

# Welcome, Grammarian

## *Key Requirements*

- During every speech, evaluation, Table Topics and role introductions, you will listen for the **proper use of the English language** and make note of any unique, exciting and superb uses of the language. You will also make note of any instances of misuse: incomplete sentences, mispronunciations, grammatical mistakes, non-sequiturs, malapropisms, etc. *Example: "One in five children wear glasses" should be "one in five children wears glasses."*
- You will also provide a **word of the day** and a copy of the word should be placed at the front of the room for the audience to see and the back for the speakers to see. You will make note of the number of times the word is used and also the speaker that used it. When the word is used, **you will lead the group in stomping their feet**. You should display the word, part of speech, and a brief definition with a visual aid and prepare a sentence showcasing how the word should be used.
- At the beginning of the meeting, when you are called on to explain your role, provide brief explanation (~30-45 seconds) to the audience of the above. Explain what your purpose is, what you will do, and what the word of the day is.
- At the end of the meeting, you will report on the successful and unsuccessful uses of the English language and also the number of times the word of the day was used.

## *Why is this Role Important?*

- A speech has so much more impact when the words and language used paint a picture for the audience. By choosing language that is descriptive, exciting and sophisticated the speaker has a better chance of winning the audience over.
- As speakers we want to sound credible and if we have a speech or presentation that is full of improper uses of English then we come across as someone who does not know what they are talking about.