

SRTM

SOUTH RIVER

TOASTMASTERS

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Coming up on August 26th with **Toastmaster Luke Shim!**

Toastmaster Luke Shim	Speaker #1 Lydia Park	Speaker #6 Robin Choi	Evaluator #5 TBD
Gen Evaluator Agnes Jarosch	Speaker #2 Minjung Ko	Evaluator #1 Catherine Jung	Evaluator #6 Jee Yun Kim
Timer Kyle Shin	Speaker #3 Jongmin Hahm	Evaluator #2 Kristie Lee	
Grammarian Richard Kim	Speaker #4 Hyunhee Lee	Evaluator #3 TBD	
Ah-Counter Hwaksoon Ryu	Speaker #5 Joo Mee Lee	Evaluator #4 TBD	

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

Brief Sketch of August 19th Meeting:

Chairperson James Lim called the meeting to order by warmly welcoming guests and members. The meeting room was packed with 48 people. Chris Lee as Toastmaster of the Evening, introduced the word 'hobby' as the Theme of the Day. He believes it is was one of the best ways to understand people. Robert Cha, the Word and Quote Master, introduced to the audience 'cognizant,' and the Quote of the Day was "**Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are and what they ought to be,**" by William Hazlitt, 19th century essayist. Then, Joke Master, Namseok Kang showed his respects by remembering the passing of former president Kim Dae-Jung and shared an episode of the former president's disappointing moment with his wife. It produced a mixed emotion of sorrow and laughter.

Jee Yun Kim, the Table Topics Master, prepared cards with the names of famous celebrities and asked each participant to pick one card and role play. Celebrities included Angelina Jolie, David Beckham, Paris Hilton and so on. The participants were Jee Young Yang, Tony Mgbeahuruike, Rex Kwark and Pilsoo Oh.

The Prepared Speech Session started off with Annette Kim's 3rd speech project "Get to the Point." She shared with the audience a story of her favorite figure skater, Michelle Kwan and introduced the word 'flow,' meaning the mental state of operation in which the person is fully immersed in what he or she is doing by a feeling of energized focus, full involvement, and success in the process of the activity. She said she saw 'flow' from Michelle Kwan. She was evaluated by Ellen Yoo. The 2nd speaker, Agnes Jarosch, introduced wine tasting the audience by opening a bottle of wine and passing around scented samples of typical wine flavors. Her speech was interesting and attention grabbing especially just ahead of SRTM's summer wine party. She was evaluated by Lee Farrand. The 3rd speaker, James Lim, delivered his 11th speech from the Entertaining Speaker manual. His speech elicited a lot of laughter and entertained the audience with his adventures of eating bad oysters in China. He was evaluated by Luke Shim.

Irving Gussow led the evaluation session, supported by technical role players, Lydia Park as Ah-Counter, Alicia Park as Timer and Min Jung Ko as Grammarians. Awards were given out to Pilsoo Oh for Best Table Topics Speaker, Agnes Jarosch for Best Speaker and Lee Farrand for Best Evaluator.

A good job to our winners and congratulations to everyone!

Rex Kwark
Secretary, SRTM

SRTM Alumnus Update!

JP Singh CC, CL was the former VP of Education for SRTM. He is now studying at the University of Texas in Austin, Texas pursuing his MBA.

We asked JP about his new life in the U.S.

"I am settled down in my new place now. Being a student again is not easy but I am adjusting to this life style gradually.

Most difficult part is waking up for 8 am class on Monday and Wednesday. I know I used to make it to office even before that but I wasn't doing night-outs to finish assignments then. And these assignments seems not to end at all. But so far I have been a good student and I am happy about it.

What makes me even more happier is that their is a lot of drinking involved with classmates. My class mates are cool.

Overall Austin looks very promising. Bar scene is quite good but it is drilling a hole in my pocket. I miss Samsung for what they were doing to my bank account every month.;

And I do miss you all very very much!
Stay in touch!

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