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Greetings Fellow Toastmasters!

Are you feeling a little lonely and missing the excitement and enthusiasm of our club meetings? Fear not, all is well! We start our meetings again next Friday.

Toastmaster: Loraine Vettel
Table Topics: Horst Truestedt
Table Topics Speakers: Ruth Phelps, Ron Flemke, Mary Andrist, Sue Flemke
Speakers: Larry Mattson, Harold Norman
Master Evaluator: Alyssa Bishop
Evaluators: John Bishop, Jim McKeon

Table Topics:

Ron won Best Table Topics Speaker with his response to "There's no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face." Ron told us about his Bassett Hound and it's feed me, love me, and let me sleep personality.

Ruth gave us a great response to "I wonder if other dogs think Poodles are members of a wierd religious cult". No way are they weird (or something like that!).

Mary's topic was "A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than it loves itself". We found out that Cuddles the Wonder Dog can drive the car and that Dave needs to read "Dare to Discipline".

Sue's topic was "If you think Dogs Can't count, try putting 3 dog biscuits in your pocket and only giving the dog 2 of the dog biscuits." Sue filled us in on the rest of the family dog story and we found out that Big Daisy and Little Daisy were a sign from God...or at least a blessing!

Speakers:

Harold won Best Speaker with his speech "I am Angry!". Can you imagine Harold angry? Not me, it's hard for me to believe there is an angry bone in his body. It was a great speech and fun to relate to some of the retail sales stories he told us. He believes customer service is really important. He also thinks we need to be a little more tolerant with store employees and have empathy for people who wait on you. It was a good reminder for this busy time of year.

Larry also gave a great speech - "Parallels". He told us about his Music side and how it parallels Toastmasters by providing comparisons between preparing and practicing for concerts and speeches. He broke it down into three points - fluency: the way you practice

should be the way you perform; variety: what you present, styles, themes will allow you to grow if you try more different things; mental attitude: I think I can...I think I can...I think I can...Just watch this!

Jim won Best Evaluator.

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