

PUBLIC WORKS

Dominic Dominates

Public Works Toastmasters Club member wins an area speech contest.

Story and photo by Ivan Gerson, Public Works/Engineering

On March 19, at a state of the art conference room at the Union Station downtown, Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club member Dominic Buenaventura competed in the Area D-42 International Speech Contest and in the Area D-42 Evaluation Contest.

Dominic, a Civil Engineering Associate IV, Project and Award Control Division, Public Works/Engineering, has been a member of the Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club for five years, since its inception.

Against a talented field of veteran competitors, Dominic won second place in the evaluation contest and won first place in the international speech contest. His winning speech was titled "Girl and Gasoline." Dominic's speech was filled with entertaining stories about his teenage daughter and ends with a subtle message. Dominic has worked diligently to hone his skills by delivering the award-winning speech at Club meetings.

The winner of the Toastmasters International Annual Speech Contest is proclaimed the World Champion of Public Speaking each August. Dominic and several other area contest winners are now qualified to compete at the next level of the Toastmasters contest, Division D. This contest was scheduled for March 26 at the Shriners Hospital.

Congratulations to Dominic, and best of luck at the next level of this prestigious contest!

Toastmasters is an internationally known and recognized organization that enhances



Dominic Buenaventura, Public Works/Engineering, with his first-place trophy for speech (in his right hand) and second place trophy for evaluation.

everyone's knowledge and experience in communication and leadership. The Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club of which Dominic is a member meets every Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. in sixth floor conference room no. 6004 in the Public Works Building, 1149 S. Broadway. Guests are always welcome to attend and to join the dynamic club. Contact Theresa Jimenez (213) 847-0831, or Kari Iwai (213) 485-3888.

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DWP

Lineman's Rodeo

City Employees are invited to watch the DWP Lineman's Rodeo, a fun event for the family.

City Employees are given a special invitation to watch the DWP linemen doing their thing during the annual DWP Lineman's Rodeo. The event is not open to the general public.

The event is set for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at the DWP Truesdale Facility, 11760 Truesdale St. in Sun Valley.

The DWP Linemen compete in a number of events. Winning teams will go to regional and possibly national competition.

The Journeyman skill events include:

- Pole climb
- Hurt man rescue
- Cross arm changeout
- Jumper installation
- Dead end changeout

Apprentice events include:

- Pole climb
- Hurt man rescue
- Secondary parallel
- Temporary service installation

Past activities for the family include a petting zoo, a climbing wall, face painting, jumpers and balloons. Food and drink is expected to be available. The event is free, except for food and drink.

The annual event usually lasts until about 1:30 p.m.



From past years, Hurt-Man Rescue Competition: Hector Avila (Lineman - Palms District) competed in the hurt-man rescue. Other events included the pole climb, crossarm, streetlight, dead-end, insulator, and jumper change-outs.

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