

Springtime at the Beach Workshops



Presenter: Robert Cockburn



English language

Title: How to Judge a Speech Contest

Workshop Description:

(abbreviated workshop description will be available in the conference packet)

Have you ever been at a speech contest and after the winners were announced asked yourself “What contest were the judges listening to?” We all know what makes a great speech but judging one speech against the other is something we are not used to doing; it has nothing to do with evaluating the speech and what’s that ballot for. Join Robert and learn the ins and outs of the contest rules, and how to judge and to chair a speech contest so that the best speaker really does win.

Full Biography:

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Robert Cockburn, DTM and Past International Director, is a Canadian who has lived in Luxembourg for the past 26 years working for NATO as an Engineer, maintaining radar and communication systems.

Robert joined Toastmasters in 1984 when his boss told him to. Since then he has held almost every position in Toastmasters and has served as Chairman of the European Territorial Council, the forerunner of District 59, twice. Robert has had an article published in The Toastmaster magazine and in 2000 was awarded a Presidential Citation for his work in founding the European District, D59. In August 2002, Robert was elected to the Board of Directors, the first “European” from the continent to serve on the board.

Robert Cockburn has participated in Speech Contests at every level of Toastmasters (as a judge, that is) and has served as Chief Judge for the Inter-district Speech Contest where District contest winners vie for the right to compete in the World Championship of Public Speaking.

In his spare time Robert is a frequent loser of golf balls and also designs and builds stained glass windows.