

Introduction of Duties as “Ah” Counter

[Stand up]

Mister (Madam) Toastmaster, Fellow Toastmasters, and Guests

My duty as Ah Counter is to listen for ahs, uhms, and other filler words, such as “you know” and “well.” I also will be listening for extremely long pauses and connective words, such as “and so.”

When I hear any of these, I will alert the speaker by ringing this bell. [*Demonstrate.*] I will not use the bell on guests or during the presentation of prepared speeches.

I will count the number of these speaking errors for each participant, as detected throughout the meeting, and give a report when called upon at the end of the meeting.

Mister (Madam) Toastmaster

[Sit down]