

VOTE COUNTER

“As the Vote Counter I will collect and tally ballots submitted for:

- ◆ Best Speaker
- ◆ Best Table Topics Response
- ◆ Best Evaluator
- ◆ Best of the Big 3 (optional by Club if this is presented)
- ◆ Spark Plug Award (optional by Club)
- ◆ Other Club specific Award(s)

I will also vote but will not count it unless there is a tie in which case I will cast the tie-breaking vote.

When called upon I will present the winning ribbons to (see note #5 below).

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ABOVE TEXT BOX MAY BE EITHER READ OR PUT IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

Vote Counter Notes — please review before meeting begins:

1. The Toastmaster will introduce you at the beginning of the meeting. At that time, stand and explain your duty as covered above.
2. **The Vote Counter does NOT count his/her vote EXCEPT in the event of a tie.**
3. On the reverse of the ribbons (if the Club presents ribbons) record the participant's name and date for the winner in each category. Depending on the Club protocol, either the Vote Counter, Presiding Officer, Toastmaster of the Day, or other Club officer should sign the ribbons.
4. Do **NOT** indicate anything like, “boy, it was really close” or “Counting was easy since only one person got all the votes.” Feelings can be hurt without meaning to do so.
5. At the end of the meeting, the Toastmaster of the Day, the Presiding Officer, or the Vote Counter will present the ribbons. **Decide who will make the presentation before the meeting commences.**
6. If you present the awards, present them from your left hand to the recipient's left and so you can shake his/her right hand with your right hand.