



# Wry Toastmasters

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dedicated to the mastery of public speaking

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## WRY LEADERSHIP CHANGES

A new Toastmaster year is dawning, as the Wry Officers for 2010-2011 officially begin to carry out their duties and responsibilities on July 1, 2010. Elected to lead the club for the next 12 months are Frank Selden, President, Don Luby, VP Education, Greg Ricker, VP Membership, Teri Patrick, VP PR, Sandra Jones, Secretary, Marina Nepom, Treasurer, and Margaret Perugini, Sergeant-at-Arms. Filling the unelected role of Webmaster is Cindy Song.



The officers were inducted by Outgoing Area 65 Governor Susy Birch and Incoming Governor John Day. Pictured L-R are: Perugini, Ricker, Jones, McEligot, and Song. Missing are Selden, Luby, and Nepom.

Taking their leadership to the District level for 2010-2011 are Sven Freitag, Public Relations Officer, Omar Rivas, Sergeant-at-Arms, Kyle McEligot, Area 63 Governor, and Patricia Klingler, Area 64 Governor.

## A CHAMPION IN OUR MIDST

His riveting story of *The Box* earned club member Omar Rivas the coveted title of Division 2 International Speech champion during competition at the District 2 Spring conference on May 8. Next, he is headed to Palm Desert, CA on August 14 where he will compete in the semi-finals, and potentially the finals, at Toastmasters International Conference. Omar first won at the club level at FIT (Forever Improving Toastmasters), his advanced club. From there he won the Area 64/65 and Division F contests, culminating in his win at the District level. Congratulations, Omar. We wish you much luck.



## WRY Toastmasters

- Charter Date: Sept. 1981
- District 2 — Division F
- Area 65 — Club 4723

### Meetings:

Every Thursday morning

7:00—8:15 a.m.

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## PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED—AGAIN

For the eighth year in a row, Wry Toastmasters has earned the designation as a President's Distinguished Club, by achieving 10 of the 10 annual Distinguished Club Plan (DCP) goals established by Toastmasters International. Thank you to the many members who diligently worked to complete your CC, advanced speaker, and Competent Leader manuals, enthusiastically greeted guests and brought in new members, paid your dues on time, and attended officer training. Let the tradition continue!

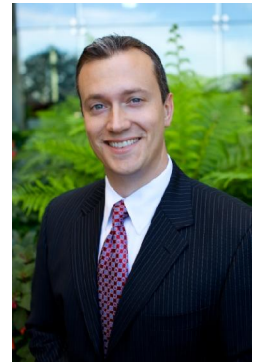
## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The following are members who joined Wry between 6/1/09-5/31/10.

### DAVID KELLER, CFP®, CFMC®

David is a Certified Financial Planner™ practitioner and partner of The Pacific Wealth Management Group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, a regional wealth management team in Bellevue. David graduated with honors from Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI with a degree in Finance. Following graduation, he received his commission as a Naval Officer and served onboard a Guided Missile Destroyer in Everett, achieving the rank of Lieutenant (O-3) before separating to pursue his career in finance.

Prior to joining the firm, he was on a Private Wealth Management Team at UBS Financial Services. David and his wife Corinne live in Snoqualmie and are expecting their first child just before their 4 year anniversary (Due Date – July 26<sup>th</sup>).



### TERI PATRICK



I joined Wry in June, 2009 and have already gained a great deal from the club. My husband, Steve, and I have three teenage sons. I took nine years off from my career to homeschool. I'm finishing up my last year and plan to go back to work in the fall.

I currently volunteer with several youth organizations including the YMCA Youth legislature. I help teens prepare for their roles as youth legislators, lobbyists and members of the press. This is where my Wry experience comes in. I pass on what I learn about controlling filler words and how to provide better feedback to each other during debate practice.

I also enjoy hiking, camping and raising honey bees and dairy goats. I no longer enjoy hiking with my sons, however, as their favorite routes tend to involve ice axes and mine....don't.

### HARALD HORGEN

Harald joined Wry Toastmasters in December 2009. He first started with Toastmasters in Arizona in 1987, where he became a Competent Toastmaster (CTM). He took a hiatus from Toastmasters while living in France from 1990-2004, and joined Lexington Toastmasters in Massachusetts in 2005, where he became an Advanced Toastmaster – Bronze (ATMB).

A native of Norway, he has lived many years in Canada, Arizona and France. He and his wife Lanabeth are the proud parents of two cocker spaniels, Katie and Gracie.



### ROB NICHOLS

Rob has always enjoyed speaking in front of an audience at work, community organizations, or entertaining his 2 boys, but has always wanted to appear more natural and competent. He joined Toastmasters in July of 2009, while in career transition, to hone his speaking skills, and really improve on his presentation abilities. He credits Toastmasters with giving him confidence with his ability to promote himself, and practice, practice, practice! He is currently using his speaking skills as a process improvement professional with Slalom Consulting, where extemporaneous and rehearsed presentations are a key part of the job. Rob lives with his wife and 2 teenage sons, who are the beneficiaries of getting to hear him practice many speeches!



## BRITTANY WALKER

**M**y name is Brittany Walker, I was born in August of '84 in Southern California. I currently live in Redmond, WA. I have a degree in Medical Assisting. However, after years of fighting seizures, empathy grew inside for those struggling with courage, and in 2009, I returned to school in order to receive a doctorate in Psychology. Those around me count me as adventurous in my outdoor activities. Skydiving was the most thrilling! My space asked whom I'd like to meet, to which I replied: "Albert Einstein! And the one who designed the simple black dress! You both are geniuses!"



## JILL SOSNA

**B**orn and raised in the UK, I have lived and traveled in Europe, Asia and the U.S. My background includes marketing, product management and training. Over the past 14 years I have worked in the food industry and am delighted by healthy, natural and tasty food.

My interests include dancing, transformation and environmental sustainability. I moved from Southern California to Seattle in 2006 and joined the lively and welcoming Wry Toastmasters in May 2010.



## JOEY MITCHELL

**I**'m originally from Indiana and work in food service sales out here in Bellevue and now reside in downtown Seattle with my fiancée Rachel; our wedding is scheduled for the end of the year in Las Vegas!

I enjoy both college and professional sports but Notre Dame Football is my true passion and have resorted to a costly hobby of collecting sports memorabilia with my prized possession being a game worn Walter Payton jersey. I enjoy reading, relaxing and a tasty serving of sushi.

## CINDY SONG

**I** was born and raised in China. After college I came to US for grad school and got my PhD in Computer Science at University of Chicago in 2008. I now work at Microsoft as a software engineer.

As I said in my Ice Breaker, I decided to check out Toastmasters hoping someday I could break the curse of social ineptitude cast upon geeks. I visited several clubs and at Wry I was blown away by the energy and warmth of the members, and fascinated by the interesting speeches. Even the organization of the meeting is creative. I believe the ah-counter role is definitely very memorable to every guest. I knew immediately that this club would be my very first home club. I'm very happy to be part of it.



## MORE NEW MEMBERS

### ZHANG (DANA) ZHIQIN

**M**y name is Zhang Zhiqin. Fourteen years ago I left a promising career as an electrical engineer in China and, along with my seven year-old son, set out for the United States of America. A new culture, new life style, and new career not only brought me enthusiasm and inspiration, but also offered up many challenges and stressful situations, especially when dealing with the language barrier.

In 2004, I started my own day spa business, and as a result, speaking in public to promote our business became essential for me. One year ago I found Wry and felt that it would be the best opportunity to practice speaking in public and overcome my anxiousness.



### LINDA EASTLICK

**I** currently live in Sammamish, in the home where I grew up. My family, on my father's side, has a lot of history in this area (Mercer). I'm very interested in my family heritage, which keeps drawing me back here. I also love to experience other places and cultures, which I have not done enough.

I have worked in various finance and accounting roles since graduating from Washington State University with a Bachelor's in Business. I am currently in a career transition, looking for work in the field of Organization Development, with a Master of Science in Organization Development from Central Washington University.

I love languages but am fluent only in English; still need immersion in others to gain fluency (someday . . .). I have a strong competitive streak and like physical challenges. These include the Seattle-to-Portland bicycle ride, the Seattle marathon, relay swim the length of Lake Washington, and bicycle/bus commuting between Sammamish and Ballard (for 3 years).

### MARGARET PERUGINI

Margaret joined Wry Toastmasters in March of this year, and has already regaled the club with fascinating stories from her childhood. Margaret is Wry's newly-elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

## QUOTABLE SPEAKING TIPS

"What we say is important...for in most cases, the mouth speaks what the heart is full of." - Jim Beggs

"Speak clearly, if you speak at all. Carve every word before you let it fall." - Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

"Say not always what you know, but always know what you say." - Claudius

## OUR MISSION

**W**RY is committed to strengthening public speaking and leadership skills of its diverse membership by providing an exciting, supportive and 'wry' (humorous) educational environment.

## WRY OFFICERS

<b>President</b> .....	Kyle McEligot
<b>VP Education</b> .....	Kyle McEligot
<b>VP Membership</b> .....	Emiko Hori
<b>VP Public Relations</b> .....	Scott Tyler
<b>Secretary</b> .....	Patricia Klingler
<b>Treasurer</b> .....	Marina Nepom
<b>Sgt.-at-Arms</b> .....	Vacant
<b>Webmaster</b> .....	Alex Marinov
<b>Past President</b> .....	Patricia Klingler