

# Toast of the Park

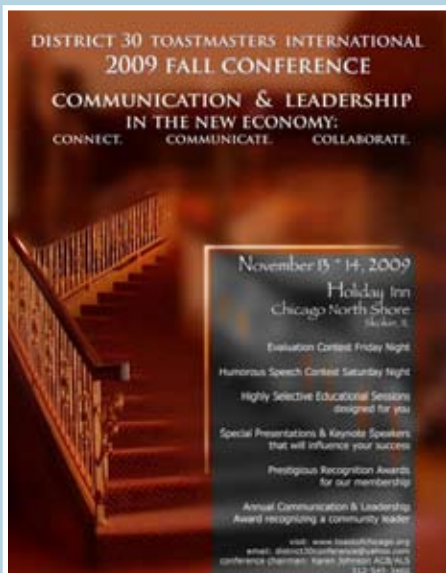
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## Welcome to the Park!

In case you didn't know, in your hands right now is the inaugural issue of the *Toast in the Park*. This newsletter will highlight the events and accomplishments of the members of the Toastmasters of Lincoln Park. In addition, it will serve as an access point to the events and resources available to you as a Toastmaster.

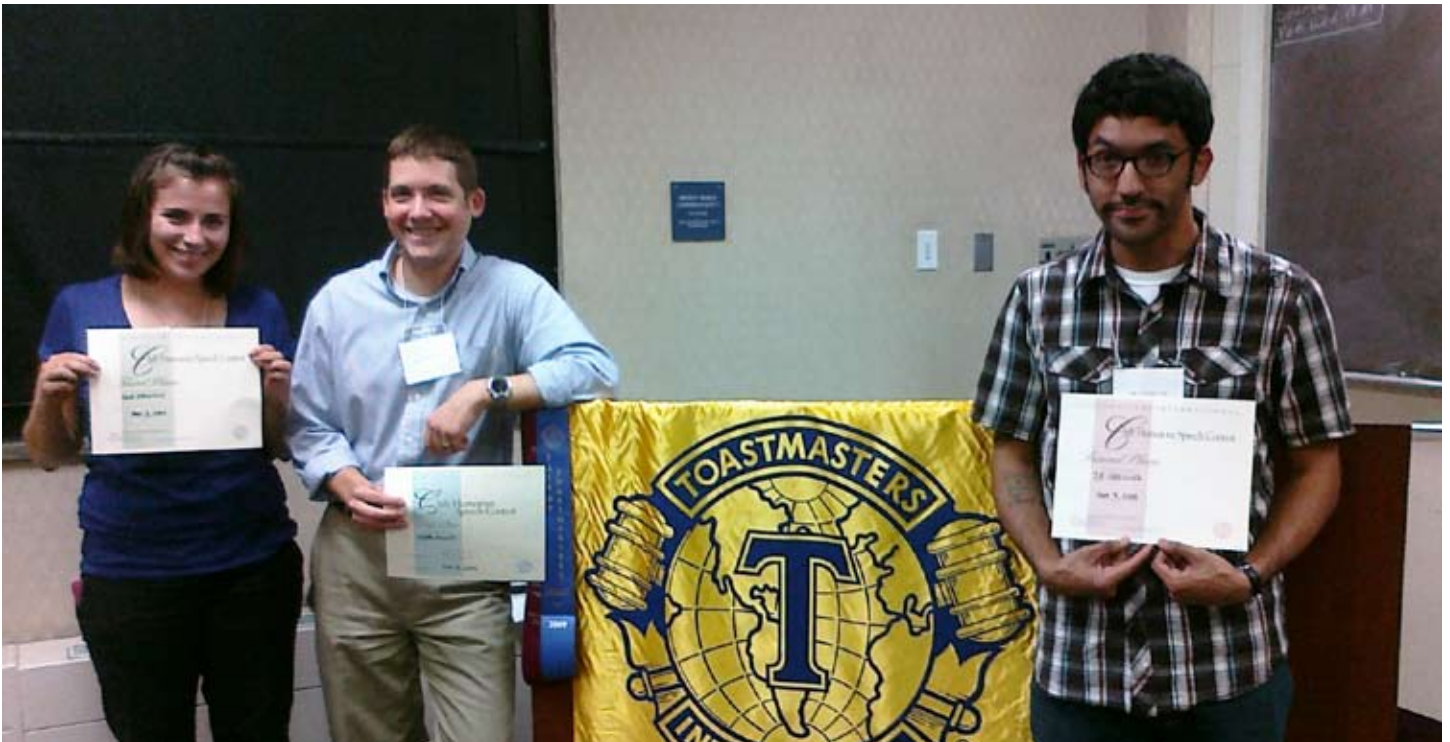
While the manuals that arrive with your member-

ship provide a comprehensive toolkit for becoming a better public speaker, this newsletter will feature specialized topics that will push your skills even more.

I sincerely hope you enjoy this publication, and I look forward to your feedback to continue making this an even more useful resource for you.

- Inga Evenchik  
VP of Public Relations

# Miller, Romero Move on to Represent Lincoln Park in Pending Area Contest.



The Humorous and Evaluation Speech Contests are a unique way for the members of Toastmasters International to challenge themselves in a competitive setting.

On September 3, 2009 seven members participated in the club-level competition. But as each of the seven speeches brought about new laughs and insights, only two are able to advance to the area-level competition to be held this fall. At Toastmasters of Lincoln park, the winners were Wane Miller for the Humorous Speech Contest, and Chuck Romero for the Evaluation Contest.

**HUMOR IS THE REWARD** Inga Evenchik (*left*), Wayne Miller (*center*) and J.R. Casillas (*right*) show off their Humorous Speech Contest awards.

## Humorous Speech Contest

After winning an intense “rock, paper, scissors” match with J.R. Casillas, Inga Evenchik began her speech titled *No Guts, No Glory*. In it, she detailed an unusual physical challenge called the “De-Drin-ga-Thon”, in which she participated.

Next up was Casillas, who came prepared for the stage with a unique visual aid. His speech,

titled *Circle, Circle, Dot Dot*. This speech chronicled the trials and tribulations of trying to meet women. As it turns out, it might require several beatings.

Finally, Wayne Miller presented his humorous speech *Good Food, Bad Movie (Or How I Learned to Love Bombs)*.

With a simple, yet powerful presentation, Miller won the crowd over with his sharp wit and relatable subject.

Once the ballots were counted, Miller proved to be victorious. Casillas was in second place, and Evenchik in third.

### Evaluation Contest

After a short break for treats, the meeting continued, this time with the evaluators. Listening very closely to the speeches earlier in the evening, Kathy Prampin, Christopher Manning, Adrian Pyk, and

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**CERTIFIED EVALUATORS** Adrian Pyk (*left*) and Chuck Romero (*right*) pose with their award certificates. Romero will move on to compete against other area toastmasters this fall. Christopher Manning and Kathy Prampin (*not pictured*) also competed in the Evaluation Contest.

## WAYNE'S TOP 10 BEST WORST MOVIES ...



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| <p><b>1. Battlefield Earth</b> - John Travolta</p> <p><b>2. The Hottie and the Nottie</b> - Paris Hilton</p> <p><b>3. I Know who Killed Me</b> - Lindsey Lohan</p> <p><b>4. Three Ninjas: High Noon at Mega Mountain</b> - Jim Varney, Hulk Hogan &amp; some kids</p> | <p><b>5. Superman IV: Quest for Peace</b> - Chris Reeve, Gene Hackman</p> <p><b>6. Double Team</b> - Jean-Claude Van-Damme, Dennis Rodman</p> <p><b>7. Catwoman</b>- Halle Barry</p> <p><b>8. Mac &amp; Me</b> - A kid</p> | <p>and Ronald McDonald</p> <p><b>9/10. Karate Kid III &amp; The Next Karate Kid</b> - Mr. Miyagi, Ralph Macchio, Hilary Swank</p> <p><b>(Dis)Honorable Mention: St. Elmo's Fire</b> - The Brat Pack</p> |
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Chuck Romero offered their best critique.

Prampin, a first-time participant in the Evaluation contest displayed a lot of energy as she presented her evaluation of Inga Evenchik's Speech. Christopher Manning explained the contest was a challenge he eagerly embraced. He followed suit with J.R. Casillas' speech and offered a humorous and thoughtful evaluation. We then learned that Pyk hosts his own "Bad Movie Night", and was thus uniquely qualified to evaluate Wayne Miller's speech.

Ultimately though, it was Romero's experience and insight that brought him the first place title in the Evaluation Speech Contest. Pyk was second, followed by Prampin, and Manning.

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# DISTRICT 30 FALL CONFERENCE

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**NOVEMBER 13th-14th**

**HOLIDAY INN CHICAGO - North  
Shore**

5300 W. Touhy Ave  
Skokie, IL 60077

### **Discounted Hotel Rates:**

\$94 (+ tax) for single, double,  
triple and quadruple occupancy.

### **Agenda & Benefits:**

- Humorous and Evaluation Contests
- Networking Opportunities
- Presentations and Keynote Speakers
- Awards Ceremonies

### **For More Info:**

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