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Greetings Fellow Toastmasters!

We had a great meeting this morning. It ran a little long, partly my fault for running over on my speech. I promise to work on that for the next time. A hearty welcome back to Louis and Verda Pape. It was fun to see them back and good to hear Louis's Table Topics speech!

Toastmaster: Darlene Highet
 Table Topics Master: Bill Sanborn
 Table Topics Speakers: Louis Pape, Mary Andrist, Jan McNallan
 Speakers: John Bishop, Sheri French, David Friese
 Master Evaluator: Ruth Phelps
 Evaluators: Eric Barsness, Sue Flemke, Cynthia O'Brien
 Guests: Dana Frederickson

Table Topics:

Jan won Best Table Topics Speaker with her response to "when is your future behind you?". And the answer is...when you stop doing, being active, volunteering, etc.. Jan really put some thought into her answer and gave an inspiring talk.

Louis was asked to comment on the hot news of the day (Arab company taking over the east coast ports). Hey, it's 2006 and everything is owned by somebody else now. Louis did a good job presenting both sides of the problem. His conclusion - he's a little skeptical that it's a good idea to have another country in charge of our ports, etc..

Mary was asked what she thought about the news that the Feds are going through with the fine for the Janet Jackson "exposure" during the previous Super Bowl game. And give us her thoughts she did!...even though she never saw the event. She did a fine job discussing the news and ended with we out to bring back the late, great Mae West!

Speakers:

John won Best Speaker with his speech "Sharing Digital Photos". It really does pay to slip the vote counter a little extra! Did you notice she also won Best Table Topics...8-). This was a demo speech showing how easy it is to create your own slide show using the Microsoft Photo Story 3 program which is a free download. Here is the link if you are interested. If you have dial-up Internet and would like a copy, let me know and I will download it and put it on a CD for you.

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory/default.aspx>

Sheri gave a manual speech - "A Better Way". She started out by welcoming her family (us) to the weekly family meeting where she presented the way things are and the way things are going to be after the new plan is implemented. Old way - no free time for mom because she spends too much time cleaning up our messes. New way - more free time for mom, more time you spend cleaning up your own messes. This was way too funny! I loved mom's response to her families questions.

David gave a manual speech "Wounded Knee" from the Bringing History to Life project. Great speech on two dark spots in American history. This was an informative speech and was interesting to even non-history buffs. Good job David!

Sue Flemke won Best Evaluator.

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