

Voices of Change Toastmasters
June 20, 2012; 12-1 p.m.

Members Present: Patty Breidenbach, Eddie Ferrer, Amanda Harpell-Franz, Marta Idowu, Laurie Masover, Michael Scott, and Felicia Yearwood

Guests: Andy Fitzenrider and Cheri

Toastmaster: Patty Breidenbach

Word of the Day: Dedication

Inspirational Thought: Marta Idowu presented five inspirational thoughts, ranging from Mother Teresa's reflections on life to Dr. Seuss's words of wisdom.

Joke: Laurie Masover presented two jokes: the Donkey and the Divorcee.

Speech: Amanda Harpell-Franz:

Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide

Amanda informed, persuaded, and inspired in her third speech, using the "Get to the Point" project. Based on Half the Sky, by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, Amanda shared horrific stories of women and girls who experienced trafficking, cruelty, and violence. Rather than submitting to their oppressors, these heroic women redeemed their own lives and worked to help others avoid the same fate. Amanda ended with a call to action and provided several resources: www.globalgiving.org; www.kiva.org; www.givology.com; www.womensenews.org; www.worldpulse.com; www.can.care.org. Powerful. Moving. Inspirational.

Table Topics: Michael Scott prompted conversation about Arizona's immigration law and President Obama's recent executive order, which will give young undocumented immigrants temporary relief from deportation

Announcements:

June 20th – 30th Juneteenth events

June 23rd – TMI Officers Training – Marta, Patty, Eddie, and Felicia to attend

June 24th – Pride Parade

August 4th -- United Negro College Fund walkathon for education – Laurie to form a team; all welcome to join

August 18th – Affinity Group Picnic

August – Voices of Change to begin meeting in Seattle Municipal Tower, details will be provided

Next meeting: June 27th Central Building – Lobby Conference Room

Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.