

DISTRICT 25

VOICES

The Keys to Unlocking Your Potential

Peggy Holloway, DTM - District 25 Governor



We have just entered into a new year of Toastmasters. We come into this year as a Distinguished District, and we can all be proud because everyone in this district worked hard to make it happen.

District 25 is a collection of individuals from different cultures, economic statuses, genders and age groups. Collectively, we represent diverse personalities, gifts and talents. Yet there is one thing we all have in common: We all have potential.

Our District 25 theme this year is “Unlock your Potential.” It is a theme that calls for action, and it’s one in which we can all participate. I hope it will inspire more of our members to get involved as we continue our legacy as a distinguished district that meets the needs of its members.

To that end, I’d like to give you an action plan in the form of nine keys that we will use this year to unlock the potential that lies within every one of us. This month I will give you the first key and each month hereafter, I’ll hand you another key.

The First Key: Prepare and Plan

To unlock your potential, you must prepare and plan for your own success. I’m encouraging every individual to set goals this year to enhance your personal, professional and people skills. We call them the three “Ps.”

Set a goal to complete a Competent (CC) or Advanced Communicator (AC) award this year to enhance your personal skills. If you already have a CC, start a “CC Again” campaign in your club or work alongside a new member to complete another CC as they work on theirs. Plan to present a Success Leadership, Success Communication or Youth Leadership program that counts toward your Advanced Communicator Gold (ACG).

Professional skills can be achieved through the Toastmaster’s leadership tract. This could be a Competent or Advanced Leader award or the Distinguished Toastmaster award. This could also be a role as a club or district officer, or as a club sponsor, mentor, or coach. This is a great way to enhance leadership skills while serving our district.

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Your Assignment: Plan a successful meeting

David McCallister, DTM – Lieutenant Governor Education and Training 2008-2009

Why did the chicken cross the road and join Toastmasters? To be a better communicator or leader! Are you afraid to give a speech, or to be a leader? (Or maybe you're past that – but you probably remember what that's like.) Remember why you joined? Remember what your Icebreaker was like? Help your club members overcome their fears by practice, practice, practice. Follow a few essential practices to ensure your club meetings are of the highest quality.

Give guests a warm welcome: First impressions start when the guests and members walk in the door. Make sure guests are greeted, given a guest welcome packet (you have one, right?), asked to sign the guest book (including phone and e-mail) and given a printed agenda. An experienced member should sit with them and find out more about they heard about the club and why they're there. Start on time, and finish on time. Everyone has a busy schedule these days, and it's just courteous. End the meeting by asking guests what they thought about the meeting, and ask them to join! If they're not joining today, ask them if they'll come back to your next meeting.

Follow the book: Every speech is a manual speech. This means there will be well defined objectives, and the speaker will benefit from participation in the proven Toastmasters educational program. Be sure your meeting's Toastmaster reads the objectives for each speech as part of the speaker's introduction.

Overbook speeches: Do you have a problem with members canceling out or just not even showing up at meetings where they're scheduled to give a speech? Overbook your speeches, just like the airlines do. If you've got time for four speeches, book five. Someone will likely cancel. If everyone shows up and wants to give a speech, "bump" the most experienced speaker to the next meeting. Never bump a beginning speaker! It took them a lot of practice and courage to get ready.

Prepare workshops: Include educational workshops from the Successful Club Series; this will benefit the audience by learning more about what makes a club strong, it will benefit the speaker by counting towards an Advanced Leader Bronze (ALB) award, and that will also help the club toward being distinguished. If your meeting is running short on speeches, make sure someone can do one of these scripted presentations on short notice. Every club officer that has completed the new CL manual should plan on earning an ALB this year. (The only way to earn the ALB is complete the CL manual and serve as a club officer for six months – even if you have a CL from years past).

Table topics, table topics, table topics: Make table topics interesting and meaningful. Be sure they're questions that provoke thought but can be answered in 1-2 minutes. If there's a special occasion (open house, holiday, meeting theme), keep them in sync with that. Ideally, the table topics master will read the question to the entire audience first, and then select someone to answer. That way, everyone is thinking about their answer to each question, in case they're called. If someone is already participating in the meeting, avoid calling on them – this is the opportunity for the others to speak. And lastly, ask guests if they wish to participate but be sure to begin by clearly explaining what table topics is all about (purpose, timing, etc.), and call on a member first so they have an example to follow.

With these tips in mind, your club members will see real value in their Toastmasters membership. Your guests will see their potential as well, motivating them to join. That's what Toastmasters is all about, helping members improve their communications and leadership skills.



Spare Change Marketing

Dodi Foster, DTM- Lt. Governor Marketing 2008-2009

I have a basket in my kitchen that is a catch all for the daily items I accumulate in pockets, purse and tote bags. Most of what I collect in a day is change. A few pennies and dimes don't amount to much. But over a period of time, my basket is overflowing with wealth.

Marketing is like spare change. What is accumulated in a day may not mean much, but if done consistently over a period of time, it can bring amazing results and value.

One of the biggest mistakes we can make is to plan club and membership growth on a short term basis. It's like all of the sudden needing that wealth and digging under the sofa cushions, tearing through the junk drawer and scraping the bottom of old purses to come up with a handful of change that will only bring a limited value for a short period of time.

Club and membership growth must be looked at as long term. Doing something everyday lays a solid foundation and provides a vision of the future.

Find new ways of marketing your club or Toastmasters everyday. Every time you get change, hand the cashier a card with your club's information on it. Carry blank cards and every time you talk to someone that is interested in Toastmasters, write their name and number down on the blank card so they can be contacted and sent information about your club.

Sell the benefits of Toastmasters in addition to the uniqueness of your club. In business, if you develop a customer base based on the company's strengths rather than the product, the company becomes a valued resource to the customer. Then they will retain more interest in the product.

Use the "benefits and values chart" available on the District 25 website. Use all the tools available to you on the Resources page of the website. Go to www.d25toastmasters.org.

Start accumulating today. Set a goal to put a little something in your basket at the end of every day, no matter how small. The name of a potential new member or a promise to deliver a Toastmasters magazine to a co-worker. Before you know it, your club's basket will be overflowing with a wealth of valuable new members.

**A Special Thank You to all of the members of
Talk Blue Toastmasters Club No. 6017
for hosting our Toastmasters Leadership
Institute June 20-21, 2008**

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Finally, enhance your people skills by working with teams to organize a high-performance leadership project, to host a contest or to coach a club to distinguished status. This gives you an opportunity to practice delegation and motivation as well as to handle conflicts.

Now that you've defined your goals, write them down. Ask your mentor to hold you accountable. You may want to put your goals in a sealed envelope and ask someone to mail it to you near December. That's what I did with our leadership team. All district officers, including me, wrote our goals and put them in a sealed envelope addressed to ourselves. I have promised that near December, I will mail the envelopes. Then we can access our progress and use the last half of the Toastmasters year to complete our goals or celebrate our success by setting new goals or helping another Toastmaster.

Each individual and each club in District 25 is different in many ways, yet we all have potential, the ability to develop our possibilities. As we start this new Toastmaster's year with our theme, Unlock your Potential, let's focus on this commonality by starting a campaign to unlock our potential with the first key: Preparing and planning for our own success. Let's do this in our club meetings, our executive committee meetings, our area/division council meetings. I think it will impress our guests when they see our devotion to the Toastmaster program, and it will inspire others to join our clubs knowing that this district is concerned about the goals and needs of its members.

I am proud and honored to be your district governor this year, and I humbly thank you for your support. I look forward to hearing your stories and seeing your progress. Until next time, we have the first key, now go forth and unlock your potential!

CALL FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

Have you ever wanted to present a certain topic or lead a session on communication or leadership at a District Conference? Sessions are 1 hour and should focus on communication or leadership. If you are interested in presenting an education session at the Fall 2008 or Spring 2009 District Conference, please forward your name, contact information, and session outline to:

Pat Quick - patquick@d25toastmasters.org

Deadline for consideration

Fall 2008 Conference: Aug. 15, 2008

Spring 2009 Conference: Jan. 15, 2008



District 25 Calendar of Events

July 2008

- 1-31 Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
- 11 Toastmasters Leadership Institute Lite (Texas Wesleyan) Ft. Worth
- 12 Toastmasters Leadership Institute (Texas Wesleyan) Ft. Worth
- 12 District Executive Committee Meeting & District Staff Training
- 15 Toastmasters Leadership Institute Lite - Abilene, Texas
- 19 Toastmasters Leadership Institute (Baylor) Waco, Texas

August 2008

- 1-31 Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
- Club Speech Contests Begin
- Division Club Officer Training Begins
- 9 District Awards Banquet – TCU (Fort Worth)
- 13-16 Toastmasters International Annual Convention – Calgary, Alberta
- 15 Toastmasters Leadership Institute Lite - Wichita Falls, Texas
- 23 Toastmasters Leadership Institute (UNT) Denton
- 31 Last Day to have Club Officers trained and receive credit toward DCP goal!

September 2008

- 1-30 Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
- 1 Labor Day
- 5 First Day to pay club dues renewals online (minimum 6)
- 11 Area Speech Contests Begin
- 30 Last day to submit Dues Semi-Annual Reports ONLINE and receive credit towards 2008-2009 Distinguished Club Program Goal.

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TOASTMASTERS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

SUMMER 2008 DATES

**** ADMISSION: FREE TO ALL MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 25 ****

Online Registration Now Available!

JULY 11 - TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY - FT. WORTH (TLI LITE - 6:30 P.M.)

JULY 12 - TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY - FT. WORTH (8:00 A.M.)

HOSTED BY TEXAS WESLEYAN SPELLBINDERS

SPECIAL GUEST: INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CHARLOTTE HOWARD

JULY 15 - ABILENE, TEXAS (7:00 P.M.)

HOSTED BY ABILENE TOASTMASTERS

JULY 19 - BAYLOR UNIVERSITY - WACO (8:00 A.M.)

HOSTED BY BAYLOR ORATORS

SPECIAL GUEST: DAVID BROOKS - WORLD CHAMPION OF PUBLIC SPEAKING 1990

AUGUST 16 - WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

HOSTED BY WICHITA FALLS TOASTMASTERS

AUGUST 23 - UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS - DENTON

HOSTED BY NORTH TEXAS TOASTMASTERS

SPECIAL GUEST: SHANNON HILLS

For more information about classes or schedules visit www.d25toastmasters.org/tli or contact District Training Chair Pat Quick - Email: patquick@d25toastmasters.org



CONTEST JUDGES...TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

The Fall contest season is right around the corner. If you want to serve as a contest judge or contest chief judge for the 2008-2009 Toastmaster year, you must attend Contest Judge Training and/or Contest Chief Judge Training before you can be added to the 2008-2009 Contest Judge list. This year we will focus on the judges code of ethics and judging to the ballot.

There are only THREE contest judge training sessions left this year!

Training sessions are scheduled for July 11 and July 12 at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth; July 19 in Waco; and August 23 in Denton. These sessions will be held in the afternoon at TLI and include lunch if you pre-register online via the district website - www.d25toastmasters.org/tli.

Contest season is coming!

This fall, District 25 will host two contests: **Humorous Speech** and **Speech Evaluation**. Club contests must be completed before Area Contest is held. Check Area and Division Contest dates www.d25toastmasters.org/education/speech_contests.htm

If you have any questions about contest rules, need information for planning and holding a club contest, need templates for contest materials, or have other contest related questions, contact District Contest Quality Chair Diana Patton at dianapatton@d25toastmasters.org.

Each club's Vice President Education or any member wanting to be part of planning a contest, are encouraged to attend "Contest Planning" at Toastmaster Leadership Institute.(TLI) Please check TLI schedule www.d25toastmasters.org/tli

Is your Toastmasters Club a SUPER 7 Club?

Each club that has all seven officers trained in the Fall will achieve the Super 7 Award and receive an orange ribbon to proudly hang on the club banner. Club officers may attend any Toastmasters Leadership Institute 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 do not attend one of the district-sponsored training sessions in June, July or August, the club will not be eligible to receive the Super 7 Award. Clubs with officers who participate in the one-on-one training will not be eligible to receive the Super 7 Award. Void where prohibited by law.

For more information, visit www.d25toastmasters.org/super7

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All 7
Officers
Trained

Fall
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Fall 2008 Contest Dates

Speech Evaluation Contest
Humorous Speech Contest

Area	Date	Day of Week	Time
11	9/27/2008	Saturday	Afternoon
12	10/11/2008	Saturday	Afternoon
13	10/11/2008	Saturday	Morning
14	10/10/2008	Friday	Evening
15	10/23/2008	Thursday	Evening
21	9/13/2008	Saturday	Afternoon
22	9/19/2008	Friday	Evening
23	9/11/2008	Thursday	Evening
24	9/25/2008	Thursday	Evening
25	9/18/2008	Thursday	Evening
31	9/20/2008	Saturday	Evening
32	9/20/2008	Saturday	Afternoon
33	10/18/2008	Saturday	Afternoon
34	9/12/2008	Friday	Evening
35	9/13/2008	Saturday	Evening
41	9/6/2008	Saturday	Morning
42	9/6/2008	Saturday	Afternoon
43	9/6/2008	Saturday	Evening
44	10/4/2008	Saturday	Evening
45	10/2/2008	Thursday	Evening
51	8/16/2008	Saturday	Afternoon
52	9/27/2008	Saturday	Morning
53	10/9/2008	Thursday	Evening
54	10/17/2008	Friday	Evening
55	9/20/2008	Saturday	Morning
61	9/27/2008	Saturday	Evening
62	9/13/2008	Saturday	Morning
63	10/3/2008	Friday	Evening
64	9/26/2008	Friday	Evening
65	10/4/2008	Saturday	Morning
Div	Date	Day of Week	Time
A	11/8/2008	Saturday	Afternoon
B	11/1/2008	Saturday	Afternoon
C	11/1/2008	Saturday	Morning
D	10/25/2008	Saturday	Morning
E	11/15/2008	Saturday	Afternoon
F	11/15/2008	Saturday	Morning



Division A: Amazing Achievements!

Larry Weatherholt, ATMB/CL - Division A Governor 2008-2009

I am Absolutely Awestruck at the Amazing Achievements Accredited to Division A during 2007-2008. Once again, Division A has earned the title of President's Distinguished Division, with all of the areas and half of the clubs achieving Distinguished status or better! I am very excited that areas from Abilene and San Angelo (formerly District 44) are new additions to Division A and I hope they will feel welcomed.

Division A has an enthusiastic team eager to encourage clubs to unlock their potential:

Area 11 Governor	Bonne Stroman
Area 12 Governor	Amy Fox
Area 13 Governor	Patrick Clancy
Area 14 Governor	Terry Bay
Area 15 Governor	Carl Stevens

I believe that every club has the potential to complete the requirements for the Distinguished Club Program (DCP). I would also encourage club members to interact with other clubs and attend at least one conference each term so that they may gain a full appreciation of the Toastmaster family.

I am very thankful to Sarfaraz Nazir for hosting a Speechcraft in 1995 and introducing me to Toastmasters. I now have confidence when speaking in crowds and during interviews, which I strongly attribute to my success as an engineer. I know that Division A is going to experience Amazing Achievements in 2008-2009!

**All Education Completions AND All New Members
for the month of June 2008...**

will be available in the August 2008 Issue

Outstanding Club Officer Awards for January 1 - June 30, 2008

Will be accepted online starting August 1, 2008.

www.d25toastmasters.org/awards

District 25 Marketing Presents...

GO FOR THE GOLD

New Promotion Arrives 8.8.08





Division C: Division of Champions

Tammy Bailey, ACB/ALB - Division C Governor 2008-2009

Division C has long been hailed as the Division of Champions, and 2008-2009 is another opportunity to prove that appellation is deserved. Let me introduce you to my wonderful team of area governors!

Area 31 has Judy Perez, a gifted and refreshing speaker with contagious enthusiasm. Judy is a member of Texas Wesleyan Spellbinders in Area 32, but wanted to expand her horizons and meet new club members outside her home area. Faster than you can say, "Get out of your comfort zone," Judy volunteered to serve Area 31.

Area 32 is blessed with Osiris Wade. I first heard Osiris speak at Tarrant County Public Health Speakers and was amazed at his sincerity and dramatic flair. Osiris is now a member of First Command Toastmasters in Division D, but agreed to work in Area 32. His familiarity with the Public Health club will be an asset, and his heart for the residents of Samaritan House is exactly what that club needs.

Area 33 is fortunate to have the experienced guidance of Jesse Torres. Jesse has served as an area governor and division governor in another district, so he is sure to be a valuable resource for all of us this year. Beware, Jesse; I'm putting you on speed-dial!

In Area 34, George Arndt is on the job. George's own club, Afterburners, is a welcome addition to Area 34 and Division C with their experience and dedication. I could not have greater confidence in George's ability to lead Area 34 to another distinguished year. (And he makes an absolutely wicked jalapeno popper snack!)

Area 35 will grow strong with Jacob Lewis. Jacob is relatively new to Toastmasters, but I believe his youth and enthusiasm will resonate with all the new members and POTs (Plain Old Toastmasters). They'll understand that Jacob is in the trenches with them, dealing with the same challenges and celebrating the same milestones right along with them. Jacob demonstrated his servant heart at the Spring Conference, and I have no doubt he'll meet every goal for Area 35 this year.

I am extremely excited to have such a strong team of area governors! Their drive and dedication is the insurance policy to keep Division C known as the Division of Champions!

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.
- If possible, include pictures along with information about who is in the picture and what is going on.
- 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.

WANTED!



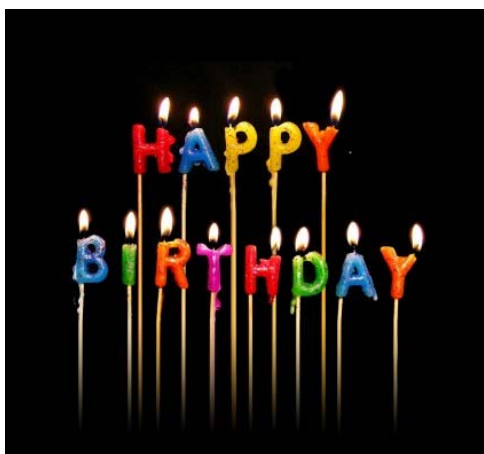
Test Speakers

To provide support to District 25 Area and Division contests with resource of speakers for their evaluation contests.

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www.d25toastmasters.org/education/testspeaker
or
Contact: Diana Patton – dianapatton@d25toastmasters.org



JULY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

1327	Daybreakers Club	*55 Year Anniversary
4354	AllianceTexas Toastmasters	*7 Year Anniversary
586017	DREAM CHASERs Toastmasters	*5 Year Anniversary
586423	Masonic Family	*5 Year Anniversary
643446	AAFCC Flying Toasters	*4 Year Anniversary
1061347	Public Health Speakers	*1 Year Anniversary



**It may seem like summer but . . .
Fall Contest Season is right around the corner!**

Diana Patton, ACB/ALS - District Contest Quality Chair 2008-2009

With this Texas heat it is hard to believe that we need to be thinking about planning for club, area, division and district fall speech contests.

This fall District 25 will host two contests: Humorous Speech and Speech Evaluation. At the Toastmaster Leadership Institute (TLI) a course is being offered to assist in planning a contest.

I encourage each newly elected Vice President of Education and members who would like to serve as a contest chair for club, area, or division contests to attend this training.

Check out the resource section of the district website for contest information. The information continues to be updated to make it as helpful as possible. www.d25toastmasters.org/resources/contest.htm

As the district contest quality chair, I want to encourage clubs to participate in the contest process by having a representative in each contest at your area contest. If you aren't competing, consider volunteering to help at your area contest as ballot counter, timer, sergeant at arms or one of the other positions that make contests great. Encourage club members to attend contests and to bring guests. It is a very entertaining and educational experience.

BEST CLUB NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Starts July 1, 2008, ends November 1, 2008

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 1, 2008. 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

Starts July 1, 2008 Ends November 15, 2008



Register your club website with the district public relations officer by November 1, 2008. 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!



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.

Let us know by sending an email to: newsletter@d25toastmasters.org

District 25 Toastmasters Awards Dinner

SATURDAY AUGUST 9, 2008 • 6:30PM

Texas Christian University Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center
2820 Stadium Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76109



Dinner and Program \$20
Seating is Limited.



Attend this once a year awards dinner and celebrate the success of individual members and clubs during the 2007-2008 year.

Also come help us bid farewell as we roast our district governor Maurice Taitt and reflect the success over the past year.

Dress: Business Casual

Host Chair
Louise Faircloth

Host Club
TCU Toastmasters #5555

Honoring and publicly recognizing individuals and clubs that reached for success in 2007-2008.

Competent Communicators
Advanced Communicators
Competent Leaders
Advanced Leaders
Distinguished Toastmasters
Successful Club Coaches
Successful Club Sponsors
Successful Club Mentors
Reach for Success Spotlight Clubs
Club Raider Awards
Five Star Club Awards
Golden Gavel Club Awards
Super 7 Club Awards
Pacesetter Club Awards
Outstanding Club Coach Award
D25 Elite Awards
District Governors 20+ Club Awards
Smedley Club Awards
Talk Up Toastmaster Awards
Beat the Clock Awards
Individual New Member Sponsor Awards
Distinguished Clubs
Select Distinguished Clubs
Presidents Distinguished Clubs
Kaizan Cub Awards
District Governors Quality Awards
Distinguished Areas
Select Distinguished Areas
Presidents Distinguished Areas
Distinguished Divisions
Select Distinguished Divisions
Presidents Distinguished Divisions
Rookie of the Year
Toastmaster of the Year
Area Governor of the Year
Division Governor of the Year
Dr. Curtis Trent Service Award

Registration Deadline is August 6.

Please contact Diana with questions at 817-428-1610 or email dianapatton@d25toastmasters.org

Please submit completed registration form to

Diana Patton 8550 Twisted Oaks Ct.
North Richland Hills, TX 76180

More information found online

www.d25toastmasters.org/awardsdinner



The Glow: Battling the Sun for Summer Attendance

Cindy Warmbrodt-Breaman, DTM - Keller Communicators

We emerge from our fluorescent office after a long day and the sun warmly beckons us into its radiant glow. We breathe deep, smile and tell ourselves: "I really don't mind the heat." It feels good to be outside, to be free; to be the one to decide what we will now do with our time.

All of this makes it easy to skip a Toastmasters meeting. I would like to reverse the effects the summer sun can have on our meeting attendance by highlighting some of the "glow" that comes from staying connected to your Toastmasters club.

Just as the rays of the sun can make us glow mentally and physically, the sense of belonging to a special club that challenges us to grow mentally can make us glow. When we step outside, the sun's rays greet us warmly – just as the warm chime of "hellos" from our club-mates greet us when we arrive at a meeting. We give and receive rays of encouragement every time we evaluate each other, and our applause creates a wonderful glow that is felt not only by a speaker but also by all club members as they contribute to the camaraderie of the club atmosphere.

Each of us joined Toastmasters for some specific reason or reasons. Skipping meetings may seem okay at the moment, but how much of our glow is lost as the weeks pass and we realize that we are not making any forward progress with our reasons? The sun's glow is nice, but it is short term and too much of it can be a bad thing. The glow that comes from achieving your communication and leadership goals, and contributing to a positive and supportive club environment, can last forever and is always a good thing. Let's all keep glowing by maintaining active attendance at our meetings because it takes all of us to help each of us keep that healthy glow!



don't forget **to submit nominations for...**

**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
AREA GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR
DIVISION GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR
TOASTMASTER OF THE YEAR**

**COMPLETE AND SUBMIT BY
JULY 25, 2008 FOR CONSIDERATION.
Awards are presented at the District
Awards Dinner on August 9, 2008.**

Email nominations to districtawards@d25toastmasters.org
Forms available online: www.d25toastmasters.org/awards

Abilene and San Angelo Clubs - Welcome to the District 25 Family

July 1, 2008 marks a special day for 7 clubs in West Texas. District 25 welcomes all members from the Abilene and San Angelo Toastmaster Clubs to our District. These clubs include:

<i>Club No. 1327</i>	<i>Daybreakers</i>
<i>Club No. 8555</i>	<i>Professionally Speaking</i>
<i>Club No. 882796</i>	<i>The Sunset Club of San Angelo</i>
<i>Club No. 1071</i>	<i>Abilene Toastmasters</i>
<i>Club No. 5440</i>	<i>Clearly Speaking Toastmasters</i>
<i>Club No. 7696</i>	<i>High Noon Speakers</i>
<i>Club No. 594840</i>	<i>Toast the Blues Toastmasters</i>

YOU HOLD THE KEY



SAVE THE DATE!

November 21-22, 2008

District 25 Fall 2008 Conference

Marriott Solana • Westlake, Texas

Hosted by Star Telegram Club No. 897575

Now is the time to Unlock your Potential. The District 25 Fall Conference will be November 21 & 22 at the Marriott Solana Westlake. The theme is "You Hold The Key."

Full registration is the best value at just \$100, which gains you admission to all the educational sessions, meals, contests and ceremonies. A la carte pricing is also available. The educational presentations will be jam-packed with relevant, useful information you can apply to reaching your goals and those of your club.

Toastmasters get a special room rate of \$99 per night with the group booking code **D25D25A**. Online registration is now available at <http://www.d25toastmasters.org/conference/registration.htm>

Now is the time to Unlock your Potential. Remember: You hold the key!

Interested in serving on the conference committee? Express your interest to Tammy Bailey and find out how you can complete your High Performance Leadership project by serving on the committee. Email Tammy - tammybailey@d25toastmasters.org.



IT'S SANTA'S

SUMMER EXPRESS

COMPLETE A COMPETENT COMMUNICATOR (CC) AWARD
BY AUG. 31 & EARN UP TO 6 FREE MANUALS!
CLUBS THAT COMPLETE 4 RECEIVE AN ENTIRE SET!

- * Help your club achieve DCP Goal #1 and #2
- * Complete your CC by Aug. 31, 2008
- * Manuals shipped directly to the member and/or club
- * All CC Awards MUST post by August 31 to qualify for promotion
- * Clubs completing 4 CC awards July 1 - Aug. 31 receive entire set
- * Free BNSF Train Whistle for all participating clubs
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