

# SRTM

## SOUTH RIVER TOASTMASTERS

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
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Coming up on July 22<sup>nd</sup> with **Toastmaster MJ Kim!**

<i>Toastmaster</i>	<i>Table Topics</i>	<i>Speaker #1</i>	<i>Evaluator #1</i>
MJ Kim	Kyle Sohn	Aneette Kim	Chris Lee
<i>Word &amp; Quote</i>	<i>Gen. Evaluator</i>	<i>Speaker #2</i>	<i>Evaluator #2</i>
Juhee Lee	KY Oh	Agnes Jarosch	Richard Choi
<i>Timer</i>	<i>Joke Master</i>	<i>Speaker #3</i>	<i>Evaluator #3</i>
Hyunhee Lee	Pilsoo Oh	-	-
<i>Grammarian</i>	<i>Ah-Counter</i>	-	-
Sung-il Kim	Sujin Kang	-	-

Weekly meetings every Wednesday 7:15pm at TOZ near Gangnam Station (See [www.srtm.org](http://www.srtm.org) for directions)

### Brief Sketch of July 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

Attendance at SRTM has been up lately. July 15<sup>th</sup> was no exception with over 40 people attending. This meeting was chaired by James Lim. He introduced Richard Choi as Toastmaster of the evening. His theme was "Conviction". He believed that an individual's daily activities without conviction were meaningless. It was a reminder to the audience that they should stick to their own conviction or purpose in order to achieve their goals. Sally Kim, introduced 'enthusiasm' as the Word of the Day, and **'When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see one which has opened for us'** by Hellen Keller, as the Quote of the Day. Irving Gussow, warmed up the atmosphere by telling the audience his childhood story at a funeral and citing a question he was asked to answer, 'What would you want to be heard at your funeral?' This was entertaining and also provided the audience an opportunity to be reflective on their lives.

Marie Frenette led the Table Topics session by bringing along a box of items with her. She asked the audience to make a sales pitch for the item she picked out for them. Three participants, Kyle Sohn, Jin Kang and Rich DeBourke gave a very convincing sales pitch for the following items respectively: i) facial massager, ii) tongue scraper, and iii) tiny hand palm massage bar.

Bo Young Noh delivered her Ice Breaker speech. Her topic was 'Inter-cultural Communication.' She shared amusing stories of language barrier and cultural shock difficulties while studying in the U.K. From her experience, she learned that keeping an open mind is one of the essential elements of inter-cultural communication. Next Lee Farrand, delivered his 2<sup>nd</sup> speech and discussed 'Stress Management,' He suggested three ways to manage stress: i) boost your resources; ii) focus on non-material goals; and iii) build strong personal relationships. 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker, Sung-il Kim, completed his 15<sup>th</sup> project, 'Make Them Laugh (The Entertaining Speaker)' by making the audience burst into laughter with his small eyes.

Near the close of the meeting, a membership induction was held led by VP Membership, Chris Lee. During this session, five people, Annette Kim, Bo Young Noh, Kyle Sohn, Paul Seo and Robert Cha were inducted as new members of SRTM. Congratulations.

General Evaluator Ellen Yoo led the Evaluation session. Agnes Jarosch evaluated Bo Young Noh, Pil-Soo Oh evaluated Lee Farrand, and Irving Gussow evaluated Sung Il Kim. The technical role players were Robert Cha as Ah Counter, James Lim as Timer, and KJ Lee as Grammarians. Winners for that night were Rich DeBourke for Best Table Topics Speaker, Sung Il Kim for Best Speaker, and Agnes Jarosch for Best Evaluator. Congratulations to everyone!

*Rex Kwak*  
Secretary, SRTM

### Get to know your SRTM Members!

**James Lim** is a member and serving as President at SRTM. He has completed his CC award and he is working on his CL award. He is an engineer at Linde Korea.

#### How did you first join Toastmasters?

I had just graduated from university in Australia and I was enjoying my "gap year". I read somewhere that Toastmasters was a proven method to boost your confidence when presenting in public. I was as an English teacher and needed guidance on public speaking. So I searched the internet and found SRTM to be the closest club in the Banpo area.

#### Describe someone you met at your first meeting.

Agnes Lee and Minhong Rim. Both are former presidents of SRTM. I called Agnes for directions to the meeting venue and she was very helpful even to a complete stranger! During the meeting, I was impressed with how professionally Minhong conducted the session as chairperson. The clincher was the "Second Round"! I realized these people were a great bunch of people to just hang out with.

#### My most memorable session?.

My ice breaker speech. The atmosphere was so supportive and the evaluation so insightful I regard my ice breaker speech as my best speech. I also remember my 8th speech or "Use Visual Aids" speech. It was the night I confessed to everyone that I use skin care products. Lots of laughter that night!

#### Describe your Toastmaster journey

I first attended in 2001 and became a member in 2002. I was definitely working on the slow path. After finishing my stint as an English Teacher I was offered a job in Cheung Nam, Seosan. It is about 2 hours drive or 130 Km south west of Seoul. Distance was my excuse to not attend meetings but I was encouraged by members to attend meetings. I completed my CC manual in 2004. Then they encouraged me to serve as an officer. I was meeting people each week at the meeting and working with fellow officers each week preparing for the meetings. I was becoming a better communicator and leader. It eventually become a priority in my life. This weekly contact turned into a supportive network of friends. Good friends for life. I loved my journey at SRTM and I will continue to love it. I would do it again in a heartbeat and not change anything. I encourage everyone that attends a meeting at SRTM or at other clubs to make Toastmasters a priority in their lives.