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George Selby Wins Toastmasters Speech Contest

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George Selby won the Division E Speech Contest conducted by District 27 Toastmasters on April 19. His first-place speech, titled *The Technicality*, is a story of the liberation of Jewish slave laborers from the Buchenwald concentration camp by African American troops. It deals with prejudice, courage and heroism against seemingly overwhelming odds, the resilience of the human spirit, and historical revisionism. Selby will compete against seven other speakers for the title of District 27 Champion at the District 27 Conference in Crystal City on May 24. If he is successful that day he will continue his quest for recognition as World Champion of Public Speaking at the Region VII contest in Rockville, Maryland.

A resident of Alexandria, Virginia, and an employee of the US Census Bureau, Selby has been a Toastmaster since 2007. He is President-elect of the National Association of Government Communicators and says Toastmasters has changed his life, brought his self-confidence to a new high, and helped him relate more positively to others.

District 27 Toastmasters has more than 3,000 members in an area stretching from Northern Virginia, across the District of Columbia, and into Southern Maryland. Since its founding in 1924, Toastmasters International has taught more than four million men and women how to become better speakers and leaders. Headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita, California, the nonprofit organization has approximately 225,000 members in 11,000 clubs in 90 countries.

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