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Greetings Fellow Toastmasters!

We had fun again...the better you get as Toastmasters, the more fun we have at the meetings! So, I would like to urge you all to come to the area speech contest this Friday if possible to support Cynthia and the other contestants. Enough...here are last weeks minutes:

Toastmaster: Sheri French
 Table Topics: Sue Flemke
 Table Topics Speakers: David Friese, Verda Pape, Larry Mattson
 Speakers: Ron Flemke, Loraine Vettel
 Evaluators: Mary Andrist, Darlene Highet
 Guests: Dana Fredrickson

Table Topics: (this was "Dear Abby" week!)

FYI...I did take some liberties with my recollection to fill in my senior moments.

Verda won best Table Topics Speaker with her response to "Dear Verda, My pet snake puts the squeeze on my other pet - oh what to do?" I think we heard a short dissertation on a Dr. Sues book, something about "Oh no, I'm being eaten by a Boa constrictor...". She mentioned there will be no snakes allowed in her house and you just have to figure out who's more important.

David responded to "Dear David - My pet Trixie passed away - what can I do". Believe it or not, things will get better! After the defined mourning period, get another pet. David gave this one a lot of thought and recalled losing a pet and his reaction to losing his pet.

Larry responded to "Dear Larry - who should go, my pet alligator in the bathtub or my mother-in-law?". Surprising answer here! If you have a critter in the house, you better make sure the critter's doesn't have a plan different than yours. Finding a lost hamster is one thing, but a lost alligator...whoa!

Speakers:

Ron Flemke won Best Speaker with his manual speech "A Mothers Touch" from the Story Telling manual. This was a really touching story about his son Ryan's heart problem and how things fell into place for his surgery. We all could relate to this story and the ending with the description of how Ryan responded to his mother's touch after the surgery. Just a really good and heart warming speech. Thank you for sharing Ron.

Loraine Vettel's speech "Journal Keeping" was inspiring and a good tip for all of us. Journaling will help you in Toastmasters as well as other parts of your life...just ask a Weight Watcher...8-). Loraine suggested keeping record of random thoughts, making a list - pros and cons for decision. Journaling is good for goal setting. Helps with communication, helps you to focus and can be a confidence builder. Moral of the speech - start a journal today!

Mary won Best Evaluator.

See you all on Friday!

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