



Voices is the official publication of District 25, serving Toastmasters throughout North Central Texas.

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Expand Your Borders!

Maurice Taitt, DTM - District 25 Governor



I'm sure many of you have heard the phrase: "If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you have always got."

In this Toastmasters year, do you really want to have what you have always had? I assure you that each person reading this newsletter has many more talents and abilities than they know. I urge you to take the time to recognize and encourage the talent you see in others. In return, I'm sure that others will point out many talents you have, some of which you may not have known that you have.

A few weeks ago, I was having breakfast with a friend I've known for 22 years. This individual invited me to my first Toastmasters meeting and mentored me through the first ten speeches as a Toastmaster. During breakfast, he told me that I am a multi-talented person. Not believing him, I asked him to name ten of my talents because I was sure that there was no way he could list ten. Indeed, he listed fifteen and said the list was not exhaustive!

So this year, why not go beyond what you have done in the past? Why not stretch your borders and aim for the stars? For example, what more do you need to do to become a Distinguished Toastmaster? You may be closer than you think.

I'm sure many of you will concur that the Toastmasters program is the best value for money of any of its kind and that you have benefited immensely from participating in the program. Don't you want your friends and colleagues to benefit also? Surely you don't want to keep it a secret! Be sure to bring or invite a guest to your next club meeting.

Enjoy and have fun during August as our clubs host their Fall 2007 Evaluation and Humorous speech contests. There will be winners from the six divisions in our district at our November 30 and December 1 Fall 2007 Conference, so mark your calendars now to attend.

Remember, each and every one of you is a STAR!

Good Luck Shannon Hills !!!

As you compete in the World Championship of Public Speaking

All of District 25 is cheering for you!!



District 25 members and International President Johnny Uy at the 2007 Region III Conference



Last Chance to Earn Three Leadership Awards

Randy Terrell, ACS/ALS - Lieutenant Governor Education and Training

When Toastmasters International introduced the new Competent Leader manual in January 2006, it provided the opportunity for all members to begin developing their leadership skills and earn their Competent Leader award. Prior to that, only club officers could earn the Competent Leader award and that excluded an entire group of club members. Since the introduction of the new Competent Leader award, there has been some confusion concerning the Old Competent Leader award. Today, I hope to clear up that confusion. Here are the requirements for each award.

COMPETENT LEADER (CL)

Completed the Competent Leadership manual. The CL award can be submitted online in the Club Business section of the Toastmasters International website.

ADVANCED LEADER BRONZE (ALB)

Achieved Competent Leader award (see above). Achieved Competent Communicator award (or achieved Competent Toastmaster award). Served at least six months as a club officer and participated in the preparation of a Club Success Plan. While serving as a club officer, participated in a district-sponsored club officer training program. Conducted any two programs from The Successful Club Series and/or The Leadership Excellence Series. The ALB award can be submitted online in the Club Business section of the Toastmasters International website.

OLD COMPETENT LEADER (OCL)

Achieved Competent Communicator award (or achieved Competent Toastmaster award). Served at least six months as a club officer and participated in the preparation of a Club Success Plan. While serving as a club officer, participated in a district-sponsored club officer training program. Conducted any two programs from The Successful Club Series and/or The Leadership Excellence Series. The OCL award **cannot** be submitted online. You must complete the Leadership/Distinguished Toastmaster Awards application (Catalog no. 1228) and mail or fax it to Toastmasters International.

Because the requirements for the CL award have changed, there is a two-year "grace period" for those working toward the previous (old) Competent Leader award. This means Toastmasters International will continue to issue the previous (old) Competent Leader awards under the previous requirements through June 30, 2008. *Beginning July 1, 2008, all members will have to meet the new requirements (see CL requirements above).*

is the last year that you have the opportunity to earn at least three leadership awards for every club for which you are a member, the CL, the ALB, and the OCL. If you have served as a district officer, then you have the unique opportunity to earn FOUR leadership awards for your club, the CL, ALB, OCL, and ALS (Advanced Leader Silver). For all you Advanced Communicator Gold members, if you have also served as a district officer, then YOU CAN EARN FIVE leadership awards for your club, CL, ALB, OCL, ALS, and DTM and if you do, then I will personally present to you an exclusive 5-Star pin. Way to go ACGs!

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All 7
Officers
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Is Your Toastmasters Club a SUPER 7 Club?

Each club that have all seven officers trained in the Fall will achieve the Super 7 Award and receive a hunter green ribbon to proudly hang on the club banner. Club officers may attend any Toastmasters Leadership Summit held in June, July, or August.

Fine Print: Open only to District 25 Toastmasters Clubs in good standing. In order to qualify for the Super 7 Award, all seven club officers must attend district sponsored training held in June, July, or August. Club officers may also attend the Toastmasters Leadership Institute in District 50 during June or July. If all seven officers that do not attend one of the eight district sponsored training sessions in June, July, or August, the club will not be eligible to receive the Super 7 Award. Clubs with officers that participate in the one-on-one training will not be eligible to receive the Super 7 Award. Void where prohibited by law.



How to Rebuild Your Club in Eight Weeks

David McCallister, DTM – Lieutenant Governor Marketing

It is no secret that membership in clubs fluctuate like the stock market. Sometimes that can be discouraging for the existing members of the club. Consider following these steps and successfully rebuild your club in eight weeks:

Week 1 – Club Assessment – evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of your club. Answer the questions in moments of truth and determine your club's weaknesses. Ask the question, "Why should we save our club?" What are our strengths? Who do we appeal to, who would be attracted to joining our club? What is our market? (Profile demographic, ages, occupations, geographic).

Weeks 2, 3 and 4 – Improve Your Club Meetings - so much that people will be compelled to join you. Using the club assessment from week 1, work immediately to improve your club meetings. Focus on meeting planning and meeting execution. A well-planned, well-run meeting is your club's best marketing tool.

Weeks 2, 3, 4 – The A-B-C's of Tapping into your Market

- (A) Business cards provided to your friends, acquaintances and coworkers.
- (B) Inexpensive advertising – Flyers posted in the right places. Creating a club identity on a website.
- (C) Public service announcements placed in newspapers, newsletters, radio, and local cable channels.

Weeks 3, 4, 5 – Finding and Establishing Partnerships

What organization(s) in our proximity have members that need what we have? Create a Community Contact Team and plan demo meetings.

Weeks 6, 7, 8 – Provide a Service to Capture New Members.

Promote and schedule educational sessions that people in your market attend. Success/Leadership modules and Speechcraft serve this function. Provide the course for the cost of becoming a member of your club.

How can YOUR District help you?

1. Have an experienced Toastmaster perform an impartial club assessment.
2. Present an improving club meetings educational session.
3. Presenting "From Guest to Member," educational session.
4. Coaching the club to create marketing materials and a Club Community Contact team.
5. Providing a Toastmaster (working on AC Gold) to present Speechcraft or other Success/Leadership module.
6. Request a club coach be assigned from the District to help with all of the above.

Voting In Members

The Toastmasters club is a private association, and club membership is by invitation. As provided in the club constitution, a prospective member, in order to become a member, must be elected to membership of at least a majority of active members present and voting. As a chartered club of Toastmasters International, we must vote in members to retain our charter. **This is not an option**; every chartered club must vote in its members.

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.' . . . You must do the thing you think you cannot do." - Eleanor Roosevelt



Absolute Awesome – Division A

Diana Patton, ACB/ALB - Division A Governor

August is here and I hope that each club is planning their club contest. Don't forget planning a contest meets requirements in the Competent Leadership manual. This fall we will be having speech evaluation and humorous speech contests. If this is your first time to have a club contest and you need any help, feel free to contact your area or division governor. Area contests begin in September so you need to have your club contest completed before your area contest. HAVE FUN!

Here are a few tips from source that I've found to be very helpful. Throughout the year I will be using information from this source for the newsletter. Feel free to contact them at address below to get on their mailing list.

Funny - Humor - Enjoyable - Knowledgeable - you pick

Making a connection to your audiences/listeners at the very start of your communication is important! To accomplish this requires a very good opening. We are often asked if telling a joke at the opening is a good idea and the answer is yes if you are the opening act at the Improve. The danger is that if your joke dies, so do you. The hidden danger is that the audience is then listening for the next joke. The first step for you is to go back to the words you selected in the program to describe your Personal Style.

Here are some points that will help you project your knowledge and make the talk enjoyable for the audience and yourself and get your point heard, understood and remembered.

- In the preparation stage of your communication, make certain that the opening sentence or paragraph is based on the greatest value your listeners will gain from the communication.
- Once prepared, look over your content for key points that you can highlight with a short "personal experience" that you can use to reinforce the point. A thirty to forty five minute communication can use one or two of these.
- Using a colored pen, write a note on your script of notes to "breakaway" from the notes or script and tell them the short story. This will help them remember the point and in the process they will gain a new insight into you and your Personal Style.
- In the delivery, before you stand up, pick your first four individuals for eye contact. That way you can give each individual one complete thought and gain control over the room and yourself.

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Division B Believes in Building Communicators and Leaders

Diana Pittman, ACB/ALB, Division B Governor

Encouragement from others has enhanced my contribution to and enjoyment of Toastmasters, and I wish this enjoyment is found by all. Words alone cannot convey my enthusiasm or appreciation of this office, and I expect this year to be an invigorating and productive time for each of us. I hope to extend a positive and high-level of energy towards our goals. I expect to meet you soon, and I thank you for your help which allowed me to grow into a more productive in Toastmasters.

Congratulations to the incoming 2007-2008 Division B Area Governors!

Area 21 Governor	Robert Sparks
Area 22 Governor	Kevin Bryant
Area 23 Governor	Sanjay Gupta
Area 24 Governor	Candace Brister
Area 25 Governor	Gary Samuelson

Cheers Division B! Officer training results as of July 21:

Highest percentage of clubs with all seven officers trained? Division B, thanks to Las Colinas Communicators and SkyMasters
 Highest percentage of clubs with minimum officers trained? Division B with 50 percent
 Second highest quantity and percentage of officers trained? Division B with 61 at 43.57 percent (Division F edged us by mere inches)

Successful Toastmaster clubs are the result of trained and active officers and members.



Dynamic Division D: The Value of "OJT"

D. Kirkland, CTM/CL - Division D Governor

This week I have asked many people to do many things. I have been impressed with the responses of willingness even when the "know how" to do those things wasn't strong. There is a lot of value in "on the job training." The measure of competence is not all found in already having the skills to do a job. A good portion of competence is measured in motivation and knowledge. If you want to learn and you have access to information, you can develop your skills as you learn.

Toastmasters is an organization that provides its members with the information and the opportunity to master communication and leadership skills. That is true in every meeting of a Toastmaster club. It is also true in the special events hosted by Toastmasters. There are educational events (communication and leadership), speech contests, and celebration events that provide both planners and participants wonderful opportunities to learn and practice their skills. You just have to be motivated to take part.

I want to offer my thanks and appreciation for the many people who have helped with the recent celebrations within Division D. Area 41 had a great celebration on July 13. That event was coordinated by Dorothy Mathieson and Jim Cross of Big T Toastmasters. Their team included folks in each club within Area 41 (Scott & White, Lonestar, and Texas Stars). I understand that the Baylor Orators also had a great celebration on July 12 and I'm sure those planning and participating were all blessed by the opportunity.

The "Southern" Toastmasters Leadership Summit took the efforts of individuals from all over Division D and beyond. I'd like to especially thank Tim Manson (Lonestar, Texas Stars and Bridge Gappers) for coordinating the trainers. He secured Bob Conrad (past Area 44 Governor), D. Kirkland (Division D Governor), Jim Cross (Area 42 Governor), Lanelle Mikeska (Area 41 Governor), Sandra Creech (Bridge Gappers), and Darrell Vickers (Area 43 Governor) to lead the officer training sessions. Kudos to those trainers! Thank you to Rose Price (Bridge Gappers and Scott & White) for coordinating the efforts of the Heart of Texas Bridge Gappers in presenting a quality demonstration meeting. Hurray to all the Bridge Gappers! We were so privileged to have Shannon Hills from beyond Division D (Young Street Yappers) to speak during the Bridge Gappers meeting. She is an inspiration to all of us.

The Southern TLS team also included Bob Sims (Scott & White), Janet Scherer (Texas Stars), and Nina Leeth (Big T) as they coordinated the snacks, meals, registration, and facilities. What a great team! Thanks to all of you! Martha Chandler (Scott & White) coordinated the publicity for the event. In so doing, she learned "the ropes" for her own position as VP-PR of the Scott & White club. What a trooper. Thank you, Martha.

My appreciation goes out to every person that pitched in during the recent events. I trust that what you have learned is a blessing to you. Now, I hope to inspire many others to pitch in as more events emerge. Contest season is starting. Every club will need a contest chair to coordinate contestants, judges, etc. Every area is also planning a contest that will need "on the job trainees" galore. Of course, don't forget, I will need a good team to focus on the Division D contest on November 10. Be alert for announcements soon. YOUR name may need to be on the "contact" list. All you need is motivation! There is plenty of information from which to gain knowledge and as you apply yourself, you will hone those communication and leadership skills!

BEST CLUB NEWSLETTER CONTEST (July 1 – November 15, 2007)



Does your club have the best club newsletter ever written? Then you need to receive recognition for it! Save your best three issues to submit by November 15, 2007. Your club will receive recognition at the District 25 Fall Conference, and a \$30.00 gift certificate to use at the District Store!

BEST CLUB WEBSITE CONTEST (July 1 – November 15, 2007)



Register your club website with the district public relations officer by November 15, 2007. Send club name and URL. Your club will receive recognition at the District 25 Fall Conference, and a \$30.00 gift certificate to use at the District Store!



Would You Like to be a Better Speaker?

Ana Garza, ACB/ALB - Division E Governor

Would you like to be a better speaker? Contest season is right around the corner. Is your club ready to participate? Improve your speaking or evaluation abilities by participating in a speech contest. Your club's vice president of education is planning your club's humorous speech and evaluation contest. Notify him or her that you will be participating. Once your club has selected a winner, please notify your area governor who your contestant will be.

Would you like to be a better leader? Contest season is right around the corner. Help your club's VPE prepare for your club contest. Your area governor needs your help with the area speech contest. Volunteer to lead a team of helpers. Contests are excellent opportunities for Toastmasters to meet members from other clubs, organize events, and lead a team. This is your opportunity to shine. Division E needs your help. E-mail me to volunteer: anagarza@d25toastmasters.org.

Congratulations to our newest club - Xerox in Lewisville. This dynamic group meets on Wednesdays at noon in Lewisville. Deborah Watson is the driving force behind this motivated group of Toastmasters.

Can you help your fellow Toastmasters in need? South Wise Toastmasters in Decatur meets on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Decatur Public Library. Their membership has decreased and they need a boost. If you or anyone you know would like to join the group or would like to offer to help, please visit them or contact their area governor helenschenk@d25toastmasters.org.

Incredible things happen when you follow your dreams. Are you dreaming, working and planning to make your dreams a reality? Keep working on your goals and measure your progress periodically. Are contributing to your club's success? Are you working to make your own dreams come true? Keep focused, stay motivated, and reach out if you need help.



Becoming a Better Leader

Linda Morrison, ACS/CL - Division C Governor

How many of you have a copy of the Competent Leadership Manual? How many of you are using it? Did you know this manual took three years from concept to publication? When I started Toastmasters over three years ago, I struggled through the roles of timer, ah counter, toastmaster, etc. I eventually overcame the obstacles and became comfortable doing the roles. I wish this manual had been in my hand when I started.

I visit several clubs a month though and I have yet to go to a meeting where everyone is using the CL manual. Maybe I should come up with a prize for the first club I visit that achieves that? We have this excellent program that is a practical guide to becoming a better leader, so why aren't people taking advantage of it?

When I see people using it, I also see people doing it after the fact. "Oh, gosh I was ah counter today; I better dig out my book and get it signed." First of all, each project has a specific purpose. If you are doing project one, you are working on listening skills. There is a self-evaluation on your listening skills to see how good a listener you are. Then there is a lesson guide on how to develop those listening skills. After that you put in what you learned to practice by doing three of the four roles - speech evaluator, table topics speaker, ah-counter, and grammarian. Each time you do one of these roles, you are evaluated to see how you did on listening. Then you can work on improving when you do the next role. By the time you have finished the three roles, your listening ability should have improved.

Did you know you can go through the book more than once? When you get a CL award, you can do it again and earn it again. This time you will improve your leadership skills even more.

Leadership is a popular topic today. Our society is full of managers but very few leaders. Every organization needs leaders who can influence others to achieve goals, who can rise to the challenge, and take us into the future. Will you be one of them? By thoroughly following the Competent Leadership Manual, you could be.



*D. Kirkland and Donna Slack
of Big T Toastmasters*

Area 41 Celebrates With a Hawaiian Flair

Four clubs celebrated their 2006-07 accomplishments together during the Area 41 Celebration on July 13. The Hawaiian themed event featured awards, entertainment and an inspiring speech by Elwood Smith, founder of the Big T Toastmasters club. The Big T Toastmasters club (Temple) hosted the event but coordinated with team members from the other Area 41 Clubs: Scott & White (Temple), Texas Stars (Belton) and Lonestar (Killeen). The planning committee was chaired by Dorothy Mathieson and Jim Cross of the Big T club.

Toastmasters and guests were welcomed at the door with a Hawaiian lei and luau music. Jim Cross served as Toastmaster for the evening. He introduced Mary Feltman, past Division D Governor to share the clubs' distinguished club accomplishments for the year.

Donna Slack and D. Kirkland introduced the word of the day, "Aloha," and presented the entertainment for the evening. Kirkland presented a Hawaiian folk tale and then the two sang a surprise song to the tune of "Tiny Bubbles." Slack wrote the lyrics for the new Toastmasters hit song, "Table Topics." The song set the stage for the door prize drawing with a catch. Carol Hodge (Big T) talked about the freedom of the hula skirt. Bob Daigneault (Texas Stars) dedicated his inflated dolphin to his wife, Amy. Bob Sims (Scott & White) enjoyed turning his beach balls into a story about a crowd experience at a Red Sox baseball game. D. Kirkland (Big T) related her two pink flamingos to her grandmother's ceramic bird collection.

Elwood Smith proved the expertise of a DTM (Distinguished Toastmaster) as he presented his speech, "Eight Words That Lead To Success!" The evening was complete as each club presented various outstanding Toastmaster awards to their members.



Has Your Club Heard From the IRS?

Earl Hill, DTM - District Treasurer & Immediate Past District Governor

Some clubs in the United States have received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating that the IRS has not received a Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax) from the club. Along with the letter, the IRS asks for a form to be filled out and returned. A Toastmasters club is not required to file a Form 990 as long as its annual gross receipts are \$25,000 or less and its unrelated business income is \$1,000 or less. However, the IRS has requested that if a club receives a Form 990 with a pre-addressed label, the club should complete and return the Form 990 even if it is not required to do so. Per the IRS

instructions for the 990 and 990EZ, a club should:

- Verify the Taxpayer ID number listed on the label.
- Attach the label to the name and address space on the return.
- Check box 'K' in the heading of the Form 990 or 990EZ to indicate that the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000.
- Have a club officer sign the return.
- Send it to the Ogden Service Center.

Note: The club does not have to complete Parts I through X of the Form 990 or Parts I through V of the Form 990EZ. By submitting the return, the club will eliminate any further correspondence from the IRS. If you have any questions, e-mail jmcperson@toastmasters.org.

Reminders:

- Set goals for your club
- Work on membership building
- Complete your club officer training
- Contact your district leaders for guidance

The Mission of Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International is the leading movement devoted to making effective oral communication a worldwide reality. Through its member clubs, Toastmasters International helps men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening and thinking—vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of mankind.

It is basic to this mission that Toastmasters International continually expand its worldwide network of clubs, thereby offering ever-greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from its programs.

Toastmasters International Vision

Toastmasters International empowers people to achieve their full potential and realize their dreams. Through our member clubs, people throughout the world can improve their communication and leadership skills, and find the courage to change.

The Mission of the District

The mission of the district is to enhance the performance and extend the network of clubs, thereby offering greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters educational program by:

- Focusing on the critical success factors as specified by the district educational and membership goals.
 - Insuring that each club effectively fulfills its responsibilities to its members.
 - Providing effective training and leadership opportunities for club and district officers.

The Mission of the Club

The mission of a Toastmasters club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

Some Helpful Guidelines for Submitting Articles for Voices:

- It's usually best to use the inverted pyramid style. Write the material from most significant to least significant so the editor (or the reader) can cut it off at any point (or any time) and know that the most important part has been covered.
- Try to stay under 500 words (but don't worry about it).
- If possible, include pictures, along with information about who is in the picture and what is going on.
- If formatting is important, use Word, but plain email is fine too.
- If there are more than a couple of pictures, compress them and attach the compressed file.

Now get those articles in! **Deadline for submittals is the 25th of the month.** All articles are subject to editing.



AUGUST CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

6040 Eyeopeners
 4987 Southlake
 6017 Talk Blue
 591399 EFW
 808279 ATD Toastmasters
 823161 Toast of the Town
 918560 NCC Toastmasters



Speaking of Publicity events

Dodi Foster, DTM - District 25 Public Relations Officer

Contest season is at hand, and most of the clubs in District 25 will be holding speech contests. A club contest can be beneficial in two ways. **The first way is a Club Speech Contest**, which is a great membership recruiting tool. Everyone likes to be entertained and laugh, so play up the Humorous Speech Contest. Publicize your Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contest! If you have a small local paper on your side of town, call them and see if you can get a write up about the upcoming contest, also send a picture and a write up about the winners, including the next levels they will be competing in.

Meet in a restaurant? Ask them if you can put flyers up about the event. Have a corporate club? Put flyers out about the contest on bulletin boards, interoffice communications, company newsletters, and invite the managers. Always make sure on all publicity information, to include your meeting location, day, time, and a good contact number.

The second way this is good, is for your club contestants. A contest is a growth experience for all the members. Club contestants deserve an audience to speak to. Getting guests to the contest give the contestants a larger audience, and new faces to speak to. This is a skill they will need as they rise up thru the levels of competition.

So it is a win-win situation for all. You have an opportunity to share the benefits of Toastmasters to guests at your contest, and you are helping your speech contestants stretch and grow!

Contest Season is Upon us!

This fall, District 25 will host two contests: **Speech Evaluation** and **Humorous Speech**. Clubs should begin holding their contests in August. They should be completed by September 7. Area contests begin September 13, and division contests begin November 2. If you have any questions about contest rules, need templates for contest materials, or have other contest-related questions, contact District Contest Quality Chair Andrew Gregg at andrewgregg@d25toastmasters.org.

Important Information About Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests

Per the International Speech Contest Rule Book, the district can allow areas with four assigned clubs or less, to send the two highest placed available contestants from each club to compete in the Area Contest.

If you are unsure if your club qualifies to send two contestants, contact: Randyterrell@d25toastmasters.org



Find a Mistake?

It is our policy to include something for everyone. Since some people like to find errors, we regularly include a few in our publications to meet this need. **Please email: newsletter@d25toastmasters.org**

ready for new members

August 2007 Membership Contest Win a copy of Microsoft Office 2007 Professional



Sponsor the most new, dual, or reinstated members from August 1 - 31, 2007 and win a copy of Microsoft Office 2007 Professional.

Details: Open to legal residents of the United States age 18 or over and members of a District 25 Toastmasters club in good standing. Void where prohibited by law. Sponsoring as many members as possible will increase your chances of winning. Sponsoring member cannot sponsor themselves if joining a new club as a dual or reinstated member. No purchase necessary to win. Sponsoring member is responsible for ensuring their member number and name is on the bottom of each member application (form 400) submitted online, mailed, or faxed to Toastmasters International. Winner will be announced within 30 days of the contest. Please keep a copy of the members sponsored for your records. A minimum of 6 new, dual, or reinstated members must be sponsored from August 1 - August 31, 2007 to qualify.

Please send the club number and name of each member sponsored by September 17, 2007 to davidmccallister@d25toastmasters.org. A confirmation email will be sent upon submission. Members sponsored in the month of August also count towards the Sky is the Limit contest.

District 25 Marketing...Committed to Excellence

Marketing Workshop

Learn how to attract, recruit, and retain members for your club. Also leave with valuable materials, handouts, and resources to help build and sustain your club membership. Lots of free stuff and prizes will be given away during this workshop!

Saturday September 8, 2007 @ 12:30 p.m.

611 Ryan Plaza Dr, Classroom B, Arlington, Texas 76011

All are invited to attend. For more information visit www.d25toastmasters.org/marketing

PROSPECTIVE CLUB LEADS FOR AUGUST 2007

Jason's Deli—Grapevine

Citi Group—Irving

Xerox Corporation—Lewisville

Javelin Direct Inc—Irving

Medtronic—Fort Worth

Carter Burgess—Fort Worth

PriceWaterhouseCoopers—Dallas

Cooks Children Health Care—Fort Worth

Idearc—Irving

United States Postal Service—Dallas

The MHA Group—Irving

Ryder Logistics—Fort Worth

Diebold—Coppell

ADDITIONAL CLUB OFFICER TRAINING AVAILABLE**Open to all members of District 25****Monday August 13—6:30 p.m.**BNSF Railway Employee Center
6651 Burlington Ave, Fort Worth 76131**Tuesday August 14—6:30 p.m.**

IBM Corporation 1177 Beltline Rd. Coppell, 75019

Wednesday August 15, 2007—6:00 p.m.Stacy Furniture—3rd Floor Community Room
1900 Main Street, Grapevine 76051**Wednesday August 22, 2007—7:00 p.m.**Polytechnic United Methodist Church
@ Texas Wesleyan
1310 S. Collard, Fort Worth 76105For more information visit www.d25toastmasters.org/tls**Smedley Award – August 1– September 30**

Now that your club has Beat the Clock and added new members in May and June, it's time to gear up for another membership building contest! The Smedley Award is in honor of the founder of Toastmasters, Ralph Smedley. This contest provides an opportunity for your club to revitalize membership, come together to achieve a common goal through teamwork and be recognized and rewarded in the process. By adding five new, dual or reinstated members to your club in August or September, the club will receive a special Smedley Award ribbon to display on your club's banner, as well as one item of your choice from *The Successful Club Series*, *The Better Speaker Series*, or *The Leadership Excellence Series*. Please remember, members must have a join date of August or September to make your club eligible for this award. Additional information regarding this contest, as well as other membership building contests, is available in TI's membership programs flier (Item 1620).

**READY...SET...GROW!!!**

The CLUB adding the MOST new, dual, and reinstated members* from August 1 through September 30 will receive their own set of electronic timing lights!

and. . .

Each club with five or more new members will receive:
exclusive recognition at the 2007 Fall Conference
a prestigious SMEDLEY AWARD Ribbon for their club banner
a personal club visit from a Top 3 District Officer of their choice
plus...

Each individual that sponsors five or more new members will receive:
a prestigious Governors Award Ribbon
a "Committed to Excellence" lapel pin
a gift certificate good for \$25 at the Toastmasters Store

*Clubs must add a minimum of five to qualify for this promotion.

For more information visit www.d25toastmasters.org/readyssetgrow

District Calendar

August 2007

- 1-31 Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
Hold Club Speech Evaluation and Humorous Speech Contests
- 4 **Toastmasters Leadership Summit & Club Officer Training - Scott & White - Temple, TX**
- 6 District Steering Committee Meeting
- 11 District Awards Banquet - Texas Christian University Ft. Worth
- 15-18 International Convention - Phoenix, Arizona
- 31 Last Day to have Club Officers trained and receive credit toward DCP goal!

September 2007

- 1-30 Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
- 3 Labor Day
- 7 First Day to pay club dues renewals online (minimum 6)
- 8 District Executive Committee Meeting & District Staff Training 8:00am
Marketing Workshop 12:30pm
- 13 Area Speech Evaluation and Humorous Speech Contests Begin
- 30 Last day to submit semi-annual dues ONLINE and receive credit towards DCP goal!

October 2007

- 1-31 Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
- 1-20 Area Speech Evaluation and Humorous Speech Contests
- 27 District Executive Committee Meeting and District Staff Training 10am
District Leadership Open House 1pm
- 31 Last day for Area Visits

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DEAR GABBY

Dear Gabby

I have been elected as an officer in my Toastmaster Club and I have a problem getting to the district trainings on Saturday. Will there be training offered any other time? And why do I have to pay to attend Officer Training? One more thing. Some of my club members are interested in being a club officer, but would like to know more about being an officer. Can they attend officer training if they are not an elected officer?

Signed: So many questions, so little time!



Dear : So many questions

In the Fall and the Spring, the district sponsors two Leadership Summits that include Club Officer Training, and classes in other areas of interest to members. But knowing that just two Saturdays may not be convenient for over 800 elected club officers in the district, the divisions offer Officer Training also. Some of these are offered on a weeknight. The Division Officer training counts to DCP credit. There is no charge for attending division trainings, and usually, only training for officers is conducted. There is a schedule posted in the district newsletter, on the district Web site, www.d25toastmasters.org. Any Toastmaster member is allowed and encouraged to attend officer training. The five dollar fee charged at the district-sponsored training covers the cost of reproducing or purchasing the handout materials for each class.

Ms. Gabby thanks all for their submissions. Keep sending those questions and comments, and remember, if you can't see the bright side of life, polish the dull side. Do you have a question about a meeting role, speech content or topic choice? Need ideas on attracting new members to your club? Are you contemplating starting your leadership track? If so, Gabby is here to help! Dear Gabby will provide down to earth-practical answers to all Toastmaster related questions. Like a good neighbor, disinterested friend, or "a second mother" she calls it as she sees it. All questions submitted will be answered. Check monthly to see if your questions and answers will be published in the District Newsletter. Email your questions to deargabby@d25toastmasters.org.

All Aboard...Destination: Excellence District 25 Fall Conference

NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 1, 2007

at the Dallas/Fort Worth Marriott Airport South in Fort Worth, Texas



Jennifer Johnson, DTM
Past District 25 Governor
Past International Director



John Lanigan
Executive Vice President
Chief Marketing Officer
BNSF Railway



Anne Barab, ACS
Accredited Speaker



Michael Goforth, DTM
Past District 50 Governor



TOASTMASTERS IN THE PARK

November 4, 2007 2p.m. to 4p.m.

Trinity Park Shelter
Fort Worth Trinity Park

A public relations event to increase the awareness and share the benefits of Toastmasters with the community. This event will be advertised to the community to join us as we showcase the skills of our members thru humorous speeches and table topics.

This is a great opportunity for those competing in the Humorous Speech Contest to practice to a larger audience, or if you would like to be in the Speakers Bureau, practice before a non-Toastmasters group.

We need speakers, and volunteers to help facilitate this event.
The first planning meeting will be Sunday, September 2, 2007
4:00 p.m.

Franklin Park at Cityview 2nd Floor Arts & Crafts Room
6301 Overton Blvd
Fort Worth, Texas 76123

If you would like more information contact, Dodi Foster DTM - dodifoster@d25toastmasters.org

Welcome to Toastmasters! New Members from July 2007

Lanny Shope	ACE	Adam Nabors	LM AeroSpeakers
Marina DeFuentes	Airport Toastmaster	Jennifer Mobley	Lonestar Toastmasters
Josephine Frazer	AllianceTexas Toastmasters	Trina Davis	Nissan Toastmasters
Junichi Lockett	Arlington Nooners	Donna Inman	Nissan Toastmasters
Etienne Bourcier	Baylor Orators	Michelle Mendenhall	Nissan Toastmasters
Joel Hetzer	Baylor Orators	Rosemarie Preston	North TX
Julie Ryno	Baylor Orators	Carol Makil	Power Communicators
Susan Gorman	Big T Toastmasters	Andre Coulter	Pro A.M. Toastmasters
Claudia Phelps	Big T Toastmasters	Jeff Knight	Quicksilver Express
Karen Singletary	Burleson Toastmasters	Sandra Belmon	Six Twenty Nine
Jean Wilkerson	Burleson Toastmasters	Ana Garza	South Wise Toastmasters
Stephanie Lewis	Connection Communicators	Jennifer Mangum	South Wise Toastmasters
Anh Tran	Fighter Enterprise	Antoinia Cuban	Southlake Evening Toastmasters
Rosalind Owens	Grand Prairie Toastmasters	Jay Crum	Southlake Evening Toastmasters
Johnny Harris	Irving Toastmasters	Daniel Barlow	Talk Blue
Bryan Batson	Las Colinas Communicators	Josephine Mitchell	Talk Blue
Donna Zimmerman	Las Colinas Communicators	Burnett Taylor	Talk Blue
Patrick Amstein	LM AeroSpeakers	Lori Nigh	Toastmasters Anonymous
Leia Less	LM AeroSpeakers	Robbie Taylor	Young Street Yappers

BOLO for DCP Ribbons

World Headquarters will send 2006-07 Distinguished, Select Distinguished and President's Distinguished Club ribbons to outgoing 2006-07 club presidents in early August. The year-end DCP report and ribbon will be mailed together, so **Be On the Look-Out!**

TIME TO START SENDING OUT STATEMENTS!!!! Deadline for DCP credit is September 30th!

Remember that dues can be paid online on the TI website starting Friday September 7, 2007. Did you know that you only need a minimum of six members to pay online? Clubs that wait to pay until they receive dues from every member risk the chance of missing the deadline and losing out on receiving DCP Credit.



Go to [Club Login](#) and enter your club number and password. Your password came with your semi annual dues report. Once onsite checkout the other activities you can do as well. Also, don't forget that clubs paying their dues **ON TIME** during both semi annual dues periods will receive credit for the Five Star Club Award!

Welcome New Clubs to District 25 Toastmasters!

Public Health Speakers

Club 1061347 - Division C - Area 34
 Tarrant County Public Health
 1101 South Main St.
 Fort Worth, Texas 76104
 Thursdays @ 11am
 Membership open only to employees

- Teresa Bates
- Rose Bennett
- Donald Fisher
- Kim Fulda
- Mark Fulmer
- Stan Geisler
- Yvette Jones
- Vanessa Joseph
- Fran Kirkley
- Megan Knapp
- Anita Kurian
- Terry LaFon
- Dean Lampman
- Keisha Leatherman
- Sandra Manning
- Angela Marshall
- Karen Marshall
- Celeste Parker
- Jamie Schield
- Jennifer Self
- Lee Sewell
- Merilyn Span
- Osiris Wade

Oak Cliff Toastmasters

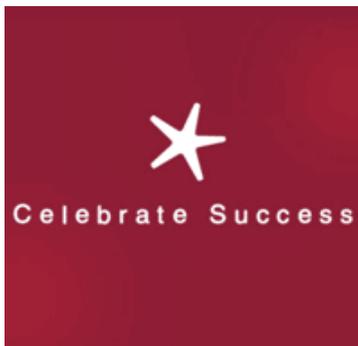
Club 1058203 - Division F - Area 65
 Social Security Administration
 7330 S. Westmoreland Suite 100
 Dallas, Texas 75237
 Thursdays @ 5:45pm
 Membership open only to employees

- Rosalie Alviar
- Sam Ayala
- Thelma Benavidez
- Leonard Burns
- Chris Barnett
- Jermaine Casey
- Maria Deleon
- Donna Fossmeyer
- Evelyn Glass
- Alecia Hall
- Stanley Hilliard
- Dewanna Horace
- Kenneth Johnson
- Nita Jones
- Phyllis Mathis
- Monique Murrell
- Nancy Obregon
- Ed Perry
- Cheryl Phillips
- Debbie Ray
- Sonya Sherman
- Trent Stubblefield
- Leotha Tanner
- Syreeta Westbrook
- Nicole Wilkerson-Willis

Aetna Voices

Club 1036574 - Division C - Area 35
 Aetna
 4300 Centreway Pl
 Arlington, Texas 76018
 Thursdays @ 4pm
 Membership open only to employees

- Renee Brown
- Bettye Chambliss
- Nikki Chriesman
- Karen DeArmond
- Cheryl Eberle
- Kimberly Edwards
- Jennifer Gehami
- Trina Gill
- Denise Griffin
- Vicki Harris
- Melanie Havis
- Anna Hernandez
- Heather Ismaili
- Pam Kilgore
- Holly Loyd
- Priscilla Mata
- Barbie McDade
- Sheree Nunley
- Ken Reed
- Angela Smith
- Chris Snoberger
- Julane Teel
- Vicki Verner
- Judy Walters
- Rob Wendling
- Heidi Westall
- Beverly Will



CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL DISTRICT 25 TOASTMASTER MEMBERS AND CLUBS THAT RECEIVED RECGONITION AT THE 2006-2007 AWARDS DINNER.

NAMES OF ALL THE AWARD WINNERS WILL BE POSTED TO THE DISTRICT 25 WEBSITE IN THE HALL OF FAME.

Congratulations to our fellow Competent Communicators

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member
3692	E	51	CC	7/17/2007	Armstrong, Kris
825	D	45	CC	7/4/2007	Bunata, Laura M.
305	A	12	CC	7/18/2007	Cherry, Charles D
897575	C	34	CC	7/13/2007	Clark, Kim
2564	C	34	CC	7/26/2007	Fangue, James
1728	C	35	CC	7/17/2007	Harris, Ellen L.
9646	F	61	CC	7/17/2007	Harris, Vanessa
2476	F	64	CC	7/19/2007	Harris, William E.
3692	E	51	CC	7/5/2007	Jiang, Yong
586017	C	35	CC	7/20/2007	Kirkpatrick, Winston D
2564	C	34	CC	7/27/2007	Martin, Collin Michael

Congratulations to our fellow Advanced Communicators

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member
349	A	11	ACB	7/31/2007	Craft, Barbara L.
5555	C	33	ACB	7/16/2007	Gore, Tim
586017	C	35	ACB	7/2/2007	Ross, Conda D.
2047	F	65	ACS	7/22/2007	Conrad, Bob P.
2975	A	14	ACS	7/6/2007	King, Edward J.
8055	B	25	ACG	7/4/2007	Samuelson, Gary M.

Congratulations to our fellow Competent Leaders

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member
5496	A	11	CL	7/2/2007	Fisher, Sunni
3084	D	45	OCL	7/24/2007	Fory, Ronald P.
4987	A	15	OCL	7/23/2007	Hardin, Richard W.
305	A	12	CL	7/25/2007	Hueber, Barbara
5788	F	61	OCL	7/20/2007	Hughes, Ruth Mershon
2476	F	64	CL	7/19/2007	Perry, Jon
5537	F	63	CL	7/31/2007	Richard, Diana F

Congratulations to our fellow Advanced Leaders

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member
782494	E	51	ALB	7/23/2007	Hodgson, David
9595	D	45	ALB	7/30/2007	McCallister, David E.
6530	C	31	ALS	7/26/2007	Calame, Steven Craig
5496	A	11	ALS	7/30/2007	McCallister, David E.

Congratulations to our fellow Distinguished Toastmasters

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member
5496	A	11	DTM	7/30/2007	McCallister, David E.