



# The Communicator

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## Everything Is New Again!

The new season has started for First Oakville Toastmasters.

Our first meeting, September 10<sup>th</sup>, gave us a taste of things to come.

When last we met there were 51 names on our membership list. As the “non-gavel” dropped for the beginning of our first meeting there were 37 names still on the list. However, we had 11 guests at this meeting! It will not take long to fill in the ranks with new faces.

Did I mention we have a new gavel? Yes, our gavel went missing over the summer so it has been unceremoniously replaced. There will be no more fist banging!

We also have new signs welcoming any visitors and directing them to the room we will be occupying on any given evening.



New “Welcome” Sign  
by Michelle Gillies

Some of our members have new family members so we are celebrating new life.

This issue of “The Communicator” will have the first installment of a new feature showcasing a different member and what they do when they are not at Toastmasters. Hopefully, we will all get to know each other a little better.

I hope you enjoy celebrating some of the new things in our club.



*“Thought for today: Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.”*

**Martin Luther King Jr.**



*“Challenges are what make life interesting; overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.”*

**Joshua J. Marine**

## New Contests Already...

### Table Topics Contest and Humorous Speech Contest

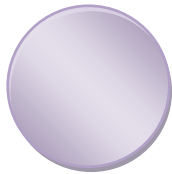
Eleven brave contestants took up the challenge of the Table Topics Contest, while four competed for the top spot in the Humorous Speech Contest, Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Matt Wagner and Sharon Jenkins who finished first and second in the Club Table Topics Contest and to Deborah Bartucci and Matt Wagner who finished first and second in the Club Humorous Speech contest. They will represent First Oakville at the Area contest to be held at the First Burlington club on Thursday October 8 at 7:30 PM.



Welcome To The Family... Jayden

*"When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be."*  
**Lao Tzu**



*"To be a great champion you must believe you are the best. If you're not, pretend you are."*  
**Vince Lombardi**



**Jayden Philip Boateng**  
 Look for him on "Being Erica" this season.

Congratulations were in order for Toastmaster John Boateng and his wife Yvonne on the birth of their son, Jayden Philip Boateng, January 14, 2009. What a great way to start a new year!

Jayden , now almost nine months old will, will be making his television debut soon. The little actor (along with three other babies) will be in the CBS show "Being Erica" for one episode this season. A "Star" is born!

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...and Natalia



A Note From Natalia's Mom  
Jennifer Czerniak...



Natalia Josephine Czerniak was born in the early morning hours of Sept. 1st at Oakville Trafalgar Hospital and she weighed in at 7lbs 11oz at birth and 51 cm in length.

It was a speedy delivery and she had the medical staff hopping that day. She is already growing and as of yesterday had grown 4 cm and is already up to 8lbs 4oz.



We have had a steady stream of grandparents and a very proud aunt staying with us over the last couple of weeks.



*"Ideas are like rabbits. You get a couple and learn how to handle them, and pretty soon you have a dozen."*

**John Steinbeck**

Natalia Josephine Czerniak  
Born September 1/2009



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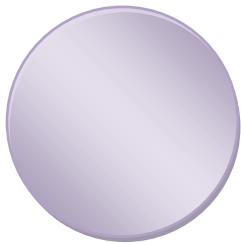
*"Study without desire spoils the memory, and it retains nothing that it takes in."*

**Leonardo Da Vinci**



*"If you're not having problems, you are missing an opportunity for growth."*

**Anonymous**



*"The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good"*

**Samuel Johnson**



## Something New About ... Our President John Smissen

*As you may know I have the pleasure of being the President of the Burl-Oak Theatre Group, a community theatre group based in Oakville.*

Our next production **Having Hope at Home** opens at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts on Thursday October 8 at 8:00 PM. Yes, the same evening that the Area Humorous and Table Topics speech contests are to be held. However the play runs for the following dates, **October 8-11 & 14-17**. Over the Thanksgiving weekend we are presenting a Sunday matinee on October 11 when the curtain rises at 2:00 PM.

**Having Hope at Home** is a Canadian play written by David S. Craig. It is a very funny and thought provoking play. Here is a brief synopsis.

Carolyn and Michel are a happily unmarried couple who enjoy the simple life. Expecting their first child, they live in a ramshackle farmhouse with her grandfather. Her father is a prominent gynecologist and her mother an ardent and successful hospital fundraiser. Neither

approves or understands their daughter's life style. Carolyn has invited them to dinner hoping that they can start anew. They have no idea their daughter is extremely pregnant. When her labour pains start and a midwife shows up to do home delivery, Carolyn's parents are sent into a tailspin.

**Tickets are available online at [www.oc4pa.com](http://www.oc4pa.com) or by phone at 905-815-2021.**

*The theatre is on Navy Street, close to many downtown restaurants. It offers a great night or afternoon out with your special partner or family. I hope to see you at one of the performances.*

*If you would like more information don't hesitate to call me at 905-827-1546 or to email me at [john.smissen@sympatico.ca](mailto:john.smissen@sympatico.ca)*

## Our First New Member of the Season

Congratulations to Melissa Briggs on being our first new member of the season. We are looking forward to getting to know you and watching you grow as a member of our club. A warm welcome from us all!

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