



THE LEGACY

District 25 Toastmasters, President's Distinguished District 2004-2005

My Vision

By David Himmelstein, DTM
District 25 Governor



Over the past 5 years I have had the honor of leading teams in Toastmasters. And the first thing I always tell the team members is: "Your real life comes first." Toastmasters meeting or daughter's soccer game? Your real life comes first. Speech contest or family reunion? Your real life comes first. Family, faith, friends – all come before Toastmasters because "Your real life comes first".

And yet Toastmasters can give you the skills and strength you need to achieve success and fulfillment in every aspect of your real life. Toastmasters can help you to **Find Your Voice, Serve Your World, and Build Your Legacy of Excellence!**

Since I joined Toastmasters 12 glorious years ago I've been privileged to work with and learn from some of the finest people in the world. The blessings I have received from my Toastmasters membership can be traced to three simple things: **Courage, Patience, and Kindness.**

Courage is the engine that drives us forward. My fellow Toastmasters have never failed to display an amazing abundance of courage. It takes courage to speak. It takes courage to lead. Each of us has all the courage we need to achieve our dreams. Always let your fellow Toastmasters know how much you appreciate them for their inherent courage.

Patience is the quality that sustains us through adversity and enables us to reach unimaginable heights. It took me 6 years to deliver the 7 minute speech that seized my audience. That was my

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breakthrough moment in Toastmasters. Find ways to help your members keep that Toastmasters spark alive during difficult times. The payoff is just around the corner. Patience helps us get there.

Kindness is the manna that lifts the heart and nourishes the spirit. I joined Toastmasters because I sensed that the members of my first club genuinely cared about me and wanted me to succeed. I will always be grateful for what they did for me! Look at your fellow members. Look at every guest who comes to visit. Let them know they are appreciated and valued. The kindness you give will be returned when you need it most. Kindness brings out the best in others and in you.

My fellow Toastmasters, we are at the start of another amazing journey. District 25 is blessed with some of the most talented, generous, and caring people in the entire world of Toastmasters. There is no limit to what we can achieve if we work together. I urge you to find the courage to speak, find the patience to stay the course, and give freely to help your fellow members and future members achieve success. **By practicing courage, patience, and kindness every day, you will achieve success and Build YOUR Legacy of Excellence.**

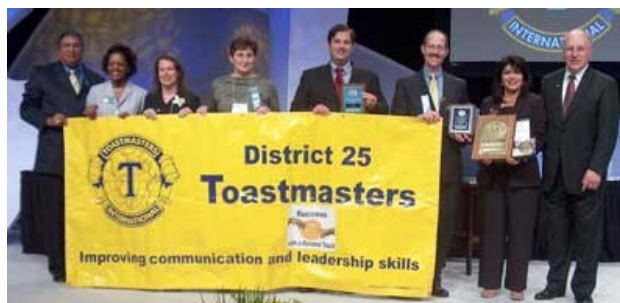
District 25 is President's Distinguished!

Which District is **number one in North America** and **number five in all the world**? Your very own District 25!

That's right, District 25 is one of just 6 Districts world-wide that designated a President's Distinguished District.

So, how did the District become President's Distinguished? Because of **your achievements!** In 2004–2005, District 25 was proud to recognize 268 CTMs, 127 ATMs and 20 DTMs. We chartered 23 new clubs and 66 Clubs were Distinguished. At the conclusion of 2004–2005, District 25 was 2,800 members strong...and growing!

Our accomplishment as a District was recognized at the Toastmasters International Conference, August 24–27 in Toronto. District Governor David Himmelstein, DTM and Immediate Past District



Left to Right: Jeff Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, DeDe Rhodes, Diane Himmelstein, David McCallister, Dave Himmelstein, Lee Alviar (District Gov for 2004–2005), Jon Greiner (Immediate Past International President)

Governor Lee Alviar, DTM represented all of us at the Conference where our remarkable achievement is recognized.

Congratulations to all of the members of District 25 who achieved Success with a Personal Touch last year! Let's build on that Legacy of Excellence for another outstanding District 25 year in 2005–2006!

Committed to Your Success

By DeDe Rhodes, DTM

Lt. Governor for Education & Training

District 25's LGET Team is committed to each member's success, by reinforcing basic skills: teamwork, organization, preparation.

Goal One: Education, Training

After surveying your members, design classes based on their responses. We need your input: expect phone calls and e-mails!

We will provide three tracks in addition to TLI officer training. The DCP program/Club Success Plan track is Toastmaster-specific. The Ongoing Tips track will help guide toastmasters through, and show how to overcome, various obstacles. The Personal Growth track offers encouragement and a path to future goals.

LGET teams will establish a pool of trained officers to lead future officer training sessions, and to instill their knowledge and experience to



help our toastmasters grow in leadership roles.

Goal Two: Recognition

We will track educational goals, and send congratulatory letters as achievements are met.

Incentives for completing personal and club-level goals will also be offered. Clubs should share their success at District-sponsored events.

BRAG: we want to hear about successes!

Goal Three: Teamwork

With more members sharing our vision, more members will grow through leadership opportunities.

Teamwork overcomes obstacles: partnership with Marketing ensures success for our members, clubs, areas, divisions and district.

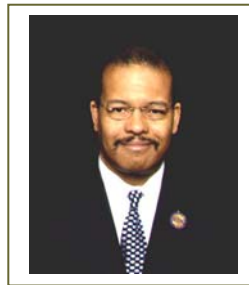
Your LGET team is committed to building District 25, one member's goals at a time!

By Maurice Taitt, DTM
Lt. Governor for Marketing

BREAKING MARKETING NEWS!

We're **excited** about all the promotions and club development going on in District 25. Just one month into the Toastmasters year, this is what's happening in District 25 Marketing:

First new club of the new year is ADT Toastmasters, which chartered with the largest number of members—46—in District history. Thanks to club sponsors David McCallister, ATM-S/CL and Bonnie Mote, ATM-B/CL; club mentors Kelli Coffey, ATM-B/CL and Mark White, ATM-S; and sponsoring club, DynMasters, club 4354.



It's Smedley Award Season. Recruit 5 new, dual or reinstated members between August 1 and September 30, 2005 and receive a ribbon for your club's banner and a module from the *Successful Club, Better Speaker, or*

Leadership Excellence series. Clubs will also receive a visit from a District 25 Officer AND special recognition at the Fall Conference as part of the District's concurrent *Ready, Set, Grow* campaign. And the District 25 Club that signs up the most members between August 1 and September 30 will receive a custom set of timing lights!

Get Excited about marketing District 25 Toastmasters and get new members!

Jerry Aiyathurai Is Region III Winner

District 25's own Jerry Aiyathurai competed for the title of 2005 World Champion of Public Speaking in Toronto last month after winning the Region III International Speech Contest!

Jerry's first place win came on June 25, 2005 when he bested eight contestants from throughout Region III at the Regional Conference in Austin.

"It was an honor to represent the District at the Region III conference," Jerry wrote in an e-mail of thanks to District 25 members. "The support and encouragement of the District was key for me."

Jerry traveled to Toronto as one of nine Toastmasters worldwide who participated in the 2005 International Speech Contest on August 27. Although he did not place, he gave an excellent performance with another sensational speech.

For those unfamiliar with International Speech Contest requirements, the rules require contestants



Region III International Speech Contest winner Jerry Aiyathurai flanked by Immediate Past District 25 Governor Lee Alviar, DTM (l) and District 25 Governor David Himmelstein, DTM (r)

in the International Speech Contest to write new speeches for the Regional and International contests after winning District. Outlines of Jerry's District and Region winning speeches were reviewed by the judges at the World Championship competition.

Congratulations, Jerry... we look forward to hearing more from you in the future.

Division A Coat of Arms

By Barbara Morris, ATM-G/CL

Division A Governor

A proud member of District 25, Division A's Coat of Arms reflects our members, leaders, goals, and motto.

Space One pictures a super-hero breaking down barriers! Division A is just like this; our goal is to maintain superior strength, and help all our members overcome their barriers!

Space Two shows that Division A has the oldest club within the District, and is dedicated to Developing and Supporting our Fellow Toastmasters through the Legacy of Excellence.



Space Three contains five hands forming a circle, creating the Star of Division A, with each hand showing the number of the Area it represents.

Space Four states, "**Achievement of Growth for Producing Quality "A" Members**". The tree and wheelbarrow, both containing the Letter "A", imply that with **STRONG ROOTS**, we will grow and harvest strong Division A members!

Space Five depicts our Division's motto, "**Thinking of the Future....Achievement.**" Here we see the letter "A", looking down the road – into the future. Each Division A member looks towards a future that is **very bright!**

Division E: Serving Excellence with a Personal Touch

By Rick Sharon, DTM

Division E Governor

Our Club, Area, Division, and District officers serve you -- the individual member. We are here to help you have a successful Toastmasters experience, to help you create your "Legacy of Excellence".



In keeping with that ideal, our Division E Theme for 2005–2006 is "**Serving Excellence with a Personal Touch**". Why?

- We serve to help you practice excellence
- We will serve excellence to you in the form of best practices, coaching, encouragement, and information needed to help you continually improve and

exceed your goals

- We will serve it excellently with a personal touch
- In doing so, we will help you craft your Legacy of Excellence

Help us! I challenge you to set aggressive, unreasonable goals. When you expect the impossible, you just might get it! But should you fall short, Randy Terrell reminded me that:

**"If you aim for the stars but only make it to the moon,
you've still gone a long, LONG way!"**

Together we are Excellent, Enthusiastic, and Empowered. We are E!

Goodbye to Some Outstanding Members

Written by Donna Sykes, VP Membership

Wayland Speechmasters #5558

This summer the Wayland Speechmasters...and Division F...said farewell to some very dear Toastmasters friends.

Brandon Pruitt has moved to Shaw AFB, Sumter, South Carolina. We are all richer from listening to the life lessons and experiences in his Ice Breaker. Once in Sumter, Brandon will find a Club and complete his goal – **CTM!**

Linda Jeter has moved to Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs. Linda earned her ATM–Bronze quickly, by speaking at our Club, and also at base functions. She served **three terms** as Secretary and Treasurer! Linda attributes her successful career to her growth in Toastmasters.

Tina Durrah moved to Hill AFB, Ogden, Utah. She recruited many members during her term as Vice President Membership, and has attended a District Conference, a highlight of her Toastmaster experience. Tina will transfer to a Utah Toastmasters Club and earn her CTM!

Jose “Gus” Agosto, **CTM (Rookie of the Year, 2005!)**, headed for Dyess AFB, Abilene. Serving on numerous committees, he served his Club, Area, Division, and District well!! He was an outstanding Club VP, Education and Training. Gus has contacted Dyess Toastmasters and will remain a member of a D/FW club.

The Tip Sheet ~ A Legacy of Excellent Ideas

This month's tip comes from Division E Governor, Rick Sharon, DTM:

Past issues of *Toastmaster* magazine are great promotional material. You can use mailing labels to “brand them” with your club meeting and contact information, as well as:

- Handing them out to guests
- Including them in new member kits
- Leaving them in waiting rooms
- Displaying them during your meetings
- Giving them away at Toastmasters promotional events

Did you know International will provide 25 **free** *Toastmaster* magazines every time you place a supply order? All you have to do is ask for them:

- For on–line orders: just ask in the “Order” comments
- For phone orders: mention it during the call
- For mailed or faxed orders: just handwrite it on the order form

Buyer beware: you may incur additional shipping charges due to the added weight.

If you need even more issues for promotional purposes, contact Toastmasters International and they will work with you. What a wonderful way to let the world know about Toastmasters!

What's Happening ~ Events, Contests & More



Featuring:

- Carnival Entertainment on Friday night
- Tall Tales & Humorous Speech Contests
- Distinguished Toastmaster Award Ceremony
- Great Speakers & Educational Programs
- [2004 World Champion of Public Speaking, Dr. Randy Harvey](#)

Early Bird Registration fee of \$85 before November 4, 2005.

Registration Materials are on the District website: www.d25toastmasters.org.

Join your Toastmasters family for this fabulous, fun, and fact filled event! **You don't want to miss it.**

Wanted: Toastmasters to Serve as Club Coaches

Help yourself and a struggling District 25 club by becoming a District 25 Club Coach. Earn a credit toward your Advanced Leader (AL) Award when you agree to coach a club to at least Distinguished status.

Be one of the FIRST TEN club coach volunteers and receive an exclusive D25 Executive Portfolio! That's in addition to a club coach pin and district-wide recognition. Contact Joe Nagy at jndiamond@comcast.net today!



Beat the rush! District 25 asks you to send your membership renewals in to International by September 20, 2005 to make certain your members are counted! Pay dues on-line at www.toastmasters.org – it's fast and ever-so-easy! *Remember that International dues have increased to \$27 per 6 month cycle.*

Don't delay—send your dues to International today...and be sure to send a copy of your renewal information to Lt. Governor of Marketing, Maurice Taitt, at LGM@d25toastmasters.org.



Looking for an exclusive ribbon to dress up your club's banner? Be a FIVE STAR CLUB and receive a ribbon, recognition, and the rewarding feeling that comes from knowing you've met the membership requirements for your club's Distinguished Club Plan by April 30, 2006.

It's easy to become a FIVE STAR CLUB. Just:

- Send in dues renewals on time in October and April (by the 10th of each month);
- Add 8 new members; and
- Have 20 members or a net growth of 5

April 30 is the deadline...so get to work and make YOUR club a FIVE STAR CLUB.



District 25 Calendar 2005-2006



September 2005

- 1-30 Hold Division and Area Council Meetings
Area Tall Tale and Humorous Speech Contests
- 5 Labor Day
- 19 Send Dues Semi-Annual Report to Int'l – ONLINE
And copy to D25 LGM Maurice Taitt, DTM –
LGM@d25toastmasters.org
- 19 District Executive Committee Meeting
- 30 Last day to submit Dues Semi-annual report ONLINE and receive credit towards DCP Goal!!

Sep 2005

Mor	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

October 2005

- 1-31 Hold Division and Area Council Meetings
- 7 Deadline for submitting Outstanding Officer Nominations to Reannan McDaniel at Awards@D25toastmasters.org
- 10 Columbus Day
- 12 Yom Kippur
- 14 Division B Tall Tale and Humorous Speech Contest
- 15 Division F Tall Tale and Humorous Speech Contest
- 17 District Executive Committee Meeting
- 21 Division A Tall Tale and Humorous Speech Contest
- 22 Division D Tall Tale and Humorous Speech Contest
- 28 Division C Tall Tale and Humorous Speech Contest
- 29 Division E Tall Tale and Humorous Speech Contest
- 30 Daylight Savings Ends; extra hour to work on Members' success
- 31 Halloween (BOOOOOOOOOOO!!!)

Oct 2005

Mor	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

November 2005

- 1-30 Hold Division and Area Council Meetings
- Club Officer Elections begin for January – June 2006 term
- 10 Veteran's Day
- 18-19 Fall Conference – Arlington TX (Counts as Dist Exec Council Meeting for Fall)
- 24 Thanksgiving Day
- 30 Last day to submit Area Visit Report ONLINE for Dist Area Plan Credit

Nov 2005

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

July and August Educational Completions

Club	Div	Area	Award	Date	Member	Name	Location
746	E	54	AL	7/1/2005	Sharon, Richard A.	Solana Classic Club	Southlake
825	C	35	AL	8/1/2005	Butzky, Janice	Stillstanding Toastmasters Club	Fort Worth
4236	A	15	AL	7/1/2005	Hill, Germon Earl	Southlake Evening Toastmasters	Southlake
5213	F	62	AL	8/1/2005	Miller, Angela R.	Ryan Plaza Club	Arlington
638381	D	44	AL	8/1/2005	Creech, Sandra K.	Huck Fastenators Club	Waco
2008	A	13	ATMB	8/18/2005	Ortiz, Neftali	Quicksilver Express Club	Fort Worth
4354	A	11	ATMB	7/5/2005	Mote, Bonnie P.	DynMasters	Fort Worth
5148	B	25	ATMB	7/14/2005	Price, Ruth	Effective Mortgage Communicators Club	Irving
5555	C	33	ATMB	7/27/2005	Gayle, John K.	TCU Toastmasters Club	Fort Worth
5555	C	33	ATMB	7/27/2005	Grieser, Nancy	TCU Toastmasters Club	Fort Worth
6040	A	12	ATMB	7/5/2005	Morgan, Barbara B.	Eyeopeners Club	Wichita Falls
6332	F	65	ATMB	8/8/2005	Warman, Roger	Grand Prairie	Grand Prairie
7514	C	35	ATMB	8/1/2005	Faria, Legia F.	Arlington Nooners Club	Arlington
808279	A	11	ATMB	8/3/2005	Coffey, Kelli M.	ATD Toastmasters Club	Fort Worth
2348	D	44	ATMG	7/1/2005	Creech, Sandra K.	Waco Tale Twisters Club	Waco
5555	C	33	ATMG	7/1/2005	Benson, James R.	TCU Toastmasters Club	Fort Worth
9646	F	61	ATMG	7/1/2005	Morris, Barbara	Aegonizers Club	Bedford
4354	A	11	ATMS	7/1/2005	McCallister, David E.	DynMasters	Fort Worth
5788	F	61	ATMS	8/1/2005	McDaniel, Reannan	Top of Texas Toastmasters	North Richland Hills
8474	C	33	ATMS	7/1/2005	Hamilton, Tina R.	First Command Club	Fort Worth
633	E	54	CL	7/1/2005	Wilcox, Theresa	Tech Talkers Club	Southlake
3084	C	32	CL	7/22/2005	Rike, Frankie B.	Christian Speakers Club	Fort Worth
4354	A	11	CL	7/5/2005	McCallister, David E.	DynMasters	Fort Worth
5922	E	53	CL	7/19/2005	Hale, Rhonda	Nissan Toastmasters Club	Irving
6040	A	12	CL	7/5/2005	Morgan, Barbara B.	Eyeopeners Club	Wichita Falls
6040	A	12	CL	7/5/2005	Halter, Eddie	Eyeopeners Club	Wichita Falls
6191	A	11	CL	8/7/2005	Brents, Tom E.	Afterburners Club	Fort Worth
6332	F	65	CL	8/10/2005	Harrison, Marty J.	Grand Prairie	Grand Prairie
6332	F	65	CL	7/1/2005	Smith, Ron	Grand Prairie	Grand Prairie
6810	F	64	CL	8/24/2005	Cozby, Oliver Ray	Bell Helicopter Club	Hurst
6850	F	62	CL	7/5/2005	Bibb, Lee L.	North Arlington Club	Arlington
6866	D	41	CL	8/19/2005	Lee, Brenda	Scott & White Club	Temple

7694	F	64	CL	7/19/2005	Terrell, Randy	EDS-Trinity Club	Fort Worth
7784	D	42	CL	8/22/2005	Beggane, Helen M.	Motor Street Motor Mouths Club	Dallas
8055	B	25	CL	7/22/2005	Kaushik, Avinash	Las Colinas Communicators Club	Irving
8451	C	34	CL	7/15/2005	Forsythe, Donna K.	Radioshack Club	Fort Worth
591399	A	14	CL	8/17/2005	Rider, Jamey M.	EFW Club	Fort Worth
591399	A	14	CL	8/17/2005	Pope, Andrew	EFW Club	Fort Worth
633836	F	62	CL	7/18/2005	Agosto, Jose A.	Professional Excellence Toastmasters	Arlington
305	A	12	CTM	8/5/2005	Miller, Penny D.	Wichita Falls Club	Wichita Falls
305	A	12	CTM	7/26/2005	Harrison, Barbara A.	Wichita Falls Club	Wichita Falls
633	E	54	CTM	7/7/2005	Milward, Peter	Tech Talkers Club	Southlake
746	E	54	CTM	7/20/2005	Benoit, Charles	Solana Classic Club	Southlake
989	F	61	CTM	8/17/2005	Novak, Mark Stephen	Mid Cities Evening Toastmasters Club	Bedford
1415	B	21	CTM	7/31/2005	Bernstein, Melvyn L.	Plymouth Park Club	Irving
1415	B	21	CTM	7/28/2005	Taitt, Maurice Eugene	Plymouth Park Club	Irving
2008	A	13	CTM	8/5/2005	Kelly, Mike A.	Quicksilver Express Club	Fort Worth
3084	C	32	CTM	8/19/2005	Clay, Robert C.	Christian Speakers Club	Fort Worth
3365	B	21	CTM	7/14/2005	Ostrowski, Mary	Irving Toastmasters Club	Irving
3655	D	42	CTM	7/28/2005	Turney, Connie E	McMasters Club	Carrollton
4354	A	11	CTM	7/6/2005	Bumgarner, Angela G.	DynMasters	Fort Worth
4355	A	13	CTM	7/14/2005	Fuller, Donna L.	Fighter Enterprise Toastmasters Club	Fort Worth
4987	A	15	CTM	8/30/2005	Schultz, Terry L.	Southlake Club	Southlake
5558	A	12	CTM	8/2/2005	Gooden, Brett J.	Sheppard Communicators	Wichita Falls
5788	F	61	CTM	7/1/2005	Delevante, Faith	Top of Texas Toastmasters	North Richland Hills
6191	A	11	CTM	7/14/2005	Loney, Michael C.	Afterburners Club	Fort Worth
6332	F	65	CTM	7/6/2005	Lanier, Rhonda R.	Grand Prairie	Grand Prairie
6530	C	35	CTM	7/20/2005	Lindsey, Thomas K.	United Communicators Club	Arlington
6810	F	64	CTM	8/10/2005	Novak, Mark Stephen	Bell Helicopter Club	Hurst
6850	F	62	CTM	7/15/2005	Moore, Kenneth	North Arlington Club	Arlington
6866	D	41	CTM	8/19/2005	Brisbois, Nancy	Scott & White Club	Temple
7784	D	42	CTM	8/31/2005	Haas, William D.	Motor Street Motor Mouths Club	Dallas
7784	D	42	CTM	8/16/2005	Beggane, Helen M.	Motor Street Motor Mouths Club	Dallas
8451	C	34	CTM	7/19/2005	Asafu-Adjaye, Kwasi	Radioshack Club	Fort Worth

9646	F	61	CTM	8/31/2005	Loughran, Philip	Aegonizers Club	Bedford
586017	F	62	CTM	7/15/2005	Francis, Laquetta	DREAM CHASERs Toastmasters Club	Arlington
586017	F	62	CTM	8/5/2005	Price, Roderick	DREAM CHASERs Toastmasters Club	Arlington
593906	B	22	CTM	7/21/2005	Moss, Joseph A	Skymasters Club	Irving
638381	D	44	CTM	8/5/2005	Pierce, Carl James	Huck Fastenators Club	Waco
676852	D	45	CTM	8/11/2005	Sublett, Joe	Technically Speaking Club	Waco
727543	B	22	CTM	8/20/2005	James, Shannon	Toastvesters	Irving
761119	E	52	CTM	8/15/2005	Young, Kevin B.	Manna Toastmasters Club	Coppell
746	E	54	DTM	7/1/2005	Sharon, Richard A.	Solana Classic Club	Southlake
4236	A	15	DTM	7/1/2005	Hill, Germon Earl	Southlake Evening Toastmasters	Southlake
8055	B	25	DTM	7/1/2005	Swope, Nancy Fay	Las Colinas Communicators Club	Irving
676842	D	44	DTM	8/1/2005	Creech, Sandra K.	Heart of Texas Bridge Gappers Club	Bruceville
825	C	35	LDREXC	7/1/2005	Butzky, Janice	Stillstanding Toastmasters Club	Fort Worth
5213	F	62	LDREXC	8/1/2005	Miller, Angela R.	Ryan Plaza Club	Arlington

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