



# FLUOR COMMUNICATORS



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CLUB 3950 - DISTRICT 42

## DIVISION G INTERNATIONAL SPEECH AND EVALUATION CONTEST HOSTED BY FLUOR COMMUNICATORS

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Photos: Wanda Weston

Left to right: **Chuck Leblanc** (Eyeopener) - **Speech Evaluation Winner**, **Jaclyn Van Hierden** (Encore) - **2nd Place International Speech**, **Samuel Jacques-Cloutier** (Downtown City Speakers) - **Third Place International Speech with Division G Governor**, **Devan Mcpherson**

Fluor Canada was the site of the **Division G International Speech & Evaluation Contest** hosted by **Fluor Communicators** on April 11, 2015 in the main atrium. It was a fantastic competition as the winners from the Area Contests came out to compete and advance to the next round of competitions at the District 42 Spring Convention Results: **Div. G International Speech Winner - Russ Dantu** (MVP); **Div.G Speech Evaluation Winner - Chuck LeBlanc** (Eyeopener). Represented were contestants from Area 10, Area 23, Area 35, Area 36, Area 38, and Area 52. Special thanks to our host **Fluor Canada** for the facility and warm hospitality!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Matt Fox, President - Fluor Communicators*

I thought it a good idea to write a few paragraphs about our club and its success as we enter the last couple of months of the Toastmaster year.

Firstly, congratulations to everyone of what has so far been a fabulous year of "Toastmastering" (grammarians among you, is that a word?). We as a club have achieved so much, internally and externally, and you should all be proud of your achievements. An excellent example of our achievements is the fact that we will attain the Presidents Distinguished club status (the top award) this year. It has been our goal and we are almost there.

10 out of 10 points is incredible and all due to the fact that you have been taking on speeches, completing leadership roles and supporting our club in leadership roles and supporting our club in all aspects.

With May and June closing in, have a look at your personal Toastmaster goals and aim to push for those last few speeches, or fill those leadership roles to help complete your competent leadership manual. There are also some special events and competitions that need an organizer, so you can catch one of those hard to complete activities in the leadership manual.

## CLUB ELECTIONS - MAY 19TH, 2015.

Each May we hold elections for the Fluor Communicators executive. This is your chance to take a greater role within our club, to help drive the direction we take and make us a better club. The club officer elections will be taking place on Tuesday, May 19th during our club meeting. Please try and attend. On the next page is a short explanation of the executive roles for which we will be looking for nominations and self nominations. Please send/give your nominations to either **Christina Kruis** (leading the nominations committee, myself or any of the executive via email or in person. We are also happy to answer any questions on the roles.

## TABLE TOPICS CLUB CONTEST - JUNE 9, 2015 & HUMOROUS SPEECH CLUB CONTEST - JUNE 16, 2015.

Both of these competitions are open to all members both new and old. They are great fun and a perfect stepping stone into taking part in competitions. We will need volunteers to organize and chair these competitions. Once again perfect for completing that competent competent leadership activity. Also competitor, judges, timekeepers, ballot counters etc. Please let **Chris Demler** or myself know if you would like to organize one of these events or can take part. Alternatively go to Easy speak and sign up.

## END OF YEAR EVENT - JUNE 23, 2015

A party to close out the year, normally pot luck and just a fun occasion. We will introduce our new executive and induct new members at this event. Please join us to celebrate your achievements, the clubs successes, and mix with friends. More details will be sent out prior to the event and once again, please sign up on Easyspeak. Another chance for a competent leader role to be completed. Looking forward to seeing you all at our meetings and these special events.

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# **TOASTMASTERS EXECUTIVE ROLES**

## **PRESIDENT**

As the person who sets the tone for the club, you are expected to provide helpful, supportive leadership for all of the club's activities. You motivate, make peace, and facilitate as required. Though you must occasionally step in and make a difficult decision, rarely do so without consulting club members and other club officers. Strive to show respect for all members, even when you do not agree with them, and provide leadership for all. Stay current on all new developments via the Leader Letter and the announcements published on the Toastmasters website.

## **VICE PRESIDENT EDUCATION**

As vice president education, you schedule members' speeches and projects and serve as a resource for questions about education awards, speech contests, and the mentor program. You are an important source of Toastmasters knowledge for club members, and it is your job to become familiar with all aspects of the Toastmasters education program.

## **VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP**

You promote the club and manage the process of bringing in guests and transforming them into members. By initiating contact with guests, making them feel welcome, and providing them with the information they need to join, you help maintain a constant influx of new people into your club. You also attentively monitor membership levels and strategize with the rest of the executive committee about how to overcome membership challenges when they occur.

## **VICE PRESIDENT PUBLIC RELATIONS**

You promote the club to the local community and notify the media about the club's existence and benefits it provides. You promote the club, update web content, and safeguard the Toastmasters brand identity. It's your job to notify the media whenever your club does something newsworthy. As vice president public relations, you'll find yourself writing news releases, creating and distributing fliers, and maintaining the club's presence at various key places on the Web and in the community. Stay current on all new developments via The Leader Letter, M/PR Newsletter, Toastmaster magazine and the announcements published on the Toastmasters website and social media sites.

## **SECRETARY**

As the secretary, you maintain all club records, manage club files, handle club correspondence, and take the minutes at each club and executive committee meeting. You are also in charge of updating and distributing a roster of the current paid membership, and keeping the club officer list current at World Headquarters. Though some clubs combine the secretary role with the treasurer, it's best to have a dedicated secretary who can help reduce the workload of the treasurer and occasionally assist the vice president education as well.

## **TREASURER**

You are the club's accountant. You manage the club's bank account, writing checks as approved by the executive committee and depositing dues and other club revenues. You are also in charge of submitting membership-renewal dues to World Headquarters (accompanied by the names of renewing members), filing necessary tax documents, and keeping timely, accurate, up-to-date financial records for the club. Though the treasurer's duties are usually not the most demanding of all the club leadership positions, the consequences for members can be serious when they're not completed accurately and on time.

## **SERGEANT AT ARMS**

You keep track of the club's physical property, such as the banner, lectern, timing device, and other meeting materials. You arrive early to prepare the meeting place for members, and you stay late to stow all of the club's equipment. You are also in charge of the meeting place itself, obtaining a new space when necessary, and maintaining contact with the people who allow you to use the space for your club meetings. The sergeant at arms also has a role to play during business meetings, speech contests, and other special club events.

# NEW MEMBERS

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW FLUOR COMMUNICATOR CLUB MEMBERS!

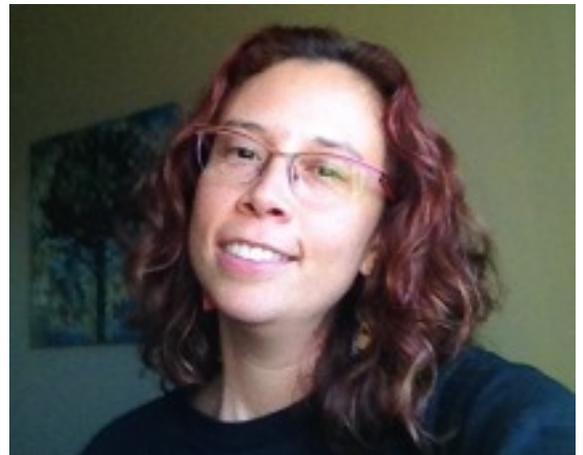


**Maris Gomez**

"I heard about Toastmasters through ConocoPhillips. I want to improve my communication skills and have tried another TM group, but found it difficult to continue. I feel that there is a lot of support with the Fluor Communicators Club and the environment here is very welcoming and supportive."

**Bibiana Cala**

"I decided to join Toastmasters as I have always enjoyed public speaking and I know I need to improve my oral communication skills, especially in English, as it is not my first language. My experience with Fluor Communicators so far is that it is a wonderful group and I felt welcome from the beginning. To achieve my goal of completing my 10 speeches by end of June 2016 is to schedule my speeches and commit to the chosen dates. I plan to continue on the advanced path after completing my CC."



## 17 NEW MEMBERS JOINED SINCE JANUARY 2015!

Congratulations to all of the new members that have joined Fluor Communicators! Some of you have all ready given your **Ice Breaker** speeches!

**Lee Ellis**

**Raju Burande**

**Bibiana Cala**

**Jenny Chan**

**Negar Sadeghpour**

**Fredrico Leone**

**Grace Yao**

**Roman Limon-Bello**

**Patricia Bee**

**Madelina Despa**

**Kevin Koopman**

**Joseph Purcell**

**Javeed Mohammed**

**Maris Gomez**

**Kai Wei**

**\*Rayna Elsdon**

*"The seeds you have planted will grow and make our world a better place. Enjoy the journey and watching the growth!"*

*Christina Kruis, DTM*

**\*Saurabh Pandey**

If you are looking for a mentor to help guide through your next set of speeches or meeting roles, don't hesitate to ask. You may contact **Chris Demler, VP Education** or **Lisa Branch, VP Membership** for more information.

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## What Makes a Good Mentor?



Lisa Branch - VP Membership, Fluor Communicators

*“Questions are the answers.” ~ Nikki Keohohou, Direct Selling Women Alliance*

When you picture a mentor, do you imagine someone who has vast experience and knows all the techniques? Are you hoping they will simply tell you what to do next or how to do it better? The best mentors aren't always the experts, rather he or she is someone who helps people think for themselves and come up with their own solutions. They are not there to “fix you” because you are not broken!

Mentoring, or coaching, is valuable when the mentor is comfortable with asking questions. Who is the expert of you? You, of course! Asking “You're The Expert of You” questions implies that you are the expert on your own life and have your own answers (even if you don't think you do!). These types of questions require you to seek a deeper more meaningful answer that is significant and right for you.

“You're the Expert of You” Questions begin with “who, what, where, when, how” but very rarely with “why”. “Who” questions create an opportunity for you to think about specific people or groups. “What” questions allow you to look further, explore, and even discover the answers for yourself. “Where” questions relate to a place or position, direction, source, situation or condition. “When” questions refer to a time or circumstance. “How” questions prompt thoughts around action. “Why” questions often have judgment attached to them and this can create a barrier in communication.

Here is an example of a post-speech mentoring conversation:

“How do you feel you did with that speech? What aspects do you think you did well? What would you do differently? If you were to do it again, where could you lead the audience before your conclusion?”

Consider becoming a mentor to our newest Toastmasters members. You don't have to be an expert, just be willing to ask meaningful questions from a heart of curiosity and encouragement.

Contributed by Lisa Branch, VP Membership Fluor Communicators

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015 - CLUB TABLE TOPICS CONTEST**

Location: Room W1-0809 - 55 Sunpark Plaza SE, Calgary, AB. \*Subject to Change

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015 - CLUB HUMOROUS SPEECH CONTEST**

Location: Room W1-0809 - 55 Sunpark Plaza SE, Calgary, AB. \*Subject to Change

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 23 - END OF YEAR EVENT**

Location: SD4 - Executive lounge - 60 Sunpark Plaza, Calgary, AB. \*Subject to Change

Time: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. \*Subject to Change

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## INTERNATIONAL SPEECH & EVALUATION CLUB CONTESTS



Left to right: Club Contest Winner- **Lisa Branch**, Runner up - **Todd Purcell**; Contest Chair - **Joad Clement** at the Club International Speech Contest

### INTERNATIONAL SPEECH AND EVALUATION CLUB CONTEST WINNER: LISA BRANCH

Fluor Communicators held their own Club Contests for International Speech and Evaluations on March 3 and March 10th, 2015.

Club International Speech Winner - **Lisa Branch**  
Second Place - **Todd Purcell**

Club Speech Evaluation Winner - **Lisa Branch**  
Second place - **Wanda Weston**

Todd and Wanda went on to represent Fluor Communicators at the Area 23 International Speech and Evaluation Contest at Bantrel Place hosted by MVP Advanced Toastmasters on March 26th, 2015. Congratulations to all on their great efforts! **Please see our schedule on Easyspeak for upcoming Club Contests coming in June 2015!**

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## FLUOR COMMUNICATORS CLUB HAS ACHIEVED PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED CLUB STATUS!

**TOASTMASTERS**  
INTERNATIONAL

**Club Status**

**Month of May**  
**As of 05/07/2015**

**00003950 Fluor Communicators Club**

Club Alignment	Membership	Goals
<b>Region</b> 4	<b>Base</b> 33	<b>To Date</b> 26
<b>District</b> 42	<b>Required</b> 20	<b>Goals Met</b> 9
<b>Division</b> G	20 members or a net growth of 5 new members	Distinguished 5
<b>Area</b> 23	<b>Chartered</b> 05/01/1979	Select Distinguished 7
		President's Distinguished 9

Goals to Achieve	Goal	To Date	Status
1 Competent Communicator (CC) awards	2	2	✓
2 More Competent Communicator (CC) awards	2	0	2 CCs needed
3 Advanced Communicator (ACB, ACS, ACG) awards	1	1	✓
4 More Advanced Communicator (ACB, ACS, ACG) awards	1	1	✓
5 Leadership Awards (CL, ALB, ALS) or Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) awards	1	1	✓
6 More CL, ALB, ALS, or DTM awards	1	1	✓
7 New members	4	4	✓
8 More new members	4	19	✓
9 Club officers trained June-August	4	5	✓
	4	6	
10 Membership-renewal dues on time	Y	2	✓
	Y	1	

Congratulations to everyone on all their great efforts this year! Let's start planning for next year!  
 Christopher Demler, VP Education Fluor Communicators

**District 42 International Speech Winner  
Russ Dantu (MVP Advanced).**



**CLUB MEETINGS:**  
EVERY TUESDAY AT 12:05PM FLUOR OFFICES  
SUNDANCE BUSINESS PARK  
ROOM W1-0809  
55 SUNPARK PLAZA SE  
CALGARY, AB T2X 3R4  
(MAIN FLUOR BUILDING)

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:**  
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**COME JOIN US!  
YOU WON'T REGRET IT!**

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MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER:  
FUNDRAISER FOR RUSS DANTU IS  
JUNE 17TH, NOT JUNE 19TH.

**TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL**  
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**Mission**  
Toastmasters International is the leading movement devoted to making effective oral communication a worldwide reality. Through its member clubs, Toastmasters International helps men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening, and thinking – vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of mankind. It is basic to this mission that Toastmasters International continually expand its worldwide network of member clubs, thereby offering ever-greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from its programs.