

Spring Conference Review Earl Bateman

All Toastmasters should consider spending a delightful weekend at one of our semiannual conferences. Want action? Want fun? Want to meet new people? Toastmasters District 30 Fall and Spring conferences provide all of that and more.

First these events are for all Toastmasters. You don't have to be a district or club officer to attend. As a matter of fact, if you've just completed your "ice breaker" we need your participation. There are workshops where you can pick up information for future speeches. Then there is the district business meeting, chock full of politics. The highlight are the speech contests. Many people in my Schaumburg club improved immensely by watching District 30's premier speakers.

Terry Watson from Diplomatic Toastmasters, won the Dramatic Reading contest by doing a tremendous rendition of a scene from the movie "Rocky!"

Sporty King from the Woodridge Toastmasters won the International Speech contest by giving us an inspirational talk entitled "The Wizard of Oz!"

The weekend capper was watching the award of "District 30 Toastmaster of the Year" go to George Lindsey for his outstanding achievements in Toastmasters.

No conference is complete without the food. It was outstanding! I'm still trying to work off last spring's calories! The cost of all this, and the terrific people you meet, works out to less than ten cents a day. Try going to the local theater on that amount!

Set aside November 8 & 9 for the Fall conference. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!



R. Sporty King



Terry Watson

Sporty Goes International Janice Newman

R. Sporty King joined Woodridge Toastmasters a little over a year ago. He came to the club with a tremendous basket of communication skills that he wanted to finely hone. His objective was clear, as he is a motivational speaker and poet, owning his own company, R. King and Associates, in Bolingbrook.

He calls his brand of poetry "Spoetry" and his reflections on life Sporty-isms.

Sporty had moved very quickly through the Basic C&L manual and regularly won Best Speaker and Best Table Topics ribbons.

Last spring, Sporty started his quest for the Public Championship of Speaking in the International Speech Contest. His first speech was "The Wizard of Oz is the Master of O-S." His careful preparation and practice netted him "wins" at club, area, division and district competition. Then it was on to the regional competition in Green Bay with "How to be UGLY." A resounding win there propelled brought him to St. Louis at the 65th Annual Toastmasters Convention to compete with "I Found Out I'm Dying."

Woodridge Toastmasters "tip their ChiChi's margarita glasses" in a salute to a fellow Toastmaster who has put Woodridge on the map! Sporty should be justifiably proud of his significant accomplishments, but he can't be any prouder of himself than Woodridge is proud of him.

If the speaker does not get stirred up, neither will the audience.

*- Ralph Smedley
Personally Speaking*

