

SOUTHRIVER TOASTMASTERS

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

Greetmaster Gilles P	Gen Evaluator Catherine Jung	Speaker #1 Annette Kim	Evaluator #1 Jongmin Hahm
Table Topics Agnes Jarosch	Timer Robert Cha	Speaker #2 Minjung Ko	Evaluator #2 Richard Kim
Joke Master Heather Jung	Grammarians Jae Seo	Speaker #3 Jae Lee	Evaluator #3 Peter Hyun
Word & Quote TBD	Ah Counter Pilsoo Oh	Speaker #4 Irving Gussow	Evaluator #4 James Lim

Brief Sketch of November 25th Meeting:

Only 5 more meetings left in 2009. It was great to see so many people at last week's meeting. The Greetmaster Taewon Seo enthusiastically greeted members and guests as they entered the room. The Chairperson James Lim commenced the last meeting in November by welcoming members and guests. Next he introduced the Toastmaster of the evening Agnes Jarosch. Her theme was success stories. She relayed an interesting story of how she succeeded in purchasing a garbage bag in Korea even though she didn't speak Korean.

The Word & Quote Master Heather Jung introduced the word *breakthrough* meaning a major achievement or success. Her quote was by the famous Albert Einstein. It too kept inline with the night's theme of success. "If A is success and A equals X + Y + Z, then X is work, Y is play and Z is keeping your mouth shut!" The Jokemaster was non other than our funny man Carlos Pavao. He amused the audience with a humorous personal story about his first time at Seoul Land.

The Table Topics Master Robert Cha presented a very creative idea with his session. He asked the audience to pretend they were reporters at a press conference. Each table topic speaker had to role play they were a famous person and the audience had the opportunity to ask several questions about their famous lives. Marcus Oh, Ella Han, Christine Kim and Marie Frenette participated in the session.

There were only three speakers that night. First speaker was Jongmin Hahm. He delivered his 2nd speech project. His topic of choice was how to solve problems effectively. He was evaluated by Annette Kim. Next Juhee Lee impressed us with her skills as a cultural liaison and how she overcame cultural difficulties. It was her 3rd speech project and she was evaluated by Minjung Ko. Finally, Sungil Kim delivered his 19th speech. He used his creative powers to present a technical paper on the benefits of cocktails that can stimulate certain hormones in our brain to achieve success. He was evaluated by James Lim.

Our very capable member Irving Gussow was General Evaluator that night. He led a crack team of evaluators and technical role players. His comments on the meeting were insightful. Yooshin Lee kept time. Elli Lee tracked our AHs and Einstein Lavina played the role of the grammar police. Awards were presented to Marie Frenette for Best Table Topics Speaker, James Lim was awarded for Best Evaluator and the Best Speaker on the night was Sungil Kim. Congratulations to all a thank you to everyone for making last week's meeting a total success!

*President, SRTM
James Lim*

Important Announcements!

- **Christmas Party with Pacific Sunset and LGA Toastmasters on December 12th!** Celebrate Christmas with fellow Toastmasters from other clubs. Contact Jennie Choe at choe5910@hanmail.net for more info.
- **The new SRTM website is up and running.** Thanks to our webmaster. Please offer some feedback for improvements.
- **The Mentoring Program is up and running at SRTM.** Please ask any of our officers for more information.
- **NEOWIZ TM club is looking for members.** Please contact Luke Shim for more details. luke.shim@gmail.com (010 6355 0207)
- **Contribute articles to the newsletter.** Please contact the VP of PR for more information.

SRTM 10th Anniversary Wrap Up!

SRTM 10th Anniversary Gala was a huge success with around 45 people attending the event! The wine was flowing and the people were mingling.

It was a great night full of congratulatory messages from past officers, a congratulatory speech by the President, a trivia night led by Lee Farrand and loads of awards for members and guests!

On that night we honored the following people for their dedication to SRTM and the Toastmasters experience.

Toastmaster of the Year
– Jenny Vrontakis

Most Improved Toastmaster
– Minjung Ko

Most SRTM Awards Won
– Taewon Seo

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Best Participation 2009 (member, non officer)

– Irving Gussow

Best Participation 2009 (guest)

– Kelly Lee

Best Attendance 2009 (member, non officer)

– Robert Cha

Best Attendance 2009 (guest)

– Jin Kang Lee

Best Dressed Woman

– Eunwoo Park

Best Dressed Man

– James Lim

Congratulations to all! It was a great night! Thank you everyone for joining in the celebrations. Special thanks goes to **Lee Farrand** for MC duties, **Catherine Jung** for securing the venue and getting a great deal with Amorzio, **Alice Lee** for taking care of the budget and prizes, **Eva Lee** for designing the awesome flyer and banner, **Einstein Lavina** for being a photographer. For those of you that missed it, some photos have been included in this issue of the newsletter. The remainder of the photos will be uploaded on our new website soon.

