

# SRTM

## SOUTH RIVER

### TOASTMASTERS

#### July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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Coming up on July 29<sup>nd</sup> with **Toastmaster Joseph Jeong!**

<b>Toastmaster</b> Joseph Jeong	<b>Speaker #1</b> Marie Frenette	<b>Speaker #6</b> Ron Cahoon	<b>Evaluator #5</b> Irving Gussow
<b>Gen Evaluator</b> James Lim	<b>Speaker #2</b> Taewon Seo	<b>Evaluator #1</b> Agnes Jarosch	<b>Evaluator #6</b> Richard Choi
<b>Timer</b> Kelly Lee	<b>Speaker #3</b> Chris Lee	<b>Evaluator #2</b> Abhi Arora	
<b>Grammarian</b> Annette Kim	<b>Speaker #4</b> Catherine Jung	<b>Evaluator #3</b> Sung-il Kim	
<b>Ah-Counter</b> Namseok Kang	<b>Speaker #5</b> Luke Shim	<b>Evaluator #4</b> Lee Farrand	

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 22<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

The 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the year kicked off smoothly as Chairperson James Lim opened the meeting. Toastmaster MJ Kim led the session and asked each role player what their "turning-point" in their life was. "Always Serious Man" Pilsoo Oh successfully showed his lighter side when he started off the meeting with a great joke about why he doesn't trust people named Chulsoo. Juhee Lee introduced "persistent" to the audience as the Word of the Day. Her Quote of the Day was a common Chinese saying. When translated it means "helping others is helping myself".

For the Table Topics session, recently inducted member Kyle Sohn presented three moral dilemmas and asked each table topic speaker how they would respond if ever they were in that particular situation. The six respondents were Lee Farrand, Marie Frenette, Brian Kim, Alice Lee, Min Jung Ko and Pilsoo Oh.

There were only two speeches presented that night. Annette Kim delivered her second speech and her objective was organizing her speech. She presented to the audience how she was able to get rid of the "eraser in her head" and conquered her habit of always forgetting things by labeling everything and writing things down. The final speech of the night was delivered by Agnes Jarosch. Her fourth speech project was "How to Say It" and presented a rather amusing anecdote on intercultural misunderstandings that occurred between Japanese and German auto makers. She introduced the concept of how some cultures are "high context" focused while others are more "low context" orientated.

The General Evaluator KY Oh and his supporting cast of evaluators and technical role players carried the second half of the meeting. Chris Lee evaluated Annette Kim's speech while Richard Choi evaluated Agnes Jarosch's speech. Both gave insightful and supportive evaluations. The timer of the evening was Ron Cahoon. The Ah Counter was first time guest Jennifer Shin. Grammarians responsibilities were taken by Sung-il Kim.

Pilsoo Oh was awarded as Best Table Topics Speaker. Richard Choi's evaluation earned him the Best Evaluator award. The much coveted Best Speaker award was presented to Agnes Jarosch.

This week's meeting will be SRTM's 3<sup>rd</sup> ALL SPEECH DAY. Please come to the meeting prepared to listen to six great speeches and six great evaluations. There will also be an Education Session presented by Joseph Jeong so stay tuned for that as well.

Congratulations and a good job to our winners and a big thank you for all who attended another very successful meeting.

*James Lim*  
President, SRTM

### Get to know your SRTM Members!

*Joseph Jeong* is a member and served as President of SRTM during the last term. The time has come to send our dear friend and past president off to Chicago where he will begin his MBA studies. We asked Joseph about his history within SRTM and his thoughts about

#### How did you come to involved in SRTM?

I knew about toastmasters since high school, through a good friend of mine. I happened to find out about SRTM through the internet.

#### What was your proudest moment as a president of SRTM?

Hmm... retiring?

#### How does it feel to be moving to next chapter of your life?

I am excited, however it is also a little hard to leave behind so many good friends in SRTM.

#### What kind of future do you see for SRTM and toastmaster in Korea?

I think it is a question of when, and not if, Korea will become a Toastmasters district. I see SRTM playing a major role in making that happen.

#### Do you intend to be involved in toastmasters in the US?

SRTM is special to me because of the people. I hope that other Toastmasters clubs in America will have like minded people and I hope to continue to be actively involved with Toastmasters.

Special thanks to Joseph for his unwavering commitment to SRTM! We wish him success and prosperity in his future pursuits