



Frankly Franklin

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Meetings

1st/3rd/5th Thursdays – 7:00-8:00 AM
Room 202A
The Community Center
The Vineyard Church of Columbus
6000 Cooper Road
Westerville, OH 43081

Coming Down The Road

1. We are starting out on a new meeting schedule next month. We're adding the 5th Thursday of the month (during those months that **have** a 5th Thursday) as an additional meeting day. This will give us one more meeting in January, April, July, and October of the upcoming year.
2. Lina Bozelli is planning our first (and hopefully not last) **Roast and Toast** event for late January or early February. The date hasn't been determined yet, so... STAND BY.
3. The next phase of speech competitions is approaching, with the **International Speech Contest** and the **Evaluation Contest** to be held in late January. All of us should really consider competing as it really does hone those skills.

Sally's Rules of Five For Public Speaking

1. Know Yourself – Speak about what you know or what you're passionate about.
2. Know Your Material – Be an expert. This will build confidence.
3. Organize Your Speech –
 - a. Have an attention-getting opening that leads to the body of the speech.
 - b. Organize the body based on the rule of three – make a point, then support it; make another point and support it; etc. Or, tell a story, make a point...
 - c. Summarize what you're talked about and have a strong ending, a call to action or memorable statement.
4. Practice, practice, practice – Don't memorize your speech (except maybe the introduction). Take the focus away from yourself, and focus on what you want the audience to take away from the speech. Make the mental "switch".
5. Stage time, stage time, stage time – get out there and DO IT !

Member Spotlight

Patrick O'Rourke and a great speech on Dec 4th



Patrick (shown with hat and apron) presented the third project from the **Advanced Communication & Leadership** manual, titled **Diffusing Verbal Criticism**. The presentation included a talk about how people deal with verbal criticism, a short role play with Chris Quinn (holding his "biggie burger"), and a brief discussion with the audience on the conversation that took place. While the props and situation took on a humorous tone, the topic was serious and left us with new insights in how we get along.

Can We Talk About It?

Ed: The newsletter is re-emerging after a long (too long) hiatus. Not only is it starting out anew, but it's with a new format and a new title. Any suggestions or comments are welcome. As an example, I wonder if we really need to list club officers at the beginning (it does take up room). Perhaps a shorter listing or better layout for those names would be appropriate? Let me know what you think... send your comments to: sguenthe@insight.rr.com