

SPR Accreditation

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AND the race is on!!

It is coming down to the wire. Councils have about a month left to report on its Accreditation achievements for this term. At this time Council 1 is leading the charge based on reports received.

Congratulations to Council One's Sierra Lindas club members John Jula (Level 1) and Lizzie Hatch (Level 2); and to Council Two's Thursday Morning club member Pat Kennedy (Level 2).



If your club has been delaying the submission of some requests, now is the time to act and forward the required records to the International Accreditation Chairman Sacha Mulder, DC, at:

accred@Powertalkinternational.com.

Which Council will get the honor of being awarded the prize?

To Reiterate: Accreditation is an ongoing process and it doesn't start all over again at the end of the SPR year June. Are you performing a task at Regional conference which is in the Accreditation Program? Please advise the Accreditation committee 30-days in advance that you desire to be evaluated for accreditation. Upon certification, you will have eliminated yet another task needed to get that new Level.



OH, NO!!!!

If that is your cry of anguish because you have missed the deadline to enter the 2010 writing contest, cheer up. I have good news for you. You may have missed this year's deadline, but there is always **NEXT YEAR**. In that respect, the writing contest is very much like gardening.

It is true that next year is a long time away. Think of all that time as your opportunity to prepare well for next year's contest. Now is the time to begin jotting down ideas for writing topics. Now is the time to brush up your grammar and spelling if it has been a long time since you last paid attention to these matters. Now is the time to do a trial run of formatting a document to meet the contest requirements. And in a few short weeks, you can attend a writing workshop at our annual conference that will help you to "Write it Right."

Meanwhile, the judges are still busy reviewing this years, entries, all ten of them. That might not sound like a very large number, but it is very respectable for our region. The results, as you know, will be announced at the conference. I urge all of you to attend the conference, benefit from the workshops, and cheer for and honor the contestants and winners of the 2010 SPR writing contest. Until then, keep those pencils sharpened!

Barbara Stengel
Writing Contest Chair



Best of the Best!

SIERRA PACIFIC REGION'S OWN American Idol CONTEST

SPR's very own Ryan Seacrest, aka Howard Egerman, will host the contest.

All Clubs will have 5 minutes to do a program of their choice. Do a group presentation or one or more members can perform for the club. Show off your club's skills.

Judges playing the roles of Simon, Paula and Randy will critique each club immediately after each performance.

This will be a "fun" fundraiser with members voting for their choice with their hard earned cash. The minimum amount that can be given is \$1. The club that receives the most votes with cash will win the contest. What you do is up to you.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to showcase your club.

Contact President-Elect Portia Munn to let her know that your club will compete at munnpy@aol.com by 5/1/10.

Will your Club be THE "Best of the Best."





Circle your calendars for April 1st ! [as soon as possible]

SPR Officers, Council Presidents and Club-At-Large Presidents:

A friendly reminder that I must have your articles for the program book emailed to me by ***no later than April 1, 2010 [as soon as possible]***. Please send your article in a Word document. If you do not have Word, please type in the body of your email and I can copy and reformat later. Email ASAP or by April 1st to: spr_itc@yahoo.com

Club Presidents and Members:

Let's not forget our Meet Our Members pages. Pages must be emailed to: spr_itc@yahoo.com, ***by no later than April 1.*** [Please, no hard copy in snail mail.] Each club is permitted one free 8.5 x 11" page. Please leave at least a one inch border on your document so edges do not get cut off in the copy process. Pages must be created in Word, Microsoft Publisher or can be sent as a PDF. (Publisher is preferred if possible.) I would like to encourage pictures be taken close up. When typing any information use a large enough font for everyone to read. Recommendation: At least a 12 font. (Arial or New Times Roman works well.)

Please do not confuse the Meet Our Members pages with the Program Ads. Ads play a vital role in the budget and the region depends on the money from the program ads to offset expenses.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,
Denise L. Cheeseman
SPR Program Book Chair



2010 SPR Annual Speech Contest

Congratulations to all participants of the 2010 Club and Council Speech Contest. Each of you accepted the challenge and stepped out of your comfort zone to compete in your club and council contest.

The time is now fast approaching for the SPR Annual Conference, June 4-5, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Sacramento. To the winners of the Council contest, we are looking forward to the SPR Speech Contest on Friday evening, June 4th. Members of Sierra Pacific Region, let's encourage and support our speech contest winner to become the International Speech Contest winner at the *POWERtalk* International Convention in 2011.

Please note in the *POWERtalk* International Speech Contest Rules and Duties, paragraph 6.3 – "The winner of the region contest in the non-Convention year (or the second place winner in the case of the winner not being able to take part) may participate in the international contest at the next Biennial Convention, provided the contestant meets the eligibility requirements in the Convention year. The contestant may use the same speech that won in the region contest the previous year or may prepare a new speech using the same subject given in the previous year."

To all council speech contest chairmen, please submit your winners' eligibility statement within one week of your council's final contest to me. My email address: aubrey0417@yahoo.com
H: (916) 361-1745.

Looking forward to seeing you at the SPR Annual Conference.

Aubrey "Gail" Anderson
SPR Speech Contest Chairman



Newsletter Print Dates:

We are planning a **Special Conference Edition -July 7, 2010 (print date)**

Please take lots of pictures and write your thoughts about the conference and submit articles 1(one) week prior to print date to Maria Trujillo Tough at mvtruj@aol.com. Thank you.