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New Year's Resolution

David McCallister, DTM - District 25 Governor



Wow, 2010 is already here! Are you making some New Year's resolutions? This tradition began with the ancient Babylonians, who took 11 days to celebrate New Year's – and the most common resolution back then was to return borrowed farm equipment!

Now, maybe you didn't borrow any farm equipment in 2009, but you can borrow some great ideas from Toastmasters that will lead you to success in 2010! Let me suggest a few Toastmasters resolutions for you to consider. Just pick the ones that are most relevant to you.

- Bring a friend to every Toastmasters meeting. You know Toastmasters is a great organization. Tell someone else about it: the people you work with, worship with, socialize with—even your family!

- Finish your Competent Communicator (CC) award or Advanced Communicator (AC) award. The AC is where the educational program becomes fun! You get to choose among manuals like Storytelling, Technical Presentations, The Entertaining Speaker, and so much more.

- Work on the new Competent Leader award. The new CL manual that came out in January 2006 has some wonderful projects to improve your listening, time management, and delegation skills, among others. If you joined Toastmasters in 2006, this manual was part of your new member kit. If you've been a member longer, then you can buy a copy in the TI store for \$6, or at district conferences and TLLs.

- Mentor a new member. Do you remember your first few club meetings? Were they confusing, or did you have someone who explained the program to you? Did anyone express a personal interest in your own goals and progress? Did someone listen to you rehearse your speeches? This is your chance to help a new member discover the Toastmasters program and the dynamics of your club. (And get credit for mentoring in the CL manual too!).

- Run for a club office when the club holds elections at the first meeting in May. It's not so far away. You can get a head start by assisting the current club officer. You'll learn about your club and Toastmasters International, you'll earn the thanks of the current club officer, and you get another great chance to practice your leadership skills! (And receive credit to become an Advanced Leader-Bronze, ALB!)

- For the ultimate Toastmasters thrill, start a new club! It's not as hard as it sounds. Just come up with the concept (where and who), and your Area Governor, Division Governor, and district leadership will put together a team to make it happen. If you enjoy hearing an Ice-breaker, just imagine the agenda at a new club with 20 new members! (And receive credit towards your Advanced Leader-Silver, ALS!)

The important thing is to choose your goals, set a schedule for accomplishing them, and then make them happen. Make sure you are excited about your goals. Visualize the impact that success will have in your life, and keep that in mind as you work your way towards success. Don't be afraid to ask your club members or officers for help either! I know you can do it: Prepare, Practice, Perform!

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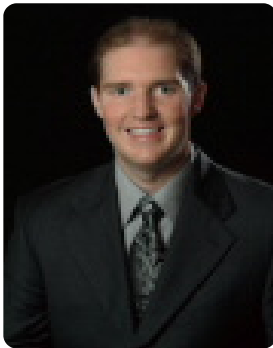
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DISTRICT 25 AT A GLANCE

Membership & Marketing
Total New Clubs: 11
Total New Members: 630

Education
Total CCs: 105
Total ACs: 47
Total Leadership: 105

Overall Performance
Rank in North America: #1
Rank in World: #2



DCP Goals, TLI and Spring Contests

David D. Martin, DTM- Lt. Governor Education & Training 2009-2010

Welcome to 2010, this marks the half waypoint in our Toastmasters year. A few items to think about as we venture into the New Year are DCP goals, training, and contests. If you have not already checked on your clubs DCP goal status now is the time to make sure your club is on track to becoming a Distinguished club! This is easily found by going to www.toastmasters.org and clicking on the members site tab at the top of the home page. Enter your club number as your login. If you don't know your password, click on the link below the login tab and it will be emailed to you. Then scroll down the list of options to club DCP reports, discover, and share your findings with your club members.

As I write this article, we are in the midst of winter, which means a rare three inches of snow in these parts. It also means snowflakes, snowmen, snowball fights, and of course TLI season! Congratulations to all the new and returning officers of our clubs. One of the most important obligations of being a club officer and one of your clubs DCP goals is to attend a TLI session. As you know you must have at least four (4) of your clubs officers trained to obtain this goal. Better yet, strive for the Super 7 Award and have all your officers trained. Remember that you don't have to be an officer of your club to attend; TLI is open to all members of D25. We will offer not only club officer training, but also several other classes on communication and leadership. We will also offer classes on contest preparation and judges/chief judges training for the upcoming season!

Speaking of contests, its time for the always-exciting Spring Contest Season. This season we will be featuring the Tall Tales and International Speech Contests. The schedule for the spring season will be on the D25 Website soon. Be sure to check out as many of the contests as you can, volunteer to assist your Area/Division Governors or simply sit back, relax and root on your favorite competitors as they vie to become the best of the best in the world of speech competition and maybe even a world champion.

I look forward to seeing each of you soon at one of these many exciting and educational events!

Is yours a 5-Star Club?

Five Star Club Membership Requirements:

- Dues renewal on time by October 10
- Add 4 new members
- Add 4 more new members
- Dues renewal on time by April 10
- Club has 20 members or net growth of 5 by June 30



Privileges Include:

- Exclusive ribbon for club banner
- Honorable mention in District Newsletter
- Publication in Spring Conference Program*
- Announcement on District Website Hall of Fame
- Special recognition at Spring Conference Awards Lunch*

Details: Clubs must submit dues on time during both renewal periods. Dues must be submitted no later than October 10, 2009 and April 10, 2010 to receive on-time credit. On June 30, 2010, clubs must have 20 paid members or a net growth of 5 members if the base membership was below 20 as reported on July 1, 2009. Clubs must add 4 members, which are defined as new, dual, or reinstated members, and an additional 4 members between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010. Results will be tracked from reports provided by Toastmasters International. Clubs have until June 30, 2010 to complete all five requirements.

* Clubs that complete all 5 by April 30, 2010 will be recognized at the Spring Conference Awards Lunch and in the Program.

Three holiday gifts for the District 25 family!

Diana Patton, DTM—Lieutenant Governor Marketing 2009-2010

We added three new clubs to our District 25 family during December 2009. We've added a total of 11 new clubs since July 2009. When I delivered club banners to clubs that chartered in August, September and October I felt like Santa Clause when I put a bow on the box and gave a call to the club Presidents and saw the surprise on their face when I delivered the gift.



I want to thank everyone that has played a part in the success of all these clubs. One person that has mentored me through the process of chartering new clubs and someone that has been instrumental in our success this year is David Hostler. I along with many members of our district will miss his guidance and support. He was an incredible man and an amazing Toastmaster.

Current Prospective Club Leads JANUARY 2009

UTA—Arlington
 DynCorp—Ft Worth
 Benbrook—Community Club
 Parmenter Realty Partners

Texas Women's University-Denton
 TRCA—Denton
 Omni Ft. Worth Hotel—Ft. Worth
 Northwest Tarrant Chamber of Commerce

If Your Club Elects Its Officers Semiannually

...it's time to submit a list of your club's officers for the January 2010 through June 2010 term. The fastest, most efficient way to notify WHQ is to submit the information online. You can enter the club business section of the Web site at members.toastmasters.org > **Club Officers** > **Conduct Club Business** > **{Club Log In}** > **Change my club's meeting and/or club officer information**. To get on-time credit in the Distinguished Club Program, the information must be entered online by December 31, 2009, or if mailed, and received at WHQ by December 31, 2009.

Newly-elected officers: be sure to attend club-officer training offered by your district team. It will help you have a successful term of office. Check your district's Web site for information. Also be sure your club officer information is up-to-date so your club won't miss any mailings or information from WHQ. Club officer manuals (one for each office) were mailed to each club last June. If you are just taking office, be sure to get these manuals from the outgoing club officers. Additional copies can be purchased online members.toastmasters.org > **Shop**. You can also view the content of each manual online. Navigate to members.toastmasters.org > **Officer Resources** > **Club Officer Resources** > **Club Officer Roles**. Select the appropriate officer position then scroll to the bottom of the page for the link to the PDF.

Welcome New Club to District 25 Toastmasters!

C^3 Corning Communicators
 Club 1425175
 Division F- Area 65

Corning Cable Systems
 9275 Denton Hwy.
 Keller, TX 76244

Wednesday, Noon
 Membership open only to employees

Sal Anguiano
 Chois Blackwell
 Erin Blake
 Margo Burns
 Renan Cardenas
 Raymund Chua
 Robert Crane
 Marcee Dean
 Christian Duran
 Gabriel Goubeaux
 Paul Hawkins
 Scott Hermanson
 Liem Higa

Yan Hua
 John Keenum
 Tim Kile
 Brian Kingsbury
 Dan Knutson
 Thomas Liggett
 Danny McGranahan
 Tuy Nguyen
 Robert Nordsell
 Michael O'Day
 Tatyana Pokudina
 David Rose
 Martin Rowan
 Kelly Rybarczyk

Alex Sandoval
 Howard Schwartz
 Miriam Simmons
 Brett Sinta
 Marcia Stevens
 Kenrick Stibora
 Kevin Strause
 Michael Thornton
 Kim Urbanski
 Vicente Uribe
 Rosa Vargas
 Kay Walker
 Zac Walsh
 Miles Wills

Burnt Toast
 Club 1425208
 Division A- Area 12

AUI Contractors
 4775 North Freeway
 Fort Worth, TX 76106

Wednesday, 11:00 AM
 Membership open only to employees

Melissa Arrellano
 Delia Avila
 Mario Carbone
 Ashley Carter
 Mitch Chappell
 Jen Clay
 Natasha Corrales
 Servando Elizalde

Marlen Gomez
 Priscilla Gutierrez
 Jeremy Hogan
 Mandi Johnson
 Matt Lindsey
 Ricky Martinez
 Alma Montelongo
 Randall Odell

Charles Plumhoff
 Tony Rader
 Shannon Rogers
 Rachel Salazar
 Ben Shaver
 Walter Shore
 Glenn Strother
 Elizabeth York

FNI West End Speakeasy
 Club 1425633
 Division E- Area 54

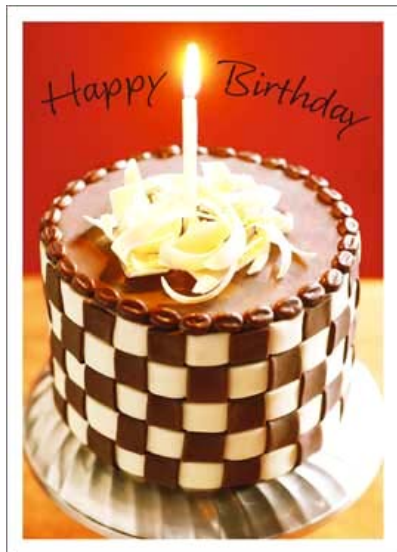
Freese & Nichols
 1701 North Market Street
 Dallas, TX 75202

Thursday, Noon
 Membership open

Richard Aldredge
 Lesley Brooks
 Jason Cocklin
 Jason Crawley
 Erica Craycraft
 Amanda Feldrehoff
 Brandon Gonzales

Bill Grozdanich
 Christie Hernandez
 Katie Hogan
 Clay Lipscomb
 Dan Prendergast
 Rick Rudin
 Abe Salinas

Jimmy Sibert
 Robert Thompson
 Melissa Waltzer
 Jason Ward
 Ross Ward
 Lane Wheelley
 Rick Zarate



JANUARY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

760	T-Toasters
3055	Denton Toastmasters
3692	Lakeside
5213	Ryan Plaza
593906	Skymasters
621025	Keller Communicators
1247787	ICE Breakers
1267200	Siemens DFW Toastmasters

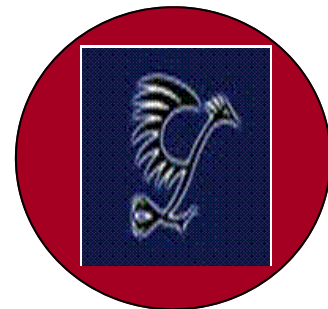
D25 Phoenix Award

Eligible clubs:

Any club with 13 or fewer members on July 1, 2009

Goal: Build club to 20 members by June 30, 2010

Award: Receive a Phoenix Patch to display proudly on your banner



Calling all Coaches!

Be a Hero!

Your experience and enthusiasm can be a valuable asset to a club that needs a little help in rebuilding.

For more information go to d25toastmasters.org > Marketing and Membership

District 25 Calendar of Events

January 2010

- 1-31** Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
Club Tall Tales and International Speech Contests Begin
- 15** Toastmasters Leadership Institute Lite (Ft. Worth) Texas Wesleyan
Letter of intent deadline for those seeking District elective office
for the 2010-2011 year.
- 16** Toastmasters Leadership Institute (Ft. Worth) Texas Wesleyan
Mid-Year Training Area/Division Governors and District Staff
- 22** Toastmasters Leadership Institute Lite (Irving) Allstate Insurance
- 23** Toastmasters Leadership Institute (Waco) Baylor University
- 30** Toastmasters Leadership Institute (Denton) University of North Texas

February 2010

- 1-28** Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
Talk Up Toastmasters Promotion Begins (Ends Mar 30)
- 4** Area Tall Tales and International Speech Contests Begin
- 28** Last Day to have Club Officers trained and receive
credit toward 2009-2010 DCP Goal

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Newsletter Submissions or Letters to the Editor

newsletter@d25toastmasters.org
Deadline for submissions:
25th of each month.

Want to learn leadership? Toastmasters Leadership Institute WINTER TLI DATES/LOCATIONS

- Jan 9 - Location TBA (1:30pm) - Abilene, Texas
- Jan 15 - Texas Wesleyan University - Ft. Worth
- Jan 16 - Texas Wesleyan University - Ft. Worth
- Jan 22 - Allstate Insurance Co - Irving
- Jan 23 - Baylor University - Waco
- Jan 30 - University of North Texas - Denton
- Feb 20 - Location TBA - Wichita Falls, Texas

Visit <http://www.d25toastmasters.org/tli/index.htm> for details.

DECEMBER 2009 Hall of Fame

Congratulations to our fellow Competent Communicators

Club	Club	Club	Club	Club	Club	Club
4963	A	11	CC	12/16/2009	Stroman, Bonne K.	Weatherford Club
633	E	54	CC	12/15/2009	Khanduri, Pankaj	Speak With Success
706449	D	44	CC	12/15/2009	McKibbin, Christine E.	Burleson Toastmasters Club
989	C	34	CC	12/13/2009	Cosgrove, Dustin Brent	Southlake Reach for Success
5590	D	41	CC	12/12/2009	Bramlett, Kay	Big T Toastmasters Club
1247787	B	21	CC	12/10/2009	Altum, Shareen M.	ICE Breakers
4963	A	11	CC	12/9/2009	Hodgson, David	Weatherford Club
9916	A	15	CC	12/8/2009	Harding, Michael S.	LM AeroSpeakers Club
989	C	34	CC	12/6/2009	King, John P.	Southlake Reach for Success
621025	F	64	CC	12/4/2009	Liptak, Steve	Keller Communicators Club
825	D	44	CC	12/3/2009	Ley, Roberta Whinery	Top Notch Toastmasters - TNT
988129	F	64	CC	12/1/2009	McVicker, Ron	Eagle 1
3055	E	52	CC	12/1/2009	Sutterfield, Tammy	Denton Toastmasters Club

Congratulations to our fellow Advanced Communicators

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club
8474	A	14	ACB	12/3/2009	Devlin, Marc B.	First Command Club
349	A	11	ACB	12/8/2009	Torlincasi, Thomas	Plus-Two Club
3692	E	52	ACB	12/9/2009	Jones, Cindy Rowan	Lakeside Club
989	C	34	ACG	12/10/2009	Hill, Germon Earl	Southlake Reach for Success

Congratulations to our fellow Competent Leaders

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club
7514	C	31	CL	12/13/2009	Misquez, Henry	Arlington Nooners Toastmasters Club
4987	E	54	CL	12/10/2009	Pierce, Thomas W.	Southlake Club
6102	A	12	CL	12/7/2009	Sekerke, Wayne F.	FAA Toastmasters Club
621025	F	64	CL	12/4/2009	Liptak, Steve	Keller Communicators Club
633	E	54	CL	12/3/2009	Kensing, Cheryl	Speak With Success

Congratulations to our fellow Advanced Leaders

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club
710987	D	44	ALB	12/7/2009	Cannon, Bart	Cleburne Toastmasters Club
760	F	62	ALB	12/2/2009	Sen, Sandip	T-Toasters Club

Congratulations to our fellow Distinguished Toastmasters

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club
6191	F	61	DTM	11/6/2009	Arndt, George F.	Afterburners
1071	A	13	DTM	11/9/2009	Bell, William Douglas	Abilene Toastmasters
4370	C	32	DTM	11/20/2009	Bieniosek, Anthony P.	Flagship Speakers Toastmasters
825	D	44	DTM	11/19/2009	Fory, Ronald Philip	Top Notch Toastmasters - TNT
4236	E	54	DTM	11/6/2009	Rose, T. Steel	Southlake Evening Toastmasters

Too Much Communication?

R.W. Rey, CC –Top Notch Toastmasters #825

Many would argue that communication is at an all time high with the development of the many technologies that surround us. Cell phones, email, IMs, texting; all these things serve to enable us to contact anyone we choose at any moment of the night or day. And yet, families are more estranged from each other than ever. How can this be when the communication system is so advanced?

Letter writing was at one time an art form. Young ladies were praised for their penmanship and a man's handwriting said much about his success. Letters were precious pieces of paper from those who were far away, even if they were only in the next county. A letter once a month was a blessing and was often read many times over just to make sure nothing was missed.

The telephone came along and made local communication much easier, but it was still less expensive to send a letter. The long distance call was expensive and often filled with static and other noise. Letters were still a thing to be treasured.

Family get-togethers, block parties, quilting bees, barn raisings and other forms of community involvement were also important. People worked hard and often lived far apart from each other. These times were special as people renewed acquaintances and caught up on events in the lives of those that meant the most to them.

Technology has given us much, there is no denying that. But it has also robbed us of some things that at one time were very precious and should still be today. There is merit in missing someone; in being far away and out of touch for a time. It makes that face to face time so much more special. There is much to say because it hasn't already been said fifteen times that day. There is joy in the little things shared. There is a sweet expectation when we have not heard the voice of that one that we love for awhile. There is an excitement to being together just for the mere fact of being apart.

It's been said that familiarity breeds contempt but absence makes the heart grow fonder. Can it be that there is so much instantaneous contact that we now take family members and friends for granted? Do we talk so much and so often that we now have nothing left to say?

Welcome New Members to District 25 - DECEMBER 2009

AllianceTexas Toastmasters	Tim Vannaman
Arlington Nooners Toastmasters	Daryl Griffin
Arlington Nooners Toastmasters	Fred Kuhlmann
Baylor Orators Toastmasters	Ricky Terrell
BNSF Expressed Toastmasters	David Hoang
Eye Can Toastmasters	Stella Moten
ICE Breakers	Anita Gomez
Lonestar Toastmasters	Keon Jenkins
Plymouth Park	Wilson Davidraj Jesudason Vivekananth
Southlake	Kay Parker
Tip Top Toastmasters	Carla Sanzone
Toast of Texas	Elizabeth Kelley
Toast of Texas	Erik Young
Toast of Texas	Jennifer Wilkerson
Unique Toastmasters At Vista Ridge	Orland Hilliard

2010-2011 DISTRICT 25 LEADERSHIP OPEN HOUSE MARCH 13, 2010

Prepare to be S-T-R-E-T-C-H-E-D!

If you are interested in serving in District Leadership during the 2010-2011 Toastmaster year and working towards completing your Advanced Leader Silver, we invite you to attend the District Leadership Open House on Saturday March 13, 2010 from 12:30pm - 2:00pm.

Lunch will be provided. *(for those who RSVP by March 6, 2010)



Location: Texas Wesleyan University
Baker Building
3021 East Rosedale
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

For more information and to RSVP online visit

www.d25toastmasters.org/leadership
Or contact District Governor David McCallister, DTM at 817-988-3283 or davidmccallister@d25toastmasters.org