

## ***Grammarian***

Some members think that the role of the Grammarian is to fault-find or nit-pick. This is not so. The Grammarian of the meeting helps us with one of the basic goals of Toastmasters: to help our members to express themselves clearly and concisely. The Grammarian can be a coach to better mastery of the language.

In your report as Grammarian, you will point out correct grammar and/or usage, and if possible explain why it is preferred. For example: *John, finding other ways to link your ideas will avoid the repetition of too many "ands." Stronger linking words will give your speaking more variety, cleaner organisation and better style.*

When you listen, take note of anything that strikes you as particularly clear, catchy, annoying or confusing, and report them to your fellow club members.

Perhaps you can't recognise even the most glaring of errors. Rather than avoiding the job or giving a "whitewashed" report take responsibility for your own learning and growth. You could ask another toastmaster to explain some common errors to watch for, or you could go to the library and borrow a book on grammar.