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House Rules

Every Toastmasters club has traditions that make their club unique. Each month our newsletter will explore one of the 1702 "House Rules."

August Rule : Be at the Ready!

When you are in a planned speaking role (speaker or evaluator), please position yourself off to the side near the podium so when you are introduced, you are ready to go.

Changes for Fort Myers Toastmasters

The Fort Myers Toastmasters mark the beginning of the 2009-2010 year with a new slate of officers and a new meeting location. Beginning this month, our meeting location will move from Calusa Harbor to Royal Palm Yacht Club, located at 2360 West First Street, Fort Myers, Florida. The Royal Palm Yacht Club has ample parking and is on the Lee County transit line. The first meeting held in the new location will be the "Humorously Speaking" Speech and Evaluator Competition on August 11th.



Introducing the New Club 1702 Officers:

President ... Gillian Cummings-Beck, CC
VP of ED... Rena Romano, CC, CL
VP of Membership... Elaine Casola, ACG
VP of PR... Liz Layton
Secretary... Mary Slavik, CC
Treasurer... Sue Genson, CC
Sergeant at Arms... Mike Spreckelmeier

Reaching our Goals



This year, Club 1702 will attempt to become a "President's Distinguished Club." In order to earn the title, our members will work to achieve the following goals:

- 5 Competent Communicators
- 2 Advanced Communicators
- 2 Competent Leaders
- 8 New Members

As of August 2009, Mary Slavik (CC) and Rena Romano (CC, CL) have contributed to achieving our goal already by earning Competent Communicator and Competent Leader titles. Together, we can all show our district that 1702 is a highly distinguished club.

Good News from Great Members:

Best Table Topics Speakers from the month of July: Michael Humber and Asta Navickaite

Best Speakers from the month of July: Nidia Concepcion and Michael Spreckelmeir

Best Evaluators from the month of July: Susan Genson and Rena Romano

Congratulations to Nidia Concepcion, Asta Navickaite, John Paul, and Matthew Koerner for completing Ice Breaker Speeches last month

Thanks to the following members of Club 1702 for helping district clubs form: Gillian Cummings- Beck, Jim Speith, Nancy Speith, and Elaine Casola

Congratulations to: Rena Romano for earning her CL; Mary Slavik for earning her CC;

For more information about Club1702 and for upcoming meeting schedules visit:

<http://www.fortmyerstoaasters.org/>

The President's Corner



What an exciting year we have ahead of us! We are making our big move to Royal Palm Yacht Club, and we are aiming to be a President's Distinguished Club! That is quite a change mixed with a lot of work, but don't let that overwhelm you.

When I was considering the year ahead and especially the move, one thing that kept coming to mind was the bestseller, "Who Moved My Cheese" by Spencer Johnson, M.D.

It is a terrific book that, through an enjoyable story, discusses how change affects different people. Although I have read it several times, I broke it out once again to remind myself how beneficial change can be. If you are feeling at all inundated by the change our club is going through (or any other change you may be facing in your life), may I suggest you pick up a copy of "Who Moved My Cheese" at your local bookstore or library. It only takes an hour or so to read, and you will feel ready to take on change when you are finished! I would love to know which of the characters you most identify with.- Gillian Cummings-Beck

Upcoming in August

***Remember, all events take place at Palm Harbor Yacht Club**

August 11th: 7:30 p.m.
Humorously Speaking contest and special guest Robin Dunlap, Area Governor

August 25th: 7:00 p.m. Club 1702 Officers Meeting

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General Membership Meeting

Quote of the Month:

"Passion is the fuel that will drive you to succeed; remember your passion daily. It will take you where you need to be."

Rena Romano- CC, CL