

## **PlaneTalk Toastmasters at Speech Contest**

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Two members of PlaneTalk Toastmasters Club participated in an area-wide speech contest on March 11. While they did not win, they had a good time and were well supported by other PlaneTalk members as well as Toastmasters from other clubs in attendance.

Toastmasters is a national organization dedicated to teaching members the skills for public speaking as well as leadership. Twice a year, contests are held. Each club determines its champions and sends them to a contest with the winners from other clubs in the area. Yours truly (Doug Kelley) was entered for the International Speech contest (a 5 to 7 minute speech on any topic), and Shelia Johnson participated in the "Tall Tales" contest (a 3 to 5 minute speech).

PlaneTalk Toastmaster members also present at the contest were Don Williams, Jaime Ballester, and Richard Biritwum.

*PlaneTalk Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth. For more information, contact Doug Kelley x2-4123 or Steve Menke x2-5602. Our web site: <http://543.toastmastersclubs.org/>*