

Toastmasters

2002 Spring Area 51 Speech Contest

Letter

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To Members and Friends of Toastmasters Area 51,

This year Marshalltown Toastmasters is trying something different for the Area Speech Contest. We are holding the contest on a Saturday evening and making it a "fancy dessert" event.

The hope is that Toastmasters will bring their family / friends, perhaps come to Marshalltown for supper at a restaurant, and then go to the contest for dessert. The evening will start early (6:30pm) so we can end early to give travelers time to get home.

We have invited humorous speaker, Cloyce Sutton II, to present the humorous speech he gave as a Division Contest finalist last fall. We plan to make it an entertaining evening with good food so that all will look forward to coming to the next Area Contest.

How can you help? I'm glad you asked. The key to most any great event is a great audience. One way to get a great audience is to involve them in the evening events. Besides contestants / judges for the two contests, we need:

- Registration Desk: Two people plus a standby
- Thought for the Day: One person plus a standby
- Timers: Two people plus a standby
- Vote Counters: Two people plus a standby
- Dessert Table: Two people plus a standby
- Coffee / Drink Servers: Two people plus a standby

While our club could fill many of these positions, it would be best to recruit folks from other clubs ... people will most likely attend if they have a responsibility at the contest. Please encourage your members to come, encourage them to bring their family / friends, and let me know who is willing to help with the responsibilities listed above.

Ed Parker will be calling the local clubs to get ideas on what else we can do to ensure a large turnout. Roger Polt has created a flyer with details. We hope to see a large group from all of your clubs!

For reservations, please contact Ed Parker <erparker@adiis.net>. To volunteer, please contact me. The flyer with details is attached.

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Area 51 Spring Contest Chair