



Wry Toastmasters

dedicated to the mastery of public speaking

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New Year makeovers...2004

How are YOU doing on your New Year's makeovers?

Wry Toastmaster is doing great on it's New Year's makeover. In 2004 we will integrate the image of the website and the newsletter to create a 'Wry identity'.

Check out the new friendly and inviting website that provides more useful information for members and potential members, too. Our design communicates the relaxed and fun environment that

invites visitors to look further. The rich information on our updated website shows the interested visitor that we are also goal-oriented and effective in helping people to improve their public speaking.

- Presidents welcome
- Three to five member testimonials
- Pictures of members, meeting, view from conf room, building from the outside...
- Pictures of each board member

- Pictures of club socials, coffee shop
- Guide to Evaluations
- Guide to Impromptu Speaking
- Guide to Being a Toastmaster at the meeting
- Guide to Advanced Manuals
- Guide to Successful Club Series
- Guide to where other clubs meet
- Available resources (books, CDs)

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Special points of interest:

- * New Wry Toastmaster website
- * International speech contest

Outlook for the next issue

- * Results from the International Speech contest
- * And so much more!

Practice and drills....

Concert pianists practice several hours each day. Much of this practice is common drills. Olympic caliber swimmers work out at least four or five hours each day. A lot of their pool

time would be spent on drills. Why? Practice makes perfect. But, drills ensure that proper form becomes natural and instinctive. Your experience at Wry

is a reflection of the same discipline used by high level performers. I have heard many of our members say that that they get out of Toastmasters what they put in. If they don't come to

Khue Dang - Traveling afar

Khue was born in Vietnam but grew up in Ephrata, Washington.

She is married to Paul Phong Do. They have one Beta Fish called Petie. But Khue's real passion is kids. Luckily she can enjoy her nephew regularly because her sibling lives in the same development as her.

Although Khue has only spent a short time of her life in Vietnam she loves to support people and especially children in Vietnam. She is a board member of the 'Greater Seattle Viet Nam Association'. She also supports two orphanages in the Mekong Delta, helps to build a library in one

rural village and gives scholarships to students in rural villages. Two years ago she helped build a school in this village and through her organization they provide ongoing support every year in the form of funds for books and scholarships.

Khue really likes to help and work with children to improve their future.

Khue joined Wry Toastmasters to become more comfortable in front of a crowd and to improve her public speaking ability. She got a taste of Toastmasters some time ago when she was in high school in 11th grade. She and other members of Junior Miss attended several Toast-

Master's meetings in Ephrata. .

From that introduction she thought that Toastmasters was the place to learn confidence and techniques in public speaking.

So, now she is really curious and excited to experience Toastmasters and become a confident public speaker.

Welcome Khue!

Houston Harrison - Ping pong cowboy going West!!!

Houston came to Seattle just a short while ago. He spontaneously decided to leave his home and come 'out West'. So, here he is!

He left all his family; his parents, his brothers and his sister back in Arkansas. His older brother is an orthodontist in Memphis with a family of three boys. His sister is in nursing school and has one boy. His younger brother is single like himself.

Houston works as a Financial Planner, so, now you know where to get that next tip on

your investments. Houston joined Wry Toastmasters to enable himself to give seminars and workshops that help people develop effective financial strategies and improve the structure and efficiency of their investment portfolio. In the future that is the base on which he wants to build his business on.

In his spare time Houston loves to play basketball, tennis, golf, skiing and volleyball. He also likes to backpack, hike, canoe, climb and spelunk. And when he's looking for something more relaxing he reads or cooks.

Houston loves competition and he wants to challenge members in Wry Toastmaster not only in public speaking but also in ping pong. If you have the right equipment, challenge him. If you play with sandpaper paddle, don't bother.....



It's cool. Check it out! The new Wry Toastmaster website!

Thanks a lot to Bert for the wonderful design.

All members contribute to this new friendly, welcoming website. Did you notice the 'candid camera' during the last few meetings? We are taking pictures and videos of members and meetings to put them up on the website to communicate to interested parties that yes, there are real people in this club and yes, they make great advances in public speaking while having fun.

But wait, there is more! We also plan to place a press release about this new website in local newspapers like Seattle Weekly to leverage this great event for generating awareness and ultimately new members.

If you have suggestions, ideas or comments to the website, please contact Bert.

Enjoy all the cool information.

Susanne Baessler

VP of PR and CTM

Wry Toastmasters

Meeting place
SKYLINE TOWER 9th Floor conference room 10900 NE 4th Bellevue, WA 98004 Map - Directions - View
Meeting time
Every Thursday, 7:00 AM to 8:15 AM

International speech contest

“Public speaking is very easy.”

Dan Quayle in 1988 to reporters

Wow, that says it all!

On March, 4th we will hold our club internal speech contest. The winners then move on to the District contest on March 10th, 2004, and then further to the re-

international contests.

Come out on March 4th, 2004 and enjoy some great speeches and support your fellow toastmasters in following their dreams.

WRY Toastmaster

Charter Date: September, 1981

District 2; Division: F

Area: 62, Club 4723

Thursday morning meetings
@ 7am

Skyline Tower Building
10900 NE 4th (Floor 9, Conference
Room)

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Got something to tell? Want to contribute an article for the next newsletter?

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EXTRA

International Speech Contest

"Make sure you have finished speaking before your audience has finished listening."

Dorothy Sarnoff

When: Thursday March, 4th, 2004

Where: Skyline Tower Building, 9th floor, Conference Room

... More practice and drills

meetings frequently, don't speak frequently, and don't evaluate frequently, they regress in their public speaking ability.

The common theme here is consistency. Repeated, frequent practice at public speaking makes us all better public speakers. And, drills ensure that we become great public speakers. Yes, drills. Fortunately, our drills are much easier than doing scales on the piano or 1000 yards of catch-up drill in the pool. Our drills are quite nice actually. They're called manual speeches or table topics or evaluations. They're all integrated into the

actual practice and are much more fun than hours of practice.

And in the case of manual speeches, they're all prepared for us. The manuals are easy to follow and they guide us to improvement in many areas of public speaking and leadership. On top of that, for every 10 speeches, you get recognition beginning with Competent Toastmaster, progressing to Advanced Toastmaster – Bronze and finally... going for the Gold (ATM-Gold).

Want to get a lot out of Wry?

**Come often!
Participate!
Do manual speeches!
Get better!
Have fun!**

