Note: This excerpt is for the 1st Speech in the Entertaining Speech Manual "The Entertaining Speech"

Fellow toastmasters, I know everyone here works hard—but the question is....

are you having *fun*?

Lately there have been so many books on the topic of fun at work—the topic of "fun" is *the* latest management buzzword. The following guidelines for fun at work come from no recognized management authority, however, they have been tested during my own employment adventures.

Most of these tips involve no work—in fact, you won't even have to leave your office! (These tips also work for family life as well)

HOW TO GET PEOPLE TO READ IMPORTANT MEMOS

Place a bright yellow file on your desk. Mark it "confidential" and "personal." Your readers with devour the contents of your folder!

THE GUMBALL MACHINE ETHICS TEST

Corporate ethics is another hot topic in management. Forget psychological tests. Instead, get a gumball machine (an M&M machine works equally well)

Observe how people remove the candy. Do they turn the knob? (sign of an ethical person) Or do they take the lid off and dump some candy in their hand? (questionable ethics). *OR* do they take the candy machine, and dump the contents into a waiting tupperware container? (a sign that you really need to watch out with this person.

DEALING WITH THE SUPERSTITIOUS

Make superstitions work for *you*. Astrology is great. Try these creative tips:

* Write your own horoscopes--make it look like it came from
  and astrology newsletter. Tailor the horoscope to your objectives:
  for example: "Today is a good day to finish projects, and bring
  a pastrami sandwich to your co-worker.

For those who are both superstitious and difficult to get along with,
feel free to change their astrological sign at the Institute for
Celestial Sciences website (jackrudy.com/ics)

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

\[\text{Chicken Soup for the Soul}\]
\[\text{Anesthetic for the Brain}\]
Some important ones: Take out your calendars and mark these in:

January 13th-National Clean Off Your Desk Day

February-canned food month--a good time to stock up on bribes for the IS staff

March 26th-Make up your own holiday day (Festivus)

April 3rd"Don't go to work unless it's fun day"

May 8th - No Socks Day

September 5th- Be Late for Something Day

And...Toastmasters will especially enjoy the "Evluate Your Life Day" on October 19th

November 30th-Stay Home Because You're Well Day

December 26th is "Make Up Your Mind" Day

Since I decided to do

So make up your mind, Fellow Toastmasters, to have fun at work!

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Evaluation Guide for “The Entertaining Speech”

Note to the Evaluator: The purpose of this talk was for the speaker to entertain the audience through use of drama and/or humor in a 5-7 minute talk. Pay particular attention to the structure of the talk: although it will not be as rigidly organized as other types of speeches, it should have some readily apparent organization. In addition to your oral evaluation, please give written answers to the questions below.

What indicated to you that the audience was entertained? (Don’t expect laughs from a dramatic talk.)

Great props - gum, machine ethics test, turkey, juke box, candy, machine intelligence test. You also used audience participation to get the audience involved in your speech. Very entertaining speech.

Briefly describe the organization (basic outline) of the talk as you perceived it. “Does anyone have fun at work?” Then you proceed to bring out your props and to show us how you have fun and how we should have fun at work. And a good conclusion.

What techniques did the speaker use that were especially effective? Were there any that didn’t work? Good props, as explained. Above and good audience participation.

How did the conclusion relate to the rest of the talk? Good conclusion.

Comment on the speaker's mastery of the basics of speech (voice, body language, grammar, purpose, etc.).

Excellent. It was very apparent that you are a good speaker. You come across as very funny, confident. I did not detect any nervousness.

What would you say is the speaker’s strongest asset in entertaining speaking?

Good sense of humor. You are not afraid to make us laugh out to be funny and that is a wonderfully successful trait. I really enjoyed your humor and your comical speaking style.

Great job Ruth.

Date 1/5/97

EVALUATOR: Joan P. O’Dough

TITLE: Men's Fun at Work