

President James Burdick

As immediate past president, I would like to thank all our members for contributing to the success of our club. The warm welcome that our guests received and the high quality of our meetings resulted in phenomenal membership growth. Welcoming new people to the club is, in my opinion, one of the most exciting aspects of Toastmasters. Of course The Moderators Club has a great history of strong membership and the camaraderie amongst its members is legendary. This was extremely evident at the very classy 30th anniversary party we held in June. The presence of alumni as well as members of other clubs was testimony to the greatness that Moderators Club has achieved. As I have mentioned at some of our meetings, I joined Moderators just before the 25th anniversary party and that is where I realized that there is really something special happening here. Well, it's five years later and we're still going strong and that magic is still present. It was indeed a pleasure to serve as your president and I'm looking forward to another 30 years of Moderator success.

New Members of the Mod Squad

Welcome
Aboard!

Welcome to our 9 new members:

- **Fahim Alam**
- **Dominique Boivin**
- **Carolina Fernandez**
- **Zilvia Fernandez**
- **Linda Ghobrial**
- **Robert Le Van Mao**
- **Ru Yun Pei**
- **Paulo Springmann**
- **Ayesha Uppal**



Achievements

Way to
Go!

- Ice breaker speakers:
- Fahim Alam, George Georgiou, Linda Ghobrial, Jonathan Raymond, Amani Sawaya and Ayesha Uppal
- Francine Dubé was awarded the highest level of certification in Toastmaster - Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM)
- Michel Falardeau was awarded the Advanced Communicator Bronze (ACB) certification
- The Moderator Club was awarded the President's Distinguished Club designation.
- John Corinthios is the Table Topics Speaker of the year
- Louyse Doucet is the Speaker of the year
- Brian Saykaly is the Evaluator of the year
- Sébastien Wanadi is the Toastmaster of the year
- The Moderator Club celebrated its 30th anniversary
- The Moderator Club was awarded the *Talk up Toastmasters Award* (add five new members during the months of February and March)
- The Moderator Club was awarded the *Beat the Clock Award* (add five new members during the months of May and June)



Toast to The Moderator Toastmasters Club Family

The Moderator Toastmasters Club Family includes not only its past and current members, but also all those members of clubs (French and English) who helped us to make it through to Charter Night and beyond. It takes a dedicated community to realize an achievement such as a 30th anniversary in any context; and to successfully maintain an officially bilingual Toastmasters Club for 30 years is no small feat. Such a venture required vision and commitment, and to this day I marvel at the miracle that became our Club.

It seems like only yesterday that I was on the phone with Peter Holland at 2:00am discussing the number of attendees at some of our early meetings. It was a big dream flavoured with lots of hope, and we were all crossing our fingers that we could actually create a club strong enough to be worthy of the Toastmasters International name.

Our dream was to have a bilingual club where everyone regardless of experience could have equal time at the lectern, while respecting the motivational learning model of Toastmasters International.



Today's Moderator Club is the result of a strong and evolving vision, the ability to see opportunities instead of obstacles, and is based on a foundation of strong leadership and dedicated members.

And looking at the number of dedicated Moderators who, throughout the years, worked so hard to keep the meetings going and strong in spite of interesting challenges, I can only say that perseverance is a solid trademark of the Moderator Club.

From the bottom of my heart I wish to thank all our members and leaders past and present and all those from other clubs who worked so hard to help us all realize this dream: The Moderator Toastmasters Club at age 30.

To see photos of the 30th anniversary, you can go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/moderator30>

Upcoming Activities

August 20, 2009

Moderator's joint meeting with Club de l'esprit

September 1, 2009

First meeting of year 2009-2010

September 22, 2009

Humorous Speeches and Evaluations Contests

The Best is Yet to
Come...



Questions or comments?

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