



# NEWSLETTER

## Welcome New Officers!



Our Area Governor Lisette Cumberland ACB, ALB installed a new set of officers for the club during January 10th 2011 meeting. The new Officers are:

President: Jyotsna D. Pai, DTM

Vice President of Education: Ed Meisner, ACB, CL

Vice President of Membership: Sarah Whitfield, CC

Vice President of Public Relations: Matt Taylor, CC

Secretary: Doris Fuellgrabe, CC

Treasurer: Vidyaraman Meenakshisundaram, CC

Sergeant at Arms: Iddah M. Wangondu, CC



### Who We Are

Preston Persuaders is a club dedicated to helping our members improve their public speaking and leadership skills. We meet every Monday from 7:30pm to 9:10pm at the Custer Road United Methodist Church located at 6601 Custer Road, Plano Tx 75023. The meetings are open to the public and we encourage you to attend if you are thinking about improving your speaking or leadership skills.

Please visit our website at [www.prestonpersuaders.org](http://www.prestonpersuaders.org) for more details.

## The Traveling Toastmasters Club



Most weeks we meet at our normal meeting location at the Custer Road United Methodist church. Recently, due to the church being closed for public holidays, we have had to meet at alternate locations for two of our recent meetings. Fortunately, two of the local IHOP restaurants were gracious enough to allow us to meet in one of their private rooms. Mmmm.....pancakes!

CLUB CONTEST COMING UP ON **FEBRUARY 7TH** 

Friendly competition is a good way of testing one's current skills. It gives one an opportunity to objectively measure oneself against others, to see where one is in relation to where one wants to be. Plus they are just a heck of a lot of FUN!

against the best public speakers from around the globe, during the Toastmasters International Conference which will be held this summer in Las Vegas, Nevada.

This contest season there are two contests: The Evaluation Contest, and the International Speech Contest.

During the evaluation contest, the contestants observe a speaker, then each contestant gives their best evaluation of the speakers performance. Immediate feedback and evaluation are intrinsic to the Toastmasters program. This is a contest to see how well one can listen, evaluate, give positive feedback, and communicate with the audience.

The International Speech Contest is an opportunity for a speaker to compete for the prize of being crowned best public speaker in the WORLD. While the evaluation contest ends at the District level. The winner of the International Speech Contest at the District stage goes on to compete



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One never knows exactly what will happen during table topics. :)



Jeff Whitfield, CC won 2nd place for the District 50 Sparkling Pixel award. His hard work maintaining the club website is much appreciated, and is in no small part responsible for attracting several of our new members to the club. Great job Jeff!



Congratulations to Todd Richardson, CC, on winning the Area Humorous Speech Contest last season! In addition to having been an excellent club President, you dazzled (and continue to dazzle) us all with your speaking skills. Thanks for being such a shining example to us all. Todd! Todd! Todd! Todd! Todd!

