



Simi West Toastmasters #9557

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Theme: "Happy New Year 5781"

Mission Statement

Simi West Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

Values

- Integrity
- Respect
- Service
- Excellence

We meet
Bi-weekly:

Through Zoom

First & Third Tuesdays

7:15PM



The Leader Letter

October 2020

In this month's Leader Letter...

Start reading



- Learn how International President Richard E. Peck sees challenging situations in "Turn Challenges Into Opportunity."
- Find out how you can replay education sessions, the World Championship of Public Speaking®, and more convention events—all for free!
- Enjoy newly created or updated materials designed to help grow your club or the clubs in your District!
- Read information about dues, Area Director visits, club officer training, and more!

Read it first here!

For more information see the website:

<https://simiwesttoastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org/>

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy”

— *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Turn Challenges Into Opportunity

Learn how challenging situations present leaders with opportunities.

Communicating Across Cultures

“All challenges contain opportunities. We all face challenges, but it’s how we look at them that allows us to find the opportunities within them.”

When Richard E. Peck spoke these words, he was going through a challenge many could never have imagined. Peck, Toastmasters’ International President, was preparing for his term in office while a global pandemic forced clubs around the world to change how they met. As a leader in Toastmasters, have you seen the opportunity in front of you right now?

During the global pandemic, club officers have responded to the logistical challenges in-person meetings provide by shifting to online meetings, with 82% of clubs now meeting virtually. Instead of allowing the challenges the coronavirus disease presents to stop clubs from learning and growing, they have seen the opportunity and responded accordingly.

If you’re a District leader and you’ve found that there are clubs in your District who have not made the switch to online meetings, treat this as an opportunity. Take some time to understand the club’s needs and why they are struggling. Not all clubs are the same. While different clubs may present different challenges, view this as an opportunity to test your leadership skills.

The same thing goes for members. In-person meetings have been at the heart of Toastmasters for nearly 100 years. Some may not see the benefits Toastmasters still offers and are reluctant to join virtual meetings. Help these members find the opportunity in these challenges, and you can do so by sharing some of the benefits Peck has found.

“Online Toastmasters meetings have allowed me to:

- Learn to facilitate online meetings
- Gain valuable practice and find comfort with new or different technologies
- Stay connected with members, friends, and family
- Visit clubs from around the world and experience different cultures
- Expand my network”

Fortunately, leaders don’t have to act alone and resources have been created to help District leaders and club officers adapt to the virtual shift. To find these resources, visit the Online Meetings webpage. By staying up-to-date with the Leader Letter, you will also keep up with the latest helpful resources as they are created.

Instead of allowing a challenging situation to weigh him down or giving up, Peck has seen this as an opportunity to write the next chapter of Toastmasters history. As the world changes, ask yourself what your role will be. Will you sit back and wait for today’s pages to be written, or will you take charge and write them yourself?

https://www.toastmasters.org/leadership-central/featured-article?utm_source=leader_letter&utm_medium=october_2020&utm_campaign=featured_article



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Online Meetings

A Toastmasters club provides its members with a safe and supportive environment to become better communicators, leaders, and public speakers. For many, their club gives them a sense of belonging. In light of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), many clubs are no longer able to meet in person and are now meeting online to protect the safety and well-being of its members.

By transitioning to online meetings, clubs allow their members to continue pursuing their goals and provide human interaction that they might not otherwise get. While many aspects of personal and professional lives have been disrupted, we hope Toastmasters clubs can meet online and provide a sense of normalcy to our members.

<https://www.toastmasters.org/resources/news%20and%20announcements/online%20meetings>

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Our club President and the
Toastmaster of the evening: Alan Mann, DTM



General Evaluator: Kazim Jafri



Table Topics Master: Sanford Miller, ACB



Thank you to everyone who showed up to the meeting and helped out. We had an excellent meeting and could not have

We want to thank:

Everyone did a phenominal job on Tuesday evening,

- Presiding Officer:** Alan Mann, DTM
- Pledge and Inspiration:** Alan Mann, DTM
- Toastmaster:** Alan Mann, DTM
- Ah Counter:** Mary Elaine Beaty, ACG, CL, EC2
- Timer:** Mary Elaine Beaty, ACG, CL, EC2
- Trophy Master:** Sanford Miller, ACB
- General Evaluator:** Kazim Jafri
- Grammarian/Word of the Day:** Mary Elaine Beaty, ACG, CL, EC2
- Humorist:** Morgan Hill
- Speaker #1:** Kathy Weiner, DTM - Pathways: Effective Coaching (L4) - Improvement Through Positive Coaching with the title: "From Prepared to Spontaneous With Coaching."
- Speaker #2:** Linda Mann, DTM - Pathways: Presentation Mastery (L3) - Understanding Vocal Variety "Fishing For Members"
- Evaluator #1:** Morgan Hill
- Evaluator #2:** Joy Gaylord, ATMS, CL
- Table Topics Master:** Sanford Miller, ACB

Another exciting meeting! Extremely fun and interactive! Everyone had a FUN time during Table Topics. The speakers and evaluators were awesome so thank you for participating in another excellent meeting!

Congratulations to everyone and Thank you!



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A grid of Zoom meeting windows showing participants. Callouts for awards are placed over the windows: "BEST SPEAKER" over Kathy Weiner, "BEST TABLE TOPICS" and "BEST EVALUATOR" over Morgan Hill, "General Evaluator" over Kazim Jafri, and "EVALUATOR #2" over Joy Gayford. A "TIMER" callout is also visible.

Best Table Topics: Morgan Hill
Best Evaluator: Morgan Hill
Best Speaker: Kathy Weiner, DTM

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**If you want to view roles for our meeting go to
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<https://simiwesttoastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org/officersandmeetingrolesTIEducationalProgram.html>

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