

THE EMERALD COAST TRAINER



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EMERALD COAST CHAPTER

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“Speaking Under Fire” and “Diffusing Verbal Criticism”

The ability to speak effectively under even the most stressful circumstances, and the skill to diffuse criticism from customers, co-workers, and others are both assets we all seek. The January ASTD luncheon will take us all a long way toward improving our capabilities in those areas.

Representatives from local Toastmasters Clubs will be making presentations at the monthly meeting of the Emerald Coast Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) on Tuesday, January 10th, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., at Okaloosa-Walton College (OWC) in Niceville, in the Gallery Room, Building K. All who are interested are invited to attend the session, which includes a buffet lunch and costs \$12 for members and \$17 for non-members. To make reservations, contact Charlie Ray at (850) 651-3766, or at ray@afenlistedfoundation.org.

Mr. Brad Atherton will be providing an overview of the Toastmasters club and mission. Mr. Atherton is a Division Governor representing 20 clubs from Pensacola to Panama City. The Keynote speaker, Ms. Esin Gershaw, will address the topics of “Speaking Under Fire” and “Diffusing Verbal Criticism.” Ms. Gershaw is an advanced Toastmaster and is currently completing the accredited speakers program.

The presentation is sponsored by ASTD’s Emerald Coast Chapter. For information on joining this local chapter, visit its website at www.astd-emeraldcoast.org or contact the Vice President of Membership, Pam Walters at (850) 729-5291 or waltersp@owc.edu.

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**ATTN: MEMBERSHIP CONTEST
PARTICIPANTS**

Congratulations to the winner of the 2005 Membership Contest,
Joyce Szilvasy
Thanks for All Your Efforts!!

Yes, There Will Be a Membership Contest for 2006
Look for News about the Contest - - Coming Soon!!!

Coming Events		Mark Your Calendars!	
Jan. 10, 2006 11:30 – 1:00	"Speaking Under Fire" and "Diffusing Verbal Criticism"	Esin Gershaw and Brad Atherton, Toastmasters, FWB	
Feb. 14, 2006 11:30 – 1:00	"Liabilities Associated with Providing Diversity"	John Sample, Assoc. Professor, FSU	
March 14, 2006 11:30 – 1:00	Roundtable Discussion	TBA	
April 11, 2006 11:30 – 1:00	TBA	TBA	
May 9, 2006 8:30 – 1:00	Workshop – "Overcoming Negativity at Work"	Dwight Baines, Life Works Group, Inc.	

**To RSVP for these great presentations, contact
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