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## President's Message – Yun Yung

During my visit to Taiwan over the Lunar New Year, I had the opportunity to practice speaking daily in Chinese – at the local coffee shop, with neighbors across the street, and with family and friends. Even though I knew enough vocabulary to convey basic meaning, it was a constant struggle to voice my thoughts. At times, I was embarrassed to open my mouth, afraid that that I was speaking too simply or that others would find my accent comical. It was tempting to return to my comfort zone and go back to what was easiest – speak less or seek English speakers. However, with each passing encounter, I found myself learning new phrases, vocabulary, telling jokes, and even anticipating the next opportunity. On the flight home, it became clear to me that speaking well comes from embracing those micro-moments throughout the day, speaking with coworkers, friends, and getting feedback.

The beginning of 2012 and the start of the Year of the Dragon is the perfect time to consider our club's twin themes this year: engagement and reflection. Many of us have either recently joined or are long time toastmaster members with the goals of becoming stronger speakers and leaders. But how? As Yen-Ru eloquently mentioned in her newsletter article, this club is our laboratory. We can experiment and willfully engage at the local level: our club provides a weekly opportunity for you to practice, be heard, and give valuable feedback. We can deliver prepared speeches, perform functionary roles, and think quickly with table topics. We can organize events, practice mentoring, and motivate others. We can also engage at the area and district levels: visit other clubs, help organize toastmaster events, and become area/district officers.

Furthermore, there is ample time in between club meetings or those micro-moments to reflect on our encounters, and I encourage you to seek a balance between these themes. With only engagement, we would be like "Yes Men", Jim Carrey's unselective and comical movie character destined to say yes to everything. With only reflection, we would be unlikely to take chances. Whatever your level of comfort, opportunities to grow abound at both Toastmasters and around you. This network is here for you to grow personally and professionally.

Over the past year, you have given time, energy, and enthusiasm to contribute to this family. I thank each and every one of you for making this club a success. We have achieved much with the number and quality of speeches given, our competitiveness in contests, and the camaraderie and friendship we've built during our weekly sanctuaries away from work. Going forward, find and embrace opportunities, reflect on your encounters, be Dragons, and learn your "Chinese."

Welcome to  
new member  
**Landon!**

## Upcoming events

Judges Training – CIMBio, Sat Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm. See Kathy Sp.

Area 17 Contest Sat, March 31<sup>st</sup> 1-5pm, CIMBio

Table Topics and International Speech contests

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# SOS Toastmasters

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## **SOS Toastmasters Tours**

### **City's Water Purification Demonstration Project**

*City Studying Feasibility of Purifying Wastewater for Drinking Water*

SAN DIEGO – Members of the Scripps Outstanding Speakers Toastmasters club toured the City of San Diego's Advanced Water Purification Facility on January 12, 2012. Located in northern San Diego, the Advanced Water Purification Facility is a small-scale facility that purifies one million gallons of recycled water every day to a level similar to distilled water quality.

The facility is one component of the City's Water Purification Demonstration Project that is examining the safety and cost of purifying recycled water. If the project is approved to go full-scale, the purified water would blend with the City's imported supply of raw or untreated water stored in the San Vicente Reservoir. After being treated again at the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant, water from San Vicente Reservoir would become part of the City's drinking water supply. As another component of the Demonstration Project, the City is studying San Vicente Reservoir and the potential effects of adding purified water to it. During the year-long test phase, purified water will not be sent to San Vicente Reservoir or the City's drinking water system; instead, the purified water will be added to the City's recycled water system used for irrigation and industrial purposes.

Since opening in June 2011, more than 1,700 people have toured the facility. SOS Toastmasters is one of many groups that have toured the facility to better understand the science of water purification. On the tour, guests become familiar with the Demonstration Project and what role the Advanced Water Purification Facility plays in this testing phase. Following an introductory presentation, tour participants take a walking tour through the facility to view the water purification technology equipment up close and hear more about how the purification process works. At the end of the tour, guests see for themselves the purity of the water produced at the facility and compare samples of purified, recycled and tap water.

Thank you to Alison for setting up this informative, interesting visit!

