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Welcome to the New Year!

Can you believe we are already in 2005? Let's take a quick look at all that we accomplished in 2004:

As of December 17th, District 25 membership has accomplished 96 Competent Toastmasters, 45 Advanced Toastmasters, 15 Distinguished Toastmasters and 11 New Clubs.

To date, District 25 is a proud family of 138 Clubs. Of these, 10 have already

received Distinguished Club status and 5 Select Distinguished. Many are close behind.

Do you know where your club stands? Have your Club Officers met and reviewed your individual Clubs' Success Plan? It's not too late!

Area Governors are already starting their second round of Club Area Visits. Take a moment to talk to them and express where you see yourself (and your

club) by June 30th. District 25 is blessed with 27 outstanding Area Governors who are dedicated to your success.

Success is setting a goal, making a plan, then taking steps towards ensuring you reach destination. Let me and District 25 Leadership know how we can help ensure YOUR personal [Success with a Personal Touch](#).

Lee Alviar, DTM –
District 25 Governor

How Does One Run for District Office?

Any Toastmaster who wishes to run for a District office is to submit a letter of intent. This letter should contain information such as your name, educational level, contact information, the office you wish to run for, statements describing how you are qualified to run for the office, and a brief description of your involvement with Toastmasters over the years, including any former offices or staff positions held within the organization and any awards or recognitions that you have received.

This letter can be sent either to the current District Governor or to the Nominating Committee Chair. **The deadline for submitting letters of intent for District officer terms starting July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, is February 9, 2005.**

Once your letter of intent has been received by the District Nominating Committee, it will be reviewed along with all other letters of intent from other interested parties.

All those wishing to run for District office, whether or not they were approved by the Nominating Committee, are allowed to place campaign flyers or other information on a designated table at all Area and Division Contests, as well as at the District Conference.

You will also be able to participate in a Candidates' Forum at the District 25 Spring Conference May 21, 2005 if such a forum is available.

Campaigning for District 25 Elected Offices



District Staff at Breakfast Fall Conference

Only the nominees approved by the District 25 Nominating Committee shall be announced at each of the Area and Division Contests during the spring contest season. Any Toastmaster wishing to run for an elected District office (regardless of whether or not the

District 25 Nominating Committee nominated them to run for office) shall be allowed to place flyers on a designated table (if one is available) at all Area and Division contests during the spring contest season. All nominees for elected District office (both those

nominated by the District 25 Nominating Committee and those nominated from the floor) shall be afforded equal time of two minutes to deliver a campaign speech during the District 25 Council Meeting at the District 25 Spring Conference.

Two (2) Quick Changes to District Calendar

Please Note: Deadline for submission of Letters of Intent has been extended to February 9, 2005.

Anyone seeking elected office (Division Governors, Lt Governors and District Governor) for the 2005-2006 Toastmaster year

must submit letter of intent to David Hostler, Nomination Committee Chair, prior to February 9, 2005 for consideration and support of Nomination Committee. *See A.5.Campaigning for District 25 Elected Offices above.*

Mail to:
David Hostler, DTM
Nominating Chair
2000 San Jacinto
Arlington TX 76012

January's District Executive Committee Meeting is re-scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2005.

"See District Calendar Events for the next three months on page 6 of Newsletter."

A Success Story about Denton Toastmasters

by Ron Clark, DTM



What happens when a Toastmaster Club thinks out of the box? Denton set the following Club goals: (1) Develop a Club survey for each member to determine what is important to them and how Toastmasters can assist in meeting their needs. (2) Create a Club survey on retaining membership. (3) Encourage all seven Club officers to attend Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) training. (4) Develop a web site, update information weekly, and provide training to all Club officers. (5) Establish a mentor-to-mentor program to have all members share their

knowledge. (6) Establish a lending library. (7) Request the top three officers attend the monthly Area 51 Council meetings. (8) Establish a process to track yearly personal accomplishments. (9) Conduct a Christmas Party and acknowledge all Club accomplishments. (10) Set up a Toastmasters presentation at the University of North Texas. (11) Establish a goal to become a President's Distinguished Club for the fourth straight year. Two new members plan to join on January 3, completing their twelfth goal. Denton received a Smedley Award

for the second straight year. Only 3 goals remain to be completed, including a scheduled Youth Leadership course beginning in 2/05 and a SpeechCraft course beginning 3/05. Denton's last goal is to establish a new club in Area 51. Only time will tell if all 15 goals are accomplished. What could your club do if it took the time to think "out of the box?" It happened to Denton Toastmasters. They ended the year as a President's Distinguished Club for the fourth straight year.

What are the various offices someone could run for, and what are the qualifications for each?

District Governor

- Have served at least 6 consecutive months as a Club President
- Have served at least 12 consecutive months as a Lt. Governor, Division Governor, or a combination thereof

Lt. Governor of Marketing

- Have served at least 6 consecutive months as a Club President
- Have served at least 12 consecutive months as a Lt. Governor, Division Governor, Area Governor, or a combination thereof

Marketing, District Public Relations Officer, District Secretary, District Treasurer, Division Governor, Area Governor, club President, club VP-Education)

Additional information on the District offices listed above, including qualities that are expected of someone in these offices, can be found in the District Leadership Handbook under the main heading DISTRICT OFFICER MISSIONS, QUALIFICATIONS, AND STANDARDS.



Can you name the Fall Conference "Sound Guy?"

Lt. Governor of Education and Training

- Have served at least 6 consecutive months as a Club President
- Have served at least 12 consecutive months as a Lt. Governor, Division Governor, Area Governor, or a combination thereof

Division Governor

- Have served at least 6 consecutive months as a member of the District Council (either District Governor, Lt. Governor of Education and Training, Lt. Governor

Ways to Help Promote Your Club

1. Design a club brochure and distribute it to potential club members.
2. Ask the Chamber of Commerce to list your meeting information in their newsletter.
3. Develop a website listing club information. Make it visually appealing and interesting.
4. Take your toastmaster show on the road. Schedule your meeting in a new location where it will get new visibility. Suggestions: community center, library, book store, company cafeteria or lobby,

etc. Get the facility to promote your special appearance. Invite guests. Watch the enthusiasm exuding from your new audience.

5. Why not post brochures and flyers about your club at your local library or area universities. You might spark interest and help someone to improve their communication skills.



Earl Hill, DTM

D25's Newest Addition:

Fort Worth Trail Blazers Club #744722, Area 11, Division A, District 25

District 25 Vice Presidents - Public Relations

"4 out of 5 state they joined Toastmasters because they were personally invited."

I found a great club publicity opportunity for you, especially for the Airport, Keller, and Southlake clubs:

Free neighborhood websites that will list your Toastmasters club. You can create your own Id on their website and submit your own club listings. They have an "organizations" page that would be ideal for listing your (community) Toastmasters club. They also have a calendar on which you can list your club meetings.

The Keller club has been submitted to www.weloveKeller.com. I've also submitted Keller to www.iloveparkglen.com/, my neighborhood on the north tip of Fort Worth bordering Keller.

These websites are apparently part of a family of websites for various neighborhoods in the DFW metroplex. Each one's home page has a link to finding other neighborhoods in the DFW metroplex.

I've added links to several of these pages to our Area 54 "Public Resources" page: <http://www.midpa.com/toastmasters/a54/Resources.htm>

Rick Sharon ATM-S, CL
Area 54 Governor
District 25 Toastmasters
Email: a54@d25Toastmasters.org
Website: <http://www.midpa.com/Toastmasters/A54>



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*"This newsletter is awesome. Keep up the GREAT work.
Ron Smith, DTM, PDG"*

Letters to the Editor

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Ron Smith DTM PDG

I am very impressed with this and previous newsletters because of the wonderful content. You certainly provide a wealth of information for all members/leaders and a model for many districts to follow. I am very proud of the difference you are making for your team this year - keep up the great work and have fun!!

Take care, have a prosperous week and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Warmest regards,

Jennifer Johnson DTM
Past District 25 Governor

I was quite impressed with the conference two weeks ago. Your team did a wonderful job coordinating the event. As a new member, I felt welcomed! The learning opportunities were well worth the small

price for admission. Seeing Jim Key give his World Championship speech was quite inspiring to me. I also liked the other break out sessions.

Kudos to your group for arranging such a fantastic event. I would highly encourage all toastmasters to attend the Spring Conference.

Sincerely,

Judy White House - SPHR

Did You Know

In a few weeks, cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls. You can call this number, from your cell phone, (888.382.1222) to register your cell phone number on the National Do Not Call Registry.

When I called this number today, the system wouldn't accept that I was calling from my cell phone, so I went to the www.donotcall.gov site and registered our cell phone numbers. By the way, this is also how you

can register your home number for the Do Not Call Registry. The registration is good for five years.



Division A during Saturday Morning Breakfast at Fall Conference

Elections Are Going On Now!

Elections Are Going On Now! That's right. Club Officer Election period begins for semi-annual Clubs in Toastmasters International Effective November 1st.

Club Officer Lists are due to World Headquarters by December 31st. Please consider submitting ONLINE! You will need your Club Password which can be found on Dues Report mailed to Club Presidents September 1st. If you've forgotten or lost your password, it can be requested on same page and will be faxed to Club Officers on record.

https://ecommerce.toastmasters.org/Timssnet/login/tnt_login.cfm

Fall Conference – My Experiences, The Benefits and My Memories

by Kathy Hopkins, Division A Governor

Another Toastmaster Conference, another great success!

Again this fall I attended a fun-filled, educational conference. The entertainment was funny, the speakers were well prepared, and the contests were exciting with superb Toastmasters competing.

Conferences provide a great venue to visit with folks in the District that you don't normally see (and folks outside of our district.... Mr.

Toastmaster President himself, Jon Greiner!).

District 25 is filled with people from all walks of life who bring educational tips, experiences, and ideas and share them with the rest of us.

I always walk away from every District 25 Conference learning several points that I want to incorporate into my speaking. We can learn so much from one another and conferences provide a

great place to come together for that purpose.

Thank you, Conference Committee for a great Fall 2004 Conference!

You all did a great job. And Congratulations to Division A member Faith Delevante, winner of the Tall Tales Contest!



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Who Gets to Vote for Next Years District Officers?

Voting on the District 25 elected offices, as well as any other business that the District will need to vote on, will be conducted at the District Business Meeting at the District 25 Spring Conference (since these terms are annual terms, voting on these will not take place at the District Business Meeting held at the District 25 Fall Conference). This business meeting is typically held on the second day of the conference (Saturday) in the mid-afternoon.

This year, the District 25 Spring Conference will be held May 20 – 21, 2005 at La Quinta Conference Center in Arlington TX.

The following are voting members of the District Council:

- District Governor
- Immediate Past District Governor
- Lt. Governor of Education and Training
- Lt. Governor of Marketing
- District Public Relations Officer
- District Secretary
- District Treasurer
- Division Governors
- Area Governors
- Club Presidents
- Club Vice-Presidents of Education

Toastmasters Leadership Institute Coming Soon...

**Mayfield Road
Baptist Church
1701 E Mayfield
Arlington, TX 76014**

Just north of I-20 –
South Arlington

*Registration 8:00 to
8:30*

***Cost = \$10 includes
Training &
catered lunch.***

\$5.00 Training Only

**Saturday, January
29, 2005 8:00 am to
5:00 pm**
Please Register or RSVP
to
TLI@d25Toastmasters.org
by Noon January 24,
2005

DCP Deadline is June 30th

June 30 marks the end of the Toastmasters year and the 2004-05 Distinguished District, Division, Area and Club programs. Items pertaining to club charters, dues renewals, membership applications and education award applications and club officer lists must be postmarked on or before June 30, 2005, and received at WHQ no later than July 7, 2005. Faxed documents must be received at WHQ by 5 p.m. PT Thursday, June 30.

WHQ now accepts dues renewals, new member applications, educational award applications and club officer lists through the Toastmasters International Web site. Items submitted online or by e-mail must be received at WHQ on June 30, 2005 by 11:59 p.m. PT. Although WHQ has a fax and e-mail available to receive information, it is the sender's responsibility to make sure the submission is successfully transmitted.

Do not send duplicate copies of documents to WHQ. Choose only one method of transmission



District 25 Calendar 2004-2005

January 2005

- 1 New Year's Day – Are you at least ½ way to your goals?
- 1-31 Hold Division Council Meetings
Hold Area Council Meetings
Encourage Clubs to review Club Success Plans
- 15-16 Mid-year Training for Top 3 Officers, Austin, TX
- 17 Martin Luther King Day
- 24 District Executive Committee Meeting
- 29 **TLI – DFW**

Feb 2005

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13

January 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

February 2005

- 1-29 Hold Division Council Meetings
Hold Area Council Meetings
Club Table Topics and International Speech Contests
- 5 **TLI – Waco – Baylor University**
- 9 Letter of Intent Deadline for those seeking Elective office for 2005-2006. Sent to:
David Hostler, DTM, IPDG, 2000 San Jacinto, Arlington TX 76012
- 14 Valentine's Day – I love that your goals are almost complete!
- 19 **District Staff Training - Includes District Executive Committee Meeting**
- 21 President's Day
- 28 *Last Day to have Club Officers trained and receive credit toward DCP goal!*

Mar 2005

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

March 2005

- 1-31 Hold Division Council Meetings
Hold Area Council Meetings
Area Table Topics and International Speech Contests
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 21 District Executive Committee Meeting
- 20 Send in **Semi Annual Report** to International with a copy to: Earl Hill, DTM LGM, 205 Bob-O-Link, Southlake, TX 76092
- 31 **Last day to submit Semi Annual Report ONLINE and receive Credit towards DCP Goal!!**

Pictures from Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) December 11, 2004



Nefty Ortiz before Lunch
D25 Fall 2004 Humorous Speech and Tall Tales Champions



Faith Delevante before Lunch



Dr Jeff Johnson, TLI Chairman



Div E Gov, David Watkins DTM



Lark Doley, Int'l Director with Dave (LGET) and Lee (DG)



Luncheon Chit-Chat between John, Tony, Cheryl and Nancy