing the piano grew from the cute pooch pawing at the keys.

Kevin had to manage several props - primarily clothing and shoes - in his speech. When quizzed for suggestions, he said, "Practice and know your environment. Props should enhance. If not well-planned, they distract."

A long-time resident of Atlanta, Kevin has worked for Aon Consulting for twenty years.

Dogwood President: Charlotte Kang - A Profile

At 8:00 a.m. each Saturday, a warm, friendly, skillful speaker presides over the business meeting of Dogwood Toastmasters. It's Charlotte Kang, the club president.

Born in Malaysia, Charlotte joined Toastmasters while she was living in Singapore. She had moved to a new city...didn't know anyone...was bored. Her solution? Join Toastmasters! Now Charlotte says the best thing about TM is the people. She values the friendships she has formed throughout the years.

It is hard to believe Charlotte is ever bored. In addition to her activities with Dogwood Toastmasters, her work as a consultant in the hotel industry often keeps her traveling around the country.

Recently, she has been busy planning her October wedding to Jim Bolton. In September, the club Social Chair, Sharyn Kellogg, hosted an engagement party for the couple at her home. A houseful of members gathered to celebrate the couple's engagement.

Our Club Address:

Still Waters Church
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Meeting time:

Saturdays at 8:00 A.M.

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Contests – a fast track to improvement

Every year, Dogwood Toastmasters offers members several opportunities to participate in contests. Right now, club members can look forward to the Table Topics contest schedule for October 14th. The winner at the club level has the opportunity to advance to competition at the area, district and state levels.

Why compete? Members who participate in club competitions say it helps you to improve your speaking skills. There is something about the idea of a competition with outside judges that motivates us to work harder on our speech. One longtime member says, "This extra motivation always pushes my speaking forward several degrees. Maybe it's because I practice more," while Kevin uses contests to prepare for a future career teaching public speaking. How could contests help you? Sign up and see!

Dogwood is growing.

Dogwood welcomes the following new - and returning - members who have joined since the beginning of July

beginning of July 2006

Arai H

Tamela F

Mike B

Renee S

Improv, Anyone???

Improvational comedy is unscripted acting usually performed by an ensemble. (Think of it as Table Topics for actors.) Whole World Theatre in Atlanta offers a regularly scheduled introductory workshop on December 10th. See www.wholeworldtheatre.com for additional details. With sufficient interest, WWT will schedule a special class for Dogwood members. The fee is \$50. Contact Ann Maize at maizean@earthlink.net if you are interested. It may offer an interesting new public speaking tool.

