

# VOICES



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

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## Come One, Come All to Our 2007 Fall Conference

*Maurice Taitt, DTM - District 25 Governor*

By the time you are reading this, our Fall Conference will be less than one month away. This article is specially directed to those who have never attended a district conference.



I urge you to attend the Fall 2007 Conference because there are lots of exciting events planned to enhance and broaden your Toastmaster experience. Bring your club banner and be part of the Banner Parade on Friday evening, Nov. 30. There are not one, not two, but an amazing fifteen education sessions with subjects ranging from "Toastmasters 101" for first timers, to "Managing dysfunctional behavior in meetings". In addition, there are four keynote speakers. Our District's best from each of our six divisions will compete in the Evaluation Contest on Friday evening, Nov. 30 and in the Humorous Speech contest on Dec. 1, in the afternoon.

Club presidents and vice presidents of education are asked to attend the District Council Business meeting on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 4:45 P.M.. To conduct District business, a quorum is required so your presence is vital. If unable to attend, club presidents and vice presidents of education can provide a written proxy to each other (or to another club member, if neither is able to attend. District officers are eligible to carry proxies for clubs of which they are members, up to total maximum of three votes. Club presidents and vice presidents of education can carry a maximum of two votes. Be sure to visit the credentials desk well before it closes in advance of the business meeting to collect your delegate badges and ballots.

Near the end of the business meeting, there will be two minute presentations given by or on behalf of those seeking election as International Director Candidates from Region III for the 2008-2010 term. There is no fee charged to attend the business meeting.

On Saturday evening, plan to attend our fabulous dinner preceded by the pomp and ceremony of the Dignitary Parade, featuring our current area governors, division governors, top three district officers and our visiting first year International Director, Charlotte Howard, DTM. After dinner, our District's newest Distinguished Toastmasters will be honored in a special recognition ceremony. Details are available online: [www.d25toastmasters.org/fallconference](http://www.d25toastmasters.org/fallconference). See you at the Conference!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**WINTER DATES ANNOUNCED**

Online pre-registration available

[www.d25toastmasters.org/tls](http://www.d25toastmasters.org/tls)

- December 1 - DFW Airport Marriott South, Ft. Worth - 8:00 a.m.
- December 8 - Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth - 8:30 a.m.
- January 11 - Texas Wesleyan, Ft. Worth - 6:30 p.m.
- January 12 - Texas Wesleyan, Ft. Worth - 8:30 a.m.
- January 18 - IBM, Coppell - 6:30 p.m.
- January 19 - IBM, Coppell - 8:30 a.m.
- February 9 - Baylor University, Waco - 8:30 a.m.
- February 16 - Wayland College, Wichita Falls - 8:30 a.m.



## HAVE FUN at the District 25 Fall Conference!

*Peggy Holloway, DTM – Lieutenant Governor Education and Training*

I hope you were able to attend the area and division contests to support your fellow members. Now we can all look forward with anticipation to the District Fall Conference. I'm sure you've heard many reasons why you should attend the Fall Conference. Here are seven more reasons you should attend – to **HAVE FUN**.

The **H**umorous Speech Contest will showcase the best humorous speakers in our district. Come see creativity at its best. Learn from the speakers and get ideas for your own speeches. You might just be inspired to try your hand at competition next time. This is one event you don't want to miss.

At noon on Saturday, **A**wards will be presented to outstanding club officers for the District, and members who have completed education and membership goals will be recognized. Then, on Saturday night, during our formal dinner, we will honor Toastmasters who have completed the requirements for the Distinguished Toastmasters award.

This is the best **V**alue for your money. You can't get this type of event with 25 education sessions from some of the best presenters in the industry at the price you will pay to attend this conference. For \$25, you can attend your choice of sessions from an Accredited Speaker, World Champion of Public Speaking, and others.

The **E**valuation Contest will spotlight the best evaluators in our district. Watch and learn how to enhance your evaluations from normal verbiage like good eye contact, great vocal variety, and interesting content to creative, expressive, and demonstrative evaluations that will take your speaking skills to the next level.

**F**riday Night will be a trip to the 70s. Remember Don Cornelius and the 70s Soul Train Line? Remember when all the dancers would form two lines with space in the middle for individual dancers to strut their stuff as they dance down the line? Well Don Cornelius may not be there, but we'll have the 'soul' music and the Soul Train Line. Don't miss this!

**U**nity – Have you ever gone to a family reunion only to realize that there was more to your family than you imagined? That's how it is when you attend a district conference. You will find out that Toastmasters is bigger than your club. You'll meet your district and regional leaders. It's a coming together of members, clubs, areas and divisions made up of people just like you.

**N**ew faces, new friends, new speeches, new ideas. That's what you'll get when you attend the Fall District Conference. It's a way to see what Toastmasters has to offer when you go beyond your club. Most importantly, the Conference is for you, the member. To education, motivate, and inspire you to be a better speaker, leader, and Toastmaster. I look forward to seeing you there so we can **HAVE FUN** together!

## Is your Toastmasters Club a SUPER 7 Club?

Each club that have all seven officers trained in the Winter will achieve the Super 7 Award and receive a brown ribbon to proudly hang on the club banner. Club officers may attend any Toastmasters Leadership Summit held in December, January, or February.

**Fine Print:** Promotion runs December 1, 2007 through February 29, 2008. In order to qualify for the Super 7 Club award, all 7 club officers must attend a District 25 sponsored training session held in December, January, or February. Club officers may also attend the Toastmasters Leadership Institute in District 44, 50, or 55 during the same time period.

In the event all seven officers do not attend district sponsored training sessions during the promotion period, the club will not be eligible for the Super 7 Club award. Open only to District 25 Toastmasters clubs in good standing. For more information, visit [www.d25toastmasters.org/super7](http://www.d25toastmasters.org/super7)

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## How “Guest Friendly” Is YOUR Club?

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

Have you ever considered what it feels like for a guest to attend a Toastmasters meeting for the first time? There is the fear of meeting new people combined with the fear of speaking! Often, the guest does not know a soul. Some guests get to the parking lot, but are so frightened they cannot get out of their car and attend the meeting. Here are some questions that should help gauge how “Guest Friendly” your club is:

- Do you use a guest book and/or visitor cards?
- Do both members and guests wear nametags?
- Are both guests and members greeted warmly?
- Do you provide materials for guests to take home?
- Does a member sit with each guest during the meeting?
- Is an agenda provided, with changes announced efficiently?
- Does the meeting start and end on time?
- Do you prepare and provide proper introductions?
- Are functions explained thoroughly?
- Is the purpose and process of Table Topics explained?
- Are guests invited (not coerced) to participate?
- Do members give manual speeches, with objectives explained?
- Are the evaluations constructive and supportive (not destructive)?
- Do you avoid “inside jokes”?
- Do you follow up with a hand-written note, phone call or email?
- Do you ASK guests to join as members?

Greeting the guest is not just the responsibility of the Sergeant at arms and VP membership. Everyone is responsible for making guests feel welcome. By making your club more “Guest Friendly,” there is a good chance that visitors will become members.



### Marketing Workshop

Learn how to attract, recruit, and retain members for your club. Also leave with valuable materials, handouts, and resources to help build and sustain your club membership.

**Saturday, December 8, 2007 (TLS)**

Texas Christian University  
Sid W. Richardson Physical Sciences Building  
2955 South University Drive  
Fort Worth, TX 76109

Open to all members - Seating is Limited! Attendees are asked to pre-register.  
For more information or to register online, visit [www.d25toastmasters.org/marketing/workshop](http://www.d25toastmasters.org/marketing/workshop)



## Reasons NOT TO MISS the District 25 Fall 2007 Conference

*Diana Patton, ACB/CL – Division A Governor 2007-2008*

### How do you spell E-X-C-E-L-L-E-N-C-E ?

#### E ducation

There will be 15 valuable education sessions throughout the day on Saturday plus the first-ever officer training at a District Conference. Past district governors will be conducting officer training to make it even more special, beginning at 8:15 a.m.

#### eX citement

“I’m so excited” to quote Maurice Taitt, our District Governor. Come dressed in your best 70s outfit for Friday evening. The best dressed gets a prize! Don’t forget to hang around Friday for our DJ and “Soul Train” theme following Friday night’s dinner and Speech Evaluation Contest. There will be door prizes throughout the weekend as well as wonderful silent auction items. Don’t miss the model railroad on display in the Toastmasters Store area.

#### C ommunicate

Communication—Isn’t that what Toastmasters is all about? Come to the Conference and improve your communication and leadership skills.

#### E valuate

Friday night’s Speech Evaluation Contest will be exciting. Come watch some of our finest members from each of the six divisions compete as they evaluate the test speaker. Get some ideas to help improve your own speech evaluation performance at your home club.

#### L eadership

Come and improve your leadership skills by getting tips from keynote speakers and education session presenters from top community and industry leading organizations.

#### L aughter

Don’t miss the Humorous Speech Contest on Saturday afternoon. This is one of the highlights of the entire weekend. Come and cheer on your favorite contestant as they make you laugh while competing against the six division contest winners.

#### E nrich

Enrich your Toastmasters experience by attending and volunteering to help at the conference. Go to the [d25toastmasters.org](http://d25toastmasters.org) website and check out the Fall Conference page. There you can register as well as sign up to be a volunteer. Get involved – it will enrich your conference experience.

#### N etwork

Visit with old friends as well as make new ones. The knowledge, skills, and contacts you will take away from the Conference will enable you to start a business, earn a promotion, and/or take you one step closer to realizing your dreams!

#### C redentials

Don’t forget to stop by the credentials desk if you plan on voting at the Business Meeting on Saturday afternoon. Make your voice heard and your vote count.

#### E mpower

Empower yourself by attending the conference. If this is your very first conference, we will make you feel special. Even if this is your 10<sup>th</sup> conference, there will be lots of new things to experience and new people to meet. “Excellence demands that you be better than yourself.”

**Register now for the District 25 Fall 2007 Conference!**  
**[www.d25toastmasters.org/fallconference](http://www.d25toastmasters.org/fallconference)**



## Dynamic Division D: Thankfulness

*D. Kirkland, CTM/CL— Division D Governor 2007-2008*

One of my favorite reasons for being a Toastmaster is that people who want to improve their communication and leadership skills surround me. We are not always so lucky in our families, professions and other organizations! Toastmasters, however, are willing to grow and put their skills into practice.

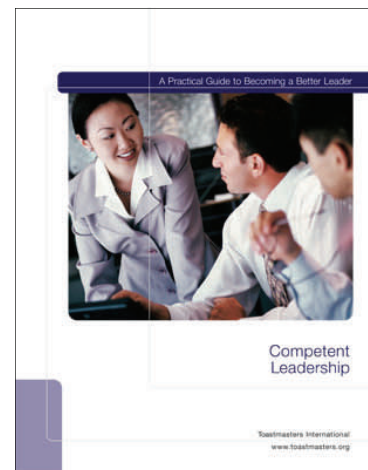
Division D is full of wonderful Toastmasters who are not afraid to volunteer to help and then actually follow through with the assistance! Area 44 Governor Everett Stokes was reflecting on the success of the Area 44/45 Fall Contest when he commented, "It's because I'm working with Toastmasters!" He expressed that he could always trust Toastmasters to come through with excellence and effort.

With all the area contests behind us, we now look forward to the Division D Fall Contest on Saturday, November 10. The contest will be held at the Scott & White Conference Center in Temple. Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m. Contest briefing will be at 5 p.m. and the contest will start at 5:30 p.m. The "clowning around" theme will be a lot of fun. I hope that many supporters will attend to join in the fun!

During this season leading up to our District Fall Conference, we are also in a season of "thankfulness." I would like to thank each volunteer that has helped with the area contests and each that will help with the division contest. You inspire and motivate me. I learn so much from each of you. Keep up the good work. See you soon!

## Help your club assimilate the *Competent Leadership* manual into its meetings and culture.

- ▶ **Display the manual during meetings.** Encourage members to browse through the projects. Be sure all club officers are familiar with the manual and can answer questions about it.
- ▶ **Discuss evaluations.** If it hasn't already, your club should discuss how to handle leadership manual evaluations. Possible options are to:
  - Provide verbal evaluations during meetings for both speech and leadership projects, but allow less time for each evaluation
  - Provide verbal evaluations privately outside of the club meeting
  - Provide only written evaluations for leadership projects
- ▶ **Educate mentors.** Every new member needs a mentor. A mentor's role includes helping new members with the first few projects in the *Competent Leadership* manual and in the *Competent Communication* manual. Make sure mentors are well-acquainted with the CL manual and able to assist members with its projects.
- ▶ **Track progress.** Display the Competent Leadership Achievement Wall Chart (Item 308) at every club meeting. When members complete all 10 projects in the manual, they may apply for the Competent Leader award. They'll receive a certificate and WHQ will send a letter to their employer about their accomplishment. Clubs also receive credit in the Distinguished Club Program toward Goals 5 or 6 when members achieve the award.
- ▶ **Include the manual in your "sales pitch."** Along with communication skill training, you can promote the leadership training Toastmasters offers to potential members. Demonstrate how the manual will help them learn valuable leadership skills like listening, critical thinking, planning and team building.



The *Competent Leadership* manual is a grand opportunity for your club's members and a new marketing tool for your club. Make the most of it!



## Why the Media Loves Tip Sheets

*Dodi Foster, DTM - District 25 Public Relations Officer 2007-2008*

Public relations practitioners view the tip sheet as a valuable tool in their publicity arsenal. Editors love them because they're ready-made lists that require no extra work on the part of the reporter. Publications can simply reprint them verbatim. TV stations love them because they provide content for the short bulleted lists that are flashed on the screen and often accompany stories. Sometimes even editorial writers use the sheets as fodder for their editorials. A tip sheet is a simple list of from six to twelve tips that tell people how to do something—usually how to solve a particular problem. Take the valuable skills we learn in Toastmasters and turn them in to Tips to solve everyday problems.

**Listening skills:** Six tips on “How to listen to avoid confrontation with your children.”

**Speaking skills:** 10 tips on “How to present your proposal.”

**Table Topics:** Six tips on “How to promote your business in two minutes or less.”

**Evaluations:** Six tips on “How to give constructive feedback to your employees.”

Use tip sheets on your club promotion flyers. Follow tips with a paragraph about how the Toastmasters program can help people learn skills to effectively deal with everyday problems at work and in their personal lives. Give good directions to your meeting place; also include meeting day, time, and a phone number and email address. For Tip sheets on how to gain members go to [www.d25toastmasters.org](http://www.d25toastmasters.org). Click the Resources tab, then click Membership and Marketing ideas.



## TOASTMASTERS IN THE PARK

**Spring/Summer 2008**

Fort Worth Trinity Park

### Ready to step out of your comfort zone and speak before a non Toastmasters audience?

This public relations event for District 25 needs you! We will showcase the humorous speaking talents from all over District 25 in an event advertised to the general public. This is your opportunity to help us spread the word to the community about the benefits of membership in Toastmasters.

**There are 10 speaking slots open for five to seven minute humorous speeches.** If more than 10 members sign up, speakers will be selected by committee and final slate of speakers will be determined in late winter.

We also need volunteers to serve on the committee and help the day of the event.

Contact Dodi Foster, DTM via email [dodifoster@d25toastmasters.org](mailto:dodifoster@d25toastmasters.org).



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

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

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

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



## Training Twice is Nice!

Whether you're an amateur or adept, there's lots to learn at the second round of club officer training.

Newly elected officers have the opportunity to:

- ▶ earn the basic responsibilities of their new role
- ▶ meet district leaders who can help them during their terms
- ▶ discover and share ideas that can help them improve their clubs

Veteran or mid-term officers have the opportunity to:

- ▶ participate in training sessions to complement their core training
- ▶ discuss with district and other club officers the challenges their clubs may be facing
- ▶ share experiences and solutions for these challenges

District 25 will be conducting training for club officers between December 1 and February 29.

For training dates and locations, visit [www.d25toastmasters.org/tls](http://www.d25toastmasters.org/tls).



## District 25 Fall Conference Banner Parade - Friday November 30, 2007

### Bring Your Club Banner to the Conference. This is Your Chance to Shine — to Show off Your Club!

Let us know you are there. The Banner Parade opens the Fall Conference on Friday evening. It's an impressive sight — like the opening day on the Olympics with all the flags. It is your time to be proud and strut your stuff — we need every club there to be in the Banner Parade — so come on out and feel a part of our history by being at this conference and being in the Banner Parade!

Wave your banner and show your pride as you march in with your club banner! Join in our Banner Parade, which starts our Opening Ceremonies.

Then listen and be inspired by our Friday Keynote Speaker. This event will get you off to an energizing start for the rest of the conference!

Remember all banners get hung up in the main room after the Parade so we get to look at them throughout the Conference and get inspiration from the older clubs with all the beautiful ribbons for accomplishments over the years.

**Tip:** get someone who is coming to the conference to remember to take the banner at the last meeting before the conference, then after the conference pick it up.



\*Clubs participating in the Banner Parade will receive a special ribbon to attach to your club banner.  
Clubs will receive the ribbon at the Conference.

For more information and to Register your club online visit  
**[www.d25toastmasters.org/bannerparade](http://www.d25toastmasters.org/bannerparade)**  
or contact District 25 Sergeant at Arms, Mary Feltman, DTM  
email: [aryfeltman@d25toastmasters.org](mailto:aryfeltman@d25toastmasters.org)

### Don't have a club banner?

Contact District 25 Lt. Governor Marketing David McCallister, DTM  
to find out how your club can earn a free banner!  
email: [davidmccallister@d25toastmasters.org](mailto:davidmccallister@d25toastmasters.org)

# NOTICE OF MEETING - DISTRICT COUNCIL

## District 25 Toastmasters Fall 2007 District Council Meeting

**Saturday, December 1, 2007 - 4:45p.m.**  
**DFW Airport South Marriott - Trinity I-II Ballroom**  
**4151 Centreport Boulevard**  
**Fort Worth, Texas 76155**

### AGENDA

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| Call to Order  | Maurice Taitt, DTM     |
| Mission of the District                                    | Mary Feltman, DTM      |
| Description of Dist. Executive Committee and Dist. Council | Maurice Taitt, DTM     |
| Credentials Committee Report                               | Dr. Sandra Creech, DTM |
| Adoption of Agenda   | District Council       |
| Adoption of previous District Council Meeting minutes      | District Council       |
| Confirmation of 2007-2008 Appointed District Officers      | District Council       |
| Adoption of 2007-2008 District Budget                      | District Council       |
| Treasurer's Report   | Earl Hill, DTM         |
| Public Relations Officer Report                            | Dodi Foster, DTM       |
| Lieutenant Governor Marketing Report                       | David McCallister, DTM |
| Lieutenant Governor Education & Training Report            | Peggy Holloway, DTM    |
| Spring 2008 Conference Update                              | Brenda Daniels, DTM    |
| Select Fall 2008 Conference Host Club                      | District Council       |
| International Director Candidate Presentations             |                        |
| Time and Place of next meeting                             |                        |
| Adjourn  |                        |

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## Business Meeting is Free \*\*\* PROXY FORM\*\*\* Business Meeting is Free

### District 25 Council Proxy Form

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Club No: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Proxy: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the Toastmaster named above is a member in good standing with the above club, and authorize him/her to cast any ballots and represent the club in all matters to be conducted during the District 25 Council business meeting.

Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*This form is to be used only if the Club President and/or Vice President, Education cannot attend the business meeting. Each club casts 2 votes. This proxy must be exchanged at the Credentials Desk for voting ballots. Please designate a person you know will be attending the Council meetings to represent your club, or leave blank for any club member who attends to represent your club.)



## DEAR GABBY



### Dear Gabby,

Why should my corporate club participate in anything else than speaking in our club for our goal of professional development. What does the outside participation offer us?

- *Inside out.*

Dear Hide and Seek,

Your corporate club is a great place to get started on your growth in professional development. But your club is only a chapter in a volume of education and growth. Participation outside your club offers you more opportunity by meeting and talking with Toastmasters that have diverse skills and experience. Going to District sponsored trainings and events offers you new insight into the leadership opportunities available to you outside the club as well as programs and education not available in the time limits of a club meeting. Competing in speech contests makes you step out of your comfort zone and gain additional growth and confidence. Outside participation ensures that you and your club members are getting the most of what Toastmasters has to offer. The book you don't read, won't help.

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](mailto:deargabby@d25toastmasters.org).

## You Can't Talk About That!

**M**embers often tell us that other Toastmasters have told them that speeches concerning politics, religion and sex are forbidden by Toastmasters International because "such controversial subjects are not appropriate." This is not true. Toastmasters International does not prohibit any speech topic, content or language.

Toastmasters International recognizes club members may learn much about the world around them from listening to others' speeches on a variety of subjects. This variety can add interest to club meetings and stimulate thoughts and ideas. For these reasons, Toastmasters International does not place restrictions on topics, content, or language of any speeches. It also recognizes that a club is a diverse group of people and recommends members be sensitive to this diversity and use good taste and responsibility when selecting speech topics, content, and language. While Toastmasters International has no restrictions, a club may guide its members on how to observe good taste and sensitivity in the context of that particular club.

## 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.

## Get Ready For Club Elections

If your club elects officers semiannually, it's not too early to think about upcoming elections. Here's a helpful timetable:

- ▶ **Before September 30:** Appoint a nominating committee (see Club Bylaws). The committee is to be run by the immediate past president or the most recent past president available.
- ▶ **Last Meeting in October:** The nominating committee reports to the club.
- ▶ **First Meeting in November:** Call for the nominating committee report. (If the nominating committee does not have a report at the last meeting in October, postpone the election until one week after the meeting at which the report is given.)
- ▶ **Call for nominations from the floor:** Nominations begin with the last president and proceed in descending order. Remember, a quorum is 51 percent of active members.
- ▶ **Announce the results:** All clubs must be on a July 1– June 30 annual term, or on July 1– December 31 and January 1–June 30 semiannual terms. (Please note: Clubs that meet weekly have the option of electing officers for either a semiannual term or an annual term. Clubs that meet less frequently must elect officers for annual terms.) Holding elections at any other time is in direct conflict with the Club Constitution. If your club elections are not in compliance with the timetable, now is the time to change and meet constitution standards.

Once the officers have been elected, go to the TI Web site, access the Club Business section and add your club's officers online! Remember to order club officer pins and plaques of appreciation for your officer installation ceremony. Check your Supply Catalog for a complete list of items and prices or place your order online at [toastmasters.org](http://toastmasters.org) > **Shop**.



### 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](mailto:newsletter@d25toastmasters.org)**

## If Your Club Elects Its Officers Semiannually

...it's time to submit a list of your club's officers for the January 2008 through June 2008 term. The fastest, most efficient way to notify WHQ is to submit the information online.

You can enter the club business section of the Web site at [members.toastmasters.org](http://members.toastmasters.org) > **Club Officers > Conduct Club Business > {Club Log In} > Change my club's meeting and/or club officer information**.

To get on-time credit in the Distinguished Club Program, the information must be entered online by December 31, 2007, or if mailed, postmarked December 31, 2007, and received at WHQ by January 7, 2008.

Newly-elected officers: be sure to attend club-officer training offered by your district team. It will help you have a successful term of office. Check your district's Web site for information. Also be sure your club officer information is up-to-date so your club won't miss any mailings or information from WHQ.

Club officer manuals (one for each office) were mailed to each club last June. If you are just taking office, be sure to get these manuals from the outgoing club officers. Additional copies can be purchased online [members.toastmasters.org](http://members.toastmasters.org) > **Shop**. You can also view the content of each manual online. Navigate to [members.toastmasters.org](http://members.toastmasters.org) > **Officer Resources > Club Officer Resources > Club Officer Roles**. Select the appropriate officer position then scroll to the bottom of the page for the link to the PDF

## Welcome to Toastmasters! New Members from October 2007

Richard Hayes	Afterburners	Toni McAfee	Phi Rappa Yappa
Linda Vasquez	AllianceTexas Toastmasters	Ryan Tyler	Phi Rappa Yappa
John Evans	Baylor Orators Toastmasters	John Pacheco	Plus-Two
Jeff Motheral	Baylor Orators Toastmasters	Ging-Sen Yeung	Plus-Two
John Sawicki	BNSF Toastmasters	Terry Vincent	Power Communicators
Patrick Dougher	Burleson Toastmasters	David Davis	Pro A.M. Toastmasters
Priscilla Grant	Caremark Advance Articulators	Tracy Pope	Quicksilver Express
Heather Shotwell	Caremark Advance Articulators	Jeff Humber	Reveille
Frank Rike	Christian Speakers	Jason Parker	Reveille
Lyndon Dewitt	Cleburne Toastmasters	Jacob Richter	Reveille
Mahmood Chowdhry	Connection Communicators	Juliana Lubwama	Ryan Plaza
Michael Loney	Connection Communicators	Tracy Belivin	Sheppard Communicators
Ismail Mohamud	Connection Communicators	Richard Martinez	Sheppard Communicators
Wiwei Zhang	Connection Communicators	Jackie Mitchell	Sheppard Communicators
Kerry Pile	Denton Toastmasters	Lance Green	Shining Stars
Robert Miller	DREAM CHASERs	Jacob Loftin	Shining Stars
Darius Alexander	Eagle 2	David Toombs	Shining Stars
Patricia Ullman	Eagle 2	David Carroll	Skymasters
Esther Lockart	EFW	Minimol Aneefa	Solana Classic
Stan Rooker	EFW	Helen Schenk	South Wise Toastmasters
Timothy Sharpe	EFW	Carolyn Sims	Southlake
Priscila Soria Sanchez	Flagship Speakers	Deborah White	Southlake
Dina Parker	Golden Triangle Toastmasters	Liberty Campbell	Star-Telegram
Faith Winder	Golden Triangle Toastmasters	Karina Ceuterick	Star-Telegram
Hong Tran	Grand Prairie Toastmasters	Brandon Evans	Star-Telegram
James Hall	nner Voice Toastmasters	Keith Brankner	Successful Speakers
Ada Jelks-Henderson	Inner Voice Toastmasters	Christine Philip	Successful Speakers
Paul Sleeper	Inner Voice Toastmasters	Paulette Crumley	Tanglewood Toastmasters
Hiroe Ando	Irving Toastmasters	Robert Henley	Tanglewood Toastmasters
Jeffrey Goodin	Lakeside	Kimberly Meyer	Tanglewood Toastmasters
Jumaan Dussett	Las Colinas Communicators	Linda Taylor	Tanglewood Toastmasters
Scott Gaines	Las Colinas Communicators	Harriet Willis	Tanglewood Toastmasters
Eric Quintana	Lewisville Toastmasters	Elizabeth McCune	TCU Toastmasters
Emmett Aracely	Lonestar Toastmasters	Darren Ong	TCU Toastmasters
Rosalee Hacker	Longhorn Toastmasters	Franco Deras	Texas Toasters
Jo Wallace	Marine Creek Toastmasters	Kelly Pfeifer	Toast of the Town
Ron Stock	Microsoft LC	Eric Tomlinson	ToastStop
Joshua Lochhart	Mid Cities Evening	Susanne Nickerson	Top of Texas Toastmasters
Matthew Gohlke	North TX	Mike Bennett	Unique Toastmasters At Vista Ridge
Denise Jeppson	North TX	Shawna Fowler	Unique Toastmasters At Vista Ridge
Mehmet Soyer	North TX	Kelly Hobbs	Unique Toastmasters At Vista Ridge
Stuart Whitehead	North TX		

## NOVEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARIES



2971	Reveille
2008	Quicksilver Express
629	Six Twenty Nine
5496	Cowtown Toastmasters
4355	Fighter Enterprise
6567	Improvisors
7784	Motor Street Motor Mouths
9672	ACE
5555	TCU Toastmasters
420	North TX
1630	Caremark Advance Articulators
710987	Cleburne Toastmasters
733879	Marine Creek Toastmasters
974854	Storm Speakers

### Education Completions for October 2007

#### Congratulations to our fellow Competent Communicators

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club
4987	A	15	CC	10/15/2007	Bauer, David L	Southlake
7351	D	42	CC	10/10/2007	Cox, Penny	Fish Pond
5496	A	11	CC	10/29/2007	Coyne, Patrick H.	Cowtown Toastmasters
987	A	15	CC	10/1/2007	Gardner, Jayne	Southlake
5788	F	61	CC	10/14/2007	Hart, Melissa L.	Top of Texas Toastmasters
2971	C	33	CC	10/23/2007	Herbert, Fred S.	Reveille
6102	A	14	CC	10/29/2007	Oommen, Laila	FAA Toastmasters
4354	A	15	CC	10/31/2007	Paredes, Julio	AllianceTexas Toastmasters
1286	D	41	CC	10/2/2007	Perez, Margie	Lonestar Toastmasters
6530	C	31	CC	10/18/2007	Schwarzer, Hester W.	United Communicators
760	C	32	CC	10/15/2007	Sen, Sandip	T-Toasters
3692	E	51	CC	10/20/2007	Shamroukh, Sameh	Lakeside
989	F	61	CC	10/2/2007	Tuladhar, Prakash R.	Mid Cities Evening
3365	B	21	CC	10/29/2007	Viveros, Patricia	Irving Toastmasters
7502	B	23	CC	10/26/2007	Waller, Bruce wayne	Successful Speakers
7277	D	43	CC	10/23/2007	Wessel, Janice	Baylor Orators Toastmasters
5496	A	11	CC	10/7/2007	Yan, Xiaochu	Cowtown Toastmasters

#### Congratulations to our fellow Advanced Communicators

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club
897575	C	34	ACB	10/3/2007	Bailey, Tammy	Star-Telegram
5496	A	11	ACB	10/7/2007	Keith, Stephen H.	Cowtown Toastmasters
5788	F	61	ACB	10/1/2007	Main, Tonya Sue	Top of Texas Toastmasters
4236	A	15	ACB	10/18/2007	Rose, Jonathan	Southlake Evening
3055	E	51	ACS	10/19/2007	Sutterfield, Tammy	Denton Toastmasters
5286	F	62	ACS	10/11/2007	Wyatt, Gregory D.	Plane Talk
6191	A	11	ACG	10/23/2007	Foster, Dodi D.	Afterburners
4225	B	22	ACG	10/11/2007	Nelson, Louisa C.	Shining Stars

#### Congratulations to our fellow Competent Leaders

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club
5590	D	41	CL	10/4/2007	Gaus, Karen P.	Big T Toastmasters
349	A	11	CL	10/3/2007	Hart, Melissa L.	Plus-Two
5788	F	61	OCL	10/9/2007	Morrison, Linda K	Top of Texas Toastmasters
7784	F	62	OCL	10/19/2007	Trigg, Hampton H.	Motor Street Motor Mouths
5496	A	11	CL	10/7/2007	Yan, Xiaochu	Cowtown Toastmasters

#### Congratulations to our fellow Advanced Leaders

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club
5590	D	41	ALB	10/11/2007	Kirkland, D. K.	Big T Toastmasters
7514	C	31	ALB	10/4/2007	Misquez, Claire A.	Arlington Nooners

## District 25 Calendar of Events

### November 2007

- 1-30 Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
- 2 **Division F** Speech Evaluation and Humorous Speech Contest
- 3 **Division E** Speech Evaluation and Humorous Speech Contest
- Division A** Speech Evaluation and Humorous Speech Contest
- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 9 **Division B** Speech Evaluation and Humorous Speech Contest
- 10 **Division C** Speech Evaluation and Humorous Speech Contest
- Division D** Speech Evaluation and Humorous Speech Contest
- 12 District Steering Committee Meeting
- Deadline for submitting Outstanding Club Officer Nominations
- 22 Thanksgiving Day
- 30 Last day to submit Area Visit Report ONLINE for Distinguished Area Credit
- Fall Conference – DFW Marriott South – Fort Worth, Texas

### December 2007

- 1 Fall Conference – DFW Marriott South – Fort Worth, Texas
- 1-31 Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
- 8 **Toastmasters Leadership Summit – Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, TX**
- 10 District Steering Committee Meeting
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 Last day to submit Club Officer List ONLINE for DCP Credit!

### January 2008

- 1 Second Round of Area Visits Begin
- 5 Mid-Year Training for Area/Division Governors and Dist. Staff
- 15 Letter of intent due for those seeking 2008/2009 District elective office
- 11 **Toastmasters Leadership Summit (light) – Texas Wesleyan, Ft. Worth, TX**
- 12 **Toastmasters Leadership Summit – Texas Wesleyan, Ft. Worth, TX**
- 18 **Toastmasters Leadership Summit (light) – IBM, Coppell, TX**
- 19 **Toastmasters Leadership Summit – IBM, Coppell, TX**

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### 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.

# All Aboard...Destination: Excellence

## District 25 Fall Conference

NOVEMBER 30—DECEMBER 1, 2007

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



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## Conference Education Session Highlights



### What is Purpose Driven Leadership?

Purpose Driven Leadership is...We all have individual definitions of what this statement means. Be prepared to share and participate as our speaker provides what it means to her and how your leadership life can be enhanced.

*Jennifer Johnson*



### Eight Essentials of Effective Speaking

Can you learn to be a *great* speaker in less than an hour? No, but you can learn to be a *better* speaker when you learn eight essentials every effective speaker must know. Let David Brooks, the 1990 World Champion of Public Speaking, teach you why the audience inherently wants you to succeed, what one question you must ask before you speak, why good speaking begins with good writing, how good writing can add color and style, and much more. But more important than anything else, you will learn Dave's famous "*Six Little Words That Can Change the Way You Speak*."

*David Brooks*



### Playing Fair in the Sandbox

Who pushes your buttons? Could you use some tips on how to motivate different personalities? Come join Immediate Past District 50 Governor Michael Goforth for a fun, interactive and informative session for these answers and more.

*Michael Goforth*

### Table Topics Tactics

Table Topics happen not only at Toastmasters but also in everyday life. Most of our daily interactions are unscripted - so why not improve them? Whether you are looking for that edge at Table Topics Contests or just looking to provide better responses to everyday questions - this session is for you!



*Dwayne Windham*

### Your Image Matters When You're the Presenter

Do you know how your audiences feel about you when they first see you? Are you getting all the positive reactions you want from your audiences? In this session, Cathrine will talk about creating a successful speaker image. You will look at various methods you can use to begin communicating your message before you open your mouth to say the first word.



*Cathrine Hatcher*

### Coping with Stress

You will learn what stress is and what it is not, as well as the effects stress has on the body and mind. You will also learn effective coping skills and have fun in the process.



*Kay Ray*

### You Can't Make Me Change Anything But My Underwear!



Anne Barab

In this program participants will learn techniques for improving customer service or patient care, the differences between negative and positive explanatory style, characteristics of people who habitually perceive change as danger versus opportunity, and how to deal with difficult situations and how to improve the quality of your own explanatory style.



Sarfaraz Nazir

### The Power of Wow: How to Design, Develop & Deliver a Powerful, Polished Presentation

Do you yearn to walk on to a platform and quickly "wow" the audience? This session will help you build that confidence. It covers winning tools, tips and techniques designed to add the "Power of Wow" to the content and delivery of your presentation. Whether you're a beginner or experienced presenter, you'll find a tip or two or three to make your presentations more impressive, effective, and memorable.



Angie Flinn

### Managing Dysfunctional Behavior in Meetings

When you're the speaker, trainer, or facilitator, the responsibility for audience management lies on your shoulders. So what do you do when your audience won't cooperate? One person's dysfunctional behavior can ruin it for everyone. Whether you lead teams at work, deliver training to adults, or run Toastmasters business or committee meetings, this is the session for you! Learn how to identify, defuse, and manage dysfunctional behavior.



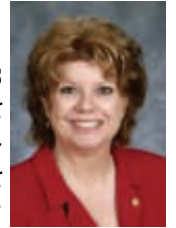
David Heywood

### Operation Life Saver - A Chance to Serve, A Chance to Save.

Operation Life Saver is a nation-wide organization dedicated to saving lives at railroad crossings. This presentation will discuss the opportunities that exist for those looking not only to practice their speaking skills, but also to provide a public service to the communities in which they live.

### Seeds of Success

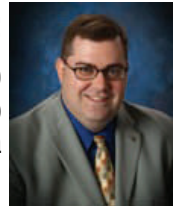
Successful club environments are where members learn, grow and have fun. It is important that our members never lose sight of their goals and responsibilities to the club. It is equally important for clubs to provide a positive environment for their members to achieve their personal goals. When we nurture our members, they will flourish as they develop new skills, harvest many successes and share their positive experience with others.



Charlotte Howard

### Close the Door!

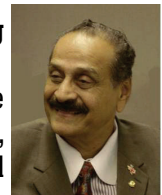
Studies have shown that most members leave a club because their needs are "no longer being met." To reverse this, participants taking part in this session will be focusing on areas that can directly impact the member retention rate in their club; member indoctrination, presentation evaluations and member/leadership development.



Tim Swearingen

### Mentoring is Part of Listening & Learning

In this fast changing world of new challenges, we are all collaborating and cooperating with each other, listening and learning from one another, and help all those privileged and less privileged world of humanity. This is all part and portion of the "small world - a beautiful world.



Max E. Rasquinha



DeSorrow

### Using Toastmasters to Create a Passive Income

It takes, time, effort, research and courage to deliver a Toastmasters speech. The presentation you create can also be referred to as an information product. If you want to know how to have your speech creation generate value in the form of passive income, this education session is for you.

**Don't forget about Club Officer Training at the Conference! Saturday morning sessions offered by a Distinguished Panel of Past District Governors:**

President - Charlotte Howard  
 VP Education - Jennifer Johnson  
 VP Public Relations - Angie Flinn  
 VP Membership - Michael Goforth  
 Secretary - Max Rasquinha  
 Treasurer - Tim Swearingen  
 Sergeant at Arms - Ron Bland

### Spring Contest Dates Announced

Area	Governor	Day	Date	Briefing/ Contest	Area	Governor	Day	Date	Briefing/ Contest
11	Fisher	3/28	Fri	Evening	41	Mikeska	2/9	Sat	Afternoon
12	Ditto	2/16	Sat	Afternoon	42	Cross	2/9	Sat	Afternoon
13	Weatherholt	3/27	Thu	Evening	43	Vickers	2/9	Sat	Afternoon
14	White	2/29	Fri	Evening	44	Stokes	2/23	Sat	Afternoon
15	Leaseburg	3/14	Fri	Evening	45	Hrovat	2/23	Sat	Afternoon
21	Sparks	3/29	Sat	Afternoon	51	Schenk	3/7	Fri	Evening
22	Bryant	3/1	Sat	Evening	52	Covey	3/29	Sat	Morning
23	Gupta	2/16	Sat	Evening	53	Bayes	2/21	Thu	Evening
24	Brister	2/23	Sat	Morning	54	Randle	2/15	Fri	Evening
25	Samuelson	3/6	Thu	Evening	55	Barrett	2/28	Thu	Evening
31	Shaw	2/22	Fri	Evening	61	Stevens	2/23	Sat	Evening
32	Kincaid	3/29	Sat	Evening	62	Misqueuz	3/1	Sat	Morning
33	Perry	3/8	Sat	Morning	63	Fox	3/13	Thu	Evening
34	Bailey	2/14	Thu	Evening	64	Quigley	3/8	Sat	Evening
35	Ross	3/8	Sat	Afternoon	65	Misqueuz	3/1	Sat	Afternoon

### Want to serve as a contest Judge or Chief Judge?

Members often ask how they can serve as a contest judge or chief judge at a club, area, or division contest. The answer is simple. Attend Judge or Chief Judge training at any of the Winter Toastmaster Leadership Summit Events in December, January and February. Judging can be quite a challenge, assessing the difference between a series of speakers in quick succession. If you accept the challenge of being a contest judge (and you should as soon as you have some Manual speeches behind you, then you know the basics. The next step is to attend judge training.

For more information, contact District Chief Judge Marcheta Gardner, DTM, email: [marchetagardner@d25toastmasters.org](mailto:marchetagardner@d25toastmasters.org).

#### Contest Judge and Chief Judge Training will be offered at the following TLS:

December 8 - Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth  
 January 11 - Texas Wesleyan, Ft. Worth  
 January 12 - Texas Wesleyan, Ft. Worth  
 January 18 - IBM, Coppell  
 January 19 - IBM, Coppell  
 February 9 - Baylor University, Waco  
 February 16 - Wayland College, Wichita Falls

#### 2008 Speech Contest Rulebook Now Available!

Hot off the press! Toastmasters International has released the 2008 Speech Contest Rulebook. If you are a Club President, a copy has been sent to you in the U.S. Mail. Others that would like to download your own copy of the 2008 Contest Rulebook, visit this link online:

<http://www.toastmasters.org/rules2008.aspx>

#### JUDGES STAY ON THE LIST!

In the effort to stay committed to excellence in District 25, those members wanting to remain on the Spring 2008 Judge and Chief Judge list must attend a session of the Judge or Chief Judge training in December, January, or February and select contest dates in which you would like to participate during the Spring 2008 contest season. Those who do not sign up to serve as a judge or chief judge during the Spring 2008 Contest season will not be on the list distributed in January 2008 and ineligible to judge or chief judge during the Spring 08 contest season.

For more information, contact:  
 District 25 Chief Judge Marcheta Gardner, DTM  
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