

Austin Toastmasters Weekly Newsletter

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Tuesday's ribbon winners



Bart - Best Evaluator, Kimberly - Most Enthusiastic, Tonja - Best Table Topics & Ramish - Best Speaker
Photo by Adison

Where in the world is Austin Toastmaster's Carol?



Carol's playmates in Antarctica

While we are enjoying mostly warm, wet winter days here in Austin, Carol, our globe-trotting Austin Toastmasters is at a place where Penguins play - Antarctica. It's summer down there. She has just finished taking one of three tours of tourists to the bottom of the globe.



It is not all fun and games at the bottom of the world. Carol saw a female fur seal with a rope caught around its neck. A friend and she tried to chase it down to get the rope off its neck. During the chase, Carol slipped and fell on a big sharp rock. Cutting to the chase ... her leg was really hurting after the fall. Carol's friend insisted that she go back to her room and look after her injury. It turns out the sharp rock had cut through four layers of clothes, two layers of socks and a thick pair of boots and waterproof pants. There was a pool of blood in her boot when she finally got her swollen foot out of the boot.

It turns out her shin ended up with a gash that took seven sutures to sew up. The doc they found injected her with an anesthetic, but not enough. She felt half of the sutures going in. She felt like she "was back in the 1800s and should have been biting on a bullet or something." The doctor says she should be able to stay and work until the end of the next trip as scheduled, but if it doesn't heal well, she'll be coming home early.

The good news is that they got the rope off the seal. What's that saying ... no good deed goes unpunished?

If you want to read Carol's blog get in touch with me and I'll give you the web address. She doesn't want it going over the Internet. (tonyg@austin.rr.com)



Sherry and Susan

Who was on the society page in Thursday's Austin American-Statesman?

Austin Toastmasters Sherry Ransom and Susan Baughman attended the Leadership Enrichment Arts Program (LEAP) Gala at the Crowne Plaza and were featured in Michael Barnes' "Out and About" column Thursday. The Gala was in honor of Ada Collins Anderson, a social pioneer and civil right leader. Among her many achievements, Ms. Anderson founded the LEAP program.

Ribbon Winners for January 5th



Best speaker - Guthrie, Best Evaluator - Chuck, Best Table Topics - Tony, Most Enthusiastic, Evan

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Photos of best speakers by week and by month for 2009

If you missed who the best speakers of 2009 were by week and by month, check out 1 Dec 10 newsletter. You can see them on our website at: <http://www.austintoastmasters.org/> Scroll down a little and you will find it on the left side of the home page under newsletters.

Adison & Tony

A word about our videographers and getting your speeches taped

If you want to see your speech that is usually video taped by Adison or Tony, tell them that night and they will get it to you ASAP. If you do not tell them, there are no guarantees the tape will be saved. The usual procedure is to put it on YouTube under your first name only to protect your privacy like we do in this newsletter. It will not be for public view. Only 25 people can see it in this category. We will send you the address so you can see it. If you wish, we can take it out of the private viewing section and have it up for public display like most of our video tapes.

We will be soon deleting videos on our web page of past members and put speeches of our newer members. Don't forget to tell us if you want to see your tape for your training purposes. We can delete it if you don't like it, but we can't put it up if you don't tell us you want it there.

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