



# Key Fortune

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## To publish Key Fortune

I'm very happy to make this newsletter for the first time for our club.

Our club has kept progress since we chartered and also has great results.

I hope that we will look back to the trace of our club this year through this chance.

## Cover Story: The Contestants

Keyforce TMC is comparatively new club that was established in 1999.

Our club has produced great speakers and left great results for only a short term.

So, this time we'll show you some in our club, who are “The Contestants”.

### **The 1<sup>st</sup> contestant is TM Ann Sado Honjo.**

She is the founder of our club and has got the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner in All Japan Speech Contest this year.

Her speech title is “Love at First Sight”.

“Love at First Sight” was a new style of speech that I wanted to perfect, combining humorous entertainment with inspiring, motivational elements that I enjoy inserting in all my speeches. Because no one could compete from ALTMC, I decided to role model, encouraging Mineko Yamada also. Mieko Kobayashi offered to work with me using a video camera. I was intent in testing out my new style of speech. When both my KeyForce members, Mark II and Masako, won with me as 1st and 3rd, I felt joy as a mentor. For the Division contest, I seriously wished to win for our Area. ALTMC and KF members gave me valuable input to perfect the flow/transitions. I rehearsed further, winning First place. However, I felt like I was moving a heavy block of energy. At Awajima, I decided not to cut out the 2nd story of my friend's parents, knowing there will be foreigners, who would enjoy. I literally felt the audience relax and love my speech. The energy level was so light; it was miraculous to feel this change like a bright sunray breaking through the cloud. I experienced the miracle of being one with the audience!



**The 2<sup>nd</sup> contestant is TM Masako Kuroda.**

She was the President of Keyforce TMC last year and left great result for our club. This year she won in Inhouse contest in February and got the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner at the Area 21 contest. She made the speech under the title of “Yellow Card”.

I was so shocked when I heard one of my friend will be hospitalized with her husband to have an operation of lever transplant as a donor and the recipient. At first I wanted to make this subject as a love story between them. My friend donates a part of her lever to her husband. I was so impressed by her brave taking such an operation and her sincere love to her husband. But when my friend was discharged from the hospital she said to me. “We are so lucky my husband could have an operation with my lever. But many patient are waiting for a donor.” And she strongly asked me to inform about this situation of lack of donor for the operation through my speech. So I changed my speech to promote the donor card (yellow card) to the audience.



(Masako Kuroda is center.)

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> contestant is TM Cathy Kazuko Kawauchi.**

She became a member of our club last year and has just finished No.6 project of the basic manual. She has an extraordinary talent for speech so that she could be a contestant for only a short term. An episode of the speech “A Blessing in Disguise” at Area 13 Contest.

In the current highly competitive society, people often tend to think that the old and handicapped are unproductive and useless. However, I do not agree with them. I believe even those who are confined to a wheelchair can inspire and encourage us with their positive mental attitude and spirit.

In the contest speech, I wanted to talk about this belief by taking an example of my 86-year-old neighbor, Mrs. Sato, who became handicapped due to a serious traffic accident caused by young criminals. Despite her serious injury and long-term treatment, she never complains about what happened to her and nags anybody. Instead, she tries to count her blessings, not count what she lost. Although Mrs. Sato and her son’s family had some emotional conflict before the accident and lived separately, eventually they tried to overcome the tragedy with wisdom and love and capitalized on it to regain their happy family reunion, which she had so heartily wanted.

I think an old proverb says it best “some things are a blessing in disguise”, because Mrs. Sato has proved it. If we think about our troubles in a positive light by counting our blessings, don’t you think this proverb is true for all of us? I am happy to have had the opportunity to speak the audience about my belief, regardless of the contest result.



**The 4<sup>th</sup> contestant is TM Mark Yokoo.**

He was also a contestant last year and made a cute speech on his memory of cat. This year he tried to make another style of speech and it could result in success at the Area 21 Contest. He made a speech under the title of “Tough and Gentle”.

“Isn't Keyforce a woman's club?” I had been asked from a lot of other club members. Certainly most of members are women and they show an ability to manage our meeting and club. This interests me in a leadership. At first, “Tough and Gentle” was formed to focus on what the leadership is and how we get it.

After In-house contest, this speech was reformed as the way of being a tough and gentle person, whose style of the speech was authentic and orthodox on the basis of my experience.



At the Area Contest, there were 3 Keyforce members including me attending as contestants, Ann, Masako and me, so this encouraged me so much and also made me feel at home. As a result, we 3 members could get all awards from the 1<sup>st</sup> prize to the 3<sup>rd</sup>. This was what I had hoped since last year and if it gave a good effect to our club, that made me feel very happy!

Other than these 4 contestants, Mark Yoshikawa as a representative from Div A attended All Japan Speech Contest. Everyone kept a great record for our club. Congratulations!

### Information

— In the Distinguished Club Program(DCP), our club could be awarded from TMI as “Select Distinguished Club”. (pachi pachi)

Let's make progress for President's Distinguished Club, which is one-rank higher stage.

— This autumn Table Topic Contest will be held in Inhouse, Division and District.  
You can get information in detail in the meeting. Have fun!

— Future Plan

August 24 (Tue)	Summer Gala ( “ LIXIN” at Omotesando)
September 21 (Tue)	In-house Table Topic Contest
October 30 2004 (Sat)	Div. B Table Topic Contest
November 21 2004 (Sat)	District 76 Table Topic Contest

### From the editor

Just managed to publish 1<sup>st</sup> edition of this newsletter. As I remember, this project started from May, when a spring conference was held and finished in Awajishima. It takes long time to get here somehow. Many thanks to you all KeyForce members from Mark !

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