



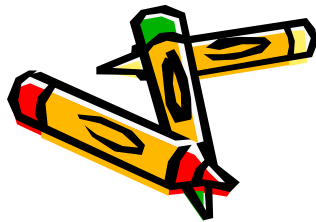
English Social Life in Taipei

Gordon Brooks





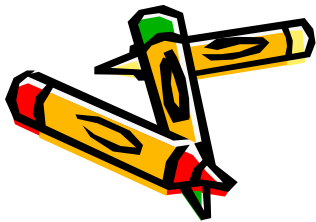
Gordon Brooks, a
freelance photojournalist
and advertising agent, with
The China Post and This
Month in Taiwan since
1974.



**I am a promoter of
the English language**

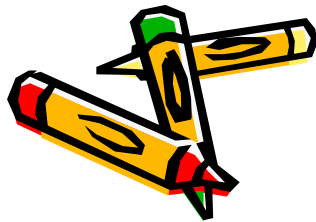
**They are Non-Profit English Socials,
in memory of my American adopted
father, Joe Brooks,**

**who loved and cared for me
since I was 9.**



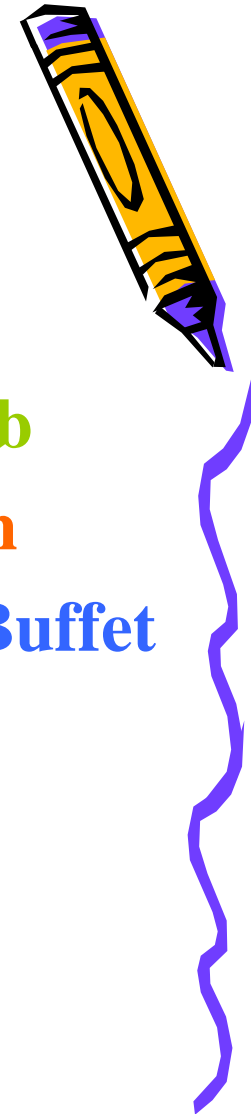
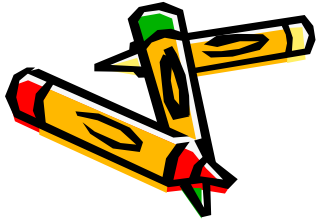
“Participation is the Essence of Life.”


*Your life can be changed for the better,
by meeting the right people, at the right time, in
the right places, doing the right things
and the most important,
is to Speak the right languages*



English Social Activities in Taipei

- **China Hash House Harriers**
- **Ding How Square Dance Club**
- **Gordon's International Gourmet Club**
- **Gordon's Saturday English Luncheon**
- **Raju's English Club-Sunday Indian Buffet**
- *Skal International Taipei*
- *Taipei International Women's Club*
- *Toastmasters International*

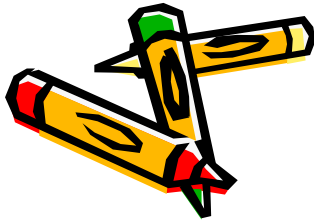




**Non - Profit English
Activities in Taipei (in memory of Joe Brooks)
*The Joy of Life is Giving & Sharing***

- * Bald Headed Club of Taipei
- * GMC
- * Gordon's International Gourmet Club
- * Gordon's Laughing Club
- * Gordon's Photo Club
- * Ivy's Sat. Eng. Lunch
- * KTV (English Songs)
- * MBA Club
- * Movie of The Week
- * Party of the Week
- * REFF International Dance Club
- * Skal International Taipei
- * The Mustache Club
- * Toastmasters Club

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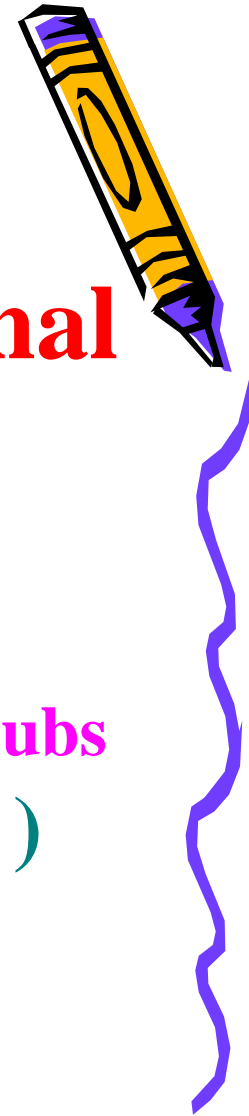
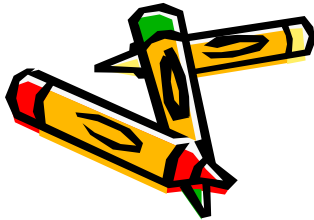
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District 67-Taiwan Has Over 143 Clubs

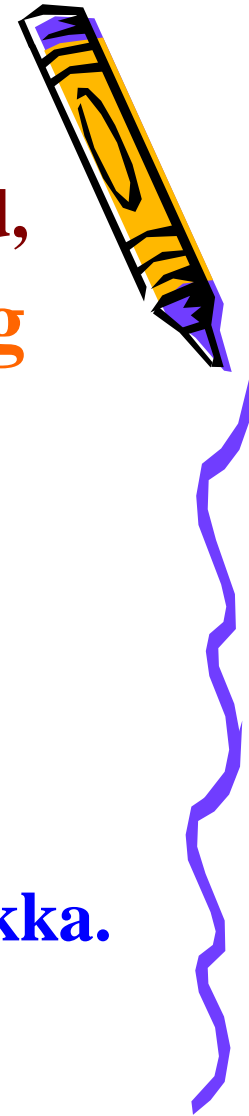
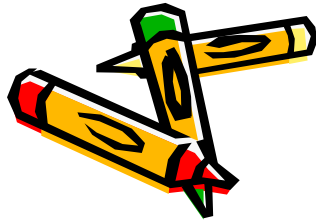
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**Dr. Ralph Smedley, founder of TI stated,
“The Most Effective of Learning
is Accomplished**

**During Periods of
Fun & Enjoyment.”**

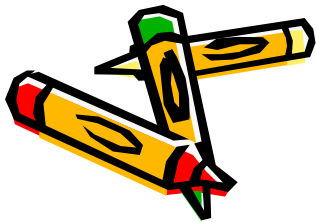
**Languages Practiced in Taiwan
are Mostly in English,
Japanese, Mandarin, Taiwanese and Hakka.**





**You have PLEASURES
NO PRESSURES**

**In any Toastmasters Clubs Activities
(campus, community, company & government)
regular meetings twice a month
mostly evenings, few at lunch time**



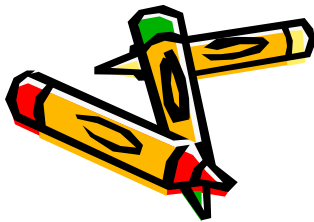
Toastmasters Agenda Include

(Variety Session with games or Jokes)

Prepare Manual Speeches, Table Topics

Evaluations Sessions

Individual, General and Language



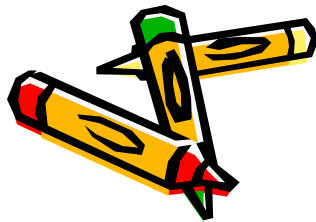
Membership in Toastmasters

Provide a Stage for People Over 18

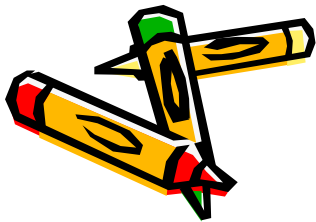
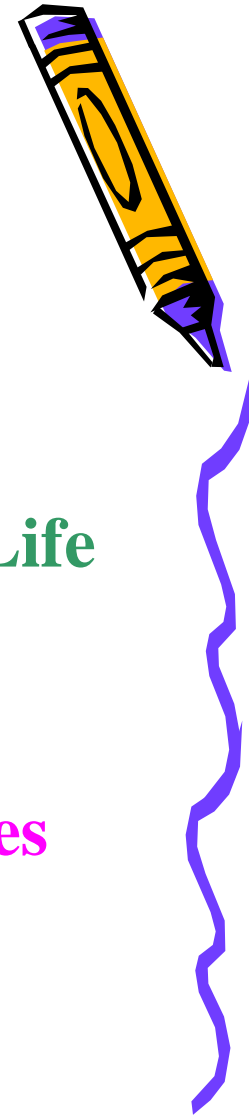
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Language (Learning by Doing) in a

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Speaking in Public
is Considered to be a Person's
Ten Most Frightening Experiences in Life
Self-Confidence, Courage,
Leadership Potential
Giving and Sharing Life Experiences





「Lance Miller」是「世界演講冠軍」，並創各地演講傳奇。

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國際演講會訓練溝通技巧

有正式的、幽默的、即席的型態，
從而學習領導團隊及主持會議。

Lance Miller最近出席正式場合，身上會戴著一個金質的名牌，名字的一下一行是「2005 World Champion of Public Speaking」(2005世界演講冠軍)，字號顯含了無限的榮耀，和他時時保持的微笑，幾乎是完美的搭配。

今年8月拿到冠軍之後，Lance Miller身懷德紅，世界各地湧來的邀請，使得原任的世界快樂之道基金會(The Way to Happiness Foundation)會長職務更加忙碌。儘管如此，他仍熱衷實踐社會，抽空自美國加州飛了一趟台灣，成為國際英文演講會(Toastmasters International)台灣地區總會秋季大會的座上賓。

擔任此次大會主講的國際演說，這是國際演講會在台灣發展10多年以來，第一次到總部的冠軍得主，吸引上百個各地分會的成員報名參加，單是演講訓練場次的出席人數，就較去年成長百分之百。這群「不吐不快」的專業級演講人士，都想開眼目睹世界級的功力。

■台灣有100個分會

國際演講會是一個專為訓練會員演講技巧、與領導技能的非營利性世界組織，由Dr. Ralph C. Smedley於1924年10月22日創立，至今已近81年歷史。總部設在美國加州Rancho Santa Margarita，全球共有1萬5百個分會，散佈於90多個國家，超過4百萬入參與推廣。編號District 67的中華民國國際演講會，共有100個分會。

「這是我第一次到亞洲地區」，Lance說，10多年來任職於非營利組織，多是往來美國境內及歐洲國家，台灣是赴第一次落腳的亞洲土地，「卻好像在洛杉磯住家的絕好感覺」，他實在覺得台北的國際化水準，以及台灣地

區總會的活動力，多元的呈現一如美國文化大融爐。

13年前Lance開始參加國際演講會，是因為該生長的溝通技巧，實在做不好行銷專員的工作，多虧自己還是密西根大學的高材生呢。當初預說，台灣的成員不乏是基於相近的原因，上班族、公務人員、業界人士，甚至是英文老師，初期都是了解自己的不足，卻拉不下臉，舞不下臺，擔心在他人面前出糗。「一旦踏了進來，隨即就會體會到，唯有大幅增加公開演講，自信才會建立起來。」大會公關執行長，也是大同大學教授陳瑞明說。

■演講家容易成為演講者

演講是增進溝通技巧的最佳方法，演講會裡提供以下三項技巧的學習：一、成為一位傾聽者，二、學習領導團隊及主持會議，三、給予同伴正面、建設性的講評。清華大學科技管理學院副院長兼IGIA執行長陳瑞明，第一

次把國際演講會擺在心上，竟來自於2位EMBA的在職生王意德和朱保羅。陳瑞明說，他們2位從入學考試、上課報告，一路以來的表現相當突出，完全不像最理工科生，科技公司的呆伯特，原來他們本來就是演講會的會員，多年來接受許多的訓練，單是「說出來」(speak out)的經驗累積，就超過其他學員許多。

現在在大四EMBA的課堂上，陳瑞明相當鼓勵同學參加國際演講會，藉由定期聚會及持續學習，可以達到三項目標：1.即席發表意見的能力；2.點子構想的自我訓練；3.英文口語的練習。「總結來看，這些都是以溝通作為出發點，他說，以台灣企業動輒就必須與國際互動的需求，即使是中國大陸地區、清華的中文或英文表達，是邁向成功之踏的必備基石。

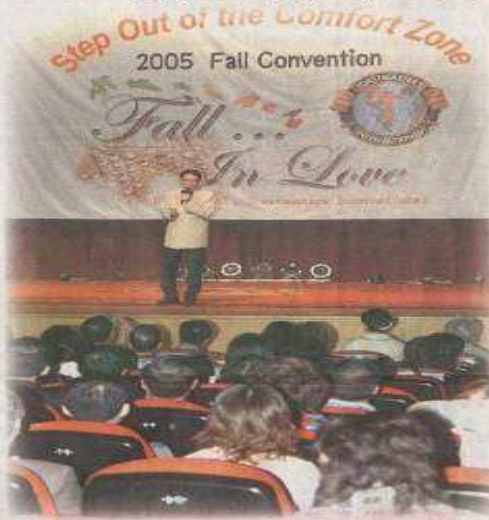
國際演講會是單純的民間社團，早年從美國發展到全世界，都是維持在英文的環境，然而卻在大陸發展出五種語文的聚會，連

日本都沒有的日文演講會都有，相當特別。台灣地區總會顧問孫慈惟一口雅潔英語，更是個大寶貝，卻是開設公務員體系第一個英語演講會，以及閩南語演講會的第一人。語言方面的多元天分，讓他有機會擔任電視台主講的訓練老師，其實，他的正職是行政院衛生署藥物食品檢驗所副局長！

■多樣化的語言環境是快樂天堂

國際演講會的訓練是一階升一階，除了外界認為的「正式演講」，還有讓會員們從微笑到笑的幽默演講、即席演講、實戰演說，演講的內容當然很重要，但講者也要能夠配合會講，肢體動作、帶動聽眾的每一波情緒，能夠獲得世界冠軍寶盃。正統世人公認講高階的演講者，像Lance Miller。

秋季大會的開幕禮上，來自全國各地的會員們不僅按照工作人員的安排，坐滿了國家文藝中心大會堂的一、二樓禮堂，每個人也顯得興奮不已。忙著和好朋友擁抱、和老朋友牽手；其中點綴一些在台灣的外國人，他們是會員，也是會員們的老師，在演講會裡學習、場成長，在笑聲中認識台灣的可愛之處。



A台上十分鐘、台下十年功，演講者需要經過訓練的。圖為中華區國際演講會主辦的「2005年秋季大會」，在台北熱鬧登場，英、日、中三種語言會員，進行交流與聆聽。

唯一提供五種語言演講 台灣區總會活躍世界舞台

台灣地區國際演講會的第一百個分會，是今年10月28日，誕生在台北市政府的英語演講會。4年以前的2001年，台灣的分會總數僅的為50個，在短短的時間成長百分之百，「台灣的發展近況，鼓舞我們加緊腳步」日本地區總會會長Teiko Imachi讚基地說。

國際演講會，多項佳績實在夠炫：從2000年起連續5年榮獲傑出地區總會，是全世界唯一同時提供五種不同語言的地區總會，世界演講冠軍海外演講秀必到台灣，每年秋季大會是最大型、最有效的實務指導。

歷年的國際演講會，今年8月下旬在加拿大多倫多舉行的世界大會，他一方面帶領台灣會員參加比賽，另一方面也參與每一項教育性及娛樂性活動。大會結束前，名人演講與頒獎上，大夥帶著國旗在舞台上受獎，接受90多個國家代表的賀電，「在那個，我對自己說，我教了一件特別有意義的事」，傅應成即席現在談起，語意中仍充滿感性。當時在現場打轉的淚水彷彿就流了下來。

首座軍師定位為訓練溝通的演講會，就因為成員的努力何力，台灣可以大大方方地活躍在世界舞台上。(關麗芳)



A中華民國國際演講比賽協會年度活動「2005年秋季大會」，圖為台灣總會副會長(左)、主辦會會長陳瑞明(右)。



Excellence Toastmasters Club Master the Arts of Communication and Leadership Holds Installation Ceremony

Charles Cheng, President of Excellence Toastmasters Club (2007-2008)

"I came a long way, after 12 years of membership with the Excellence Toastmasters Club (ETC). I accepted the Presidency this year as the ETC Language is people. With the right people, you speak the right language. Interest, Time, Environment and Opportunity are the key factors to learn anything in life," said Charles Cheng, at his recent inaugural ceremony. Charles Cheng is the chairman of Cheng Feng Automotive Trucking Co. Ltd. (since 1989). Charles joined the Wu Ku Rotary Club in 1995 and was the president in 2002-2003.

Charles Cheng stated, "I like to take this wonderful opportunity to show my sincere appreciation and gratefulness to all the officers and members of ETC for their support and kindness in the past and future cooperation. I like to thank especially and wholeheartedly to Linda Tseng, past president of ETC, who introduced me to join the ETC. I truly enjoy and benefited from the Toastmasters International Educational Program—World Largest Non-Profit Educational Institute, in the art & skill of public speaking, communication techniques, self-confidence and leadership potential."

Since 1924, Dr. Ralph Smedley founded the 1st Toastmasters Club (TMC) in the basement of YMCA, Santa Ana, California, USA. Internationally, there are over 11,000 TMC in over 95 countries. Currently in Taiwan there are 112 TMC in (English, Hakka, Japanese, Mandarin and Taiwanese languages).

"Happiness and Success in Life is when YOU Meet the Right Person, at the Right Time, in the Right Place and Doing the Right Thing and The Joy of Life is Giving and Sharing. Toastmaster activities are certainly the right places with its regular meetings, leadership training seminars, outings, national and international conventions. One can make talented and intelligent friends from professionals in every field," says Gordon Brooks, honorary public relations, D-6 TTI, the only active charter member of the Prestige TMC for 23 years.

(A) President Charles Cheng delivers his inaugural speech with good knowledge and confidence. (B) President and Mrs. Charles Cheng, becoming President of ETC, left and outgoing President and Mrs. William Lee. (C) From left are General, Mrs. Charles Cheng, William Lee and Linda Tseng. (D) From left are Maria Wu, Mrs. Charles Cheng, Niko Cheng, Nancy Fan, John L. Gally, Tung and Duke Liu. (E) From left are Lawrence Chang, Cindy Liu and Cathy Tung. (F) From left are Linda Tseng, past president of ETC, and past District Governor Gordon Brooks, Sue Chiao and Tom Tung. (G) Toastmasters are chosen to be a big happy family of teachers and students with common goals of pursuing a Positive Life Style. It certainly fits in with the famous Chinese proverb, "Within the Four Seas, All Men and Women Are Brothers and Sisters." (H) President Charles Cheng (seated here) with some of the well-wishers from friends and Toastmasters. (I) Outgoing ETC officers (seated here) from left are Judy Wei, past president of ETC, and past District Governor Gordon Brooks, Sue Chiao and Tom Tung. (J) From left are Lawrence Chang, Mr. Linda Tseng, Sean Chia, Judy Wei, Maria Wu, William Lee, Charles Cheng, Maria Wu and Lisa Hu. (K) From left are Joyce Chu, Li Tung, Mrs. Mary Fong, Mrs. And Charles Cheng, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Lee, past president of TMC TMC, Nancy Fan, Linda Tseng, past president of ETC, and Niko Cheng. (L) President Charles Cheng gets support from past ETC president Linda Wei, left and Linda Tseng. (M) From left are Lisa Hu and her nephew and Nancy Chia. (N) They made and new members in ETC. (L-R) Helen Chan, Maria Wu, and Sean Chia. (O) Linda Tseng, past president of ETC, happily receives her gift and a new member into (new) ETC, as new members in the same meeting. They are Lisa Hu, left and Tracy Lee. (P) President Charles Cheng (seated) with his close friends who joined ETC, as new members in the same meeting. They are Lisa Hu, left and Tracy Lee. (Q) Jack Tsai, District Toastmaster, Governor of District 7-Taiwan, Toastmasters International (D-7TTI) for 2007-2008 attended the recent ETC 149th meeting and included two new members of ETC. From left are Helen Chan.

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WMTC Honors Helen Chen-DTM & Ronald Wiplinger-DTM

The World Mosaic Toastmasters Club (WMTC) recently celebrated the achievements of two of its members Helen Chen and Ronald Wiplinger. Both of them are charter members of WMTC founded in March, 2003. On behalf of the District 67-Taiwan, Toastmasters International (D67TTI), past District Governors Jone Wu-DTM and George Yen-DTM, presented the Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) recognition awards to Helen-DTM and Ronald-DTM.

The DTM award is the highest level in the TI educational system and it recognizes both communication and leadership skills. To be eligible, a Toastmaster member must have delivered more than 40 speeches of various types and objectives, served as a club and district officer, conducted seminars, mentored new members, sponsored new clubs, completed a high performance leadership project and participated in club and district level training workshops. Only less than 1% of all Toastmasters members apply for this award. At the moment, there are only 23 DTM recipients in Taiwan's District 67. Helen-DTM and Ronald-DTM are the 24th and 25th DTMs in Taiwan.

Helen-DTM, the Charter President of WMTC, shared her personal experiences how she overcame her fear of public speaking by following step by step of the TI's educational program. Both Helen-DTM and Ronald-DTM have benefited from TI programs and activities with increased self-confidence and credit the Toastmasters' big trophy for providing continued encouragement. Both Helen-DTM and Ronald-DTM are very active. They are frequent visitors to other corporate and community TCs, often serving as evaluators, session masters or Toastmasters of the Meeting and deliver motivational speeches.

In his award acceptance speech, Ronald-DTM of Austria, used very humorous language to highlight his journey from a new member (with his strong Austrian accent, many Toastmasters couldn't understand his ice breaker (1st speech) to an accomplished speaker. Ronald was the second runner up winner at the annual National District Convention Table Topics Speech Contest in 2004.

According to Steve Tung, Governor of D67TTI, "for the first time that a member, George Yen-DTM from D67TTI, was one of three candidates from regions outside of North America and won the honor of being an IBDTM. Our supporting delegates to Past Governor George at the annual TI Convention included Jone Wu, Charles Chan, Kenneth Wang, James Liu, Frankie Wu, in the speech contest; Solomon Chen, Venice Wen, Hubert Yu, Agnes Chang, Edward Chen, Marian Hsiao, Jack Tsai and Steve Tung. Our Republic of China's National Flag was displayed proudly among the flags from more than 90 countries. Our D67TTI has consecutively for 6 years won the Distinguished District Recognition. We ranked No. 14 in year 2005-2006, among the 76 Districts in the world."

His "ten" president of WMTC, stated "some upcoming events being

planned by the club include: Sept. 7, Celebration Party to George Yen-DTM for being elected as an IBDTM; Sept. 21, Humorous speech workshop (Conducted by District 67, champion Tom Ashby); Oct. 5, In-House Humorous and Evaluations Contest; Oct. 21, Area speech contest; Nov. 2, Open House."

Dr. Ralph C. Smadley, founder of the 1st Toastmasters Club (TMC), in 1924 at the YMCA's basement in Santa Ana, California. Nearly four million men and women have enjoyed the benefits of being a member in the TC. Toastmasters International (TI) is a non-profit educational organization with over 211,000 members in over 10,500 clubs around 90 countries.

Both Jone and George are also the sponsors of WMTC. They also set a good example of "Meeting the Right Person, at the Right Time, in the Right Place and Do the Right Things." Jone and George met each other at the Prestige Toastmasters Club (PTC) and got married. PTC is the Club Sponsor of WMTC," said Gordon Brooks, honorary public relations for the Toastmasters movement in Taiwan for over 20 years.

By being a Toastmaster, one can benefit so much in the Toastmasters' international (TI) educational program (learning by doing) and the variety of activities offered. Toastmasters are known internationally in the skills and art of public speaking, self-confidence, leadership potential and a positive life style. One will find that Toastmasters are very open minded, sincere and understanding professionals from all walks of life. Gordon stated happily.

Since 1958, Taiwan's Toastmasters movement started its first Club-Taipei TMC with membership mainly from the US military personnel. Currently, Taiwan has 104 Clubs in Member: Taiwanese, Hakka, Japanese and mostly in English languages. Memberships in the TI are open to those over 18 years old, who are deeply interested in the TI's languages educational program.

WMTC welcomes the English speaking community on Taiwan to its dinner meetings at the ACC on the 1st and 3rd Thursday nights of the month at 6:30 p.m. NT\$ 350 includes a simple buffet. The address of ACC is at #47 Tai-An Road, Taipei. Contact Helen Chen for reservation and more information, public relations of WMTC at Mobile: 0937-099-217.

Photo captions: (A)-President Hsueh Yen, left, seen here with her friends, Daniel Lee, Jenny Chang and Ferry Wu. (B)-Current District Governor Steve Tung conducted the evaluation session. (C)-Kenneth Wang. (D)-Andrew Ouyang-DTM gives his constructive evaluation of the meeting. (E)-Athena Lien gave the traditional Toastmasters Toast to Helen and Ronald. (F)-Jack Tsai, TI Governor of Education. (G)-Over 50 DTMs, D67TTI officers, guests and senior members of various Toastmasters Clubs attended the grand occasion. It was held during the regular dinner meeting of WMTC at the American Club in China (ACC). (H)-Webster Kang, District public relations officer. (I)-George Yen-DTM and Ronald-DTM. (J)-Jone Wu, right, and Helen Chen. (K)-Lito Gonzalez, the most famous musician in Taiwan, from Formosa-Argentina, who has been on Taiwan for 33 years, was invited to show his talents on the accordion. (L)-L.J. Lamb, immediate past president of and Governor of A-1, was the Toastmaster of the Evening. (M)-Glenn Chou, Division A Governor. (N)-Linda Chiu-DTM complimented the Toast speech by delivered by Athena Lien-DTM and past District Governor (O)-Eric Stanley, president of China Trust TMC.

For Toastmasters activities in Taiwan, please check out the web site: www.toastmasters.org/tw or call Gordon Brooks at (0924-324-078).

(This pictorial sponsored by Competent Toastmaster Kenneth Wang, past president of Ta-Ren TMC, Sergeant at Arms of WMTC and Prestige TMCs, as a public service from his company, A.H.ROCK 阿羅士). It is compiled and created by Flash Gordon.





Master Yourself in Life by Joining Toastmasters International

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- 1 Past District Governors George Yen and Jorie Wu. The most famous happy, capable and beneficiary couple met each other at the prestige Toastmasters Club.
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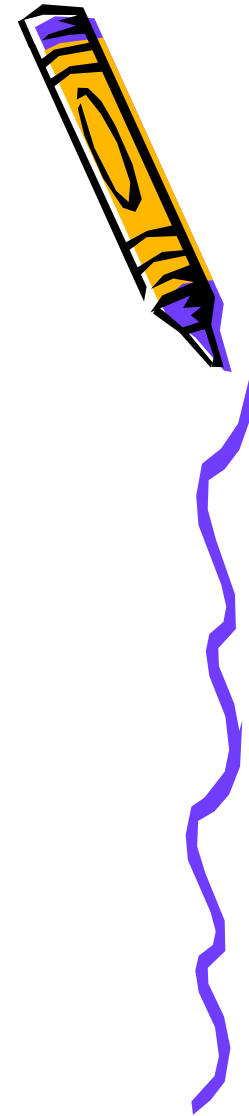
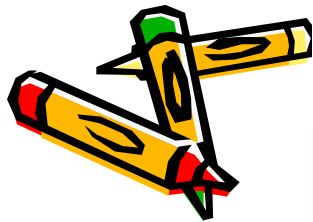
Yes, we are the masters of ourselves in terms of our: Time, Interest, Education, Knowledge, Experiences, International Friendship, Profession, Skills, Life Style and etc.

Toastmasters International (TI), the world largest non-profit educational institute, recognized in over 92 countries, is the the answer for us: Self Confidence, Leadership potential, Courage, and in the Art and Skill of Public Speaking in various Languages. TI

was founded by Dr. Ralph Smedley back in 1924 in the basement of YMCA, Santa Ana, California, USA. (Flash Gordon)

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Marian Hsiao, 4th from right front row, District 67 Governor with some of the District Officers at the Formosa Toastmasters Club Demo Meeting for the Press. ▼









































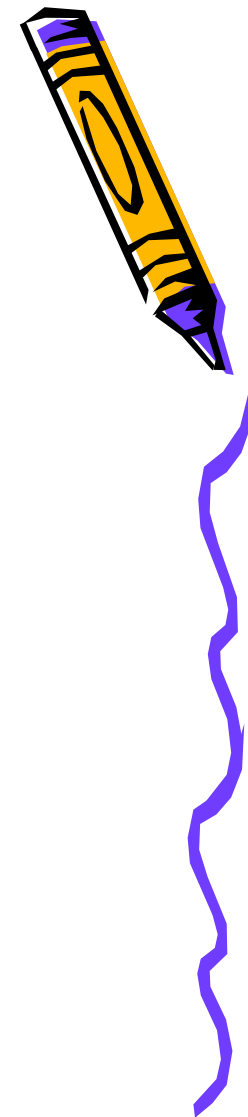
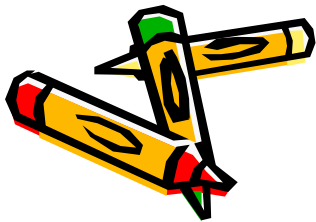




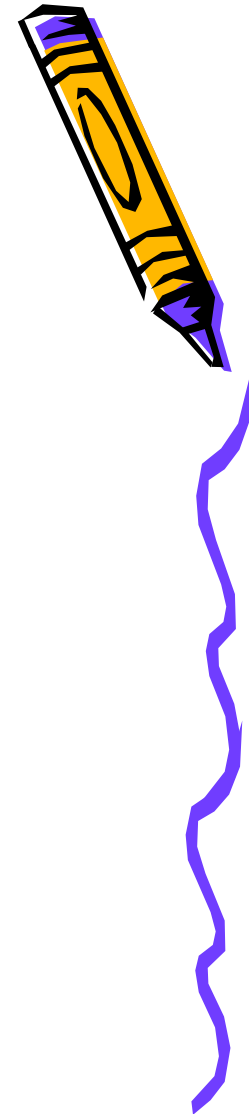
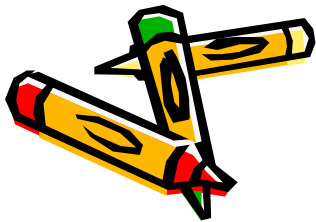


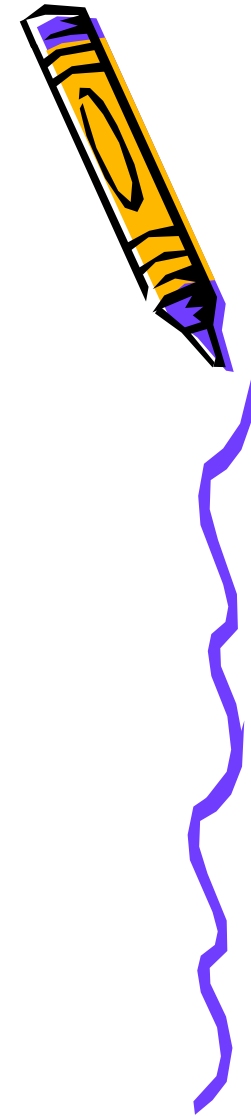
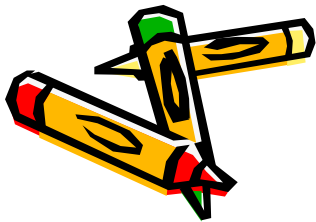


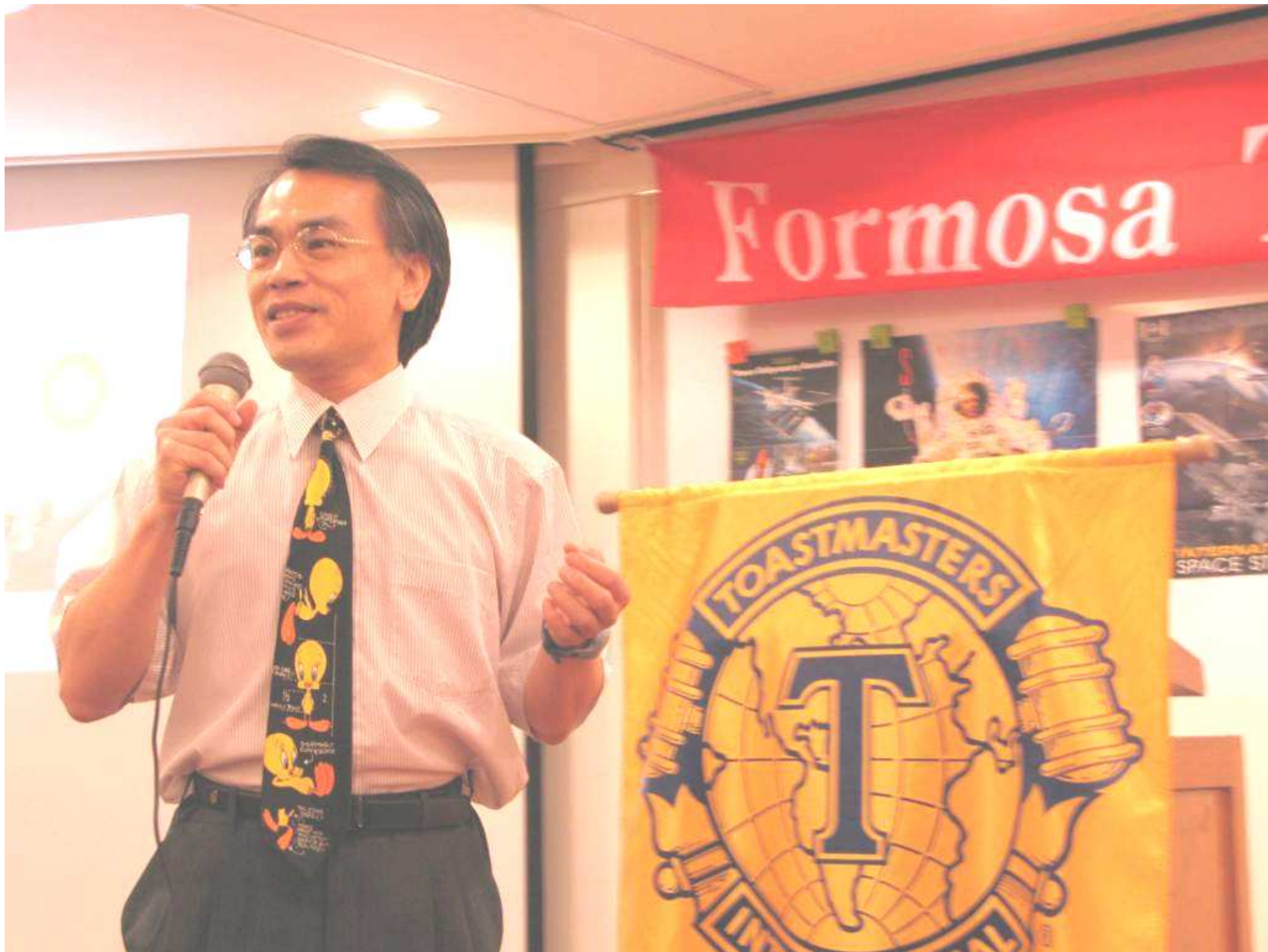


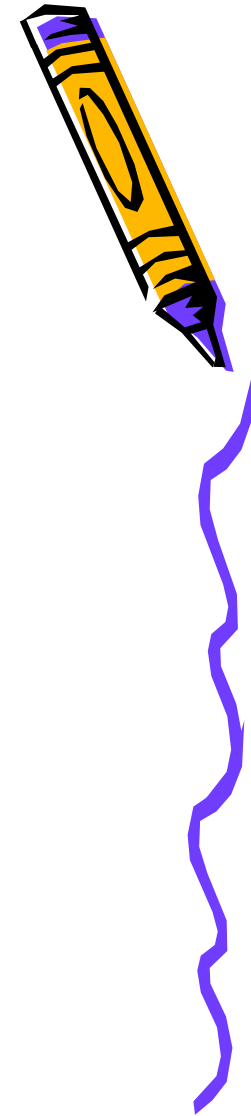
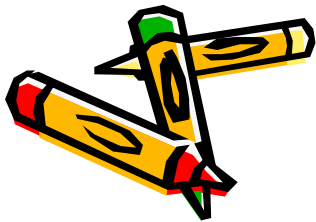








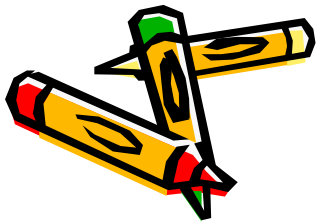
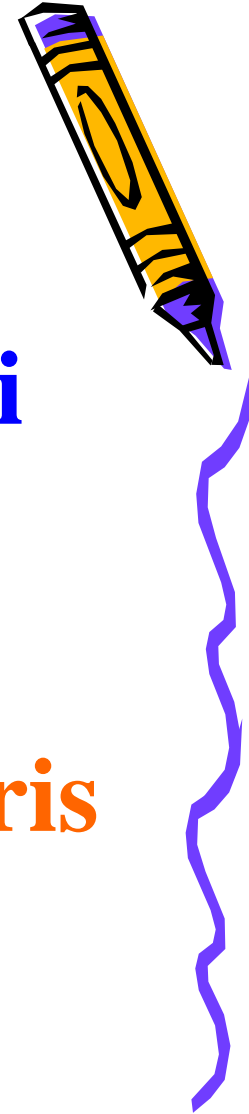




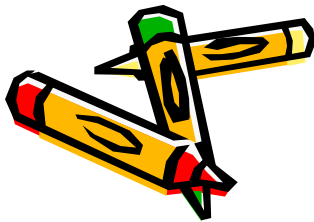




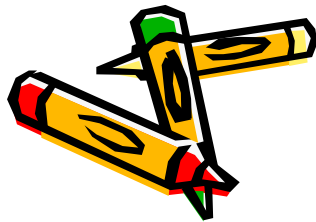
**Skal International Taipei
(SIT) is
an affiliate of the
SKAL International in Paris**



**Members are from
the executives
in the international tourism industries
(airlines, hotel, travel agencies and other
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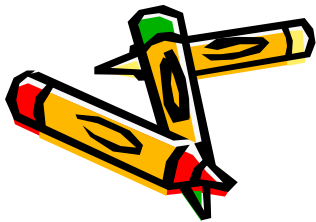
SIT invites guest speakers
at its monthly English luncheon
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are SIT members



**SIT's annual
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include: Domestic or Overseas

**Outing, international tourism conferences
with special prices on travel packages**

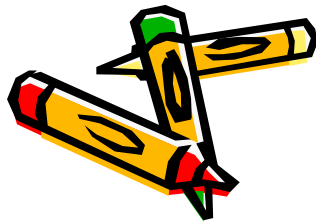




Celebrating the Lunar New Year

**Christmas Party (with generous raffle prizes
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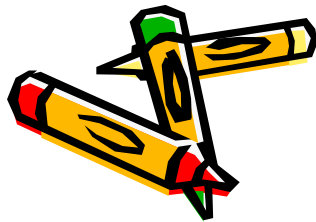


Gordon's International Gourmet Club

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Making new friends over

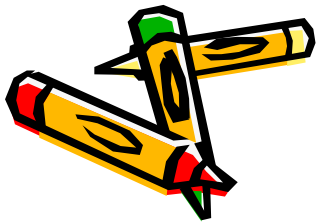
A lunch or dinner table?



Variety is the Spice of Life

For food, friends and other interests.

I Don't Like to Eat Alone.



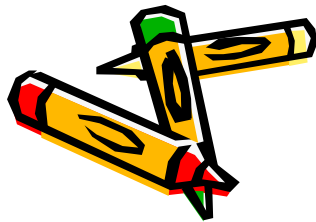
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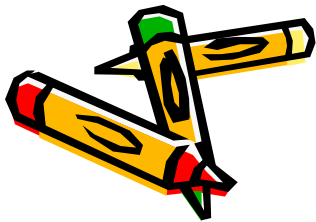
This Month in Taiwan puts me in contact

With different restaurants for

Advertising and Promotions.



“GIGC” is one of
the many non-profit
English social activities for those
Interested in English,
Friendship & Dining.

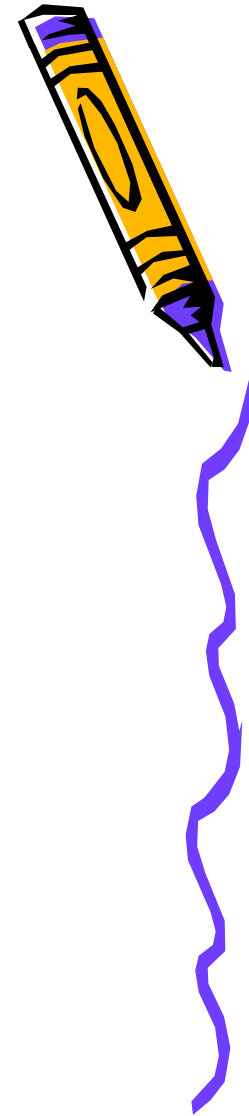
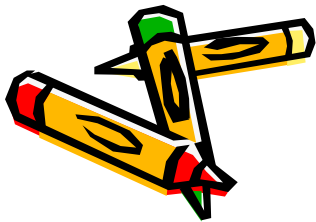




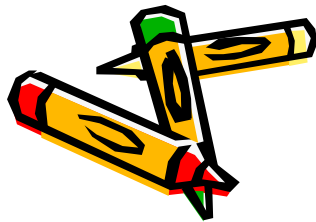






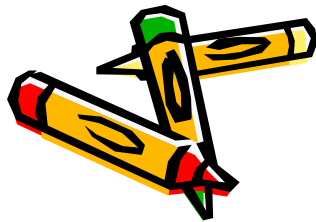


Four Hours of 100% English
Each Saturday
The Common Sense Way for
Good English Language Practice is to Be
With People,
Who Speaks the English Language!!!



***YOU are the master
of Your Time and Choice to:***

***Meet the Right People, at the Right
Time, In the Right Places, Do the Right Things
and Speak the Right Language.***



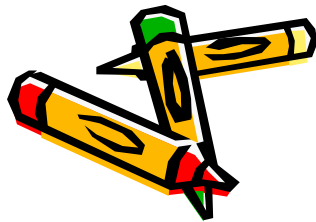
English Language,

French Cuisine

& International Friendship

***Western Table Manners, Mature Jokes,**

Toastmasters Topics



Gordon's Saturday English Lunch

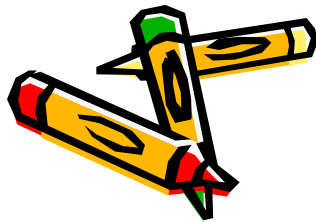
Large Variety of Set Lunches

(From NT\$280-NT\$680. inclusive)

12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

at Le Jardin French Restaurant

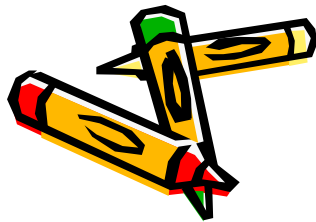
Add Some Colors in your Life!!!



Gathering Time & Place:

11:30 a.m. **Each Saturday**

**1st coach/platform, Taipei MRT Station on
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(Houshanpi MRT Station Exit 3)



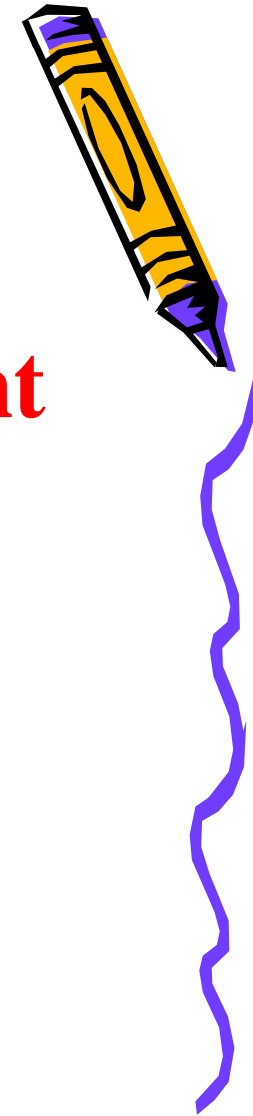
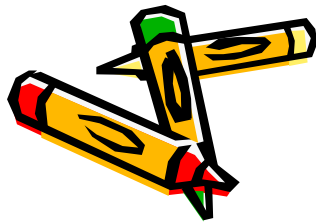
Le Jardin French Restaurant

Tel. (02) 2785-2556

is located at No. 24, Lane 70,

Chung Hsiao East Rd., Sec. 6, Taipei
(next to a pay parking lot).

Call Gordon Brooks (0927-324-078)















Ivy's Saturday English Lunch at LJFR



◀ From left seated are Helen Tang, importer of artistic home furnishings, Elaine Kuo, simultaneous English/Mandarin translator and SPA specialist; Belen Lopez, singer from Paraguay; and Ivy Wang. Standing from left are Gordon Brooks, Kyle Fox, PhD. Student from Australia studying at Taiwan University and Lito Gonzalez.

Le Jardin in French means "The Garden". Le Jardin French Restaurant (LJFR) is owned and managed by Ivy Wang and her husband. Having been a Mandarin teacher to foreigners for over 10 years, Ivy stated, "the best way and the most efficient way of learning a language is to face people who speak that language in their daily life."

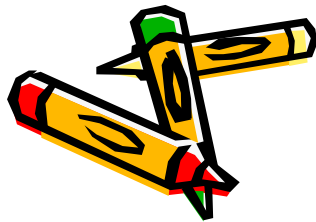
LJFR is near by the Exit No. 3 Hou Shan Pi MRT Station (10 minutes walk). From LJFR, one can see the beautiful view of Wan Fu Park in the middle of a quite residential area. There is a Parking lot next to LJFR. It has a seating capacity of 42 seats and a VIP private dining room for 10 people.

Ivy's Saturday English Lunch (ISEL) is being held each Saturday from 12 noon to 4 p.m. It features a 5 course lunch with your choice of main courses for NT\$350 inclusive. ISEL offers a very international environment for people over 18 who are interested in the English language, international friendship and cultural exchange. One can gain and



benefit so much in sharing knowledge in Western table manners, humors and life experiences. Gordon Brooks and Lito Gonzalez, famous Argentinean musician who has been on Taiwan for over 36 years have been invited by Ivy to be the hosts. "Add some colors and great experiences to your life. Get involved in Toastmasters Clubs (www.toastmasters.org.tw), Skat Club of Taipei and all kinds of non-profit English social activities, said Gordon Brooks, promoter of the English language, for the past 20 some years, in memory of his American adopted father.

Interested parties, please call Gordon for ISEL reservation at 0927-324-078. LJFR is open from 11:30 AM to 10 PM (including afternoon tea) from Tuesday-Sunday (Closed on Monday). It is located at No. 24, Lane 70, Sec. 6, Zhongxiao Hsiao E. Rd., Taipei, Tel. 2785-2556. (Flash Gordon)



Seeing/Tasting is Believing

For a Great, Relaxing, Enjoyable & Memorable Dining Experience---Take the MRT



Houshanpi MRT Station (Exit 3) is the Landmark for

Le Jardin
臻典西餐

a very unique, elegant & popular authentic French restaurant



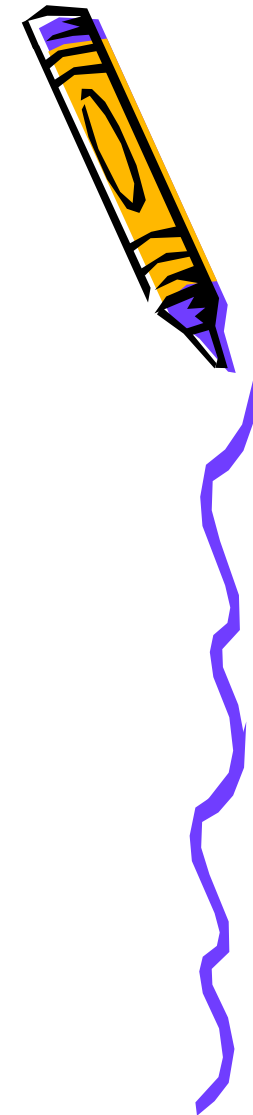
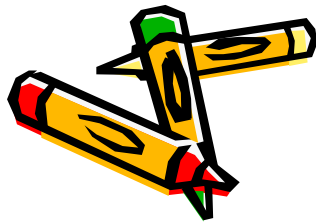
- * Most Reasonable Prices for:
Red & White Wines:
Chef's 4 courses Lunch Specials 7 choices.
(only served from Tuesday to Friday)
Set Dinner---6 main courses with choices of: chicken, pig knuckle, vegetarian dish, scallop/fish, lamb chop, prawn & steak.
Afternoon tea daily (2:30 to 5 p.m.)
- * VIP private dining for 10 people.
- * Adjacent Parking Lot.
- * Major Credit Cards Accepted.
- * Ivy's Sat. English Luncheon with 5 courses.
(12 noon to 4 p.m. NT\$350 inclusive).



Hosted by Ivy Wang, Lito Gonzalez & Gordon Brooks.

Opening Hours: 11:30 AM to 10PM
Tuesday-Sunday (Closed on Monday)

Tel. 2785-2556, 2785-0023
No. 24, Lane 70, Sec. 6,
ZhongXiao E. Rd., Taipei
For Taxi: 台北市忠孝東路六段70巷24號



Le Jardin Offers Authentic French Cuisine

Le Jardin in French means "The Garden". It is owned and managed by Ivy Wang and her husband.

"It was by accident that took over the management of the Restaurant from our relatives. In the past 3 and half years of operation of Le Jardin, we certainly have devoted ourselves and had put in a lot of effort. We even closed the Restaurant for 3

months in order to upgrade our kitchen facilities, search for the executive chef and more professional staff to meet our standards. Our vision is to have an elegant dining environment with professional friendly staff to serve our friends and patrons," stated Ivy Wang.

Le Jardin is located near by the Exit No. 3 Houshampi MRT Station. It is across from a Park surrounded by a quite residential area. There is a Parking lot adjacent to the Restaurant. It has a seating capacity of 42 seats and a VIP private dining room for 10 people.

For a great, relaxing, enjoyable & memorable dining experience, Le Jardin management encourages its patrons to ride on the MRT. The red & white wines are very reasonably priced at only NT\$1200/bottle. Chef's 4 course Lunch Specials 7 choices (NT\$180-380) are served from Tuesday to Friday.

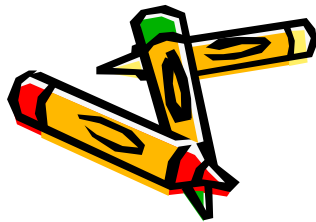


Set dinner—6 courses with choices of : chicken, pork chop, vegetable dish, scallop/fish, lamb chop, prawn & New York Steak (NT\$450 to NT\$700). A 10% service charge is added to all billings).

Opening Hours: 11:30 AM to 10 PM from Tuesday to Sunday (closed on Monday). It is located at No. 24, Lane 70, Sec. 6, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Taipei, Tel. 02-2785-2556, 02-2785-0023.



▲ (L-R) Ivy Wang (left), is seen here with Professor Edward Chen, an English professor at Ta Tung University, a Distinguished Toastmaster and is the parliamentarian of District 67; Marian Hsiao, past president of Formosa Toastmasters Club (FTC) and current governor of District 67, Toastmasters International and Dr. Shane Lin of Mackay Memorial Hospital who was a past president of FTC. Ivy was a guest at the bi-weekly meeting of FTC. (See our Ad. on P.99)























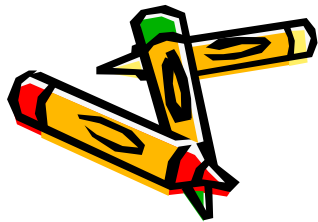


Raju's English Club Each Sunday

Improve your English the natural and the fun way

** Sing and Dance along with the popular songs
of the Good Old Days (70s).*

**Exotic Indian Buffet Lunch*

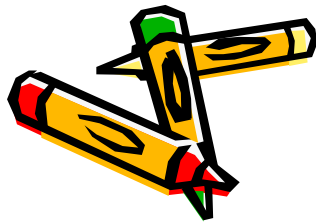


Have a Positive & Colorful Life Style?

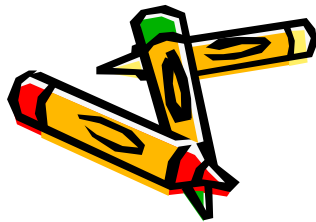
Life is what you make of it!

Life SHOULD BE Celebrated!!!

(12 Noon-3 p.m.) NT\$350 inclusive (over 18)



Variety is the Spice of life!
Tandoor Indian Restaurant-Tien Mou
is located at No. 9, Lane 13, Tien Mou West Road,
Tien Mou Elementary School, Tel. 2876-7206.



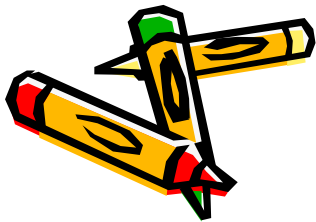
Every Sunday--Meeting Time:

11:30 a.m.

(Last coach/platform, Taipei MRT Station)

Heading to Peitou / Tamsui Line –

Getting off at ShihPai).











Your New Year Resolution in 2008
**Improve Your English & Social the Fun Way with
 Non-Profit English Social Activities in Taipei**

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Skal International Taipei--monthly English luncheon with the tourism executives from the international hotels, airlines and travel industries (David Shen--Tel. (02) 2776-7601, (tpeastg@ms31.hinet.net).



The Taipei Square and Round Dance Association, American Square and Round Dance (Jennie Wang--0937-085-484 (sy.jennie@msa.hinet.net).

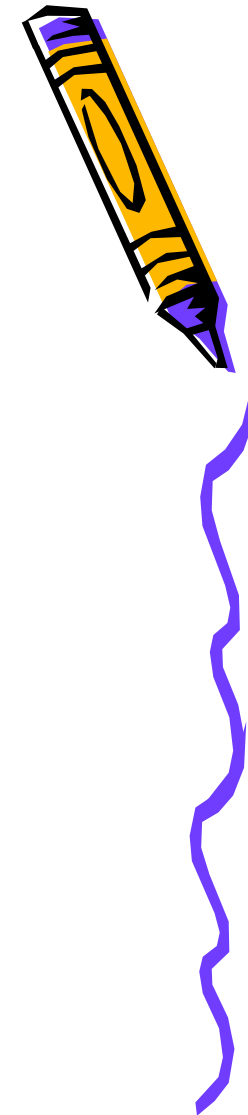
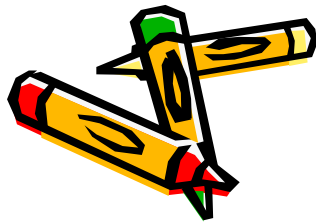


Toastmasters Clubs--the art and skill of public speaking in English, Japanese, Mandarin, Taiwanese and Hakka languages (www.toastmasters.org.tw).

Baldheaded Club of Taipei (social for all Baldheads), Gordon's International Gourmet Club--dining in exotic restaurants. The Mustache Club (fun gathering for people with false or real mustache), KTV English Songs with Ballroom Dance. The Laughing Club--all kinds of jokes.



For more information on these English activities in the Taipei area (18 years old & above), please contact Gordon Brooks, 0927-324-078, (gbrooks@ms33.hinet.net). (Flash Gordon)







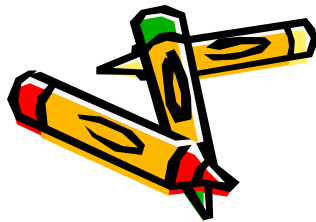




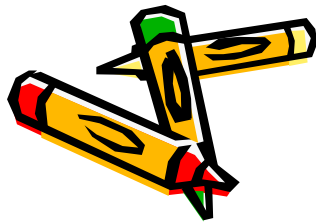




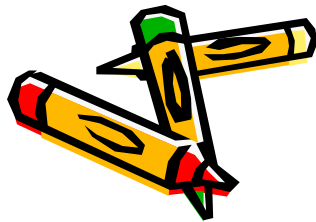
Taipei International Women's Club
Women in Action
Community Services
Diplomatic Friendships



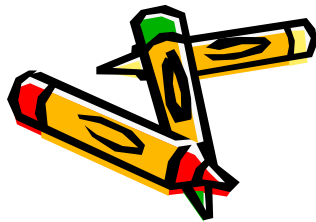
*The history of the Taipei International
Women's Club dates back to 59 years ago.
It was founded by the late
Madame Chiang Kai-shek.*




*TIWC today is
one of Taiwan's most
Important all-female organizations.
Through its volunteer work on their own
and in conjunction with local organizations.*

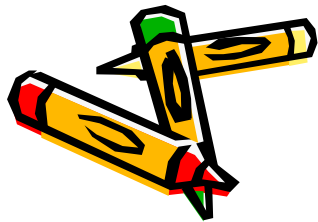



*TIWC members continue to
demonstrate their dedication
to share the language
of community service.*



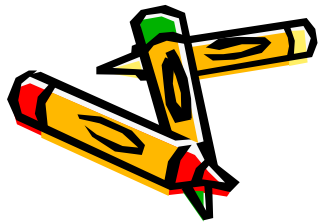


*TIWC officers and members work
hard in organizing social events
in honor of the diplomats who
contributed much toward the
goodwill relations with Taiwan*

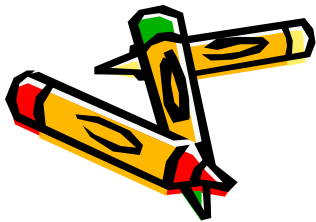




*TIWC's commitment to public service
is centered on philanthropy
and fundraising
while, at the same time, supporting,
promoting culture, art and education.*



*The Club's philanthropic activities
provide support to the needy ones,
scholarships or education materials
for the handicapped and other students
in need of financial aid to complete
their education.*











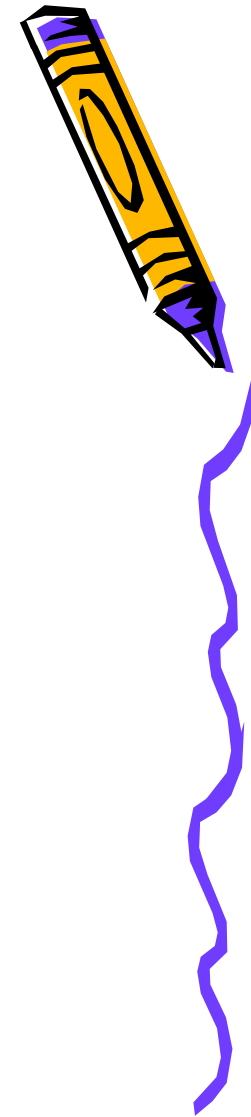
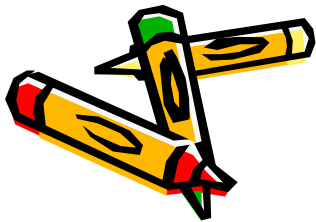
















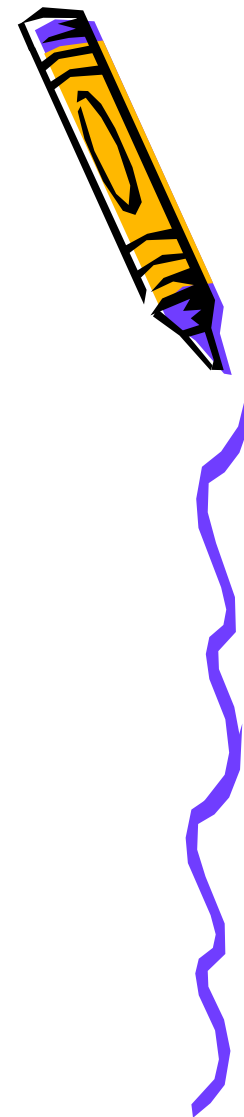
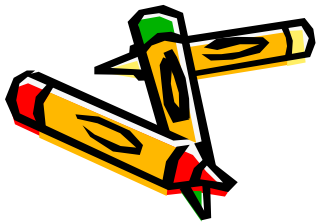


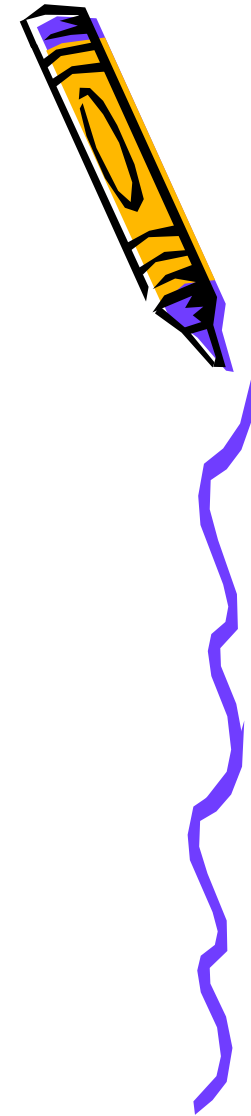
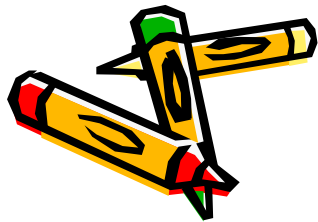






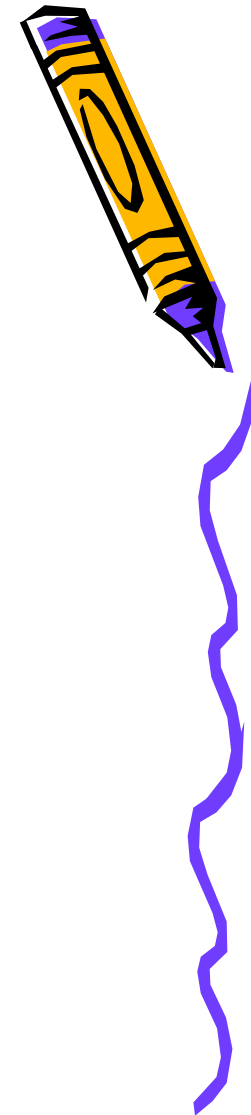
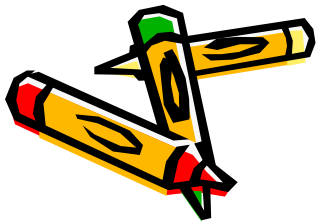














Merry Christmas



...and Happy New Year!

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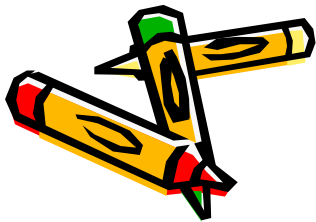
Ding How Square Dance Club

Originated during US military Presence

Promoting Sino-American Friendship

popular American Country

Folk Dance



Dancing in a Square of 4 Couples

listen to the English Command

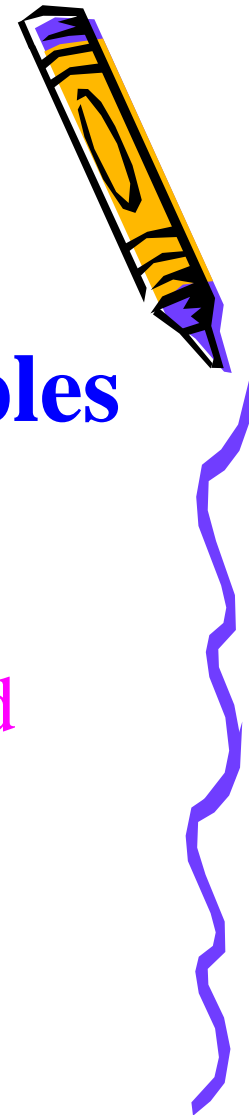
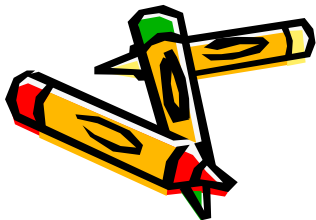
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Great Exercise of Walking Around

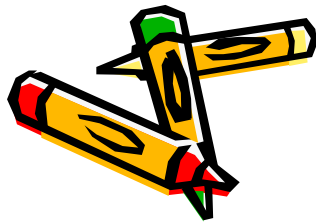
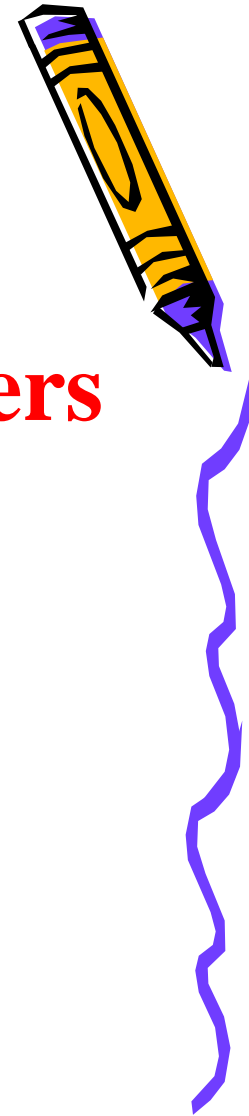
With Your Partner in

Cheerful Rhythms

In hundreds of movements



Benefits include: change partners
holding two ladies' hands
easily and happily
without spending
the money in dating them



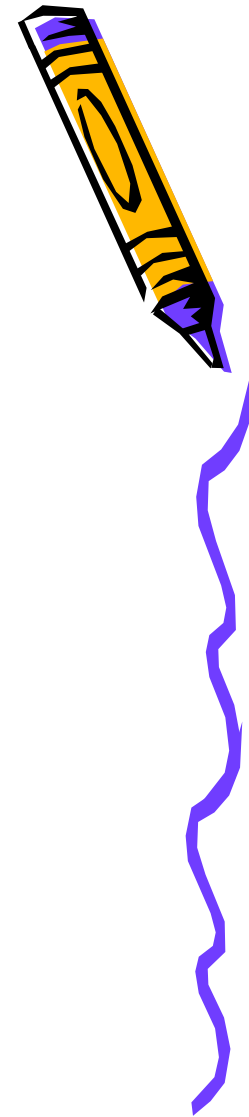
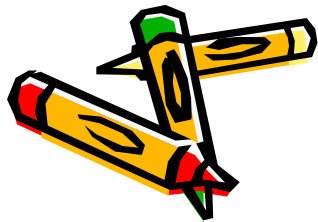




















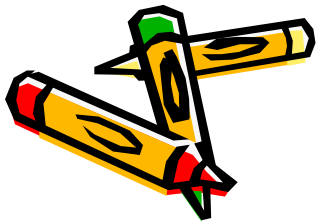




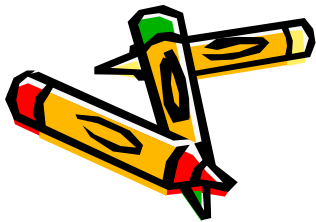


China Hash House Harriers

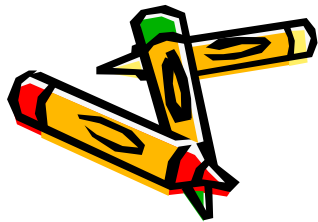
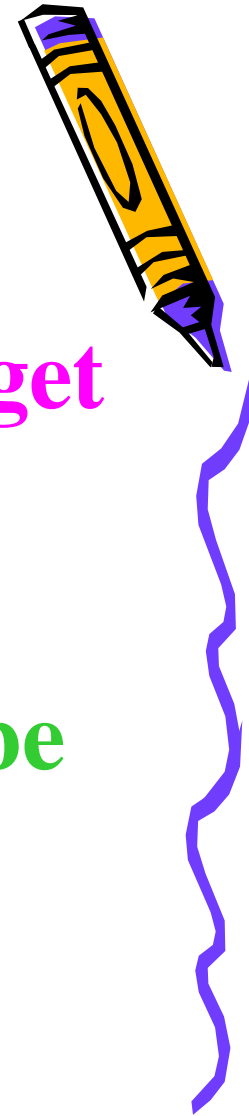
Hash House Harriers, is an
international jogging club, can be
found in many countries.



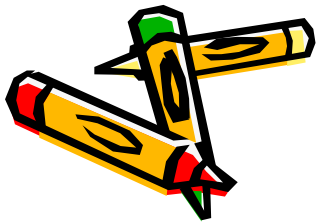
**A British businessman in
Malaysia
found himself well entertained
(wined and dined) with his business
associates, clients and friend
during the week.**



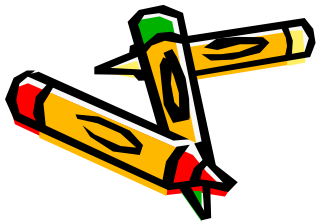
**On weekends, he wanted to get
away from the city,
to exercise and relax
in the mountain trails and be
with nature.**



**Hash means (food) and Harrier
(a rabbit hopping around). In
Taipei, we have Taipei Hash
(men over 18 only) on
Saturday and China Hash
(Sunday-mix).**



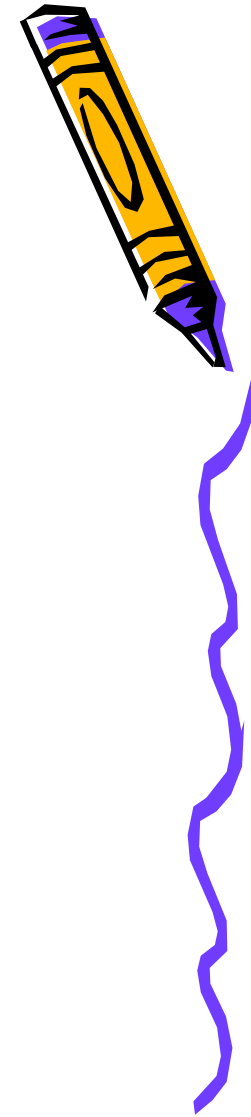
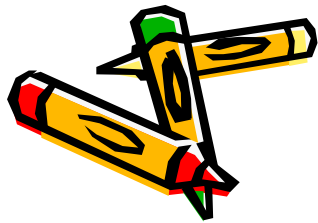
**(Meet outside of the Fushing
and Chung Hsiao MRT
Station at 1 p.m. Go into the
mountain trails around
Taipei.**

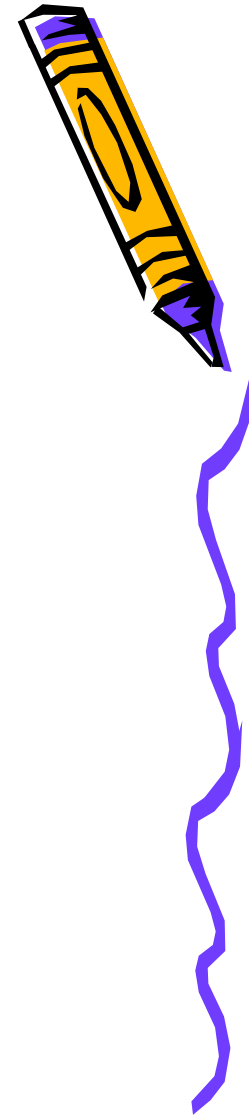
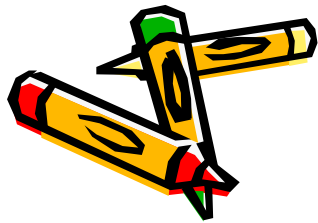
























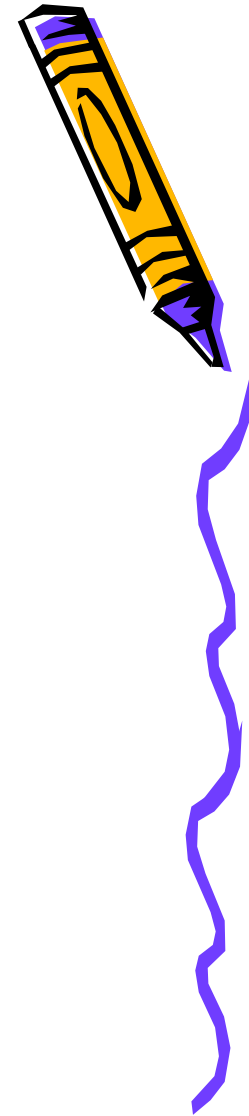
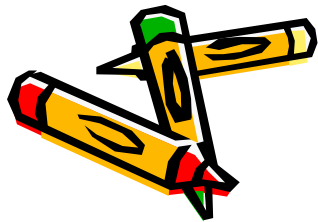










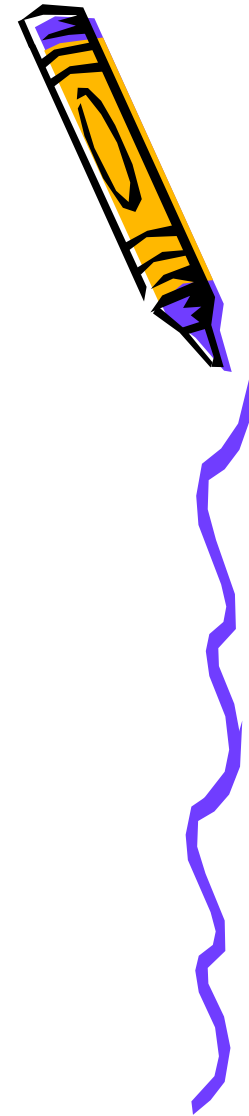
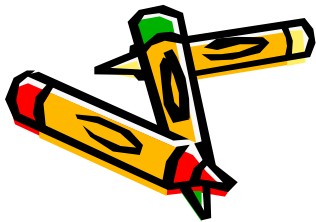




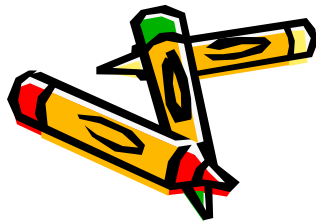


Chinese Proverb---

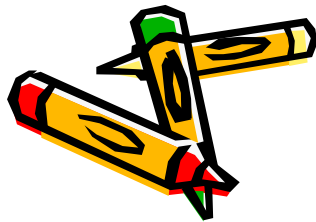
At Home
We Rely on Our Parents,
Outside,
We Rely on Friends!!!!



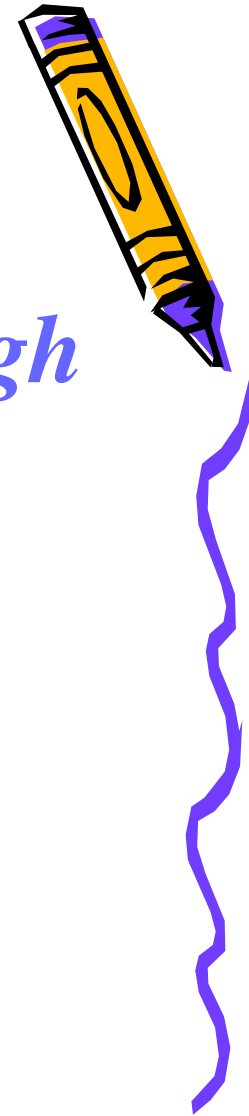
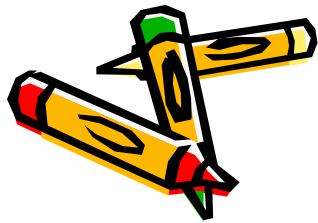
THE ROAD IS NEVER LONG
BETWEEN FRIENDS.



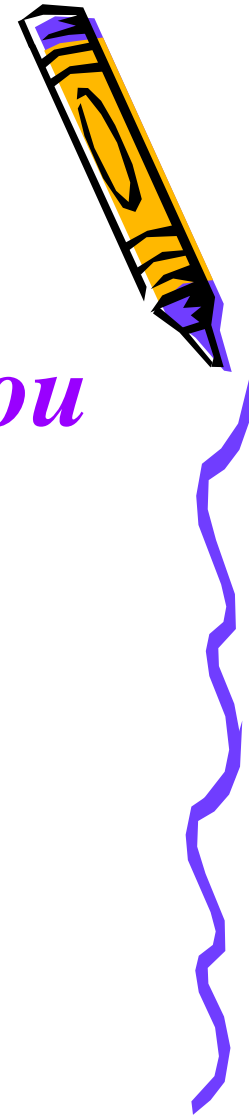
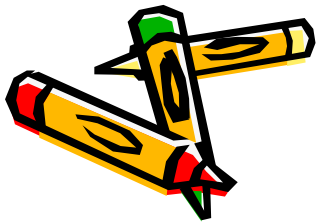
*Sometimes in life,
you find a special friend,
Someone who changes
your life
just by being part of it.*



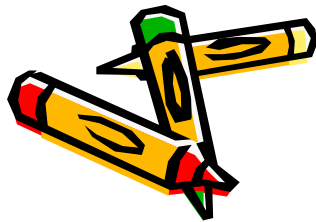
*Someone who makes you laugh
until you can't stop;
Someone who makes
you believe
that there really is good
in the world.*



*Someone who convinces you
that there really is an
unlocked door
just waiting for
you to open it.*



This is Forever Friendship.
*This is the sacred **RED ROSE.***



A SPECIAL FRIEND

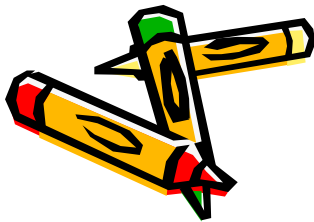
Thank You William Liu, for giving me
this wonderful and most precious opportunity.

---A Western Saying,

"It Takes One to Know One".

Yes, William is a Happy, Healthy Person
in Giving and Sharing!

He Knows Me for Many Years.



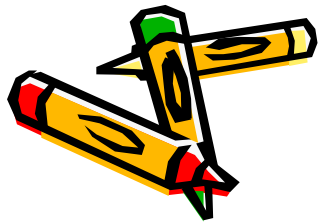
My Sincere and Deep Appreciation
to Maggie Lin, in Helping Me with this
Colorful Presentation today!!!

I am so grateful to her.

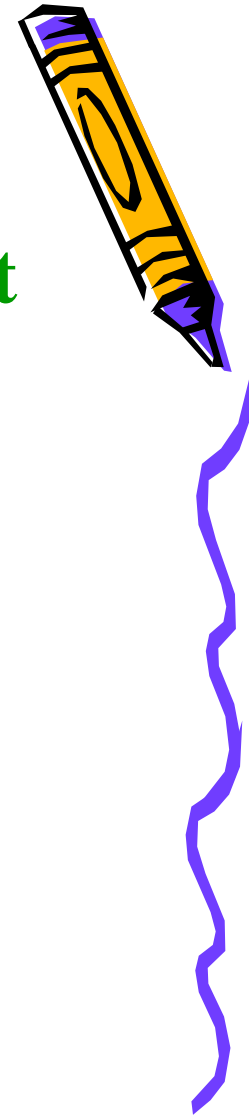
I will always remember Her.



Friendship is One of the Greatest
Assets Each One of us
Can Have in Life!
Hopefully,
I am and Can Be,
One of Your Friends
Here in the Audience Today!



God Bless All of You!!!



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