

VOICES



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

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Mission Accomplished!

Maurice Taitt, DTM - District 25 Governor



As district governor (until June 30), I am pleased to report that, thanks to all YOUR hard work, dedication and Commitment to Excellence, our district has met all of the goals required to achieve Distinguished District status. Kudos to all of you!!

So what does this really mean? It means that we have done a good job in communicating the mission of Toastmasters International and our district to all Toastmasters in our district. It also means we have promoted district activities and Toastmasters International programs so that club quality is maintained at the highest level.

It has been a distinct privilege an honor to have been able to serve as district governor and though my term is rapidly drawing to a close, I urge every one of you to make being "Committed to Excellence" one of your life principles. Indeed, it is one of the keys to "Unlocking your Potential," your incoming District Governor, Peggy Holloway's theme.

There is so much that you can get out of the Toastmaster's program but you must diligently apply yourself to achieve its full benefits. In this coming year, stretch yourself to new heights. It will probably be uncomfortable at first, but if you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you have always got.

I look forward to hearing about all your wonderful personal growth and amazing achievement in the years ahead.

Go for it!!!

TOASTMASTERS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

SUMMER 2008 DATES ANNOUNCED

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

Online Registration Now Available!

JUNE 20 - IBM - COPPELL (TLI LITE - 6:30 P.M.)

JUNE 21 - IBM - COPPELL (8:00 A.M.)

HOSTED BY TALK BLUE TOASTMASTERS

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 12)

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

HOSTED BY BAYLOR ORATORS

SPECIAL GUEST: DAVID BROOKS - WORLD CHAMPION OF PUBLIC SPEAKING 1990 (JULY 19)

AUGUST 23 - UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS - DENTON

HOSTED BY NORTH TEXAS TOASTMASTERS

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



Distinguished is Just the Beginning

Peggy Holloway, DTM – Lieutenant Governor Education and Training

By the time you read this, it will have been recorded that 168 of you have completed Competent Communicator awards and 96 of you have completed your Advanced Communicator awards. As a result, District 25 has met all of its education goals. In addition, 27 clubs have reached distinguished status or better and there's still time for more. To all of you, I say, "Congratulations; you make me proud."

After having met all of our education and marketing goals, there is only one word to describe District 25. That word is DISTINGUISHED. Webster describes distinguished as "notable, celebrated, and renowned." Toastmasters International has its own definition, but it essentially means we have met the needs of our members and introduced many new people to the Toastmaster's experience. Now, that's notable, worth celebrating and our district is renowned all over the Toastmaster's world as a Distinguished District in 2007-2008.

If you have not met all of your personal goals or your club has not met all of its goals, don't despair. Whether you need one more speech for your next education level or your club needs only one more member to be a distinguished club, there is still time left. Keep working toward your goals and utilize online processing to get your awards submitted by June 30.

Don't forget to start working on next year's Distinguished Club Program (DCP) goals. Get your officers elected and submit your officer lists to Toastmasters International by June 30, 2008. Remember, clubs that elect their officers on an annual basis have only one chance (by June 30, 2008) to achieve this goal. So don't miss this opportunity; get your officer list to Toastmasters International today and in a hurry!

Please mark your calendars and join us for the 2007-2008 Awards Banquet on Saturday, August 9. See www.d25toastmasters.org for details. We will recognize distinguished clubs, areas and divisions as well as Rookie of the Year, Toastmaster of the Year, Area Governor of the Year and Division Governor of the Year and much more!

Congratulations to all of you who completed your goals for this year and helped our district meet its goals. I wish you even greater success next year as we continue our *commitment to excellence* and work together as a team to help each of you *unlock your potential*.

FROM THE DESK OF GABBY



To all my dear Toastmasters members,

What a great year it has been! Thank you all for your wonderful submissions over the past few years. You have challenged me and I hope that I have been able to enlighten and entertain you along the way. I must have done my job well, for my mailbox is empty of queries.

So Ms. Gabby will be hanging up her bonnet until she is called upon once again to help with your Toastmasters needs. In the meantime, remember that I am always a keystroke away. May your voice never quiver, your hands never flutter, and your enthusiasm never fail!!

- Ms. Gabby

Distinguished District Program 2007-2008

As of June 10, 2008

CONGRATULATIONS - DISTINGUISHED DISTRICT

Paid Clubs to Date	133	Membership Payments to Date	5113	CCs to Date	181	ACs to Date	97
Goals for June 30	131	Goal for June 30	5258	Goal for June 30	168	Goal for June 30	48
District is ahead 2		District is ahead 352		District is ahead 13		District is ahead 49	



Spread the Word

David McCallister, DTM - Lt. Governor Marketing 2007-2008

Toastmasters is often called a well-kept secret. Are you helping to keep it a secret? Do you avoid talking about it with your friends, family and colleagues?

Don't keep this secret. Pass it on. Tell everyone. Scream it from the mountaintop! Bring a friend to your next meeting. It could be someone from work, someone from church, it could be your sister or your father!

Share the wealth! Toastmasters is something that grows with every person who joins. If you give it away to someone else, it just comes back to you even greater.

What can you do to share the secret?

- Wear your Toastmasters pin everywhere
- Display certificates, awards, ribbons or trophies from your club at work
- Ask your manager (minister, cousin, mother-in-law) to come see a meeting
- Talk to your training department about getting credit for your participation
- Put up a poster in your break room at work

Do you remember the Toastmasters Promise? It was on the membership application that you signed when you joined. One of the ten parts is "To bring guests to Club meetings so they can see the benefits Toastmasters membership offers". Do you do that?

There are various contests to recognize members who fulfill that part of the promise. For example, if you sponsor five new members in the course of the year (July 1 to June 30), you will receive a special anniversary "80 Years of Excellence" pin, ten members gets you a gold star pin, and 15 new members gets you a Toastmasters tie or scarf!

Additionally, clubs are recognized for getting five new members during August/September (the Smedley award), or during February/March (the Talk Up Toastmasters award), or during May/June (the Beat the Clock award).

And finally, of course, two of the ten Distinguished Club Program points are for getting four and eight new members in your club during the course of the year (July 1-June 30).

So are you keeping a secret? Spread the word!



Summer is Upon Us

Dodi Foster, DTM - District 25 Public Relations Officer

Summer is upon us. It is a time for community fairs, parades, and company picnics. These events could be a great opportunity for Toastmasters clubs to get some community and company exposure!

How about asking to set up a booth at a community fair, or get the club together to march in the parade? Provide all the desserts at a company picnic, or form a Toastmasters team for group events.

All these events provide great community and company awareness for your club. Make sure you have materials to pass out, and wear your Toastmasters name badges and pins!

Your club can be involved in all these events as long as you are not working to raise money for another non-profit organization or group. For example: Your club cannot get a team together representing your Toastmasters club to run in a charity race. But you can set up a booth at a community fair to pass out Toastmasters material and talk about your club. You can even have a bake sale to raise money for your club for educational materials.

Welcome New Clubs to District 25 Toastmasters!

Siemens Toastmasters
 Club 1171841 - Division C - Area 35
 1401 Nolan Ryan Expressway
 Arlington, Texas, 76011-4907
 Wednesday @ 11:30am
 Membership open only to employees

Lars Beier	Michelle Marschall
Nan Browning	Valeri Mitchell
Gregg Carr	John Ramiller
Temmy Diong	Vin Rogers
Meike Ebernan	Sabrina Schmeder
Rick Flucas	Keshon Smallwood
Annette Foltz	Lea Udarbe
Anita Foote	Elaine Woodall
Kerry Frasier	Scott Workman
Cindy French	Sharon Yannarella
Verena Geier	

Welcome to Toastmasters! New Members from May 2008

Dan Winters	Airport Toastmaster	Michael Morales	Microsoft LC
Madhusudhan Venugopal	Arlington Nooners	Kevin Gilliam	Nissan Toastmasters
Kay Bramlett	Big T Toastmasters	Heather Pham	Nissan Toastmasters
Mandy Sharp	Big T Toastmasters	ROB ARRUDA	North TX
Jeffrey Hubbard	Denton Toastmasters	Attila Konczol	North TX
Barbara Magruder	First Horizon Speakers	Jim Nutt	North TX
Kevin McCartney	First Horizon Speakers	Gaylene Fannin	Plymouth Park
Jain Atul	Flagship Speakers	R. Hawrylak	Pro A.M. Toastmasters
Hadi Purnomo	Flagship Speakers	Vy Nguyen	Quicksilver Express
Luis Ortiz	Healthmasters	Melodie Wall	Quicksilver Express
James Thomas	Healthmasters	David Hostler	Ryan Plaza
Fatimah Reaves	Irving Toastmasters	Quiroz Alejandro	Solana Classic
Greg Cross	Lakeside	Nina Puri	Solana Classic
Hebert Sedas	Lakeside	Larry Phan	Successful Speakers
Roxana Sobey	Las Colinas Communicators	Jasmine Carr	TCU Toastmasters
Peter Derobertis	LM AeroSpeakers	Christopher Helse	United Communicators
Petelo Ah Young	Lonestar Toastmasters	Amy Hess	Verbal Eyes
John Brown	Lonestar Toastmasters	Donna Sanders	Verbal Eyes
Tom DeAngio	Lonestar Toastmasters	Amy Woodward	VHA Toastmasters
Gloria Smtih	Lonestar Toastmasters	Jim Audet	Weatherford
Janice Gober	Masters of Speaking	Tonya White	Wichita Falls
Rosana Cardoso	Microsoft LC	Suxiang Wei	Xerox Capital Toastmasters

Total Number of New Members in District 25 since July 1, 2007: 1398 (through June 10, 2008)

Pinpalooza! Free Membership Pins!

EXTENDED UNTIL JUNE 30!



District 25 Marketing has gone crazy! We are giving away new member pins ... FREE!!! For every new, dual, or reinstated member added to any Toastmasters Club in District 25 from January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008, we will provide the new member pin. So if your club adds three members, we will send you three new member pins. Add six members, we will send you six new member pins. Add 20 members, we will send you 20 new member pins.

District 25 Calendar of Events

June 2008

- 1-30 Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
- 7 **Toastmasters Leadership Institute – Texas Christian University**
- 12-14 Region III Conference – Houston, Texas
- 16 District Steering Committee Meeting
- 20 **Toastmasters Leadership Institute Lite (IBM) Coppell, Texas**
- 21 **Toastmasters Leadership Institute (IBM) Coppell, Texas**
- 30 Last day for Distinguished Club, Area, Division, and District Program Credit

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
- 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 International Convention – Calgary, Ontario
- 23 **Toastmasters Leadership Institute (UNT) Denton**
- 31 Last Day to have Club Officers trained and receive credit toward DCP goal!

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**A Special Thank You
to all of the members of
TCU Toastmasters
Club No. 5555
for hosting our first
Toastmasters Leadership
Institute on June 7, 2008**



CALLING ALL JUDGES....

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.

Training sessions are scheduled for June 21 at IBM in Coppell, July 12 at Texas Wesleyan University, 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.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Brenda Daniels DTM
District 25 Chief Judge 2008-2009

BEAT THE CLOCK PLUS! May 1 - June 30, 2008



Clubs that add five new, dual or reinstated members between **May 1 and June 30** will receive a special Beat The Clock ribbon to display on your club's banner. In addition, your club will be eligible to select one item from *The Successful Club Series*, *The Better Speaker Series*, or *The Leadership Excellence Series*, free of charge. Start thinking today of who will benefit from the Toastmasters experience and invite them to your meeting. You never know: you could help change their lives!

PLUS...

Each member that sponsors three or more new, dual, or reinstated members from **May 1 through June 30** will receive a District Governors Award Ribbon, presented at the District 25 Awards Banquet in August. Sponsor six or more new, dual, or reinstated members from **May 1 through June 30** and receive a \$20 gift certificate to the Toastmasters store, valid until June 30, 2009.

PLUS...

Each club that adds **six** or more new, dual, or reinstated members from **May 1 through June 30** will be treated to a pizza party at their club. Add **10** or more new, dual, or reinstated members from **May 1 through June 30** and also receive a choice of any complete set of manuals or a set of club officer pins from the Toastmaster Store.

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.

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	10/4/2008	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

*Tentative

Education Completions for May 2008

Congratulations to our fellow Competent Communicators

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club
629	B	21	CC	5/20/2008	Bland, Ronald R.	Six Twenty Nine
7277	D	43	CC	5/9/2008	Bourcier, Etienne	Baylor Orators Toastmasters
879088	A	14	CC	5/23/2008	Bratton, James	BNSF Expressed Toastmasters
4225	B	22	CC	5/8/2008	Crist, Kyle	Shining Stars
5558	A	12	CC	5/28/2008	Fontaine, Julia	Sheppard Communicators
305	A	12	CC	5/20/2008	Happ Starr, Charles W.	Wichita Falls
9916	A	13	CC	5/5/2008	Hawkins, Jarrette A.	LM AeroSpeakers
989	F	61	CC	5/5/2008	Johnson, Gretchel A.	Mid Cities Evening Toastmasters
879088	A	14	CC	5/7/2008	Jones, Angela S.	BNSF Expressed Toastmasters
420	E	51	CC	5/7/2008	Krause, Kurt	North TX
761119	E	52	CC	5/14/2008	Landers, JoDelle	Manna Toastmasters
5590	D	41	CC	5/29/2008	Mathieson, Matt	Big T Toastmasters
989	F	61	CC	5/5/2008	Patel, Rakesh Shirish	Mid Cities Evening Toastmasters
6411	E	53	CC	5/12/2008	Richardson, Tiffany D.	Inner Voice Toastmasters
4225	B	22	CC	5/8/2008	Robinson, Brandi	Shining Stars
6530	C	31	CC	5/21/2008	Schneider, Harold C.	United Communicators
678422	F	61	CC	5/19/2008	Thorsheim, Michelle	ToastStop
761119	E	52	CC	5/14/2008	Wheel, Christopher Kenneth	Manna Toastmasters

Congratulations to our fellow Advanced Communicators

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club
420	E	51	ACB	5/19/2008	Benton, Mary Alice	North TX
4137	E	52	ACB	5/5/2008	Cotter, Kenneth D.	Lewisville Toastmasters
5590	D	41	ACB	5/26/2008	Leeth, Marina Nina	Big T Toastmasters
6572	C	32	ACB	5/2/2008	Martin, David D.	Texas Wesleyan Spellbinders
5922	E	53	ACB	5/2/2008	Mason, Laura M.	Nissan Toastmasters
988129	E	54	ACB	5/23/2008	Rachels, Mark E.	Eagle 1
5558	A	12	ACS	5/2/2008	Happ Starr, Charles W.	Sheppard Communicators
9646	F	61	ACS	5/28/2008	Morris, Barbara S.	Aegonizers
621025	A	15	ACS	5/27/2008	Patton, Diana C.	Keller Communicators
4225	B	22	ACS	5/13/2008	Ybarra, Sam H.	Shining Stars
5558	A	12	ACG	5/2/2008	Happ Starr, Charles W.	Sheppard Communicators
593906	B	23	ACG	5/27/2008	Moss, Joseph A.	Skymasters
2476	F	64	ACG	5/16/2008	Sheaffer, Scott	Mid-Cities Noontime



The objective of a Banner Raid is to provide a FUN experience for both clubs involved. Visiting club members often take many great ideas back to their home clubs, which in turn promotes healthy, strong, creative Toastmasters clubs throughout our district. The raiding club brings five or more members to the meeting, and the target club's banner will be forfeited to the raiders.

The target club may retrieve their banner by going through the same process. If they bring ten club members to retrieve their banner, they can also steal the other club's banner! Raiding clubs that take photos will be placed in the District 25 Newsletter. Program June 30, 2008.

Education Completions for May 2008 (continued)

Congratulations to our fellow Competent Leaders

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club
586017	C	35	OCL	5/16/2008	Bass, Diane	Dream Chasers Toastmasters
4370	F	63	OCL	5/20/2008	Gleason, John	Flagship Speakers Toastmasters
305	A	12	OCL	5/21/2008	Happ Starr, Charles W.	Wichita Falls
5558	A	12	OCL	5/5/2008	Happ Starr, Charles W.	Sheppard Communicators
4987	A	15	OCL	5/2/2008	Mims, Marylee	Southlake
9646	F	61	CL	5/28/2008	Morris, Barbara S.	Aegonizers
5213	C	31	CL	5/1/2008	Pick, Gregory Allen	Ryan Plaza
6411	E	53	CL	5/8/2008	Randle, Tisha D	Inner Voice Toastmasters
4567	B	25	OCL	5/8/2008	Ruiz, Javier	VHA Toastmasters
420	E	51	OCL	5/28/2008	Sayed Ali, Jameela	North TX
676840	C	34	CL	5/16/2008	Terrell, Randy	Samaritan Toastmasters
633836	C	35	OCL	5/28/2008	Terrell, Randy	Speaker's Exchange
6338	F	62	OCL	5/28/2008	Terrell, Randy	TV Toastmasters

Congratulations to our fellow Advanced Leaders

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club
3006	B	25	ALB	5/28/2008	Samuelson, Gary M.	Oration Plus Toastmasters
4225	B	22	ALS	5/8/2008	Nelson, Louisa C.	Shining Stars

Congratulations to our fellow Distinguished Toastmasters

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club
4225	B	22	DTM	5/8/2008	Nelson, Louisa C.	Shining Stars



SAVE THE DATE!

DISTRICT AWARDS BANQUET

HOSTED BY TCU TOASTMASTERS CLUB No. 5555
Texas Christian University Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center
2820 Stadium Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76109

SATURDAY AUGUST 9, 2008

REGISTER AT ANY TOASTMASTERS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
STARTING JUNE 7, 2008



Pay semi-annual club dues on time during both periods (by Oct 10, 2006 and Apr 10, 2007)
Add four new members and four more new members – PLUS
End the year with 20 or net five members.

Get a ribbon for your club banner and more! **Ends June 30, 2008.**

JUNE CLUB ANNIVERSARIES



2209 AAFES Toastmasters
 5590 Big T Toastmasters
 5537 Airport Toastmaster
 6338 TV Toastmasters
 6332 Grand Prairie Toastmasters
 6572 Texas Wesleyan Spellbinders
 7502 Successful Speakers
 7514 Arlington Nooners Toastmasters
 4567 VHA Toastmasters
 114 Shared Communicators
 4794 First Horizon Speakers
 3671 Verbal Eyes
 3925 Eye Can Toastmasters
 676842 Heart of Texas Bridge Gappers
 692498 Texas Stars
 678422 ToastStop
 799727 Texas Toasters
 918987 Fossil Creek Toastmasters



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 Marketing Presents...



**District 25 Toastmasters Membership Contest
 Sponsor new members - Win Free Airline Tickets!**

ENDS JUNE 30, 2008

for details, visit www.d25toastmasters.org/skyisthelimit

Are You The One?

Do you remember when you first joined Toastmasters? Did you have any idea what the timer was supposed to do or why you kept getting clicked or dinged for saying an "Ah" or "Um?"

How about when you gave your first speech or when you worked through the complex manual?

Who helped you? Who was your mentor? Did they help you ascertain how the Toastmasters program works?

Now, imagine an entire room full of brand new Toastmasters. Are you the one to step up and volunteer serving the members of a new club as their club mentor? Do you have a passion to see others reach for success? If so, consider volunteering to serve as a club mentor for a newly chartered club. Within the next four weeks, at least five new clubs will be chartered and each one will need a mentor to help guide them along for the next six months or so.

Up to two mentors may be assigned to each club. Consider finding a buddy in your club to help mentor the club together.

Not only do you receive credit towards your Advanced Leader Silver award, you also get the opportunity to meet new people and be a part of their success.

Each club that will be chartering meets at noon. A few clubs meet in Irving along 114, one meets in Westlake near the Marriott Solana, and another meets in North Richland Hills off Hwy 26.

Are you the one?

If so, or for more information about the club mentor program and serving in that role, please contact District 25 Lt. Governor Marketing David McCallister, DTM: davidmccallister@d25toastmasters.org

Toastmasters International Recognizes AMR for Support

What does it take to make a toast? Well, it sure is not just bread and a toaster, and AMR seems to know what it takes. Toastmasters International, a world leader in helping people become more competent and comfortable in front of an audience, has recognized AMR for its sponsorship of its Toastmaster clubs.

On May 2nd, the eve of the D25 Spring Conference 2008, Toastmasters International Board Member Alene Hayes, escorted by District 25 Governor Maurice Taitt, presented AMR with a bronze plaque.

This honor was graciously accepted on behalf of the company by American Airlines VP Corporate Communications Roger Frizzell. "I commend these clubs and this organization for the work they are doing here."

"AMR is accepting the award, but we are only supporting the work of these clubs and these individuals." Mr. Frizzell also mentioned that communication skills are "invaluable to the company and to the individuals pursuing these goals."

The award reads "For Creating Value and Enhancing Employee Engagement through Continuing Support of the Toastmasters Communication and Leadership Program."



Maurice Taitt, Alene Hayes, Vicki Fox, Roger Frizzell, Jody Berwick, and Adrian Castillo



Members of the two AMR HDQ Toastmaster Clubs receive the award

Jody Berwick, VP-Education of Flagship Speakers – one of the AMR Toastmaster Clubs – said she is very excited that Toastmaster International and AMR recognize how hard their members have worked to develop their communication skills.

Flagship Speakers, chartered in 1980, has continued with a strong presence throughout the organization for the past 27 years. Meetings are held every Thursday, 12:05 p.m. on the third floor of American Airlines HDQ Building #1 on Amon Carter Rd, immediately south of DFW Airport.

Its younger sister club, the AAFCU Flying Toasters, was chartered in 2004 within the American Airlines Federal Credit Union two buildings away. Meetings are held every Wednesday in the Credit Union building at Noon. Both clubs are open and welcome guests and interested parties to attend.

Toastmasters International Recognizes BNSF for Support

Representatives of Toastmasters International presented John Lanigan, BNSF executive vice president and chief marketing officer, with an award recognizing the company's support of the Toastmasters organization and of employees who participate in the group.

Pictured left to right are David McCallister, Maurice Taitt and Alene Haynes of Toastmasters and Lanigan. Several BNSF employees who participate in Toastmasters also attended the presentation.





What an Absolutely Awesome Year

Diana Patton, ACB/ALS - Division A Governor 2007-2008

This will be the final article I will write for the District 25 Newsletter, Voices, as Division A Governor. It has been an "Absolutely Awesome" year! When I remember each club visit that I made and each member that I met, it brings a smile to my face. I've got lots of great memories and pictures that I'll always treasure.

I can't begin to list all the wonderful things that happened this year, but here are just a few.

The 10 area contests were amazing. The contestants and speeches were outstanding. I hope that each one that competed at the club, area, division and district levels continue to compete. One thing that I'll not forget is at the Area 14 contest proudly displayed banners from all five clubs along with contestants from each club!

I'm so glad that I could be present to hear some members complete a milestone in their Toastmaster's career (Competent Communicator, Advanced Communicator, Distinguished Toastmaster). Each time I would check to see who in Division A received an education award made me proud to be part of such an outstanding division.

It was great to be part of a team with wonderful area governors that supported their clubs as well as the Division. It was good to be reminded that a team effort can be fun and rewarding. Division A won the Division Idol at the Spring 2008 Conference.



It was wonderful to see how many clubs in Division A visited (and raided!) other clubs in Division A. It is truly Toastmasters at its best!

I can't forget how Bonne Stroman as club coach along with the members of Weatherford Club were able to rebuild their club and were awarded Select Distinguished. Division A increased by three new clubs during the year. I know these clubs owe a large part of their success to the dedication of the mentors and sponsors who were members of nearby clubs.

Division A, it has been my pleasure to have served as your Division Governor 2007-2008 along with a great group of area governors.

It is Never Too Late!

Harry Clay is a special Toastmaster for sure. He helped charter the Weatherford Toastmaster Club over 20 years ago and has been coming faithful all these years, encouraging others, making friends, and keeping the club alive. He also has been stockpiling his achievements, just waiting for someone like David McCallister to come along and discover them.

David visited the club and found out Harry had done everything he needed to do to achieve his Distinguished Toastmaster Award years ago, but had not turned in his paperwork to Toastmasters International. Together, they got the records up to date and Harry was qualified to receive his DTM award. It was presented to him at the DTM ceremony at the District Convention in May. Harry was roasted, toasted, and boasted at his club on May 27.

We are very proud of his accomplishments and hope all his club members follow his example, except in one way, send the record in as soon as possible. Don't wait! But it was a great surprise. He helped his club achieve the highest honor a club can achieve, Presidents' Distinguished Club Award.



Pictured (left to right) Bonne Stroman (Weatherford Club Coach), Diana Patton (Division A Governor), Harry Clay (DTM), Sunni Fisher (Area 11 Governor), and Glen Arey (Member Weatherford Club)

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

From China to Cowtown and back again!

Sunni Fisher, ACS/ALB - Area 11 Governor and Michael Wang, CC

Michael Wang was a member of the Cowtown Toastmasters club in 2007. He touched many lives as well as was touched by members of his club. This is especially true of Sunni Fisher who is Area 11 Governor. Toastmasters is truly International! Here is note from Michael who returned to China at the end of 2007 after receiving his Competent Communicator Award.

My Toastmaster experience

I attended Cowtown Toastmasters last April. I completed my 10 speeches and achieved the Competent Communicator award within 7 months. I have learned a lot and met many good friends there. Toastmaster means a lot of things to me and I am sure that I will be with the Toastmasters International organization for a long time even though I am currently in China.



I met Sunni Fisher who is a very nice lady from Cowtown Toastmasters. She is very kind, smart and knowledgeable. Sunni means many things to me and my family especially during our stay in Texas. She is my mentor in Cowtown Toastmasters and she is an excellent English teacher to my wife and daughter. She is very warmhearted and has helped my family a lot for almost an entire year.

I work with the second largest steel company in China and I was sent by my company to study a EMBA program at UTA for one year. I have studied very hard and I have learned a lot from this program. I have traveled more than 20 states including Alaska with my family due to a 4-7 day break each month.

After I came back to China this January, I found that there are more than 60 Toastmaster clubs here and I have attended the meeting in Shanghai and Shenyang. I was welcomed there when I told them I had Toastmasters experience from Cowtown Toastmasters in Fort Worth, Texas. I also gave them a lot of good suggestions for their future improvement.

I plan to start a Toastmasters Club in my company. We have already organized a strong working team and have done a lot of preparation for our new club.

I hope I will return to attend the Cowtown Toastmasters club meeting in Fort Worth someday in the near future.

Regards,
Michael Wang, CC



Do you have experience designing Web sites? Can you create forms using php technology? Are you familiar with Adobe Dreamweaver? If so, we need your help! Please contact District 25 Lt. Governor Marketing David McCallister so you can find out more about what is involved in working on the District 25 Web site.

Contact David via email davidmccallister@d25toastmasters.org



Jo Anna Spiker McWilliams
September 26, 1948 – June 11, 2008

A native Texan, Jo Anna spent most of her life in the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex area. She grew up in Farmers Branch and was a product of R.L. Turner High School and the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas.

Jo Anna lived in Addison, Texas. After a long battle with breast cancer, Jo Anna passed away on June 11, 2008. She is preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Kathryn Spiker of Farmers Branch, Texas. She is survived by her devoted husband Bruce, sisters: Winona Derrick and Joy DeBord of Garland, Texas. She was an active member and usher of St. Andrew United Methodist Church of Plano, Texas.

Jo Anna chose accounting as her profession starting as an accounting clerk, working her way through several management layers to become the Controller for Southwestern States Bankcard Association. Always wanting to expand her horizons she took on the Texas CPA exam, passing all four parts on the first try. Jo Anna then joined Price Waterhouse USA as a Consulting Practice Manager.

For the past fifteen years Jo Anna was employed by the Oracle Corporation as a Senior Consultant implementing financial software applications. She was considered an expert in global implementations.

To build her communication and speaking skills Jo Anna joined Toastmaster International in 1981. Served as District 25 Governor (1988-89), was elected to the Toastmaster's Board of Directors as International Director (1992-94). She continued on with her Toastmaster's career and was elected President of Toastmasters International in Miami Beach, August 2000. She is only the third woman to serve as President in the organization's 84-year history. She continues to receive many positive comments about her presidential theme: "Friends Helping Friends Succeed."

A private graveside service for the immediate family, will be held this week at Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be sent to: Susan G. Komen for the Cure (komen.org) or Toastmasters International, Ralph C. Smedley Educational Fund, P.O. Box 9052, Mission Viejo, CA 92690. Condolences may be mailed to: 5015 Addison Circle, # 501, Addison, Texas 75001. A special web tribute to Jo Anna may be seen, in the near future, starting July 1, 2008, at: <http://www.restlandfuneralhome.com/serviceinfo.php>

A public worship service celebrating her life will be held at 11am, Saturday, July 12th at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 5801 W. Plano Parkway, Plano, Texas 75093.

Jo Anna always put others first, a true professional in every sense, gracious and graceful. She was a lover of music, theatre, doves, world travel and cooking. To her enormous circle of international friends, she will always be remembered for her smile, her kind words and her generosity. There are no words adequate to describe the depth of our love and respect for her, yet we draw strength from knowing we will all be together again one day.