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Subject: Toastmaster meeting minutes - Jan 27, 2006

Toastmaster: Cynthia O'Brien
 Table Topics: Jim McKeon
 Speakers: Jan McNallan, Ruth Phelps, George Romano
 Master Evaluator: John Bishop
 Evaluators: David Friese, Larry Mattson, Harold Norman
 Guests: Dean Anderson, George Romano (area governor)

Table Topics:

Sue Flemke won Best Table Topics speaker with her answer to "how do you decide when to stay home (and not infect the world!)?". Unfortunately when Mom gets sick there is no backup and Mom's decision making is highly impaired! Remember, if you are "spewing", stay home!!

Darlene Highet told us "where her special place is to deal with cabin fever"...at home with a special book! Telling her hubby - "don't you want to take the kids somewhere?". Her ideal way to deal with cabin fever is a good book, a movie and some quiet time.

Bill Sanborn told us "what he enjoys doing on a warm January day". It's Trout fishing of course. There is nothing in the world to compare with Winter Trout fishing. You just have to watch out when back casting. Another tip, use the ugliest fly you can find...none of those pretty, sparkly ones. Unfortunately, you have to use barbless hooks and release after catching.

Speakers:

Jan McNallan won Best Speaker with her speech titled "My Job". She told us how much she loved being sergeant-at-arms for our club. I think she was lobbying to move the job higher in the rankings of club officers. She summed it up with "ask not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club - just say yes when asked to be an officer!".

Sue Flemke's speech "Making the Leap" was an inspiring speech to help move us out of our comfort zones at Toastmasters and make the leap to speaking in the community. She offered some good tips - get familiar with the speaking location and tools available to you at the location, rehearse your speech - physically and mentally, have introductory material available for the person who will introduce you, and last but not least - visualize your speech.

George Romano gave us manual speech from the Speaking to Inform manual. His speech "Hey, who moved my CTM" was just what we needed. The TM awards program is changing and George did a terrific job of identifying the changes, the reason behind the changes, and what the impact is to us as individual Toastmasters. Great speech! Thank you George.

Larry Mattson won Best Evaluator.

This was another great meeting. So for those of you who didn't make it, too bad, so sad, be there tomorrow!!

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