



Robert Said What?

February 1, 2019



From the desk of Sam King, RP, and CCPU President

Art of Presiding Classes start February 28th

Did you know? *The Art of Presiding* class is only offered in odd numbered years. Don't miss your chance to be in the class! The 'MIA' podium has been located so presenters will not have to use the dreaded music stand. Now all we need is YOU!

This is the class where students have the opportunity to chair a meeting and it is actually is a fun thing. Hard to believe, but because we are all learning, it is fun. Besides we always say what happens in class stays in class. Plus there is always the coffee and snacks to keep us energized, or sugared up.

Classes will start on February 28th and run for 5 weeks. There is the Annual Unit Meeting that will be on March 14th, making the last class on April 4th.

Materials for the class will cost \$30. **If you have taken the class and have your book there is no charge to take the class again. We do need for you to sign up by contacting Joyce or Sam. Tell a friend, co-worker, or someone you know that would like to practice being the chair! The Class flyer and registration form are both attached.



Practical Applications of Robert's Rules of Order

The ***Practical Applications of Robert's Rules of Order*** classes are up and running. As we start each spring teaching session, there is the worry of where the students come from – or will there be any students?

This year we have 18 students with 2 repeating students. Many find that the repeat class is the most educational. CCPU welcomes repeat students! Thank you to the students and teachers for giving up their personal time to enjoy these classes. Plus, a HUGE thank you to CCPU's Educational Chair, Joyce Gleason, who oversees the program!

Results of Lesson on "Health"

After the January meeting, Joyce gave the unit members a questionnaire on how we felt about the 'health' of our unit. The responses encouraged discussion and the results were positive. Please take a few minutes and read the three questions and their related responses. The overall average was 8.64 out of a possible 10.



Teaching the Teachers Class – by Joyce Gleason

On Monday, February 11, from 9 to 10:30 at the FOP Hall, an unusual class will take place! It is intended for those CCPU members involved with teaching *The Art of Presiding class*.

Have we ever done this before? Why do we need this?

As announced at the last CCPU meeting, it's been a long time since we reviewed Janet Wilson's text for this course. If you look deeply, you will see that each week's lesson has a point. The teaching portion of the class (the first 45 minutes or so) reviews class content from a lesson in *The Practical Applications of Robert's Rules of Order* curriculum. Then we have students practice presiding for the remaining time of the session.

But, in recent memory and with our "giants" no longer guiding us, the practice portion of *The Art of Presiding class* has become a "fix-it" experience, in which we try to "mend" everything being done by the student presider. While that has some value, it can be confusing for the student.

In the class on the 11th, we will review the purposes of each of the lessons and reread the scripts with an eye towards that purpose. We will not only focus the lessons more tightly for the students, but will enhance our own understanding of the program.

I think you will find this one-time class to be an enlightening experience. Please attend! For more information, call Joyce Gleason at 941-637-5921, by February 8, so we may have the materials prepared for you.

CCPU is a teaching unit and we thank you for this investment in our mission.



Minutes from November 8th Meeting

The minutes of the regular January Unit meeting and the Executive Board meeting from January 10, 2019, are attached. Please take the time to read the minutes before the March meeting.





Mabel, Did You Hear That the Dues Are Still Only \$10?

Please pay your dues so that you will continue being a member of the Unit and receiving the newsletter. Luceal is CCPU's Treasurer and she wants to hear from you. Please write checks out to:

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PO Box 1496
Fort Myers, FL 33902-1496**

Thank you to those that have paid!



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT MEETING!
CCPU's Annual Meeting**



Thursday, March 14th at 9:30 - 11:30 am

Plan to stay after the meeting for:

“Joyce’s Teaching Moments”

Presented by Joyce Gleason, Education Chair

Attachments (5): minutes (draft) from Jan 10th regular meeting and the Executive Board, flyer and application for *The Art of Presiding*, and Results from the Lesson on Health of the Unit.



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