



Empire Statesmen Toastmasters # 1427

NEWSLETTER

Special Edition: Youth Leadership Program

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Left to right: Celia Beaucage, Leanne Russo, Khushi Dave, Destiny Tayler, Serafina Sortino, Judi Dixon, Emily Humphrey, Rachel Wittman (Absent: Julia Hamilton)

Empire Statesmen Sponsors Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program

By Celia Beaucage & Judi Dixon

Empire Statesmen Toastmasters (ESTM) sponsored a Toastmasters International Youth Leadership Program (YLP) for The Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways from October 10 - December 8, 2015. Celia Beaucage, President of ESTM and Judi Dixon, Girl Scouts NYPENN Pathways Board Member & ESTM member, delivered the eight week program to the girls.

Both facilitators are passionate about teaching and were committed to assisting the girls to grow in their self-confidence and appreciation of the art of speaking, as well as giving constructive and supportive feedback. *It is the Toastmasters way!*

The Toastmasters YLP was developed by Toastmasters International to help young people develop their communication and leadership skills in order to become tomorrow's leaders in business, industry and in the community. The goal is to tap into the talents and creativity of young people and help them to demonstrate these talents through speeches, speech evaluations, conducting meetings and participating in group discussions. It is equally important for participants to have fun while they learn! *It is the Toastmasters way!*

After the completion of the program, The Girl Scouts organization hosted a celebration event to honor and recognize the achievements of the participants. The girls showcased their speaking skills to family and friends through the presentation of original speeches. We were pleased to have dignitaries from District 65 Toastmasters, Brion Keller, District Director and Sherry Hunt, District Program Quality Director, participate in the celebration. As well, several members of ESTM attended the event to support the participants and the program. It was a wonderful evening, with proud family members cheering for their kids!



Khushi Dave



Leanne Russo



Emily Humphrey



Destiny Tayler



Rachel Wittman



Serafina Sortino



Julia Hamilton



Leanne presenting her speech "The Importance of Giving Back"



Khushi receiving her Award & Gift

Comments

Participants

"I would definitely recommend the program...it has helped me to be more comfortable with myself speaking publicly and on a more professional level."

"I really enjoyed the program and feel that it would be helpful to other youth. The learning environment was very supportive and welcoming. It was a positive way to practice public speaking skills and I feel that I will be able to better execute the skills needed to speak well because of this class. The leaders were so friendly and open-minded. My favorite part was being able to practice public speaking in such a supportive, caring environment. It was a great experience!"

Parents

"I wanted to say how the whole Toastmaster club supported the girls...what you ladies put into it certainly showed the club believes in what they do and stand for."

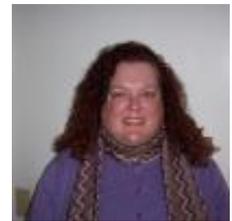
Parent who was a Toastmaster said "my daughter did a better job than I have done!"

"I can see the difference in her confidence!"

Let Yourself Soar!

Personal Comments From The Facilitators

"I am honored to have been a part of this amazing experience to work with the girls! I learned so much from their courage, their willingness to take risks, their commitment to "Rise to the Challenge" and their willingness to "Let Themselves Soar". They are a wonderful group of young women! (Celia Beaucage: Lower Left)



"As an adult Girl Scout and a Toastmaster, I enjoyed facilitating this program immensely. The staff at NYPENN Pathways also saw its value and it will now become an annual program offered to the Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways! I am looking forward to continuing in assisting with this program and reaching even more girls!" (Judi Dixon: Upper Right).

Displaying Their Gifts...Toastmaster Gavel Paperweights!



Left to Right: Khushi D., Serafina S., Destiny T., Leanne R., Emily H. and Rachel W. (Absent: Julia H.)

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