



# CATSKILL COMMUNICATOR

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<h2>What's the Word?</h2> <p>Words from recent meetings:</p> <p>Eclectic (Ek-Lek-Tic) (adj): Not following one system but many, mixing together to suit your style.</p> <p>Rapport (RAP-poor), (n): Relation or connection, esp. harmonious or sympathetic relation</p> <p>Eschew (es-choo), (v): To turn down, ignore, disdain, or do without</p> <p>Harangue [huh-rang] (n): A long, passionate, and vehement speech, esp. one delivered before a public gathering</p> <p>Kern (Kern) (n): An ancient Irish foot soldier or the part of the face of a type projecting beyond the body or shank, as in certain italic letters</p>	<p>Welcome to the third issue of the Catskill Communicator, the newsletter of Catskill Toastmasters Club #9542. The newsletter will be produced quarterly (October, January, April, and July). It will contain information about our club and its members as well as information about upcoming events. The newsletter will primarily be an electronic publication but printed copies can be made available upon request. If you have a contribution for the newsletter, please send it to the club's new email address, <a href="mailto:catskilltoastmasters@yahoo.com">catskilltoastmasters@yahoo.com</a>.</p>	<h2>Milestones</h2> <p>Upcoming special occasions of our members:</p> <p><b>Zinnia Konviser</b> Birthday, April 7<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Nancy Campis</b> Birthday, April 12<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>John Girrback</b> Birthday, April 29<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Paul Haber</b> Birthday, June 23<sup>rd</sup></p> <p><b>Sam and Honora Wohl</b> Anniversary, May 20<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Mike (and Robin) LaFountain</b> Anniversary, June 16<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b></p> <p>Saturday, Apr 30<sup>th</sup> District 53 Conference in Norwich, CT. Contact Mike if interested.</p> <p>Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, Division A Speech-a-Thon in New Windsor. Contact Mike if interested.</p> <p>Tues-Sat, Aug 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Toastmasters International Conference, Foxwoods, CT. Contact Mike if Interested.</p> <p>TBD- July Anniversary Party. Need someone to head this up, contact Mike or Joan if interested.</p>	<h2>Top Five TOYs</h2> <p>Toastmaster of the Year status as of April 1, 2009</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mike LaFountain - 52</li> <li>2. Pat Hendrickson - 45</li> <li>3. Joan Kern - 44</li> <li>4. Deanne Tucker - 35</li> <li>5. Chris Williams – 34</li> </ol> <p>Earn TOY points by attending meetings, filling role, competing in contests, recruiting members, visiting other clubs, and more. For current status and to see what qualifies for TOY points, visit the club website.</p>	<p><b>Mike LaFountain</b> TM Member since May, 2002</p> <h2>ATTENTION</h2> <p>Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to Mar 31<sup>st</sup> marked the Toastmasters Spring Membership “<b>Talk Up Toastmasters</b>” Program. During this time the club had an open-house meeting and our Secretary, Mike went on several local radio stations promoting Toastmasters. We have had several guests and potential members as a result of these efforts. Keep up the good work.</p>

**From the President, Joan Kern:**

It is a pleasure to be a part of such a friendly, motivated, caring group of people who are seeking to improve themselves. What a difference there would be in the world if leadership and self-improvement were the objectives and more people were Toastmasters.

Last week I went to a meeting of an organization that I hadn't been to for years, thus I knew no one. I walked into the meeting place where there were some people sitting at the table. I stood there for a minute or so, wondering if I should leave, ask if this was the meeting or just sit down. I sat down, surprised that no one had spoken to me and I finally asked is this-----they said yes. In fairness I was early, my trip to the dump went faster than expected, and the president was late. Still that would never happen at Toastmasters. Fortunately I stayed, everyone did become friendly, they knew my name since I had paid dues for so many years, and I'm known in the community. I enjoyed a very productive meeting because I didn't get angry and leave and then talk about how it is just a clique. We have all heard that from people from other organizations, it may be true sometimes, but for me it was always an excuse for them to not be involved and do their share. I intend to go back because I have ideas that could make a difference, they were very encouraging and agreed with what I offered and I can also teach them some Toastmaster ideals.

Six more meetings and we will have a new president and slate of officers. We have so many qualified members, please think of how you can improve the club and yourself by filling one of these roles.

**Distinguished Club Status:**

As of 04/01/09, our Club has met 3 of the goals and is well on its way. Let's keep working towards the goal of being a Select or Presidents Distinguished Club this year.

**From the VPE, Nancy Campis:**

Spring is here and Summer is right around the corner. First on my agenda is I want to welcome our two new members Poonam Gallagher and Diosantigo Santiago to Catskill toastmasters. I am pleased to tell you that you will not find a more productive club to meet all your needs. Also welcome back to Vasanti Voit.

Second, June 30<sup>th</sup> will be here before we know it. As a toastmasters club we are working toward becoming a Distinguished toastmaster club this year. This is just a reminder. The club needs four Competent Communicator (CC). We need one Advanced Communicator Bronze (ACB) or (ALB). and one advanced Communicator Silver (ACS) or (ALS). Pretend to be a spring flower, push up from the ground and complete your mission. Looking forward to viewing all the beautiful flowers.

**From the Treasurer, Chris Williams:**

**Thank you to all 17 members who have renewed their memberships by paying dues on time. Payment has been made to Toastmasters International before the April 1st deadline. Welcome to new members Vasanti Voit and Poonam Gallagher, who submitted their dues this week. That means we now have 19 paid members.**

Catskill Toastmaster Club #9542 meets from 5:30 to 7:00 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month at the Sullivan ARC building, 162 East Broadway, Monticello. For more information, visit their website, [www.catskilltoastmasters.org](http://www.catskilltoastmasters.org), Send them an email at [catskilltoastmasters@yahoo.com](mailto:catskilltoastmasters@yahoo.com) Or call the Club Secretary, Mike LaFountain at (845) 583-5059.

**From the Vice President of V.P. of Public Relations, Pam DeMan:**

Catskill Toastmasters has been invigorated by a number of new faces during the past two months, including several new members, guests at our open house, and high school students with their parents. Our meetings are always different and never boring! So keep inviting your neighbors, friends and coworkers to join us. While we usually end our Wednesday meetings promptly at 7:00 PM, several of us usually go out to supper at a nearby restaurant or diner afterwards - and everyone is welcome to join us.

I'm making another plea for our Speakers' Bureau. Please let me know via email, or in person at the next meeting, about your areas of expertise and interest. We can be a resource for Sullivan County, providing good speeches on a variety of topics, such as health, fitness, and safety - IF you let me know about your experience and willingness to share your knowledge. Especially if you've already organized and researched a great speech - why not share your passion and information with a nearby community group???

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