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CIPRO News

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The President's Message

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Heidi Sin, President, Toastmasters CIPRO Club (2008-2009)

As the President of Toastmasters CIPRO Club, I emphasize the value of leadership for the success of a club.

The growth of a diverse population, changes in the global economy, rapid evolution of technology, lack of resources, and the changing nature of our workforce all require an organization to have an inspired leader to motivate and enable the individuals in the group to face the challenges, reach the desired goals of an organization, and achieve their personal goals.

An ideal inspired leader is the one who demonstrates the following qualities: Be visionary, Care about those you lead, Acknowledge individual differences, Establish open and honest communication, and create a learning environment.

Inspiration is a powerful force; it makes one's life more meaningful and enjoyable. Remember, you are not the only one who benefits from it rather people around you.

To be an inspired leader, you need a combination of knowledge, skills, attitudes, behaviors, and passion.

The ancient Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu had the following observation about leaders: "A leader is best when people barely know he exists. Fail to honor people, and they fail to honor you. But of a good leader – who talks little when his work is done, his aim fulfilled - they will all say, 'We did this ourselves.' " (Albrecht, 1993)

Upcoming Events

- Jun 26
15th anniversary and Year end party

- Jul 1 to Aug 31
Summer Schedule



CIPRO Club Meeting

Congratulations!

Competent Communicator

Sabrina Cheng

Advanced Communicator Silver

Keith Yeung

Advanced Leader Bronze

Heidi Sin

Executive's remark

Katherine Lee, VP-Education

VP of Education is quite a challenging position. I have to make sure that the roles are filled every week, the member progress sheet is updated, DCP points are achieved.... I also have to attend officers' training, invite guest speakers, arrange calendars for the year...., etc. Fortunately, I always get assistance from many members to share the load. It is not as difficult as I thought. My major duty is to ensure that the weekly meetings are organized with members filling up different roles. What I did was to take one evening and make a few phone calls to confirm the roles. Most members were helpful and made my job easier. My greatest contribution to the club as VP Ed this year is the creation of a toastmaster workbook which I believe is convenient for all members to know their own progress, the member list, mentor list, DCP progress, the roster, the agenda....etc. I learnt a lot in this role as I need to be alert to "What's going on in the club?"



Guest Speaker: Judy Suke, Feb 16, 2009

Sabrina, VP-Membership

"Being V. P. of Membership this year has been both exciting and nerve-racking. It is exciting and satisfying every time a new member signs up to join the club. It gives me a sense of accomplishment. The nerve-racking part is right after I realized that I accepted the role and had a number of tasks to perform. I had never done anything like this before. I wasn't sure that I could execute them. However, thank goodness for officer training and the helping nature of all the members of CIPRO. The role allows me to practice and improve upon, greeting new guests in a warm and friendly manner and making connections with complete strangers by finding out their motivation for wanting to join Toastmasters, and then convincing them that CIPRO club is the club for them. I have learnt a lot about myself. I have hidden skills that I did not know I had and found that being V. P. of Membership is not as difficult as I had initially envisioned. I recommend every member to take a turn as V. P. of Membership. It is just another way of improving your communication skills. You never know whom you will meet and what you will learn!"

The **mission** of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn fosters self-confidence and personal growth.

Secretary, Francis Chu

This is my third year serving in the executive team. I am delighted to work with other executives as a team; we support and encourage each other to achieve the goals of the club.

Being the club's secretary is not a demanding role, I am glad that I have the opportunity to contribute out of my limited available time. We share our ideas and everyone has a chance to voice his/ her opinion. It is indeed a rewarding experience.



Area Contest March 2009

New Members' Corner

Welcome the new members!

Cosmo Wang

Frank F Liang

Frank Meng

Gloria Lee

Lucia Li

Navin Churaman

Teresa Wong

Yolanda Yao



2008 X'mas Party

Gloria Lee

I'm a York University second year undergraduate student majoring in Law and Society. I joined Toastmasters to improve my communication skills and improve my speaking skills by practicing delivering speeches in front of an audience. What gave me the start in joining Toastmasters was becoming a member of another club called The Duke of Edinburgh Award. I believe being members of both organizations will help me greatly improve several aspects in my life. Public speaking was something that I feared for some time, but in order to conquer this fear I must face it for there is nothing that is impossible if one puts their mind to it; as Franklin D. Roosevelt has once said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Being a Toastmasters member for only five months, I have developed a different perspective on public speaking. The more you involve yourself in front of an audience, the more you start to realize speaking to a group of people is something you can enjoy.

What is your
biggest FEAR?

1. Public speaking
2. Death



BBQ Party at Catherine Lee' garden



Welcome to visit us!

Agincourt Recreation Centre
31 Glen Watford Drive
(Midland & Sheppard,
Northeast corner)
Scarborough, Ontario M1S 2B7

Wednesdays, 7:15 - 9:15pm

Questions or comments? Contact us at:

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<http://toastmasterscipro.tripod.com/>



CIPro Club Meeting

Memories of...

Frank Liu

It was my great pleasure to join Cipro Toastmaster club! Through participating in different roles, my communication skill has been improved. I am currently working for China National Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Corporation in Beijing. I really enjoy doing this job since my overseas working experience and English communication skills can be fully utilized by this organization. Toastmasters is definitely a good club to improve your oral English. Thank CIPro Club and our members for helping me improve my English communication skills! The year of Ox is coming, I wish everybody a prosperous and happy year of the Ox in 2009!



Frank Liu in his Beijing office