

VOICES



Reach for Success

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

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Motivational speaker, author and radio announcer, Earl Nightingale said, "Whatever we plant in our subconscious mind and nourish with REPETITION and emotion will one day become a reality."

Do you want to become a good, NO, an EXCELLENT public speaker or polished presenter? It all begins with REPETITION. Football great Paul Horning said "Practice, Practice, Practice," which made him a great player. It's all about the REPETITIONS. You just keep doing it and you get better. Whether it is football or public speaking, the principle is the same.

You get out of this Leadership and Communication Program exactly what you put into it. Put in some. Get out some. Put in your maximum, then practice, practice, practice and you will become the public speaker and the polished presenter you want to be. It just doesn't happen by itself. You don't just WAKE UP one morning a polished presenter. You have to pay your dues first. You have to practice, practice, practice. It's all about the REPETITIONS.

The more time you spend as a speaker, the better you become. The more REPETITIONS you have in front of your communication group, the quicker you become a polished presenter.

Repetition

Earl Hill, DTM - District 25 Governor



Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Do the thing you fear, and the death of fear is certain." Most new communication and leadership club members are trying to lose their fear of public speaking. As seasoned Toastmasters, it is up to us to get them to the lectern as quickly as we can so they can begin their REPETITIONS so they can soon become polished presenters after they practice, practice, practice.

Spring Conference Epilogue

Thanks to all who participated in the events at the recent Spring Conference at the Marriott at Freeport Parkway. A great job was done by all.

The district is grateful for the feedback received from those who attended. For those who have not been to the Website lately, there is an anonymous electronic way to give feedback on what you saw and felt at the conference. The district staff would appreciate your comments.

Put the date on your calendar now. The Fall Conference is November 30-December 1, 2007.



It's not too late!

Maurice Tait, DTM – Lieutenant Governor Education and Training

There's just a few weeks left in the current district year **but you still have time to complete your education goals.** Where are you in the Distinguished Club Program? Some of your clubs are just a few new members or an education achievement short of being a distinguished club, a select distinguished club or even a president's distinguished club!

You can check your club's progress at www.toastmasters.org. Click on Information for Members, then click on District/Club Info and Reports, then click on Distinguished Club Program Reports for Individual Clubs. Input your club number and you can pull up the report for you club.

Don't for the District 25 Elite Member Pin! You need to complete just three requirements in each category. See our District's website for details.

You still have time to earn the following four Pace Setter Award ribbons for your club:

- ✦ Excellence in Education CC Award
- ✦ Excellence in Education AC Award
- ✦ Excellence in Leadership Award
- ✦ Excellence in Marketing Award banner

Beat the Clock—Toastmasters membership campaign

Randy Terrell, ACS/ALS – Lieutenant Governor Marketing



Fellow District 25 Toastmasters:

We're in our third and final membership building campaign with ***Beat the Clock!*** During this membership building contest, encourage your club's members to invite as many guests as possible to your club's meetings. Consider conducting a special guest meeting – where during a regular meeting, you could specifically discuss the benefits Toastmasters members receive as they participate. Perhaps invite and include other members' testimonials.

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Many clubs are very, very close to becoming a distinguished club and District 25 leadership is committed to helping you achieve it! Your area governors, division governors, lt. governors, and your district governor are here to assist you in any way we can, so use us to your advantage and together we will all be distinguished!



Letter from the editor...

Shawn Kornegay, CTM/CL— Public Relations Officer

It's that time of the month again and you need to get your club's newsletter going. You have got all the articles and information. You have successfully placed the articles and information into your newsletter shell. You have completed the newsletter, but you would like to raise the bar on the newsletter's quality. In reviewing the recent Club Newsletter Contest, there were some great tips to improve your club's newsletter. This is a great time to re-evaluate your newsletter and see how you improve the overall quality and content of the publication.

Below are some helpful tips:

- Does your club newsletter help fulfill the Club Mission "...to provide a mutually supportive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communications and leadership skills...?"
- Are the club and district being represented clearly noted?
- Is the content composed primarily of original, club-generated material of educational value? If articles or items from other sources are used, is a credit line included? Is content focused on achieving the club's mission?
- Does the newsletter contain educational articles, recognition of member and club achievement and encouragement to participate in Toastmasters activities?
- Does the newsletter promote understanding of Toastmasters programs, promotions and policies? It is informative and entertaining?
- Does the newsletter prominently feature the editor's and publisher's name, address and telephone number in each issue? (The publisher is the club president).
- Does the writing meet acceptable standards for sentence structure, spelling, punctuation and grammar? Is the writing interesting and clear?
- Does the newsletter's appearance stimulate reader interest? Does the layout indicate careful attention to white space, page balance, effective use of graphics and the importance and organization of the article?

The Mission of Toastmasters International

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

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

Toastmasters International Vision

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

The Mission of the District

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

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

The Mission of the Club

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



Where did those butterflies come from?

David McCallister, ATMG/CL – Division A Governor

Nervousness, speech anxiety, stage fright, platform panic—it's known by many names, but it is a problem every speaker must confront. Actually, feeling nervous before a speech is healthy! It shows your speech is important to you and that you care about doing well. But, unless you learn to manage and control nervousness, it can keep you from becoming an effective speaker. Here are some tips on how to send those butterflies packing!

- **Know the room.** Become familiar with the place in which you will speak. Arrive early and walk around the speaking area and stand at the lectern. If using visual aids, practice with them.
- **Know the Audience.** If possible, greet audience members as they arrive and chat with them. It's easier to speak to a group of friends than a group of strangers.
- **Know your material.** If you are not familiar with your material, your nervousness will naturally increase. Practice your speech and revise it until you can present it with ease.
- **Relax.** You can ease tension by doing exercises. Sit comfortably with your back straight. Breathe in slowly, hold your breath for four or five seconds, then slowly exhale and repeat. To relax facial muscles, open your mouth and eyes wide, then close them tightly and repeat.
- **Visualize yourself giving your speech.** Imagine yourself walking confidently to the lectern as the audience applauds. Imagine yourself speaking, your voice loud, clear and assured. Picture the audience applauding as you finish and return to your seat. When you visualize yourself as successful, you will be successful.
- **Realize that people want you to succeed.** Audiences want speakers to be interesting, stimulating, informative and entertaining. They want you to succeed—not to fail. This is especially true in your home club, where your audience will always be understanding and supportive.
- **Don't apologize.** Most of the time your nervousness doesn't show at all. If you don't say anything about it, nobody will notice. If you mention your nervousness or apologize for any problems you think you have with your speech, you'll only be calling the audience's attention to it. Had you remained silent, your listeners may not have noticed anything.
- **Concentrate on the message—not on the medium.** Your nervous feelings will dissipate if you focus your attention away from your own anxieties and outwardly toward your message and your audience.
- **Turn nervousness into positive energy.** The same nervous energy that causes platform panic can be an asset to you. Harness it, and transform it into vitality and enthusiasm.
- **Gain Experience.** Experience builds confidence, which is a key to effective speaking. Most beginning speakers find that their anxieties decrease after each speech they give!

Meeting of the minds

Mary Feltman, DTM – Division D Governor



As I write this, hopefully you enjoyed attending the District Conference. I on the other hand, was sitting in an airplane flying to a family event in Wisconsin. You know we both are doing family things. Family for me and many others is split in two parts: blood and Toastmasters.

The best part of getting together with the family is the camaraderie, the networking, the sharing. It is in this conversation time, the **meeting of minds** occurs. This is where the ideas, plans, techniques are there for the asking. Have you ever talked with the Area 44 vice president of education from the Cleburne club? Or what about the Area 42 vice president of marketing from the HOTBG club? Or the Area 45 president of Toastmasters Anonymous?

These people have a varied numbers of years of Toastmaster experience and each belong to a different type of Toastmaster club. They do things a little different. Now put these two things together, (the years and type of club) and pick their minds. Quick take some notes. Get Excited! Ask questions! Get ideas! Problem solve!! Share!

After the weekend was over, the conference, a well-celebrated end of 2006-2007 year and the beginning of another. You can now take these new ideas, plans, and techniques back to your home club and do even more sharing. You now have the opportunity to solve the issues regarding your club's growth, attendance, DCP goals — another **meeting of the minds**.

Well, the plane landed and I was in Wisconsin. I hope you had fun. Hopefully you learned something. Be open to the **meeting of the minds**. You never know what you might learn. How about it? The next time WE (you and I meet) make sure you plan to **share with me, these meeting of the minds**.



Three steps to effective evaluations

Toni Hendrick, ATMG/CL—Division F Governor

Step 1 - Evaluations are about what you observe as an evaluator. This is just an opinion of the presentation.

Step 2 - Be constructive. Take into consideration the experience of the speaker. If someone has been in Toastmasters a while, it doesn't necessarily mean they are accomplished. They still may need to hear feedback on things done well.

Step 3 - Always provide **specific** suggestions. If you didn't understand the speech, it's okay. Say something like, "I didn't understand the message but feel you were trying to influence my decision on whether or not to compete during the fall." It's okay to say, "I challenge each one of you to compete in the Humorous Speech Contest coming up." Another option may be to suggest a specific course of action. An example would be, "It's okay that you are unsure what topic to select for your next speech. I find it helps me to brainstorm by making a list of things I enjoy. I limit myself to three minutes and select two-three ideas then brainstorm each one to find out which has potential."

As a speaker being evaluated, remember this isn't personal. The intent is to provide constructive feedback. It is the evaluator's opinion and others may disagree. Work on what makes sense for you as a presenter and discard the rest or file the comments for later use.

It is important to remember that evaluations are given to help us learn and grow, not only in Toastmasters but in everyday life. Each year, we receive performance reviews – this is just an evaluation of your accomplishments over the past year. Feedback can be given for areas of improvement and goals can be planned for next year. You can also think of an evaluation as someone telling you how to drive or provide a suggestion on how much garlic to put in the spaghetti sauce. There are many opportunities to evaluate; be positive, be specific and make sure the person you are evaluating wants to speak again once you're finished.

Check Your DCP Report

Do you know how close your club is to achieving its Distinguished Club Program goals? You can review your club's progress on the TI Web site. Please visit www.toastmasters.org > **Club DCP Reports** > **Launch Reports**. Updates are posted weekly. Pay careful attention to the club officer training statistics for the December-February training period. Contact district, Lt. Governor Education and training Maurice Taitt right away if you believe there are errors in the report. Districts must record club officer training corrections by May 31. Please share this report with your club. If your club has misplaced its Distinguished Club Program/Club Success Plan booklet (Catalog No. 1111), you can find it on the TI Web site at www.toastmasters.org > **Get Forms & Docs** > **Miscellaneous Educational Program Documents**.



SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 23, 2007 - FORT WORTH

JULY 21, 2007 - COPPELL

Pre-Register Online starting June 1, 2007

Saturday June 23

June Toastmasters Leadership Summit Kick-Off
District Sponsored Club Officer Training
Texas Wesleyan University
1201 Wesleyan Street Fort Worth, TX 76105

Saturday July 21

July Toastmasters Leadership Summit
District Sponsored Club Officer Training
IBM - 1177 Beltline Road Coppell, 75019

For more information visit
www.d25toastmasters.org/tls or contact
District Training Chair, Peggy Holloway, DTM
peggyholloway@d25toastmasters.org



**REACH FOR SUCCESS
SPOTLIGHT CLUB MAY 2007**

**Toastmasters Club #3536
Young Street Yappers**

Division F - Area 62
Chartered: April 1, 1999
Meeting Time: 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays

Location: 1301 Young Street @ 400 South Akard
Room 254 (2nd floor just off the elevator)
Dallas, Texas 75202
Contact: Evelyn Glass at
(214) 767 3088
E-mail: evelyn.glass@hhs.gov
Website: www.yappers.info

2006-2007 Club Achievements

15 New Members
Super 7 Club Award
Five Star Club Award



Members of Young Street Yappers

Congratulations Distinguished Clubs

(As of April 30, 2007)

Quicksilver Express
BNSF Expressed
FAA Toastmasters
Fossil Creek Toastmasters
Airport Toastmasters
Irving Toastmasters
Reveille Toastmasters
Lakeside Toastmasters
Speak with Success
UD Toastmasters

Congratulations Select Distinguished Clubs

(As of April 30, 2007)

BNSF Toastmasters
Southlake Toastmasters
Dream Chasers
Big T Toastmasters
Cleburne Toastmasters
Lewisville Toastmasters
Solana Classic
Flagship Speakers

Congratulations Presidents Distinguished Clubs

(As of April 30, 2007)

Cowtown Toastmasters
Toastmasters Anonymous
Mid Cities Noon Time

Congratulations Distinguished Areas

(As of April 30, 2007)

Area 11 – Raun Shephard
Area 15 – Jim Swann
Area 33 – Beth Taylor
Area 42 – Rosemary Horton
Area 45 – Mitzi Ward
Area 52 – Ana Garza
Area 61 – David Martin

Congratulations Presidents Distinguished Area

(As of April 30, 2007)

Area 14 – Diana Patton

Congratulations Presidents Distinguished Division

(As of April 30, 2007)

Division A – David McCallister

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.

District 25 Calendar

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Jun 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

May 2007

- 1-31** Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
- 4-5** Spring Conference – DFW Marriott North – Irving, Texas
- 19** 2007-2008 Area/Division Governor Training
- 21** District Steering Committee Meeting
- 31** Last day to submit Area Visit Report ONLINE for Distinguished Area Credit

June 2007

- 1-30** Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
- 8-9** Region III Conference – Sheraton DFW - Irving, Texas
- 18** District Steering Committee Meeting
- 23** Kick-Off June Toastmasters Leadership Summit and Club Officer Training—Texas Wesleyan University—Ft. Worth
- 30** Last Day for Distinguished Club Program

July 2007

- 1-31** Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
- 14** District Executive Committee and District Staff Training
- 21** July Toastmasters Leadership Summit and Club Officer Training—IBM—Coppell

Jul 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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The Proxies Are Coming...

The official Toastmasters International proxies will be mailed to club presidents of record on March 31. They will be mailed in a blue envelope with the words **“IMPORTANT PROXY INFORMATION”** imprinted on the front of the envelope.

Please Note: Proxies for the Annual Business Meeting of the District Council on May 5 are different from those received in the mail in the blue envelope with the words **“IMPORTANT PROXY INFORMATION”** imprinted on the front of the envelope.

- A District 25 team member will contact club presidents in mid April to confirm receipt of the club proxy, and whether the club will be sending a delegate to the regional conference in Dallas on June 9 and/or the International Convention in Phoenix on August 18. If not, proxies can be tendered to the district governor or another officer. A special BLUE box will be available at all Division Contests and the Spring Conference for Clubs to tender their proxies if they are not sending a delegate. Please make sure all proxies are signed as directed on each proxy.

In the event the club president does not receive their proxies, the current club president should check with former officers to see if they received the proxies by mistake. Sometimes the club officer list at WHQ is outdated and the proxy was sent to the former club president.

- Duplicate proxies can be requested by e-mail from duplicateproxies@toastmasters.org. Requests for duplicate proxies will be honored starting April 23. Include the current club president’s name, address, and club and district numbers. Remember, WHQ can send only one duplicate proxy, which must be mailed to the current club president.



Find a Mistake?

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

Education Completions for APRIL 2007

Congratulations to our fellow Competent Communicators

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member
586017	C	35	CC	4/27/2007	Allen, Linda
879088	A	14	CC	4/19/2007	Amos, Michael
586017	C	35	CC	4/27/2007	Bass, Diane
6951	E	53	CC	4/13/2007	Bates, Shan S.
6951	E	53	CC	4/24/2007	Chapel, Melissa
5286	F	64	CC	4/4/2007	Cooley, Jon C.
6951	E	53	CC	4/13/2007	Davis, Robert
628601	F	62	CC	4/6/2007	Garbett, Brian
761119	E	52	CC	4/1/2007	Graves, Beth
9595	D	45	CC	4/30/2007	McCallister, David E.
6951	E	53	PCC	4/1/2007	McManus, Brandi
6572	C	32	CC	4/19/2007	Meier, Michael Scott
6102	A	14	CC	4/26/2007	Miller, Betty Lou
5922	E	53	CC	4/19/2007	Pace, Valarie Sue
2476	F	64	CC	4/2/2007	Perry, Jon
6402	C	33	CC	4/10/2007	Salazar, Andres A.
3692	E	52	CC	4/10/2007	Sengottayan, Maha
783227	C	33	CC	4/1/2007	Velasquez, Raquel
710987	D	44	CC	4/21/2007	Watson, John

Congratulations to our fellow Advanced Communicators

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member
5496	A	11	ACB	4/30/2007	Frias, Lydia R.
5590	D	41	ACB	4/3/2007	Mcpherson, Rebecca J
4987	A	15	ACB	4/4/2007	Meyer, Robert D.
5286	F	64	ACB	4/25/2007	Noack, David R.
2975	A	14	ACB	4/20/2007	Patton, Diana C.
2564	C	34	ACB	4/20/2007	Wickline, Kenny
710987	D	44	ACS	4/14/2007	Cannon, Bart
2476	F	64	ACS	4/25/2007	Morrison, Linda K.
4236	A	15	ACS	4/21/2007	Rose, Tawn Allen
7694	F	64	ACS	4/18/2007	Sanders, Robyn
621025	A	15	ACS	4/27/2007	Warmbrodt, Cindy M.
4370	F	63	ACG	4/12/2007	O'Neal, Kyle David
8507	E	55	ACG	4/25/2007	Pinones, Ernestina

Congratulations to our fellow Competent Leaders

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member
5590	D	41	CL	4/27/2007	Cross, Jim T.
305	A	12	OCL	4/16/2007	Ditto, Ruby M.
918987	A	14	OCL	4/16/2007	Gaertner, James S.
5537	A	15	CL	4/13/2007	Harvey, Rebecca J.
633	E	54	CL	4/10/2007	Humphrey, Felicia
879088	A	14	CL	4/10/2007	Kelsoe, April
6866	D	41	OCL	4/30/2007	Mikeska, Lanell
2476	F	64	CL	4/11/2007	Morrison, Linda K.

Congratulations to our fellow Advanced Leaders

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member
6017	E	53	ALS	4/11/2007	Gardner, Marcheta
8507	E	55	ALS	4/6/2007	Pinones, Ernestina

Congratulations to our fellow Distinguished Toastmasters

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member
8507	E	55	DTM	4/25/2007	Pinones, Ernestina



Celebrate Success

SAVE THE DATE!

DISTRICT AWARDS BANQUET

HOSTED BY TCU TOASTMASTERS CLUB NO. 5555

SATURDAY AUGUST 11, 2007

REGISTER AT THE JUNE 23 TOASTMASTERS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT!

DEAR GABBY



Dear Gabby,

At a recent Toastmasters meeting, one of our members gave a speech that, well, some of the members said was an inappropriate topic. There was no bad language, it was just political in nature, and while I took no offense to the subject, others are not very happy. Is there a guideline, or rule of what is appropriate to speak about in the Toastmasters organization?

- Political agenda

Dear Agenda,

While Ms Gabby is very opinionated herself, and it has gotten her in some heated debates in mixed company. There was this one time when, well I won't mention his name, but let me just say, if any politician needed Toastmasters it was this guy. So I told GB that ...Wait, this is not about me, this is about your problem in your club.

My dear, one of the great things about the Toastmasters organization, is that it gives you the support and tools to express yourself in a professional manner. To voice your opinion in a clear and concise way. Speakers are even encouraged to present speeches on controversial subjects. There are speech projects in the advanced manuals that are specifically designed to present an opposing view to a group, like project # 4 in the Persuasive Speaking manual, or project # 5 in Speeches by Management.

Toastmasters instills no rules on what the subject of a speech can be. And speakers should not be evaluated on the subject of the speech, but on how it was delivered. The only place in the Toastmasters program that address the subject of topic is on the Judging form for the International Speech Contest. There it asks if the speech was appropriate to the audience? This is just a little common sense. For instance, I would not give a speech about "The beauty of composite plumbing pipe" to The over 70 Bridge Club, or "Why you should join the Over 70 Bridge Club" to a high school graduating class. You get the idea.

So in answer to your question, the topic selection is up to the speaker, and the rest of us as Toastmasters should be supportive and encouraging to make sure our members speak again, and improve in delivering their message in a professional and effective way. Perhaps you could give a speech about this in your club. It could be educational and beneficial to the membership.

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

Email your questions to deargabby@d25toastmasters.org.

DISTRICT PROMOTIONS AND CONTESTS

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**CLUB RAIDER**

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! **Ends June 30, 2007.**

**FIVE STAR CLUB**

Pay semi-annual club dues on time during both periods (by Oct 10, 2006 and Apr 10, 2007)
Add 4 new members and 4 more new members – PLUS
End the year with 20 or Net 5 members.

Get a Ribbon for your Club Banner and more! **Ends June 30, 2007.**

**PACE SETTER AWARD**

Clubs achieving any of the following can earn up to four ribbons for the club banner!
Five or more Competent Communicator Awards—Excellence in Education CC Ribbon (Green)
Three or more Advanced Communicator Awards—Excellence in Education AC Ribbon (Gold)

Nine or more New members - Excellence in Marketing Award (Blue)

Three or more Competent Leader, Advanced Leader Bronze/Silver, or DTM Awards— Excellence in Leadership Ribbon (Red)

D25 Elite Member

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Members completing three requirements in each category will receive a special D25 Elite pin and recognition in the District Newsletter, Web site and Fall/Spring Conferences. More information about the D25 Elite program can be found on the District 25 Web site under the Current Promotions link. **Ends June 30, 2007.**

DISTRICT 25 TOASTMASTERS
GOLDEN GAVEL AWARD

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Does your club have well-run, lively, and educational meetings that meet the needs of your members? If so, you may qualify for the prestigious Golden Gavel Award. The Golden Gavel Award is a patch which can be sewn on the club banner. It can be awarded only once every six month term to a club. More information can be found on the District 25 Web site under the

current promotions link. **Ends June 30, 2007**