

Grand Blanc Toastmasters  
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**LOCAL BUSINESSWOMAN WINS TOASTMASTERS SPEECH CONTEST**

Grand Blanc, MI – November 2, 2006 – Robin Ridell, of the Grand Blanc Toastmasters, took first place at the Toastmasters divisional speech contest which was held at Flint's Baker College on October 24, 2006.

Robin took top honors in the "table topics" speech contest and qualified to advance on to the Toastmasters District speech contest being held in Holland, MI on November 11, 2006. The table topics speech contest is an impromptu form of speaking where each contestant has two minutes to provide an answer to a question. Each contestant was asked the following question: "If you could choose to have any job, what would it be and why?" Robin's answer was very unique, saying she wanted to be a Radio City Rockette Dancer. She spoke of her dance background that started as a young girl, then expounded on her tryout with the Rockettes. It was truly a fascinating story. Are you wondering if Robin ever high-stepped with the Radio City Rockettes? Unfortunately, Robin did not meet the 5'7" minimum height requirement; even with the puffy wig she wore during her tryout.

Robin is an entrepreneur in the Flint area and has started her own successful coaching and consulting business called Inner Media; helping new entrepreneurs grow their business ideas. "Helping new business owners reach their goals and become successful is my passion" says Robin. "I feel a personal sense of pride knowing I played a role with someone achieving their business dreams." To learn more about Robin's coaching and consulting business, Inner Media, one can visit: [www.innermedia.biz](http://www.innermedia.biz).

Toastmasters International currently has more than 200,000 members in 90 countries. Our club is just one of the more than 10,500 clubs located around the world. The Grand Blanc Toastmasters club is open to everyone. If you are interested in attending a meeting or learning more about the many great benefits of Toastmasters International, please contact David Case at (810) 694-2538. You can also visit the club's website at <http://grandblanc.freetoasthost.net/index.html>

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Thursday, November 23, 2006

## FISH looking for X-Mas donations

**GRAND BLANC** — FISH, Inc. is looking for sponsors to help provide clothing and food to Grand Blanc School District families in need of assistance this Christmas.

The annual Christmas Basket project includes baskets with toys and enough food, including a turkey, for Christmas dinner. FISH has around 135 families asking for assistance this holiday season, but that number will rise before FISH delivers the



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## 'Toastmaster' takes first place

**GRAND BLANC** — A key to giving a memorable impromptu speech is having an interesting subject. Flint area resident Robin Riddell, a member of the Grand Blanc Toastmasters Club, took this to heart in a competition at Baker College last month.

Riddell won first place in the "table topics" speech contest, a category in which each contestant had to give a two minute answer to the question, "If you could choose any job, what would it be and why?"

She chose to discuss her dream —

becoming a Radio City Rockette dancer. Riddell told listeners of her dance background, trying out for the Rockettes and coming up short, literally. She did not meet the 5 ft. 7 in. height requirement for the dancers.

Riddell earned the right to move on to the Toastmasters District Speech contest which will take place in Holland, Mich., later this year. Currently, she has her own consulting business called Inner Media where she helps new entrepreneurs grow their business ideas.

"I feel a personal sense of pride knowing I played a role with someone achieving their business dreams," Riddell said.

Toastmasters International is an organization of individuals who meet and work on strengthening public speaking abilities. The Grand Blanc group is open to everyone. To learn more about it or attend a meeting contact David Case at 810-694-2538 or visit its website at <http://grandblanc.freetoasthost.net/index.html>. — *Patrick Hayes*

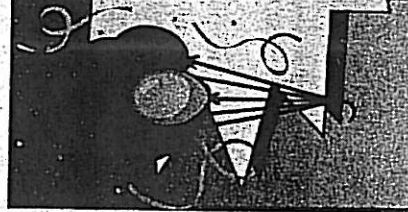
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