

Toastmasters Treasures...Profiles in Performance

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Dynamic Jack! If you ever have the chance to grab a chair in one of Jack Mackey's training sessions, you'd better run, not walk, to do so! Jack is an excellent trainer. In fact, he's so fun to listen to, you will forget you're in a TRAINING session!

Whether it is informing Club Presidents that they are CEO's of their crews or invigorating everyone to not only fight, but also LOVE the battle (as in empowering us in fighting for our goals), Jack speaks easily and well, is engaging and energizing!

District 22 is currently tapping into Jack's abundant proficiencies as he begins leading us as the 2003-04 Lieutenant Governor of Marketing. Fresh ideas are sprouting and will continue to bloom! Much of Toastmasters International's method of communication is in a state of flux and the ever-flexible Jack is ready to adapt accordingly - LEAPing to keep us up to date! The leadership skills Jack brings with him have been refined through about twenty years (minus four) in Toastmasters. Back then, Jack recalls being asked to speak at a dinner where he found himself in a rather uncomfortable, out of the ordinary environment. He did the speaking okay but was so anxiety ridden that he was unable to eat. Jack, knowing his career path would include more public speaking, sought out Toastmasters with the goal of being able to speak in a strange environment when called upon AND enjoy the dinner that went along with the occasion. Fellow Toastmasters, are we ever fortunate that Jack Mackey was hungry one night twenty years ago?!

Jack is a member of Early Bird Toastmasters and the outgoing Governor for K1. He has been past Contest Master for Division and District Con-

tests. Jack is eager to market Toastmasters in gaining new members, starting new clubs and retaining the current fold. Sometimes Jack has to work at a "real job" and then he is Vice President at NetStandard, a metro firm helping technology work safely and securely in our frequently hostile environments. A background in human performance improvement keeps Jack motivated to challenge him to be his absolute best.

Interestingly enough, being the noted speaker that he is, now at ATM, Jack discovered that during the four years he "took off" from Toastmasters activities, he "became rusty!" Just like when finding himself in the "high leverage situation" before joining the Toastmasters' club, Jack struggled anew. Benefitting again from consistently performing the practicable skills in Toastmasters, which not only "rid one of anxiety" but, simply "improve one's reputation" in any setting, Jack's adeptness at public speaking became more focused and fine-tuned.

Being quite busy and a ready, willing and able Competent Leader Jack knows from experience that many decline leadership positions with the song, "I'm too busy" or "Don't have the time." Busy people get things done. Jack feels that some may have the same fear we all have before learning public speaking - perhaps transposed into the fear of leadership. It may be a different way of expressing the same fear with the same old emotions: "I'm not up to it." Jack discovered something stretching to reach his goals and with the aid of the limitless arenas of Toastmasters skills enhancement, he IS "up to it!" We TREASURE having Jack Mackey as one of the Top leaders in our Toastmasters family!