

# The Key Factor



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## The Keys to Unlocking Your Potential, Part 9: Release the Leader in You

When I joined Toastmasters in March 2000, my plan was to remain in the organization for six months or long enough to give six speeches, whichever came first. That was nine years ago and my plan took a different turn. If I had to point to one reason I remained in the organization, it would be because someone asked me to take a leadership role. In 2001, I became Club President, in 2003, Division Governor, then, who would have thought it, in 2008, District 25 Governor. What a privilege! Only in Toastmasters could this happen!

My story is like so many others who started out in Toastmasters not knowing where it

would lead them only to find themselves stretched beyond their self-imposed limitations. That's what happens when others see potential in you and you dare to step out of your 'comfort' zone and let the leader in you come out. Are you the type of person that innovates rather than administers; do you ask what and why rather than how and when; do you focus on people rather than systems; do you inspire trust rather than rely on control; do you have a long term perspective and an eye on the future; do you show originality rather than copy what others have done; do you do the right thing rather than do things right? According to author



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Abraham Zaleznik, these attributes describe a leader. Though few of us were born with these attributes, with practice, all of us can learn them.

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## Toastmasters is a Wonderful World to DTM Louise Faircloth

It wasn't by accident that Louise Faircloth found her way over to Sabre's Speak with Success Toastmasters club. Last summer, our club officers conducted a survey and discovered a strong desire among the members to bring in an outside speaker. With the goal being to teach all of us how to become better speakers and also maximize the Toastmaster's experience, there was one very special person who came immediately to mind – Distinguished Toastmaster Louise Faircloth.

Louise graciously accepted the invitation and presented to our club "The Wonderful World of

Toastmasters."

### Louise's Toastmasters Journey

Louise has held every club office and many leadership roles at the Area and District levels. Most impressively, she has achieved the honor of Distinguished Toastmaster TWICE! Louise has been in Toastmasters for 18 years and has no plans to ever stop being a Toastmaster.

Her journey began while she



was still quite shy with that little voice in her head saying those frustratingly familiar words, "I can't do that!!!" Several times the words were said aloud, to which a fellow Toastmaster or mentor always replied, "I'll show you how!" or "I'll be there with you every step of the way." And guess what? She proved the voice wrong each time and she did it!

This summarizes what Toastmasters is all about – bettering ourselves and helping others do the same.

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## Toastmasters skills help veteran's daughter pay tribute to dad and his battalion

They have been called the "Greatest Generation" by many, and thanks to the efforts of some in our community, we are still learning to appreciate the accomplishments and sacrifices made by the selfless Americans – and Texans - who served such a critical role in gaining triumph in World War II. It was Jill Jeffrey, an Irving resident, and daughter of former Colonel Jack C. Jeffrey (who grew up in San Antonio) who rekindled this conversation as a result of two speeches that she wrote and delivered over the last couple years.

In 2006, Jill was asked to speak to a group of the surviving veterans from the 296<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion, which her father had trained and commanded during WWII. As the date of the engagement approached, Jill realized that in order to prepare for such an occasion, she really needed some help to overcome her lifelong fear of public speaking. Fortunately for Jill, her uncle suggested that she start attending Toastmasters meetings to get some practice and feedback on her speaking skills. Jill made contact with Carolyn Lynch, an officer of the "Successful Speakers" Toastmasters club (<http://ssc.freetoasthost.biz/membershipinfo.html>), which meets weekly at Abbott Labs in Irving, and began attending the club meetings. Jill immediately felt very welcomed by the sympathetic and supportive group, and joined the Toastmasters club.

Through regular attendance and involvement with the club, Jill was able to work through her speech preparation, and with support and feedback from fellow club members, her efforts culminated in a successful trip to Sturbridge, Connecticut where she was the featured speaker at the 2006 reunion of these WWII veterans. Jill's speech was not only a personal greeting from the daughter of their revered former commander, but also a

tribute to the men of the battalion. Her heartfelt delivery, and her reassurance of the high regard in which her father held all the officers and men of the battalion triggered an emotional response from the appreciative, but dwindling number of remaining vets. You see, when these men were just youthful soldiers training under the command of Captain Jack C. Jeffrey at Camp Shelby in Mississippi, they "hated his guts" as stated in the memoir of Herb Winterberg, an officer in the battalion. "Even though they respected him, no one genuinely liked him."

Through her speech, for the first time, the men of the battalion came to understand that even though he didn't visibly show how much he cared about them, it was always their survival and welfare that he was most interested in. This came through clearly in the letters that he wrote home. In one, he states that ... "he worried about the men and pitied them during their basic training." In another he states, "This battalion is composed mostly of men from New England. They are hardworking and I treat them as rough as I can, feeling that no matter how rough I treat them, war will be rougher." During Jill's speech, as these aged war veterans came to the full realization of their commander's love and commitment to them, despite his outward detachment and harsh treatment of them, they literally broke down and cried. Yes, he was a tough commander, but it was his insistence upon excellence and toughness during training that enabled this battalion to achieve such an outstanding record of success through 5 major campaigns: Normandy, Northern France, Belgium and Germany. The 296<sup>th</sup> Battalion was the only Engineer Combat Battalion to make the long journey from the invasion at Omaha Beach in Normandy all the way to Hitler's final demise in Berlin. And because of their outstanding service during their 34 month-long active duty, the battalion was



awarded 5 Battle Stars.

Jill's success as a featured speaker at the 2006 and again at the 2008 reunion of the surviving members of the 296<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion demonstrates that with practice and feedback, we can all conquer our public speaking fears. As Jill says, "With the support of a Toastmasters club, this effort is not only possible, but also enjoyable."

As the current Secretary of the "Successful Speakers" club, I would encourage anyone who is interested in improving their speaking, listening, and leadership skills to stop by one of our club meetings. We meet on Thursdays from 11:30am – 12:30pm at 1920 Hurd Drive in Irving ... contact Powell Thoppil (VP Membership) 972-518-7842. Or go to the District 25 website at <http://www.d25toastmasters.org/> to find the club that is nearest to you.

*Written by: Bob Stoick (Secretary, Successful Speakers Toastmasters Club)  
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### UNLOCKED AND UNHINGED!

### OVER 20 MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Clubs with the most new membership gain over 20 members will win:

Club's choice of a set of Wireless Remote Timing Lights - OR - a complete set of the *Better Speakers Series*, *The Better Club Series*, or *The Leadership Excellence Series*. **Plus!** New member pins for all new members!

Start date: July 1, 2008 End date: June 30, 2009

*Must be new members. Dual and transfer members do not count.*

## SIMPLIFY

Submitted by Doris Janacek, Siemens DFW Toastmasters

*It was Christmas time and the economy was on a downward spiral. I was trying to simplify my life to eliminate or alleviate the stress. That is why as Grammarian for my club's first Toastmaster's meeting, I chose the word, "SIMPLIFY" as the word of the day. I did not buy gifts for my fifteen nieces and nephews that are eight years old and younger. I knew that Santa would take care of them and they wouldn't even realize that Aunt "D" did not get them anything. It has been two months since the holidays and I am still simplifying my life by changing my cable services, getting rid of my internet at home, and spending more time working out and taking care of my health instead. When I go out to eat I share a meal with a friend, drink water instead of tea and don't order dessert anymore. Actually, this has helped me to lose some weight that I wanted and needed to lose. It really has not been that hard to think of things to change in order to simplify my life. I don't take as many clothes to the cleaners, eat more at home, and use coupons when I get a chance. I encourage Toastmasters to lead the way and simplify your life.*

*Simple creates less stress in this day and time.*



Doris Janacek is a charter member of the Siemens DFW Toastmaster Club. She presented a Star with the word "SIMPLIFY" to club member, Gloria Irving, VP of Education, who used the word of the day the most in the meeting. This reminder to "Simplify" is on display in the common hallway of the company's work area.

## Wonderful World of Toastmasters (cont'd from Page 1)

Louise's presentation was delivered in three sections:

TM101 – The Basics

Titles & Topics

Band-Aides

### TM101

The first portion of the presentation was geared toward the basics of what Toastmasters can do for each of us. Louise discussed the communication and leadership tracks, advanced manuals and how attending TLI (Toastmasters Leadership Institute) training and participating in contests can provide additional sources of education and valuable experience.

### Titles & Topics

The second portion of the meeting focused on how to come up with ideas for speeches. A few key points were:

- Talk about what you know – your job, hobbies, places you've traveled, etc.
- Speak from the heart – share your passions

with your club and they will reciprocate.

- Pay attention! The things, people and happenings around you each and every day are all potential material for speeches.

### Band-Aides

The last portion of the session pertained to those things each of us can do to bolster our confidence and make our delivery more effective:

- Remember that the words you choose and how you use them can either boost or undermine your credibility.
- It's ok to pause.....and be quiet for a moment. You don't always have to fill the silence!
- Don't give up stage time! Accept the speaking opportunities that are presented to you. Speaking is a skill that becomes better with practice. Each time you speak, you will be better and more confident than the time before.



The following was shared with Louise by a friend, and she uses it to close many of her speeches:

**'People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'**

Thank you, Louise, for giving all of us the opportunity to hear your story, learn from your experiences... and for making us feel like we CAN do it!

~submitted by Nina Faver,  
VP Public Relations  
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## Newsletter information

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## Submissions

■ Length: Please do not exceed 250 words (about one typed, double spaced page).

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

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

■ Send submissions, photos and letters to newsletter@d25toastmasters.org

## Public Relations Skills, Parts 3 & 4: Communication, mentoring

*Tom Merrit, DTM, is the VP Public Relations for Wichita Falls Toastmasters. His article on public relations offers an in-depth look at some "must-have" skills that could benefit us all. This is the third and fourth of five installments.*

Vision and passion are vital skills in the arena of public relations. The third skill is effective communication.

Great organizations always have effective leadership that is constantly communicating its vision to the membership and world around them. This is seen in the delegation of responsibilities, mentorship, recognition and evaluation.

Nowhere is this more evident than in Toastmasters. Each year the International President

selects a theme that carries through the entire year. Similarly, District Governors choose a theme to unite the officers of the district and to motivate the members of each club to aspire to greater levels of success.

Fourth is the mentoring process. It does little good to have a successful organization that is unable to replicate itself. A successful organization will always have its leadership involved in mentoring.

As someone who has served with five non-profit corporations prior to entering the arena of public relations, I have seen many organizations fail because of this single factor.

Too often the leadership is remiss in assuming its rightful

responsibilities. This is evident when we see the leadership positions filled by a warm body that wasn't at the last meeting when the nominations were made. Leadership that fails to mentor its membership appropriately sows its own seeds of destruction.

This happens time and time again. It is small wonder that many organizations are losing membership at an alarming rate. Those that do not put the mentoring act at the top of their list of things to do will most assuredly be resigned to the perpetual state of obscurity.

- Submitted by Tom Merrit, DTM

## D25 Phoenix Award



**Eligible clubs:** Any club with 13 or fewer members on July 1, 2008

**Goal:** Build club to 20 members by June 30, 2009

**Award:** Receive a Phoenix Patch to display proudly on your banner

## Release the Leader (from Pg 1)

In Toastmasters, there is an array of positions whereby we can learn, enhance, and practice leadership skills. In addition to the elected district officer positions, there are positions such as district governor appointees, committee chairs, assistant area or division governors, and many others. Many of these may require commitments up to a year and each will stretch you beyond your wildest dream and propel you to heights you never thought you could go.

On March 14, 2009 at

Stacy's Furniture, we are having a Leadership Open House. It is for members who want to serve as a district officer or a committee member during the 2009-2010 Toastmaster's term. Current District leaders will be there to answer all your questions about any office or committee position in which you are interested. If you are ready to *Unlock Your Potential* by releasing the leader in you, visit [www.d25toastmasters.org/leadership](http://www.d25toastmasters.org/leadership) to RSVP to attend the Leadership Open House on March 14. See you there!

## Memories Are Magical

What is your best memory? One of my best memories is my first speech in Toastmasters titled "Memories are Magical." A memory is a good or bad experience, or feeling, that is remembered from the past. Of course we don't remember everything, but we do seem to recall those incidents that strongly impact or influence our life in one way or another.

My Toastmasters club is a new club, and my first speech was to be given at our first club contest. When I thought of giving this speech, I felt fear. Have you ever felt that? Have you ever said to yourself, "I'm not good enough?" "It's a contest! Someone else can do it, I'm too busy, or I'm just not ready." At that moment, I remembered Jana Barnhill, Toastmasters International President's, words from the January TLJ about having the courage to conquer and decided now was the

time I must take this step and go beyond my potential. When I stood before the room full of strangers and gave my "Icebreaker", I had courage. It was magical!

Memories are magical! Memories can be made anytime, anywhere, and with anyone. They can be shared. They can be yours alone, or you can make them with others.

Let's all continue to support each other to go beyond our potential. Cherish the moments with your fellow Toastmasters and make them magical. Recapture memories of those who influenced you and use these to motivate yourself to move out of your comfort zone and beyond your potential. It's magical.

*Submitted by Susan Williamson, Siemens*

*DFW Toastmasters*



Susan Williamson is charter member and Sergeant at Arms of the Siemens DFW Toastmasters Club. She gave her first speech to the club as a contest participant in the International Speech Club Contest and moved the audience to tears of inspiration.

### Wanna be a superhero?\*

**Faster than a Table  
Topics answer!  
More powerful than a  
VP Education!  
It's a bird, it's a  
plane...  
It's a Club Coach!!**



**Your experience and enthusiasm can be a valuable asset to a club that needs a little help in rebuilding.**

**How?**

**D25toastmasters.org  
Marketing and Membership**

**\*(cape not included)**

## 2009-2010 DISTRICT 25 LEADERSHIP OPEN HOUSE MARCH 14, 2009

### Prepare to be S-T-R-E-T-C-H-E-D!

If you are interested in serving in District Leadership during the 2009-2010 Toastmaster year and working towards completing your Advanced Leader Silver, we invite you to attend the District Leadership Open House on Saturday March 14, 2009 from 12:30pm - 2:00pm.

Lunch will be provided.

\*(for those who RSVP by March 6, 2009)



Stacy Furniture  
3rd floor Community Room  
1900 S Main St  
Grapevine, TX 76051

For more information and to RSVP online visit

[www.d25toastmasters.org/leadership](http://www.d25toastmasters.org/leadership)  
Or contact Lt. Governor Education & Training, David McCallister, DTM at 817-988-3283 or [davidmccallister@d25toastmasters.org](mailto:davidmccallister@d25toastmasters.org)

## March Madness reigns in District 25



Claire Misquez, DTM is LG Marketing for District 25

What a great year so far! The challenge our District Governor, Peggy Holloway, has extended to us to “Unlock [Our] Potential” has generated positive energy within our district.

We are all striving to embrace her call to action by being the best Toastmasters we can be: participating in our meetings, achieving our own educational goals and helping our clubs become distinguished. We are becoming better leaders and better speakers. As we encourage each other to become the best we can be, let us remember to keep our focus on the Toastmasters “Mission of the Club”: “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” (When You Are the President - A Guide to Effective Club Leadership, P.4).

How many people can you think of that could benefit from a “mutually supportive and positive learning environment?” Can you think of a community or business that can benefit from the leadership education Toastmasters offers? Have you personally sat through a speech by management that was so full of filler words and pregnant pauses you lost the point of the message? These are perfect opportunities for new Toastmasters clubs and new Toastmasters members.

Let’s go mad. Let’s get crazy and get involved in the “March Madness” membership and new club drive. Watch the website for details. Help others find Toastmasters by caring and sharing the excitement and fun we have as members of District 25.

### Dues are Due!

Club officers, please look for the April 2009 dues renewal reminder in your email inbox the first week of March. Remember, membership renewals are due by April 1, 2009. Club officers will be able to submit renewals online through the Club Business login: [www.toastmasters.org/clubbusiness](http://www.toastmasters.org/clubbusiness) starting the first week of March. We welcome your support in helping Toastmasters be more environmentally responsible!

Important Note for Processing Membership Payments:

- Renewals can be submitted online, by mail or by fax.
- We recommend that you do not submit renewals by email because it is not secure.
- If paying by credit card, dues renewals can be paid online.
- At least six members must pay dues; three must be renewing.
- If paying by check, you can print the list with renewing members checked, and mail, along with payment to World Headquarters. Check must be payable to Toastmasters International.

## SPRING CONFERENCE KEYNOTE, EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

District 25’s Communication and Leadership Award recipient is Fox 4’s **Clarice Tinsley**. A 30-year veteran of the KDFW FOX 4 News team, Tinsley embodies the Toastmasters spirit of ever improving oneself, and improving one’s community as well.

No other anchor in DFW broadcast history can match her longevity at a station. The stories covered during her impressive career range far and wide, touching hearts and changing lives.



First Year Director **Tim Swearingen** is another featured keynote speaker. Your registration for Spring Conference allows you to hear these inspiring and accomplished communicators.

Attend your choice of educational sessions, following either a Communication or Leadership Track, or you can build a customized program that includes elements of both tracks.

Education Chair Pat Quick has assembled a fine team of presenters, including Jamey Rider, Sunni Fisher, Barbara Rollins, Lynn Swearingen,



John Wozniowski, and Past District Governors David Himmelstein, Sandra Lewis, and David Watkins.

The conference opens Friday May 1 with dinner and the Table Topics contest. Saturday morning dawns bright and early with a hearty breakfast and plenty of education sessions to challenge and energize you. The awards luncheon will recognize those who have achieved educational and leadership milestones since the fall conference, as well as our C&L recipient, Clarice Tinsley. And Saturday night’s DTM ceremony is sure to be an elegant affair. But wait! There’s more! Stay another night and play a fun round of golf with your Toastmasters friends. Register today at [www.D25toastmasters.org](http://www.D25toastmasters.org).

## Special Announcement about April 2009 Dues Renewals

### Toastmasters is GOING GREEN!

Club Officers: Please Look For Your Renewal Invoice in Your E-Mail Inbox! WHQ will send the upcoming member dues renewal invoice to club officers via email, rather than through the postal service.

Club officers and members will benefit from this change in several ways:

- Renewal invoices will be delivered faster and more efficiently.
- E-mail delivery is cost-effective, saving the organization (and its members) from unnecessary spending.
- Delivery by e-mail is more convenient for many members.

Club officers, please look for the April 2009 dues renewal invoice in your e-mail inbox the first week of March.

**Remember, member renewals are due by April 1, 2009.** Club officers will be able to submit renewals online through the Club Business login:

[www.toastmasters.org/clubbusiness](http://www.toastmasters.org/clubbusiness) starting the first week of March.

## 5 Star Club Recognition: Will your club qualify?

Five Star Club Membership Requirements:

- Dues renewal on time by October 10
- Add 4 New Members
- Add 4 More New Members
- Dues renewal on time by April 10
- Club has 20 members or net growth of 5 by June 30

### Privileges Include:

- Exclusive ribbon for club banner
- Honorable mention in District Newsletter
- Publication in Spring Conference Program\*
- Announcement on District Website Hall of Fame
- Special recognition at

Spring Conference Awards Lunch\*

Details: Clubs must submit dues on time during both renewal periods. Dues must be submitted no later than October 10, 2008 and April 10, 2009 to receive on-time credit. On June 30, 2009, clubs must have 20 paid members or a net growth of 5 members if the base membership was below 20 as reported on July 1, 2008. Clubs must add 4 members, which are defined as new, dual, or reinstated members, and an additional 4 members between July 1, 2008 and June 30,

2009. Results will be tracked from reports provided by Toastmasters International. Clubs have until June 30, 2009 to complete all five requirements.

\* Clubs that complete all 5 by April 30, 2009 will be recognized at the Spring Conference Awards Lunch and in the Spring Conference Program.



## REGISTRATION FOR SPRING CONFERENCE AND GOLF TOURNAMENT IS NOW ONLINE AT [WWW.D25TOASTMASTERS.ORG](http://WWW.D25TOASTMASTERS.ORG) RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW TO GO "BEYOND POTENTIAL"

### Calendar of Events

#### March 2008

**1-31** Hold Area and Division Council Mtgs

**2** Pay club dues renewals online (minimum 6)

**14** DEC Mtg & District Staff Training, District Leadership Open House for 2009-2010 Year, Marketing Workshop at Stacy's Furniture

**14** Division Outstanding Officer Nominees due to District Awards

Chair: [mitzi-ward@d25toastmasters.org](mailto:mitzi-ward@d25toastmasters.org)

**27** Division B Table Topics and Int'l Speech Contest

**28** Division C Table Topics and Int'l Speech Contest

Division E Table Topics and Int'l Speech Contest

Division F Table Topics and Int'l Speech Contest

**31** Semi-Annual Club Dues ONLINE & receive credit towards 2008-2009 DCP Goal

#### April 2008

**1-30** Hold Area and Division Council Meetings

**4** Division A Table Topics and Int'l Speech Contest

**4** Division D Table Topics and Int'l Speech Contest

**4** Last day to submit District Outstanding Officer nominations

**10** Last day to submit Semi-Annual Club Dues ONLINE & receive credit towards 2008-2009 DCP Goal

**30** Last day for Second Round of Area Club Visits

#### May 2008

**1-31** Hold Area and Division Council Mtgs

**1-2** District 25 Spring Conference

**2** District Council Meeting

**31** Last day to submit Area Visit Report ONLINE for Distinguished Area Credit

### Congratulations to our newest Competent Communicators!

2209	F	65	CC	2/1/2009	Adams, Trevor M.	AAFES Toastmasters Club
4225	B	22	CC	2/2/2009	Griffin, Ward	Shining Stars Club
706449	D	44	CC	2/2/2009	Anderson, Pamela K	Burleson Toastmasters Club
706449	D	44	CC	2/2/2009	Singleary, Karen	Burleson Toastmasters Club
6810	F	63	CC	2/4/2009	Stolle, Roy A.	Bell Helicopter Club
6572	C	32	CC	2/6/2009	Graham, Marsha L	Texas Wesleyan Spellbinders
4987	E	54	CC	2/10/2009	Ford, John Edward	Southlake Club
4225	B	22	CC	2/10/2009	Nguyen, Mary Vy-Thuy	Shining Stars Club
676840	C	32	CC	2/11/2009	Boeglin, John	Samaritan Toastmasters
710987	D	44	CC	2/25/2009	Tomlinson, Lisa	Cleburne Toastmasters Club
4225	B	22	CC	2/26/2009	Toombs, David L	Shining Stars Club

### Congratulations to our newest Advanced Communicators!

2975	A	14	ACB	2/24/2009	McLeroy, Bart	BNSF Toastmasters Club
1327	A	12	ACB	2/25/2009	Thomas, Anna M.	Daybreakers Club
5440	A	13	ACS	2/4/2009	Clancy, Patrick	Clearly Speaking Toastmasters
4963	A	11	ACS	2/9/2009	Arey, Glen	Weatherford Club
633836	C	33	ACG	2/23/2009	Clark, Ronald B.	Speakers Exchange
621025	F	64	ACG	2/26/2009	Patton, Diana C.	Keller Communicators Club

### Congratulations to our newest Competent Leaders!

2564	C	34	CL	2/4/2009	Guerra, Conrad Dean	Energizers Toastmasters Club
6572	C	32	CL	2/6/2009	Martin, David D.	Texas Wesleyan Spellbinders
6572	C	32	CL	2/6/2009	Perez, Judy L.	Texas Wesleyan Spellbinders
420	E	52	CL	2/17/2009	Allen, John Ed	North TX Club
897575	C	34	CL	2/18/2009	Metz, John P.	Star-Telegram Club
7514	C	31	CL	2/20/2009	Misquez, Claire A.	Arl Nooners Toastmasters Club
1002109	D	43	CL	2/24/2009	Carter, Bradley T.	Waco Wordsmiths
1002109	D	43	CL	2/24/2009	Vance, Larry Arlo	Waco Wordsmiths
710987	D	44	CL	2/25/2009	Tomlinson, Lisa	Cleburne Toastmasters Club

### Congratulations to our newest Advanced Leaders!

1071	A	13	ALB	2/16/2009	Bell, William Douglas	Abilene Toastmasters Club
1071	A	13	ALB	2/16/2009	Bell, Jeanene	Abilene Toastmasters Club
6572	C	32	ALS	2/9/2009	Martin, David D.	Texas Wesleyan Spellbinders

### Special Congratulations to these achievers!

7514	C	31	LDREXC	2/1/2009	Misquez, Henry	Arl Nooners Toastmasters Club
621025	F	64	DTM	2/26/2009	Patton, Diana C.	Keller Communicators Club

Special congratulations to the clubs listed above for fulfilling the needs of their members and helping them reach their goals. "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."

**M I S S I O N   A C C O M P L I S H E D**

**The Proxies Are Coming!! The Proxies Are Coming!!**

Club Presidents will soon receive International Proxies on March 31. Proxy cards for the Regional Conferences and the Annual Business Meeting at the International Convention will be sent to club presidents of record. The proxy mailing is being sent in a blue envelope with **"IMPORTANT PROXY INFORMATION"** printed on the front of the envelope.

Please watch for this important mailing.

## Welcome, New February Members!

Join Date	Div	Area	Last Name	First Name	MI	Club Name	Club #
2/1/2009	A	11	McWilliams	Aaron		Cowtown Toastmasters	5496
2/1/2009	A	11	Conlon	Ashley		Weatherford Club	4963
2/1/2009	A	11	Southern	Denise	H.	Weatherford Club	4963
2/1/2009	A	11	Sosa	Tammy		Weatherford Club	4963
2/1/2009	A	13	Bennie	Barbie	Lee	Abilene Toastmasters Club	1071
2/1/2009	A	13	Morgan	David	C.	Abilene Toastmasters Club	1071
2/1/2009	A	13	Dewstow	Graeme		Clearly Speaking Toastmasters	5440
2/1/2009	A	13	Vadnais	Linda		Clearly Speaking Toastmasters	5440
2/1/2009	A	13	Morgan	Pamela	J	Abilene Toastmasters Club	1071
2/1/2009	A	15	Miles	Dustin	W	Fighter Enterprise Toastmasters Club	4355
2/1/2009	A	15	Hellstern	George	Frank	Quicksilver Express Toastmasters Club	2008
2/1/2009	B	21	Larsen	Celia		Flagship Speakers Toastmasters Club	4370
2/1/2009	B	21	Nagesh	Hatti		Flagship Speakers Toastmasters Club	4370
2/1/2009	B	21	Warburton	Sarah		Flagship Speakers Toastmasters Club	4370
2/1/2009	B	23	Karki	Smriti		Successful Speakers Club	7502
2/1/2009	B	24	Sims	Diane	P.	Connection Communicators Club	771978
2/1/2009	B	24	Arguello	Eduardo	S	Connection Communicators Club	771978
2/1/2009	B	24	Mahanta	Kalpana		Connection Communicators Club	771978
2/1/2009	B	25	Newell	Tyrone	F	Las Colinas Communicators Club	8055
2/1/2009	C	31	Henry	Stephen	T	United Communicators Club	6530
2/1/2009	C	31	Diaz	Uz	Ernesto	United Communicators Club	6530
2/1/2009	C	34	Widhalm	Sam	T	Energizers Toastmasters Club	2564
2/1/2009	C	35	Holcomb	Freddie	L.	Bell XworX Toastmasters	918560
2/1/2009	D	41	Clark	Amanda	K	Lonestar Toastmasters	1286
2/1/2009	D	41	Garcia	John		Heart of Texas Bridge Gappers Club	676842
2/1/2009	D	41	Thrush	Kathleen	L	Texas Stars Club	692498
2/1/2009	D	41	Dehn	Kerri		Texas Stars Club	692498
2/1/2009	D	41	Johnson	Lynn	R	Texas Stars Club	692498
2/1/2009	D	41	Stinson	Marcus	Oliger	Lonestar Toastmasters	1286
2/1/2009	D	41	Gantt	Stacey	L	Lonestar Toastmasters	1286
2/1/2009	D	41	Mills	Stephen	Arther	Lonestar Toastmasters	1286
2/1/2009	D	41	Davis	William	Travis	Lonestar Toastmasters	1286
2/1/2009	D	42	Horecka	Bobby	Dean	Fish Pond Club	7351
2/1/2009	D	42	White	Bruce	E	Fish Pond Club	7351
2/1/2009	D	43	Coffey	Jonathan	L.	Waco Wordsmiths	1002109
2/1/2009	D	43	Hamilton	Loyd	R.	Waco Wordsmiths	1002109
2/1/2009	D	44	Cheyne	Becky	L	Cleburne Toastmasters Club	710987
2/1/2009	D	44	Redman	Christopher	E.	Eye Can Toastmasters Club	3925
2/1/2009	D	44	Xu	Cynthia		Eye Can Toastmasters Club	3925
2/1/2009	D	44	Jervis	Julie	V.	Eye Can Toastmasters Club	3925
2/1/2009	D	44	Lee	Shinwook		Eye Can Toastmasters Club	3925
2/1/2009	D	44	Cobb	Vicki	E	Cleburne Toastmasters Club	710987

## Area Contest Highlights from Contest Quality Chair, Diana Patton

As of February 28, 2009 we are over half way done with Area contests – 17 completed! I've attended each and every one. All Area Governors have done an outstanding job organizing, delegating, encouraging and motivating their members to "Unlock Their Potential". I'll share a few of the highlights of the contests that have occurred through February 28.



Area 14 contestants are all smiles!

Area 11 and 14 had contestants from each club in one or both of the contests. Both Area 11 and 14 contests were outstanding with banners from 10 clubs on display. Area 14 Governor Terry Bay was thrilled that someone from each of his 6 clubs competed in the area contest. Area 11 Governor Bonne Stroman was all smiles with all 5 of her clubs compet-



Area 11 Governor Bonne Stroman thanks Toastmaster Jerry McAdams

ing. Area 11's contest theme was "Ocean's 11 Casino Night". The hard work and superior organizational skills of Rachel Opdycke, contest chairman, made the event run as professionally as a Las Vegas Casino.



Area 21 Governor Jody Berwick and Toastmaster Charlie Coombs stand with Area 21 contestants.

Area Governor Jody Berwick was beaming as 5 of 6 clubs sent contestants to the Area 21 contest. Karen Chilton represented her club, ICE Breakers, in the International Speech Contest. This club was chartered December 1, 2008. How incredible is that?

I know that Scott Sheaffer, Area 61 Governor, is proud of his clubs too. Area 61 had members from 4 of 5 clubs competing. The energy at the Area 61 contest was wonderful and the organization amazing.

Each contest has had outstanding contestants, Toastmasters, helpers, and judges. We've laughed, been motivated and inspired by the speeches and table topic re-



Toastmaster Kay Ray, Division F Governor Claire Misquez, and Area 61 Governor Scott Sheaffer executed another terrific contest.

sponses.

The quality of the contests this spring reflects the tremendous growth I've seen from each Area Governor in their ability take a greater leadership role in the organization of their area's contest. Each person that plays a contest role no matter how large or small grows in their communication and leadership skills. That's what Toastmasters is all about.

I encourage you to continue to attend Area and Division contests as well as the District 25 Conference.

Helpful contest/conference links:

<http://d25toastmasters.org/resources/contest.htm> - contest resources

[http://d25toastmasters.org/education/speech\\_contests.htm](http://d25toastmasters.org/education/speech_contests.htm) - contest dates

<http://d25toastmasters.org/conference/index.htm> - conference information - updates daily

## Contest Season "Marches" On

If you haven't attended an area contest yet, there are still some great opportunities to do so! Here are the dates for upcoming contests. Check [www.D25toastmasters.org](http://www.D25toastmasters.org) for all the details on location.

- Area 24, Silva, 3/5 Thursday Evening
- Area 53, Linn, 3/6 Friday Evening
- Area 54, Rose, 3/7 Sat Morning
- Area 23, Cozby, 3/7 Sat Afternoon
- Area 65, McConnell, 3/7 Sat Evening
- Area 52, Jiang, 3/13 Friday Evening
- Area 63, Sanders, 3/14 Sat Evening
- Area 25, Annavajhula, 3/19 Thu Eve
- Area 22, Dodson, 3/20 Fri Evening
- Area 33, Torres, 3/21 Sat Morning
- Area 32, Wade, 3/21 Sat Afternoon
- Area 31, Perez, 3/21 Sat Evening

All this competition leads to the Division Contests. Dates are below; check the website for details on location and start times.

- 3/27 Fri Evening Division B
- 3/28 Sat Morning Division C
- 3/28 Sat Afternoon Division E
- 3/28 Sat Evening Division F
- 4/4 Sat Morning Division D
- 4/4 Sat Evening Division A



## OUTSTANDING OFFICER NOMINATION DEADLINE

**March 14** is the deadline to nominate an outstanding officer from your club to be recognized at the Division level. We are honoring officers who served July 1 to December 31, 2008.

**April 4** is the deadline to submit nominations to recognize officers at the District Conference during the awards luncheon.

It's so simple to do! Go to [www.D25toastmasters.org](http://www.D25toastmasters.org) and click on *Outstanding Club Officer Nominations*

## Welcome, New February Members! (cont'd from Page 9)

Join Date	Div	Area	Last Name	First Name	MI	Club	Club #
2/1/2009	D	45	O'Neal	Barry	William	Top Notch Toastmasters - TNT	825
2/1/2009	D	45	Crouch	Chandler	B	Top Notch Toastmasters - TNT	825
2/1/2009	D	45	Weber	Robert	Arthur	Top Notch Toastmasters - TNT	825
2/1/2009	D	45	Salmond	Terry		Top Notch Toastmasters - TNT	825
2/1/2009	E	52	Gaither	Lorri		Lakeside Club	3692
2/1/2009	E	52	Dietz	Silvia	V	Little Elm Toastmasters	1009806
2/1/2009	E	52	Crockett	Sonya	Denise	Little Elm Toastmasters	1009806
2/1/2009	E	52	Micou	Stalyn	S.	Little Elm Toastmasters	1009806
2/1/2009	E	52	Dorsey	Steven	Brian	North TX Club	420
2/1/2009	E	53	Vora	Jankl		Talk Blue Toastmasters Club	6017
2/1/2009	E	53	Ramireddy	Narender		Talk Blue Toastmasters Club	6017
2/1/2009	E	53	Flores	Romelia		Talk Blue Toastmasters Club	6017
2/1/2009	E	54	Cory	Beth	E	Southlake Club	4987
2/1/2009	E	54	Martin	Donna	L	Speak With Success	633
2/1/2009	E	55	Hinckley	Glenn	Hill	Unique Toastmasters At Vista Ridge Club	7274
2/1/2009	F	61	McDougal	Douglas	R	Mid-Cities Noontime Club	2476
2/1/2009	F	63	Garimalla	Rohini		ToastStop Club	678422
2/1/2009	F	63	Krishnamurthy	Sahana		ToastStop Club	678422
2/1/2009	F	63	Agrawal	Shuchi		Golden Triangle Toastmasters Club	5297
2/1/2009	F	64	Hof	Justin	L	Keller Communicators Club	621025
2/1/2009	F	65	Hunt	Cora	O	Grand Prairie Toastmasters Club	6332
2/1/2009	F	65	James	Larry	Dale	Grand Prairie Toastmasters Club	6332
2/1/2009	F	65	Burnette	Samuel	Lee	Grand Prairie Toastmasters Club	6332