

Newsletter



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Valuable advice from Past Presidents by Joanne Chuk

We were honored that two very-seasoned toastmasters and past presidents, Frank Lee (PP of 1983) and Peter Lo (PP between 1977 and 1980) joined us on 16th August 2004 as our general evaluator and grammarian, respectively. As very experienced toastmasters, they had very kindly shared their experiences on organizing toastmasters clubs and provided helpful advice on general improvement.

"To present a successful and convincing speech, thorough research into the subject matter is a must. To answer table topic questions well, it is important to stretch your imagination by thinking out of the box which will add fun and enable you to better tackle the questions asked. After all, your toastmasters club is a training ground for such creativity." -- Past President, Frank Lee

Past President, Peter Lo shared his experience:

- (a) Fluency is more important than grammatical accuracy when learning to speak in front of an audience
- (b) Improve pronunciation through constant practice
- (c) Grab every opportunity to speak

Dear MEMBERS, let us make use of these helpful hints, sign up for the speeches and actively participate in our meetings.



From left to right: Peter Lo, Frank Lee, Patrick Chiu, Arthur Ting, and Peter Shum

Beauty Pageant Night by Elsa Law

There was no beauty pageant like the one in Hong Kong Toastmasters held on the 30th August 2004. All contestants and judges had fully participated by dressing up and playing their part. At the end of the contest, it was our Lawrence Wan who had won the Ms. Hong Kong Toastmaster 2004 title. With the familiar Ms. Hong Kong theme music and the crown on his head, he circled around the stage. It was a night of fun, joy and light-heartedness. The speeches prepared went with the theme "Beauty Contest" and the speakers all had a view on it.

Our chief editor, John Liang (a "level 2" speech), talked about what he valued most. Humorously dressed in a ladies tank top with an orange colored wig, he gave his view that he valued any challenges defined out of one's comfort zone. He ended his speech by quoting Albert Einstein "Try not to be a person of success but rather a person of value". Our Queenie Lam (a "Level 2" speech), dressing like a beautiful Asian princess, shared that beauty spawns from happiness. Laughing lines were all the more welcomed as they were the result of happiness. Whilst our Alice Tsang (a "Level 8" speech) wore a full-head of blond hair which suited her very well. Her focus was that a forgiving heart was the key to inner beauty. With the look of a beautiful Hong Kong Supermodel, Alice won the first prize for the most photogenic, showing that she has the rare combination of inner and outer beauty.

At the end of our meeting, Kate, one of the guests and a member of the ALE Toastmasters Club commented that it was a great evening and that she had enjoyed it very much.

Dear members, our next Dinner meeting will be coming up on 4th October and I look forward to seeing you all then.



From left to right: Tina Wong, Lawrence Wan, John Liang, Alice Tsang, Queenie Lam, Jo Manning