

Grammarian

ELDER GATE TOASTMASTERS CLUB

MEETING GUIDELINES

FUNCTION: The Grammarian has two duties:

- Report on any interesting, unusual or effective uses of speech and on any grammatical errors or “inappropriate” use such as bad language.
- Set a “Word of the Day” and report on its use.

Ideally, the word should be one that is not in everyday use but not so obscure or unpronounceable that it is difficult to use.

BEFORE THE MEETING

Choose a Word for the Day, check its meaning in a dictionary, and think of some examples.

AT THE MEETING:

- 1) After your introduction by the Toastmaster, explain the role of Grammarian and announce the “word of the day” giving its meaning and some examples of its use.

To assist the audience, write the “word of the day” on a sheet of paper and leave it at the lectern, and write it at the top of the flipchart.

- 2) Listen carefully to all of the speakers and briefly (1-2 minutes) report your findings including use of the word of the day, when called upon by the Toastmaster or General Evaluator towards the end of the meeting.

NOTES AND TIPS

- Although Grammarian is often seen as a “minor” role, it is a serious speaking opportunity which can make an important contribution to the meeting.
- Do not attempt to record everything as this would take intense concentration and is rather less-important than picking-up effective uses of language.
- Be prepared to be a Topics Speaker.