



Table Talk

Consultants Roundtable Monthly Newsletter - James Perkins, Editor

TABLE TALK FOR NOVEMBER 2007

MEETING ON 20 NOVEMBER

At this meeting the program will be given by Mary Sue Freitag on how Indiana employers can take advantage of Training Acceleration Grants (TAG). Mary Sue Freitag represents the Business Services Division of Indiana's Department of Workforce Development. Her division provides 100-percent-reimbursable training grants to help train and certify Hoosier workers. Ms. Freitag meets with employers in five Northern Indiana counties, to inform them of available resources, such as Work Keys and the new state DWD TAG grants. She is a South Bend native and has graduate degrees from IUSB and Western Michigan University.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

Our first meeting of this month which is on Tuesday the 4th will be a discussion meeting led by member Tom Dobson. The topic for discussion will be announced in advance of the meeting.

The second meeting of this month is our annual meeting at which the leaders for the coming calendar year are elected. Also, there may be a program speaker that day, likely given by one of the Roundtable members.

SPEAKERS

The editor recently ran across a bit of humor regarding speakers. When our CR members are asked to give talk to other groups, the following is an interesting point of view to keep in mind:

"A speech is a solemn responsibility. The man who makes a bad thirty minute speech to two hundred people wastes only a half hour of his time. But, he wastes 100 hours of the audience's time - more than four days - which should be a hanging offense."

This bit of wisdom came from Jenkin Lloyd Jones.

Then, there is bit of sage advice recounted by the son of former President Franklin D. Roosevelt:

"My father gave me these hints on speech-making:

'Be sincere.....be brief.....be seated'"

James Roosevelt

The editor's comments on speech-making come after enduring the recent local election. The national election still faces us!