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Leaders Encourage the Heart

David McCallister, DTM - District 25 Governor



The heart of a leader must be a caring one. Without this heart, his leadership will be without purpose.

Do we have a caring heart? A leader's heart is the one that bridges the connection between them and their team members. Leadership filled with values that encourage the heart speaks directly to people to deeply and contributes to creating meaning in the workplace.

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Opening Oneself

Everything starts within as a leader. Most managers fail to recognize the efforts of others because expressing genuine appreciation means showing emotions. For most people expressing emotions is a weakness. This is what happened to someone I know. He was afraid of praising his staff and their good work because he did not want to be perceived as playing favorites. However, he realized that his staff did really deserve to be recognized. During a presentation, he publicly thanked people for fostering a collaborative spirit on the project. He later realized that what he had done established a human connection with his colleagues that had not been there before. After that, communication was more open among his staff and he felt less guarded and people responded with a new level of enthusiasm for his leadership.

Secret Revealed

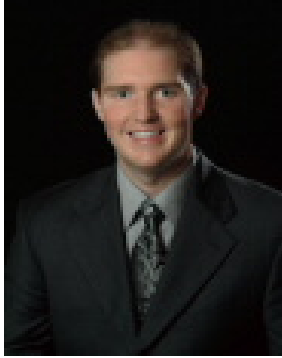
We all want to be loved and we have high needs for it. The same can be said of the workplace relationship between leaders and those who follow them. Love is a necessary ingredient, one that is rarely appreciated, in part we underrate the role of our feelings.

You do not love someone because of who they are; you love them because of the way they make you feel. Love and affection has a place in business and the more positive leaders make us feel, the harder we will work for them more effectively. If you work for a leader who encourages your heart, you will feel better about yourself and your self esteem will go up thereby increasing your potential to perform at your maximum best.

Say Thank You

It is important to appreciate someone who has done a good job. The primary reason people give for leaving work or other is that they get limited praise and recognition. At the top of the list is the ability to recognize and acknowledge the contribution of others as the skill that their managers should develop in order to be most effective.

Encouraging the heart can start with a simple thank you. To deny each other this gift of positive feedback is to deny increased opportunities for continued success.



Memories Mean Education

David D. Martin, DTM- Lt. Governor Education & Training 2009-2010

As your Lt. Governor Education & Training, it is my opportunity to encourage all Toastmasters of District 25 to complete their educational goals. We are two months into our new Toastmaster year and I want everyone to encourage one another to speak, speak, and speak. We mean manual speeches, of course. The summer has come and gone and we have had many vacations, experiences, and memories to reflect upon and speak about. A few of us traveled to Region III's last conference in Denver, Colorado. Some of us traveled to Mashentucket, Connecticut for the International Convention including the World Championship of Public Speaking. Many of us had a stay-cation and enjoyed our own hometown entertainment and attractions with our family and friends. Stories are abound and waiting to be told.

One venue for such stories is the humorous speech contest. Yes, contest season is upon us once again. August 29th was the first day for Area contests in District 25. I highly encourage you to check out the contest section of the website for the calendar of contests near you. Come out, hear the fabulous humorous speeches, and learn from the many insightful evaluations given by each of the contest participants. Are you one speech away from achieving an educational goal? Volunteer to be a test speaker and you have fulfilled your goal. Contest season is a reason to get out of your club and mingle with fellow Toastmasters. Meet new friends, hear great speeches, laugh, cry and learn all within 5-7 minute intervals of course!

I will see you on the contest circuit. Good luck to all contest participants and I hope each of you will work hard to reach your educational goals for the 2009 - 2010 Toastmaster year.

SMEDLEY AWARD

September 1 - September 30

Now that your club has Beat the Clock and added new members in May and June, it's time to gear up for another membership building contest! The Smedley Award is in honor of the founder of Toastmasters, Ralph Smedley. This contest provides an opportunity for your club to revitalize membership, come together to achieve a common goal through teamwork and be recognized and rewarded in the process. By adding five new, dual or reinstated members to your club in September or September, the club will receive a special Smedley Award ribbon to display on your club's banner, as well as one item of your choice from *The Successful Club Series*, *The Better Speaker Series*, or *The Leadership Excellence Series*. Please remember, members must have a join date of September or September to make your club eligible for this award. Additional information regarding this contest, as well as other membership building contests, is available in TI's membership programs flier (Item 1620).



Education—It’s not just for kids!

Diana Patton, DTM—Lieutenant Governor Marketing 2009-2010

Here it is September and time for lots of parents, children and students to begin the process of returning to school. It can be a time of new beginnings or rededication to a goal set long ago. This can be something we’ve committed to improving ourselves or helping someone we are mentoring to complete their goal.

We as Toastmasters can look at the month of September in the same way. It’s time to send our membership renewals to Toastmasters World Headquarters. Perhaps just a word from another member or officer to remind inactive members that now is a good time to renew their commitment to personal growth and

development by renewing or joining your club might be all that it takes to make it happen. Clubs submitting dues (minimum of 6) by September 30, 2009 will receive “Early Bird” ribbon to proudly display on their club banner.

September is also month for the Smedley promotion by Toastmasters International regarding building club membership. There are three types of membership building programs sponsored by Toastmasters International throughout the year. Here is recap of those programs.

Name	Type	Period	Criteria	Recognition
Smedley Award	Club	1 Aug - 30 Sep	Add 5 new, dual or reinstated members	Smedley Award Ribbon
Talk Up Toastmasters!	Club	1 Feb - 31 Mar	Add 5 new, dual or reinstated members	Talk Up Toastmasters! Ribbon
Beat The Clock	Club	1 May - 30 Jun	Add 5 new, dual or reinstated members	Beat The Clock Ribbon & 1 manual
Annual Membership Building Contest	Individual	1 Jul - 30 Jun	Recruit 5 members	A pin *
	Individual	1 Jul - 30 Jun	Recruit 10 members	Special star pin *
	Individual	1 Jul - 30 Jun	Recruit 15 members	Special tie/scarf *

Fall

Time to add a little spark to your meetings!

Fun

Work with your Vice President Education to shake up your meetings a bit! Your members and guests will appreciate that extra effort.

Friendly

A friendly atmosphere will be warm and inviting for existing and new members!

Fascinating

Make your meetings an educational and memorial experience!

Current Prospective Club Leads September 2009

Capital One—Irving
 McGraw-Hill—Desoto
 UTA—Arlington
 DynCorp—Ft Worth
 Denton Regional Medical Center—Denton

Paychex-Irving
 Freese & Nichols—Dallas
 FWPMI—Fort Worth
 McKesson
 Benbrook—Community Club



Successful TLI Summer Season Ends

Bonne Stroman, DTM - District 25 Training Chairman 2009-2010

District 25 has completed its summer Toastmasters Leadership Institute training, and the final Officers Training report is now posted on the District 25 website: <http://www.d25toastmasters.org/pdfs/OfficersTrained0910.pdf>.

Training Chairman Bonne Stroman reports that 76% of clubs have met the Distinguished Club Plan goal of having at least four officers trained. Furthermore, a total 33% of all D25 clubs exceeded the minimum standards, achieving the Super Seven recognition of having all seven officers trained!

While we would like to have trained all 889 club officers in the District, the leadership is appreciative of the efforts of the 598 club officers who attended training sessions. These officers will help to ensure the success of their clubs as they “Remember the Member” and lead their clubs to new heights.

Congratulations to Division E with the greatest percentage of clubs—85%—achieving the minimum of four officers trained. Kudos also to Division A with the greatest percentage of clubs—55%—achieving Super Seven! And all clubs in Areas 15 and 52 were Super Sevens! Way to go, Areas 15 and 52!

Our TLI sessions this year featured a new role for our Division Governors, who, along with Lt. Gov. Education and Training David Martin, conducted all of the officer training sessions. Of course, every Toastmaster can attend TLI and find inspiring speakers to enjoy. At each full TLI, the General Session included a motivational speaker, featuring at the respective sessions Mark Bilgere, Ron Bland, Pat Quick, and Cindi Warmbrodt. Each of our General Session speakers then conducted a follow-up leadership session. Thanks to our Division Governors and keynote speakers for your leadership at the TLI sessions!

Each full TLI also offered presentations by experienced speakers in the Humorous Speech and Evaluation events, so that participants could anticipate the approaching fall contest season. Participants giggled, chuckled, snickered, and guffawed along with humorists Mark Bilgere and Sarfaraz Nazir and mastered the fine art of effective evaluations from Rick Sharon, Sunni Fisher, and Tammy Bailey. Other sessions ranged over a host of educational and leadership topics, including judges and Chief Judges training sessions. Thanks to all of our dedicated, versatile presenters!

Besides the full day sessions at TCU, Texas Wesleyan, UNT, and Waco, TLI Lites (officer training only) were held at Texas Wesleyan, Allstate in Irving, and Waco. Thanks to everyone who assisted in securing and setting up the facilities at those sites! Then the Division make-ups picked up those who had not yet made it to a TLI. The Division Governors, along with their teams of Area Governors, trained throughout August to make sure that every officer in the District had several opportunities to attend. Many thanks go to all the Division Governors and their Area Governors for their continued efforts to provide quality make-up sessions!

Special thanks go to the many volunteers who made the TLI sessions possible. To our presenters, thanks for saying YES when you were asked to step up to assist your fellow Toastmasters in becoming better communicators and leaders. To the many people who assisted in finding sites for our sessions, helped in setting up, cleaning up, carrying stuff, hanging signs, and putting out refreshments, and generally pitched in wherever you were needed, you were the many hands that made light work. Thanks from your District 25 Training Team!

District 25 Calendar of Events

September 2009

- 1-30** Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
Smedley Club Promotion continues (ends Sep 30)
- 4** First Day to pay club dues renewals online (minimum 6)
- 7** Labor Day
- 11** Area Speech Evaluation and Humorous Speech Contests begin
- 30** Last day to submit Dues Semi-Annual Reports ONLINE
and receive credit towards 2009-2010 Distinguished Club Program Goal.
Last day to submit dues for credit toward the Early Bird Award.
Smedley Club Promotion Ends.

October 2009

- 1-31** Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
Area Speech Evaluation and Humorous Speech Contests continue
- 10** Marketing Workshop Open to All Members (RSVP Required)
District Executive Committee Meeting & District Staff Training
- 15** 2010 Spring Conference Presenter Submissions
- 31** Last day for Area Club Visits.

November 2009

- 1-30** Hold Area and Division Council Meetings
Division Speech Evaluation and Humorous Speech Contests
- 7** Nominations for District Outstanding Officer Awards Deadline
District Executive Committee Meeting & District Staff Training
- 20-21** 60th Anniversary District 25 Fall Conference
DFW Sheraton Grand Hotel, Irving, Texas
- 30** Deadline for Area Visit Report Submissions.

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CALL FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

Have you ever wanted to present a certain topic or lead a session on communication or leadership at a District Conference? Sessions are 1 hour and should focus on communication or leadership. If you are interested in presenting an education session at the Fall 2009 or Spring 2010 District Conference, please forward your name, contact information, and session outline to:

David D. Martin - davidmartin@d25toastmasters.org

Deadline for consideration

Fall 2009 Conference: Aug. 31, 2009

Spring 2010 Conference: Oct 15, 2009





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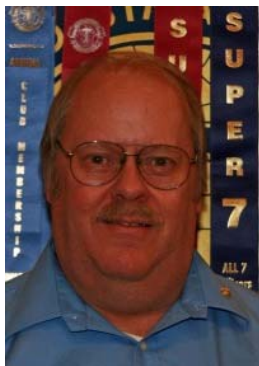
with special guests...



Jana Barnhill, DTM, AS
International President, 2008-2009



Pauline Shirley, DTM
International President, 1994-1995



Coping with Change While Celebrating Successes

Gary Samuelson, DTM - Division E Governor

Did the members of your club meet their personal goals? Did your club meet its Distinguished Club Program goals? If not, it does not matter, because it is a new Toastmasters year and it is time to start. If your members did meet their goals, and your club met its DCP goals, it still does not matter, because it is a new Toastmasters year and it is time to start over. A recent Toastmasters club meeting I attended had two major aspects, one reviewing the past and one previewing the future.

The former celebrated the previous year's accomplishments. All of the ribbons awarded at the Awards Banquet were proudly hung on the wall, and a special agenda listed the awards, both club and individual, and described the requirements for each ribbon.

The latter aspect of the meeting looked forward, in the form of a brainstorming session regarding ways of coping with the changes that have occurred (some due to the economy) and will continue to occur. In a brainstorming session, all ideas are welcomed; none are evaluated. Therefore, the suggestions in the resulting list (which follows) may or may not be helpful, but they should provoke further thought and discussion.

- Post more information about the club on company bulletin boards;
- Communicate the value and relevance of Toastmasters;
- Use skills developed in Toastmasters to make yourself more valuable to your employer;
- Identify the things that work and should not be changed;
- Strengthen the mentoring program;
- Remind members of their personal goals;
- Form friendships with other members;
- Invite guests to join to receive the benefits of Toastmasters;
- Encourage social networking;
- Provide club business cards;
- Promote the club on the company's intranet;
- Use Table Topics to model real life situations, such as job interviews;
- Encourage every member to prepare an "elevator speech;"
- Promote the value of Toastmasters in improving one's self esteem;
- Promote the fact that Toastmasters develops leadership skills as well as communication skills.

We all want stronger members and stronger clubs. Implement the suggestions that make sense for your club, or develop others.

Note that this brainstorming session was led by Edgar Nuñez, one of the club members, and qualified as a manual speech project; refer to the Facilitating Discussion advanced manual.

Fall 2009 Contest Dates

Speech Evaluation Contest
Humorous Speech Contest

Area	Governor	Date	Day	Briefing	Contest	C. Judge	D. Rep	Details
11*	Opdycke	9/26	Sat	Evening	Evening	TBA	Martin	TBA
12*	Hinckley	10/2	Fri	Evening	Evening	TBA	McCallister	TBA
13*	Rollins	10/24	Sat	Morning	Morning	TBA	Martin	TBA
14	Shocron	10/8	Thu	Evening	Evening	TBA	McCallister	TBA
15	Roberts	10/1	Thu	Evening	Evening	TBA	McCallister	TBA
21*	Hollis	10/16	Fri	Evening	Evening	TBA	Patton	TBA
22*	Laidlaw	10/22	Thu	Evening	Evening	TBA	Martin	TBA
23	Herald	10/23	Fri	Evening	Evening	TBA	Martin	TBA
24*	Beekman	9/24	Thu	Evening	Evening	TBA	McCallister	TBA
25	Sundermoothy	10/15	Thu	Evening	Evening	TBA	Patton	TBA
26	Carrington	9/19	Sat	Afternoon	Afternoon	TBA	Martin	TBA
31*	Jacobs	10/24	Sat	Evening	Evening	TBA	Martin	TBA
32	Courter	9/10	Thu	Evening	Evening	TBA	Martin	TBA
33*	Wyatt	10/17	Sat	Morning	Morning	TBA	Patton	TBA
34	Daggubati	9/17	Thu	Evening	Evening	TBA	McCallister	TBA
35*	Traicoff	9/19	Sat	Morning	Morning	TBA	Martin	TBA
41*	Jaworski	8/29	Sat	Afternoon	Afternoon	TBA	McCallister	TBA
42	Hansen	8/29	Sat	Afternoon	Afternoon	TBA	McCallister	TBA
43	Webb	8/29	Sat	Afternoon	Afternoon	TBA	McCallister	TBA
44	Cannon	9/19	Sat	Evening	Evening	TBA	Martin	TBA
51*	Harrison	10/3	Sat	Morning	Morning	TBA	Patton	TBA
52*	Nickerson	9/12	Sat	Evening	Evening	TBA	Martin	TBA
53	Walker	9/25	Fri	Evening	Evening	TBA	McCallister	TBA
54*	Leake	10/17	Sat	Evening	Evening	TBA	Patton	TBA
55*	Samuelson	9/11	Fri	Evening	Evening	TBA	Martin	TBA
61*	Fox	10/9	Fri	Evening	Evening	TBA	McCallister	TBA
62*	Lampman	10/17	Sat	Afternoon	Afternoon	TBA	Patton	TBA
63*	Fletcher	9/26	Sat	Afternoon	Afternoon	TBA	Martin	TBA
64*	Hill	9/12	Sat	Afternoon	Afternoon	TBA	Martin	TBA
65*	Bergs	9/18	Fri	Evening	Evening	TBA	McCallister	TBA
Div	Governor	Date	Day	Briefing	Contest	C. Judge	D. Rep	Details
A	Stevens	10/31	Sat	Afternoon	Afternoon	TBA	Martin	TBA
B	Hutchenson	11/6	Fri	Evening	Evening	TBA	McCallister	TBA
C	Torres	10/31	Sat	Morning	Morning	TBA	Patton	TBA
D	Arndt	11/7	Sat	Morning	Morning	TBA	McCallister	TBA
E	Samuelson	11/7	Sat	Evening	Evening	TBA	McCallister	TBA
F	Griffin	10/30	Fri	Evening	Evening	TBA	McCallister	TBA

*Areas with 4 active/paid clubs. These clubs may choose to send their first and second place contestants to compete at the Area Humorous and Speech Evaluation Contest. This is **optional** and is at the discretion of each club.

WANTED!



Test Speakers

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

Rewards

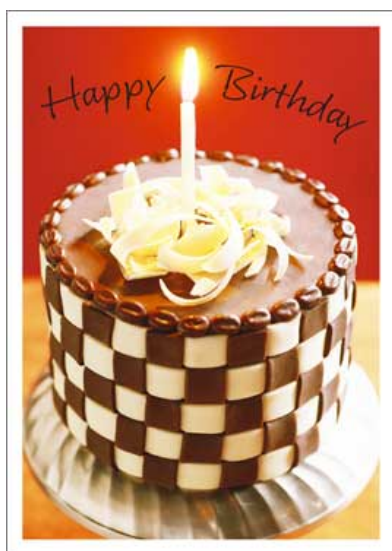
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Contact: Keith or Sara Boepple
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SEPTEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

3006	Oration Plus Toastmasters
1184	Expressionaires
5718	Motorola
9646	Aegonizers
594840	Toast the Blues Toastmasters
676840	Samaritan Toastmasters
959155	A-Team Toastmasters
1082726	Medtronic Toasters
1082792	Savvy Sayers
1082229	Texas Toasters

Welcome New Members August 2009!

Sabbir Ahmed	Connection Communicators	Dyan Horton	Star-Telegram
Nadia Alazri	Airport Toastmasters	Kenneth Johnson	Bell XworX Toastmasters
Ross Balabommala	Oration Plus	Patricia Justice	Speak With Success
Steve Barnes	AllianceTexas	Selena Khan	Savvy Sayers
Steve Barnes	Keller Communicators	Kanika Kohli	Connection Communicators
Candy Bernhardt	Connection Communicators	Betty Leet	Speak With Success
Shubhra Bhargava	Speak With Success	Sonia Leza	Siemens Toastmasters
Kristen Box	Baylor Orators	Susan Manuel	North TX
Imelda Boyd	Top Notch Toastmasters	Robert O'Mara	Little Elm Toastmasters
Leonard Briscoe	TCU Toastmasters	Joanne Passons	Denton Toastmasters
Leonard Briscoe	TCU Toastmasters	Jume Phelps	Speak With Success
Joan Carlisle	Texas Stars	Jeremiah Pope	Grand Prairie Toastmasters
Kevin Chase	Southlake Evening	Dewayne Roberson	Southlake
Lisa Chatman	Expressionaires	Elise Schoonmaker	Expressionaires
Patricia Clendenin	Aegonizers	Henry Sharp	Siemens Toastmasters
Kay Coburn	Southlake Evening	Arika Smith	Siemens DFW Toastmasters
Terri Earls	Siemens Toastmasters	Ben Spurl	Southlake Evening Toastmasters
Sheldon Fernandes	Arlington Nooners	Kelly Steele	Tip Top Toastmasters
Yinghong Fu	Speak With Success	Jan Stefaniak	Unique Toastmasters At Vista Ridge
Stephanie Gartman	Southlake	Jerry Stevenson	Las Colinas Communicators
Oscar Gonzalez	Arlington Nooners	Isabel Stone	Little Elm Toastmasters
Linda Griffin	Siemens Toastmasters	Timothy Stroud	Lonestar Toastmasters
Jamie Horn	Aegonizers	Aparna Valluri	Top of Texas Toastmasters

IMPACT YOUR CLUB

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 October 10, 2009, 12:30 PM

Texas Wesleyan University
Louella Baker Pavilion, 1112 Wesleyan St., Ft. Worth, TX 76105

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

August 2009 Hall of Fame

Congratulations to our fellow Competent Communicators

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club Name
879088	F	65	CC	8/5/2009	Agrahari, Homarjun	BNSF Expressed Toastmasters
1267200	F	63	CC	8/25/2009	Bark, Dana G.	Siemens DFW Toastmasters
1129074	B	26	CC	8/31/2009	Carrington, Charles	DFWAE Toastmasters
1171841	C	31	CC	8/13/2009	Chan, Breana	Siemens Toastmasters
4963	A	11	CC	8/15/2009	Hardwick, Pam A.	Weatherford
6102	A	12	CC	8/13/2009	Klendworth, April D.	FAA Toastmasters
6572	F	62	CC	8/18/2009	Meier, Michael Scott	Texas Wesleyan Spellbinders
746	E	54	CC	8/27/2009	Michelle, Robinson Leigh	Sabre Classic
1071	A	13	CC	8/31/2009	Morgan, David C.	Abilene Toastmasters
5788	A	15	CC	8/15/2009	Pinto, Daniel Ross	Top of Texas Toastmasters
1129074	B	26	CC	8/19/2009	Pulice, Judy	DFWAE Toastmasters
2209	B	26	CC	8/19/2009	Sanchez, Valerie N.	AAFES Toastmasters
4355	A	15	CC	8/6/2009	Summers, Christi L.	Fighter Enterprise Toastmasters
706449	D	44	CC	8/19/2009	Trevino, Manuel X.	Burleson Toastmasters

Congratulations to our fellow Advanced Communicators

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club Name
746	E	54	ACB	8/18/2009	Charters, Stephen M.	Sabre Classic
7277	D	43	ACB	8/5/2009	Keys, Amanda Leigh	Baylor Orators Toastmasters
6530	C	31	ACB	8/10/2009	Kocher, William Paul	United Communicators
5922	E	53	ACS	8/26/2009	Mason, Laura M.	Nissan Toastmasters
6572	F	62	ACG	8/18/2009	Meier, Michael Scott	Texas Wesleyan Spellbinders

Congratulations to our fellow Competent Leaders

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club Name
1267200	F	63	CL	8/25/2009	Bark, Dana G.	Siemens DFW Toastmasters
4236	E	54	CL	8/2/2009	Daggubati, Kumar	Southlake Evening Toastmasters
1071	A	13	CL	8/10/2009	Drennan, Jerry Dale	Abilene Toastmasters
6191	F	61	CL	8/2/2009	Quick, Pat A.	Afterburners
1129074	B	26	CL	8/27/2009	Satlof, Ellen	DFWAE Toastmasters
6191	F	61	CL	8/30/2009	Thorn, Steven James	Afterburners

Congratulations to our fellow Advanced Leaders

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club Name
4236	E	54	ALB	8/11/2009	Beene, Kenneth	Southlake Evening Toastmasters
746	E	54	ALB	8/10/2009	Charters, Stephen M.	Sabre Classic
633836	C	34	ALB	8/24/2009	Cozby, Oliver Ray	Speakers Exchange
918560	C	35	ALB	8/18/2009	Cozby, Oliver Ray	Bell XworX Toastmasters
897575	F	61	ALB	8/13/2009	Hudgins, Jacquelyn	Star-Telegram
3692	E	52	ALB	8/14/2009	Jones, Cindy Rowan	Lakeside
5788	A	15	ALB	8/21/2009	Nickerson, Susanne M.	Top of Texas Toastmasters
3055	E	52	ALB	8/5/2009	Samuelson, Rhealyn H.	Denton Toastmasters
5213	C	31	ALS	8/20/2009	Hostler, David R.	Ryan Plaza

Congratulations to our fellow Distinguished Toastmasters

Club	Division	Area	Award	Date	Member	Club Name
5213	C	31	DTM	8/20/2009	Hostler, David R.	Ryan Plaza

Energized and On Fire for Toastmasters!

Karen Hagar, VP Public Relations, Fighter Enterprise Toastmasters

Is there a lull in your work life? Do you feel the need to engage with new faces and personalities both professionally and personally? If so, here are some suggestions that are working for me!

Volunteer to be an officer and Become Accountable - Attend a TLI (Toastmaster Leadership Institute). I promise the experience will energize you to play a more active roll in Toastmasters.

As an officer for several years, I have attended the required training. It was a task to cross off my list of things to do that enabled my club to obtain a club goal. It was a couple of hours spent after work twice per year which I didn't mind, but as a new officer on July 1st I did something different. As the new slate of officers came on board, I emailed a personal invitation to all the new officers to attend the TLI held on Saturday morning at Texas Wesleyan University. The VP of membership responded "yes"; I became accountable! She and I met Saturday morning and we both enjoyed our day. The sessions lasted from 8 until noon. There were speakers, training sessions and a lot of networking opportunities. A bonus was that the Award Ceremony held Aug. 22 was promoted by the highly acclaimed cheerleader, Shannon Hills. Following her skit, I was 98 percent sure I would attend.

Back at our club meetings, the awards ceremony continued to be promoted by our club President and former Area Governor. During a meeting, both of them told our membership that they were planning to attend and I decided that I would too. Our club had won recognition for 2008-2009 in several areas and I wanted to be a part of the recognition event.

It was a great banquet that was held at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center at TCU. Lots of balloons, flowers, beautiful table settings, a delicious meal, beautifully dressed ladies and handsomely attired gentleman, all in the name of Toastmasters. The speakers were dynamic, talented, fun, energetic and organized. There were special secret awards called the TOP 5 that were given toward the end of the evening. I felt everyone who won those awards were really surprised!

I could go on and on, but the best part is that I became energized and on fire for Toastmasters by making myself accountable as a new officer. So, if you are experiencing a lull in your workday, and you are a Toastmaster, opportunities are waiting to benefit you professionally and personally.



Do you have experience designing Web sites?

Can you create forms using php technology?

Are you familiar with Adobe Dreamweaver?

If so, we need your help!

Please contact District 25 Governor David McCallister so you can find out more about what is involved in working on the District 25 Web site.

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Corley receives Dr. Curtis Trent Award



Many have asked who Dr. Curtis Trent is and why should he have an award named after him. The late Dr. Trent, who passed away in 2007, was a member of Cleburne Toastmasters club. He made a lasting impression on then district Governor Earl Hill in 2006-2007. Past District Governor Hill met Dr. Trent in 2004 and worked with him up until 2007 finding him to be a man of integrity, excellence, and purpose.

The Dr. Curtis Trent Award was started in 2007 to honor the Toastmaster who best exemplifies the attributes of Dr. Curtis Trent. The recipient, chosen by the District Governor, can be any Toastmaster, including a District officer.

This year's recipient for the Dr. Curtis Trent Award is a model Toastmaster chosen for her leadership, organizational, and interpersonal skills. As a leader, she leads by example and inspires leadership in others. When other toastmasters need assistance or encouragement, she knows exactly what to say and do to help others unlock their potential. She never seeks personal credit but is always willing and ready to serve. When she gives her word, you can count on her to deliver just like Dr. Trent.

When time and distance combined to make meetings difficult, this Toastmaster pulled upon her organizational skills. She organized conference calls so that everyone could be included without the expense of travel. Even though she had to travel hundreds of miles to most district events, she always attended, never complained and was always cheerful, positive, and professional. This Toastmaster is well respected by her peers. People under her leadership consider her a friend and have the highest utmost respect for her as a person as well as a leader.

Like Dr. Trent, she is a Toastmaster to be emulated. Her personal conduct, genuine concern for Toastmasters and strong leadership by example reflect the traditions and values of Toastmasters. This makes her the perfect recipient for this special award which states.

The Dr. Curtis Trent Award Honors the Toastmaster who best exemplifies the attributes of Dr. Curtis Trent. His unyielding diligence to the Toastmasters promise and his commitment to keep it., made Dr. Trent an inspiration to the members of District 25. Outstanding leadership, his loyalty to the district leaders, and his dedication to service, Dr. Trent defined the true meaning of being a Toastmaster.

The recipient of the 2008-2009 Dr. Curtis Trent Award is Distinguished Toastmaster Denise Corley.



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 publication to meet this need.

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A Night of Stars

Pat Quick, ACB/ALB, Awards Banquet 2009 Event Chair

A spectacular evening filled with glitz and glamour was enjoyed by over 240 members and guests on Saturday, August 22nd at the District 25 Awards Banquet. Classical music flowed out of the room as doors opened to ladies and gentlemen dressed in their finest. Pianist Melanie Dharmagunaratne, Texas Wesleyan Spellbinders and Violinist Tiffany Aller, Flagship Speakers entertained the audience while they dined on Chicken Cordon Bleu and French Cheese stuffed Portobello Mushrooms. The scent of fresh flowers perfumed the air and atop each navy blue linen tablecloth was a beautiful pale blue Hydrangea flower arrangement designed by Brenda Daniels, Afterburners.



The night was highlighted by a spirit of solidarity in recognition of individual and club achievements. The number eleven seemed to be the lucky number of the evening; Flagship Speakers and T-Toasters were recognized as having the most members/guests in attendance, 11 from each club. Southlake Club and Afterburners Toastmasters were recognized for achieving the most ribbons/patches of the evening, both with 11. The highest Membership and Marketing awards went to Oliver Cozby sponsoring 22 new members followed by Louise Faircloth sponsoring 18 and Mark Novak sponsoring 14. The evening flowed with recognition in Education, Leadership, Golden Gavel, Distinguished Clubs and many, many more.

A tribute was given to our 2008-2009 District Governor, Peggy Holloway who encouraged us to continue to unlock our potential. The evening's climax was the announcement of the Top 5 awards. Veiled in secrecy, Mitzi Ward, Awards Chair assisted Peggy as she announced the winners of the Rookie of the Year, Area Governor of the Year, Division Governor of the Year, Toastmaster of the Year and the Dr. Curtis Trent Award.

At the close of the program, Peggy presented current District Governor, David McCallister with the gavel and her best wishes for a successful year. The night ended with the 2009-2010 theme "Remember the Member" and the challenge to reach for the stars.

Welcome New Club to District 25 Toastmasters!

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Derren Pierce
Mikal Powers
Herman Smith
John Sticklin
Gina Vermuth
Jeffrey Young
Phillip Young

Jiang receives Area Governor of the Year



This award recognizes an Area Governor whose dedication, commitment and area team significantly contributed towards achieving the district mission.

This year's Area Governor of the Year overall professionalism and character is what sets him apart. It didn't matter what the task, what the day or hour, this area governor provided support, knowledge, a helping hand to the members. Whether the task was a request for a phone number, or a plea to settle a dispute, this governor was immediate, thorough, and consistently pleasant.

This area governor contributed to membership retention by becoming the club coach for a club destined to fold this year had it not been for this governor's servant leadership, coaching, and selfless mentoring. The club finished this year as a distinguished club.

This governor had four clubs that were distinguished or better; one distinguished, one select distinguished and two were President's distinguished. His area was the first in the district to become a distinguished area. His area completed the year as a select distinguished area.

This area governor formed personal relationship with the members of his area. They all respect him as a person of impeccable character, positive attitude, committed to excellence, and a servant leader. I agree and I am honored to announce our 2008-2009 District 25 Area Governor of the Year is Advanced Leader Bronze Yong Jiang.



Stoick receives Rookie of the Year

This award recognized one Toastmaster who has been a member for less than one year, and whose dedication, commitment and personal efforts significantly contribute towards achieving the goals and mission of the district.

This year's Rookie of the Year contributed towards the mission of the district by participating in the promotion of Toastmasters through personal accomplishments, publicity efforts and membership building programs.

As a first year toastmaster, this rookie earned his CC, CL, and ALB, served as Club Secretary for two terms,

taught Secretary's class at TLI at four different locations, competed in the evaluations contest at all levels and won 2nd place at division. He was recognized as outstanding Club secretary at the division and district level and is already working on a High performance leadership project.

He served as club web master and published an article about a Toastmasters member on an online website supported by the Dallas morning news.

This rookie organized three separate speech craft programs involving college interns at his place of employment. He personally sponsored three new members and participated in a Demo meeting.

Recognized for his personal accomplishments, speech crafts initiatives and other contributions, our 2008-2009 District 25 Rookie of the Year is Advanced Leader Bronze Robert Stoick.

Harold receives Toastmaster of the Year

This award recognized one Toastmaster whose dedication, commitment and personal efforts significantly contribute towards achieving the goals and mission of the district.

This year's Toastmaster of the Year is an ordinary Toastmaster who accomplished extraordinary things. This Toastmaster knew that his club had potential and he set a goal to unlock it. His goal was to place his club in the Hall of Fame.

He started by making sure the club had exposure. He and his team organized a club speech contest and invited the Area, division, and district governor. Rumor has it; this was their first contest since 2001. This Toastmaster won the club contest and won 2nd place at the area contest. This Toastmaster was named Outstanding President for his division. He attended fall and spring district conferences and TLI and motivated all of his officers to do the same. He completed his ACB and CL awards.



This Toastmaster's contribution towards the goals and mission of the district is amazing. Under his leadership as Club President, his club grew from 13 members on JUNE 2008, to 32 members by JUNE 2009!! That is a net growth of 20 additional new members and a net loss of only one member. Because of his motivation, determination, and courage, this Toastmaster tapped into the hidden and dormant potential of his club. His club is now listed in the Hall of Fame under Smedley Award, Talk Up Toastmasters, Beat the Clock, and almost every category. What's really amazing is that his club, AAFES Toastmasters Club, is President's Distinguished for what is believed to be the first time in 31 years. Our 2008-2009 District 25 Toastmaster of the Year is Advanced Leader Bronze Curtis Harold.

Bailey receives Division Governor of the Year



This award recognized a Division Governor whose dedication, commitment and division team significantly contributed towards achieving the district mission.

This year's Division Governor of the Year gives of herself and supports those around her unselfishly. She promoted toastmasters inside and outside of our district. She gave a speech promoting toastmasters to the International association of Administrative Professionals in February 2009. She hosted a division sponsored training program, and trained other division officers at several TLI's including Wichita Falls .

She always puts the member first. When one of her division's area governors resigned, she immediately found an interim replacement to ensure that the members of that area could have an area contest.

Out of five areas, this division governor had 2 distinguished areas and one Presidents Distinguished Area.

In addition to the standard duties of a Division governor, this governor served as Fall 2008 Conference chair. When the district 25 newsletter editor resigned, she stepped in as District 25 newsletter editor and thanks for her efforts; the Key Factor never missed an issue.