



WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

AU JUS TOASTMASTERS #879

Saturday August 22, 2015

President's Distinguished

Have you seen the latest leader letter? No worries... You can read it right here and even a message from the Facebook page! **Contest information on last few pages!**

Mission Statement

Au Jus Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

Meeting date:

On the Fourth Saturday of every month, unless there is a conflict

Greet & Meet: 6:30PM

Meeting begins: 7:00PM

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO,
DANIEL REX

LEADERSHIP AND INTEGRITY



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Au Jus flyer on next page along with the Area B2 - B3 contest flyer!





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**Guests of all levels are
always welcome!**

*Au Jus serves advanced
Toastmasters in Ventura and Los
Angeles Counties. Toastmasters
who have at least a CC designation
qualify for membership but we
welcome **ALL** guests!*

LOCATION:

Sportsman Restaurant and Lounge

4426 Central Ave

Camarillo, CA 93010

805-988-9777

DATE & TIME:

Saturday August 22, 2015

6:30PM Social

7:00PM Meeting begins



**Join the premier Advanced Club in
District 33 – Au Jus Toastmasters!**

- An opportunity to mix with advanced Toastmasters, and contest winners from the Area, Division, and District levels of Toastmasters International
- An opportunity to learn from professional speakers, and hear keynote presentations
- An enjoyable meal, entertainment, and fun for you & your friends
- A chance to visit different restaurants in Ventura County
- An opportunity to expand your learning through the diversity of advanced speakers and new venues

Ready to take the next step in developing your communications skills?



2015 Fall *Humorous*

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1. Prepare speech yourself; must be substantially original
2. Quoted material must be identified during speech
3. Speeches must be within time (5 – 7 minutes)

Evaluation Contests

1. All contestants will listen to a guest (test) speaker give a 5 – 7 minute speech.
2. All evaluations must be within time (2 – 3 minutes)
3. Test speaker must not be member of same club



Would you like to advance even further?

Try competing in an advanced club! Compete against other DTM's

Get excited! You are in for a treat...

For more information, contact: Linda Mann, DTM dancingangel42@sbcglobal.net or 805-501-5229

Presents a ***“Harvest of Words and Laughs”***

Fall 2015 Humorous Speech & Evaluation Contests

Date: Saturday, September 26th, 2015

7:30AM - Noon

Registration/Continental Breakfast

Starts at: 7:30AM

Contest begins at: 8:15AM

Location: Human Services Agency

Administration Building

855 Partridge Drive

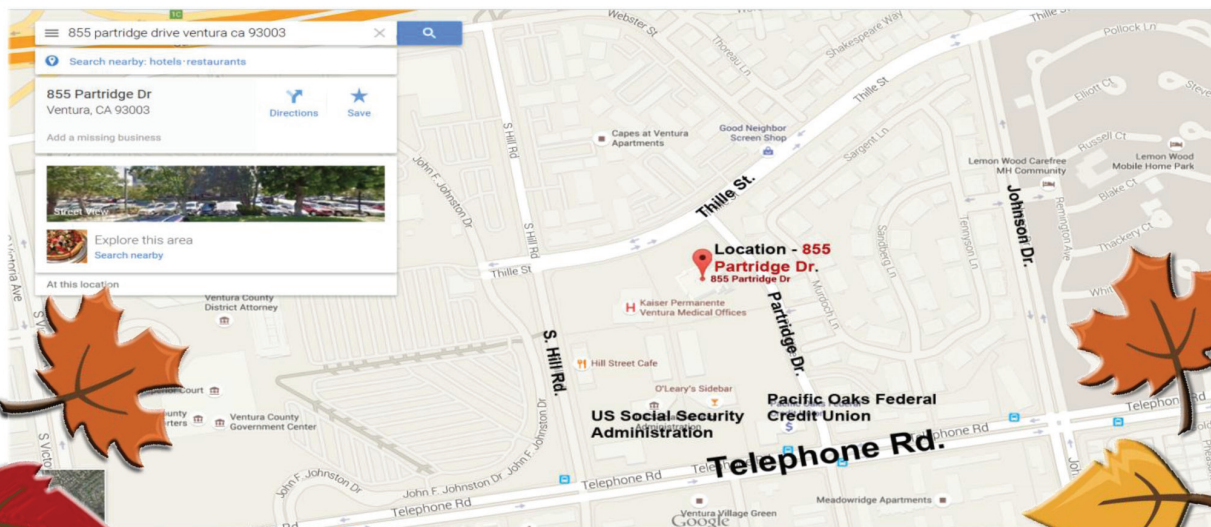
Ventura, CA 93003

Cost: \$5.00



Don't miss the Opportunity Drawing

For questions, please contact our Contest Chair Beth Stoeckly, ACS, ALB on her 805-987-9837 or email stoeckly@silcom.com



Plenty of **FREE** parking! Look for the Toastmaster sign
Once in the building a guide will escort you into the secure elevator

Keep checking the Division B website for more information on the Division B contest!

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