



District 40 Success Times

January 2007

District 40 Toastmasters in OH, KY, WV, IN

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Welcome to the D40 Family:

Toaster Treats

Club # 950432
At Kroger Co. 4111 Executive Pkwy, Westerville, OH, 43081
PH: 614 898 3416
Meet: 7:00 am, 2nd & 4th Thu
deborah.nicodemus@kroger.com
Charter Date: 12/12/06

Flying Toasters

Club # 950446
At 4200 East 5th Ave, Columbus, OH, 43219
PH: 614 387 7771
Meet: 12:00 pm, Thu
Charter Date: 12/4/2006

AOL Columbus

Club # 950446
At 4200 East 5th Ave, Columbus, OH, 43219
PH: 614 457 8600
Meet: Noon, 2nd & 4th Thu
Email: cmhtoastster@aol.com
Charter Date: 11/28/2006

Toastmasters @ 9797

Club # 940665
At Met Life 9797 Springboro Pike, Dayton, OH, 45448
PH: 937 859 2418
Meet: 9:00 AM, 2nd & 4th ?
Criteria: Open Club
Charter Date: 11/27/2006

FTMT on Campus

Club # 907534
At 5/3 Bank, Madisonville Campus 5050 Kinslgy Dr, Cincinnati, OH, 45227
PH: 513 358 8519
Meet: Noon, 1st & 3rd Thu
Email: marquita.barron@53.com
Charter Date: 10/11/06



Above and Beyond

Mike Perez, ATM-B, CL, District Governor

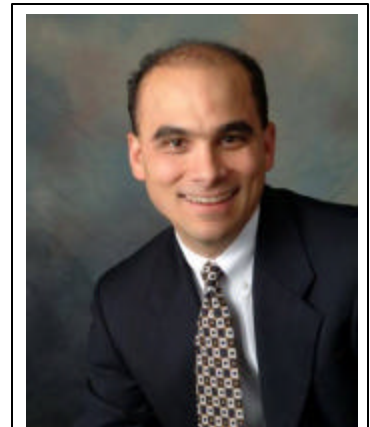
Happy New Year! I hope everyone's year is off to a great start. My expectation as the District Governor is that the second half of the Toastmaster's year will be even more successful than the first half. As we move forward, I would like for every one of you to think about three things.

Number one, why does Toastmasters even matter? I believe it matters because "you play like you practice". If you think about it, Toastmasters is nothing more than practice to become a better speaker and leader so that when you go out into the so-called real world, you will be ready to play like a champion. Think about how you are practicing in Toastmasters. It could have a significant impact on what comes your way in life. I'm living proof that practicing like a champion carries over to everyday life.

Number two, why does the Distinguished Club Program (DCP) matter in our organization? First of all, it is our standard, and standards are important. Every organization on the face of the earth has them. Secondly, what gets measured gets done. So, the DCP helps us measure things which need to be done, and ultimately changes people's lives for the better.

Number three, it's all about the **experience** in our clubs. What kind of experience are people having when they show up to your club? Are you providing a "wow" experience? Although there are exceptions, I believe that most people who leave Toastmasters leave because they are not having a compelling experience in their clubs. More importantly, they're not having fun. In this world, where we are competing with so many other organizations for people's time, it is absolutely important that we provide an incredible experience for our members. We want them to walk away saying, "Wow! I love going to my Toastmasters club".

So, let's think about these three things as we move forward, and continue to do the work that needs to be done in order to make District 40 one of the best Districts in the world. Do more than is expected and let's all continue to go **Above and Beyond**.



Mike Perez, ATM-B, CL,
District Governor District 40
michael.j.perez@ampf.com

New DTMs

Congratulations to new DTMs since last issue:

Everett Hart	Greenville Club (# 1238)
Merle Shinault	Nationwide Insurance Club (# 753)
Larry Goldsmith	Children's Hospital Club (# 9099)
Bobbye Brown	Madco Club (# 4097)





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District 40 Reports on the TI Web Site:

Interested in finding out more about the District and how it's doing? Perhaps you'd like to see how your club stacks up against others in the tallying of points for Distinguished status? If so, go to the web site at:

<http://www.toastmasters.org/dp/r/reports.asp?d=40>

Old Articles from Toastmasters Magazines:

Looking for some great reading? Try looking through those old articles from the monthly TI magazines. Go to the web site at:

<http://www.toastmasters.org/artisan/member.asp?CategoryID=1&SubCategoryID=10>

There are five pages of HTML format articles, but you can also look at an archive of articles from the last ten years there (note: for the archives you need to have Adobe Acrobat on your PC).

Networking... Me?

That's just what you **are** doing when you go to visit other Toastmasters clubs, when you go to those TLI sessions, when you attend those conferences. Who knows what doors you can open just by saying **Hello, my name is.... Nice to meet you!**

Columbus TLI a Big Success...

Bud Watkins, District 40 Lt. Gov. of Education

Columbus Training this last Saturday was Fabulous!!

Chad and his team did an outstanding job. The turnout was larger than expected. Normally we get between 75 and 100 attendees, but this time it was 150. This certainly went **Above and Beyond!** This was undoubtedly due in no small part to Chad and company making an extra effort at calling and emailing. Great job Chad!

While the important things went well, there were some minor problems. The breakout rooms could have been better defined and broadcast, we really needed a microphone for the announcements at lunch, and Registration had a few bumps here and there.

We collected over a 100 evaluations, and of the ones I reviewed 88% had a positive comment while 22% thought some thing or other could be done better. Only about 1% thought it was a less than good.

Overall we can say that the conversational tone in the President's session was well received (great job Mike), and our keynote speaker Gary Reece was once more a big hit. In addition, kudos go out to Michelle Churma for VPED and Paula Brophy for Secretary/Treasurer, Eric Ralph for his VPM presentation, Dan Houser and John McDermott for their VPPR presentation, and Paula Brophy for her contribution on Coaching (Paula was helped as well, by my own "sparkling" contribution).

These comments say it all...

These past few years have been a joy to attend. The TLI is always upbeat and positive. Thanks for your hard work!! It is appreciated.

I always learn a lot and enjoy the feeling of family.

New officers should have some special training...

Say... regarding that last comment... that might be a good idea! How about a **New Officer Training** position or program at the Division level?



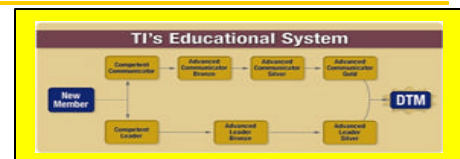
Bud Watkins DTM, District LG Education for District 40
ubee@loganrec.com

Ed. Here we go with abbreviations again.

VPM	Vice President for Membership
VPED	Vice President for Education
VPPR	Vice President for Public Relations

Here's a few more you might see around – for those new Toastmasters that might not be aware of them.

CC	Competent Communicator
CTM	Competent Toastmaster
ATMB	Advanced Toastmaster Bronze
ATMS	Advanced Toastmaster Silver
ATMG	Advanced Toastmaster Gold
ACG	Advanced Communicator Gold
OCL	Old Competent Leader



CL	Competent Leader
ALB	Advanced Leader Bronze
ALS	Advanced Leader Silver
DTM	Distinguished Toastmaster
HPLP	High Performance Leadership Project
YLP	Youth Leadership Program
LDREXC	Leadership Excellence Award
P...	(when in front of others... Pending)



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Some Photos From Last Falls Conference:



Giving to Get - Getting to Give

Merle Shinault, AC-G, CL, Lt. Gov. of Marketing

Congratulations! You are working hard, and its showing! I am proud to announce that, based on the Toastmasters International website; there are eight District 40 Toastmasters members who have sponsored at least five new members to place them into contention for the individual Trailblazer award. An additional six members are only one away from the minimum qualification, and may have submitted the qualifying application already. The following individuals have met the minimum of five new sponsored members to put them in the running for winning a blazer:



Merle Shinault, AC-G, CL, LG
Marketing for District 40
mshinault@columbus.rr.com

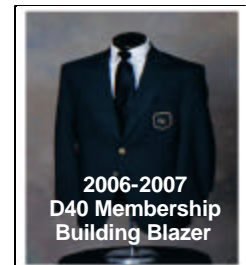
Trailblazer Contest Update!

Here it is - what we've been waiting for!

The 2006-2007 Membership Building Trailblazers contest update!

Individual Level: (Minimum of 5 Sponsored Members)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Clubs Sponsored</u>
Joe Schwerling, DTM	10
Susan Coates, DTM	10
Ronda Pollack, ATMB	7
LuAnna Klote, DTM	7
Karen Isaacs, CC	7
Jeff Twardowski, ACG	6
Marilyn Burchett, CTM	5
Sherril Lowe	5



Club Level: (Minimum of 10 Net Gain Over April 2006 Renewals)

Anthem Express	11
Lima Eye Openers	10
Lexington Toastmasters	10

Area Level: (Minimum of 15 Net Gain Over April 2006 Renewals)

Area 2 in Northern Division 6

Division Level: (Minimum of 40 Net Gain Over April 2006 Renewals)

No Divisions in District 40 have as yet reached the minimum of 40 net membership gain for the 2006-2007 Toastmasters year.

***It's not too late to get into the competition!
Start today and win your blazer!***



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Another Above And Beyond Award:

On February 3rd, John Hayes was awarded the prestigious Above and Beyond Award by District Governor Mike Perez for his superb, unwavering and consistent support of District 40 Toastmasters. He recently was awarded the Distinguished Toastmaster designation (it's the highest of the educational awards a Toastmaster can achieve).

This award was presented during the Officers Training session held at the Dayton United Way Building located on Salem Avenue.

If you see John during your roundabouts, please be sure to give him a smile, a firm handshake, and a pat on the back. He deserves it.

(Ed: While this was not pointed out, your vigilant newsletter staff of one discovered that John is a member of not just one or two, but five District 40 Toastmaster clubs. It brings to mind the phrase "That's simply amazing!")

*Thanks for this recognition go to Billy Thomas, President of the Huffman Prairie TM Club and VP PR of the Beacon TM Club. How about it, who else can be revealed as **STARS** in our midst? Surely they're there! Let us know, point them out. Be proud of them, and for them. Send your bits of stardust to*

successtimes@d40toastmasters.org



Ed: One of the wonderful things about Toastmasters is the opportunity it presents for seeing some really outstanding speakers. My first opportunity to see the author of the following piece was at the District Spring conference last year. I saw him again at the recent District TLI here in Columbus on Saturday the 27th of January. He is living proof of how Toastmasters changes lives! For those that don't know, Gary was the very first recipient of the District 40 Above & Beyond Award. He was a district finalist in the 2005 humorous speech contest. He was also a division runner-up last year in the International speech contest. You can read more about him at <http://www.area16.org>. Watch out for his name in the future, as he might well be on track to be a future World Champion of Public Speaking!

I Really Am Happy To Be Here

Gary B. Reece, ATM-S, CL

Public speakers often begin by saying, "I'm really happy to be here." You hear it so often it's become a tired cliché. In my case, however, after serving twenty-five years for crimes I didn't commit, every time I speak before a group, I can honestly say, "I am really happy to be here."

The last time I saw freedom, Jimmy Carter was President and his brother Billy was the court jester. DVDs, CDs, and even VHS tapes had not been invented. I still have eight track tapes I don't know what to do with. During the first three years of my imprisonment, I was so bitter and angry over my lot in life that I went on a three-year hygiene strike. No showers, no deodorant—I wouldn't even brush my teeth. My philosophy was simple: If I wasn't going to be happy in prison, neither would anyone else within smelling distance.

The Marion Correctional Institution is one of the few Ohio prisons with a Toastmasters' club. Most inmates joined because they thought better public speaking skills could enhance their chances for freedom when they went before the parole board. After all, a parole hearing is the epitome of selling one's self and using the art of persuasive speaking. But Toastmasters, we soon discovered, was more than a self-improvement program. Not only did it provide a break from prison life, but it also taught discipline, self-esteem, the power of words, and freedom from the fear of public speaking. Yes, even prisoners have fears.

Unfortunately, prison does not foster fulfillment or engender goodwill between men. Toastmasters, however, succeeded where the penal system failed. The men were no longer inmates, but Toastmasters members. Prisoners checked their lingo at the door and everyone became circumspect with their language. As we climbed the Toastmaster ladder we found ourselves mentoring new members. We learned that carrying a torch so another member could see, illuminated our own paths.

We took our club duties seriously. We came to each meeting prepared and practiced. If you genuinely tried your best and failed to meet the manual criteria, our evaluators gently explained where you went awry and how you could improve. We extolled the positive and concluded on a high note.

If a member wasn't ready or simply mailed his speech in, he discovered what full-contact Toastmasters was all about. For example, an experienced member once evaluated a slacker by telling him "Thanks for taking seven minutes of my life that I'll never get back. When I attend these meetings, I'm no longer an inmate... but your mailed in speech dragged me right back behind these iron bars." Cutting words urged us to be ready when called upon, but the kind words inspired us to higher levels of achievement.



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And Yet... More Clubs Under Construction:

A Clark State Community College club is forming at the 230 East High Street Methodist Church in Springfield, OH. A kickoff meeting was held for the Greater Springfield area and 15 guests were there, along with 15 Toastmasters (International Director Gary Mull, LGM Merle Shinault, LGED Bud Watkins, Division Governor Walt Grudowski, Assistant Division Governor Jamey French, and Area 5 Governor Charlene Godown were also in attendance)

Also under construction:

- Nationwide Insurance in Grove City
- Nationwide Insurance in Dublin (Rings Road)
- American Electric Power
- BMW Financial Services
- PUCO (Public Utilities Commission of Ohio)
- Republican Club of Montgomery County
- State Auto Insurance in Cincinnati (future name: **Silver Tongues**)
- Veterans Administration in Cincinnati



I Really Am Happy To Be Here (contd)

With the aid of Toastmasters, my pleas of innocence to the news media and investigators found an audience. My articulate statements carried the persuasive ring of truth. Those people not only came to believe in my innocence, but that I was redeemable and worthy of their time, interest, and effort. Private interest groups became involved, as did the media, the Governor, and the Ohio Innocence Project. They were convinced I had been falsely accused and wrongly convicted. State of the art technology was used on old evidence, voice stress analysis and polygraph tests administered.] Witnesses never heard before were found and the pieces to a nightmarish puzzle came together.

It took more than twenty-five years for that to happen, but with each day that passes; I am convinced the experience was a blessing—not a curse. I went from a stinking slob who drove others away to a mentor who drew them in. I had entered prison as an eleventh grade dropout but went on to earn a G.E.D., Associates, and Bachelor of Arts degrees. Then I developed public speaking skills, found a wife, salvation and freedom. With all those positive things filling my life, I had no room for bitterness.

Since my release, I've spoken to churches, corporate groups, professional organizations, college campuses, and, of course, to Toastmasters groups. I speak to anyone who will listen. My claim to fame these days is that I have spoken to every denomination of church that does not pass out snakes during its services.

God has worked miracles in my life. One of the greatest is discovering the power of forgiveness. I realized the choice was mine. I could rail against my lot in life—which I did when I went on a hygiene strike—or I could clean up my act and choose to make a positive impact on the lives of others. When I considered the consequences, the choice was a no-brainer. It's these seminal moments that Dr. Smedley hoped his Toastmasters program would inspire.

Prisons are not always made of bricks and bars. Dead end jobs, dead end relationships, and dead end situations are just some of the prisons that Toastmasters can free you from.

If you hear me speak at a contest or give a presentation, I may begin by saying, "I'm really happy to be here."

For me, it's not a cliché.

Attention Amateur Videographers!

Steve Guenther, CTM, CL

I'm on the lookout for volunteers for a joint effort to record the proceedings at our next District Conference. No, not the Speech Contests, but breakout sessions, social events, and so on. If we can get together a few who are willing to use their own cameras, we could put together a DVD set of the conference for the District. Are there any takers out there? Contact me by email at successtimes@d40toastmasters.org... And by the way, I did catch Mike Perez' Presidents session at the TLI here in Columbus Jan 27th. All right, so it won't win a mention at the Academy Awards (big deal), but... if you want a copy, send a blank DVD and a self-addressed/stamped 6X9 padded mailer to me at 1631 Minturn Drive, New Albany, OH 43054. I'll burn a copy just for you.



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Did You Know?

Anyone can complete the old CL track before June, 2008 - even if they joined after Jan. 1, 2006. One does **not** have to use the new track if one can fit in earning the Competent Communicator rating, be a club officer, and do the two **Successful Club Series** presentations all before June 30, 2008! Once done, that would qualify for the old style CL (also called the OCL) and make it possible to start on the Advanced Leader Silver rating. Also - the speech requirements in the new CL manual can be met with manual speeches from the CC manual or **any other** speech manual (the only time one project can count for two things).

(Ed: Thanks go out to Michelle Churma for this bit of wisdom. Do YOU have some such gem of knowledge that you could share with us? Email it for inclusion in the next Success Times:

successtimes@d40toastmasters.org

What a GREAT Idea!

The Sunrise TM and TM of the Bluegrass clubs participated in Area 41s **Speaker/Evaluator Exchange Initiative**. Word has it other clubs in the area are planning to follow the lead in coming weeks.

(Ed: Thanks go out to Jim Smith, Area 41 Governor and member of the Capital City Club #2730 for this tip. Way to GO Jim!)

Your Next Open House

Jay Elkes, DTM

Did your club's officers attend officer training? If so, they heard a session led by Gary Reece or Karen Isaac describing the huge success that the Anthem Express Club (642205) had using an open house to bring a seven member club up to charter strength in one meeting. Here's an overview of the process they advocate.

Step 1 – Get butts in seats. The goal is to get as many people to attend an open house as possible. In Anthem's corporate culture, the key was asking managers to discuss the open house as a good idea and suggest they might be attending themselves (whether they planned to or not). With a few weeks of hints and systematic reminders to the managers from club members, the result was a room full of potential Toastmasters. For open clubs, one possibility is to coordinate a shared event with other clubs in the area.

Step 2 – Hold an open house. The key message here is that a demo meeting is not an open house. While the typical demo meeting shows the various parts of the Toastmasters program, the second meeting. The heart of their meeting is a dynamic speaker talking about the benefits of Toastmasters and how Toastmasters improved his / her life. This is selling the sizzle not the steak, asking people to come the next time for a regular meeting to see what the steak looks like. The Open House should be a party (food, balloons, fun), and friendly members with applications should be ready to sign people up on the spot. If you need help finding a speaker with an appropriate message, contact your area or division governors.

That's all there is to the Open House, but the key to success is in follow-up. Collect contact information for all who attend. Get the new members into the Toastmasters web page immediately. Follow up with all who don't join, making certain they know when and where the next meeting is. The key note speaker delivering the infomercial at the open house meeting is not just selling the sizzle... the steak is given when the speaker explains that

Toastmasters did this for me, and here is what it can do for you...

They should be encouraged to join right there and then... and when the meeting is over, on the way out the door, the non-joining guests are encouraged to come back to the next meeting to see what this is all about even further. In other words, some people just won't buy the car until they have been given a chance to kick the tires.

We hope your officers came back from training with the details of this program motivated to try it. If they didn't, you may want to ask why. Your club still has four months to build its membership. Whose life can you change for the better with an invitation?

Got the Competition Bug?

If you're competing, or supporting the next World Champion of Public Speaking, here are dates to be put on your calendar.

District 40 Championship
Region VI Championship
World Championship

April 27 -29
June 1-2
August 15-18

Dublin OH
Rochester NY
Phoenix AZ

<http://www.d40toastmasters.org>
<http://regionvi.freetoasthost.us/>
<http://www.toastmasters.org>



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Some Photos From the Jan 27 TLI in Columbus:



Toastmasters Far and Away:

Ever wonder what it might be like in a faraway land? Check out the web site at:

<http://www.toastmastersd71.org/>

Calendar of Events:

(Click on address below for a Google Map or Web Site link)

February 2007

3	8: 30 AM- 1:00 PM	Officer Training; Northern Division
United Way of Dayton, 184 Salem Ave, Dayton, OH 4540		
6	5: 00 PM– 9:00 PM	Kentucky Club Officer training
The E. S. Good barn on the University of Kentucky Campus		
19	5: 30 PM-9: 30 PM	Columbus Makeup Training
Westerville Church-Nazarene, 355 Cherrington Rd, Westerville OH 43081		
24	12:00 PM– 4:00 PM	Areas 22/24, Eastern Division Speech Contests
Reynoldsburg Library, 1402 Brice Rd, Reynoldsburg OH 43068		
26	6: 00 PM– 10: 00 PM	Dayton Makeup Officer Training
United Way of Dayton, 184 Salem Ave, Dayton, OH 45406		

March 2007

2	Noon – 1:00 PM	Open House 3C Toastmasters
Community Corporate Center, 445 Hutchinson Ave., Columbus 43235 in Suite 695 (They meet every Friday, Noon to 1:00 PM)		
12	5: 45 PM– 7: 45 PM	North Star Toastmasters Club starts 8 week Speechcraft
United Health Care, 9200 Worthington Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43240 For info: ddeweese@insight.rr.com (614-580-5515) or Michelle Churma: email: mchurma@insight.rr.com (614-781-9663)		
24	9: 00 AM- Noon	Central Division Speech Contests
	1: 00 PM– 4: 00 PM	Eastern Division Speech Contests
State Auto, 518 E Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215 Please park and enter the building through the main doors to the North		

April 2007

27-29		District 40 Spring Conference
Crowne Plaza, 600 Metro Place North, Dublin OH 43017		
13	7: 00 PM - ??	Northern Division International Speech Contest
Medical Services Auditorium, Wright State University		

June 2007

1-2		Region VI Conference and Speech Competitions
30	Midnight	End of the Toas tmaster Year

Too Much ME and not Enough WE?

Some clubs do have members with that problem. Does yours? Think about it.



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Does Your Club Fulfill Its Mission?

It's right there, on the TI web site, and in manuals and literature throughout the TI world:

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.

Does your club do that for you? If not, why not? What is it **NOT** doing right? What could YOU do to change that? **Build it and they will come.** Get involved and work for your club. Don't be a hanger-on. If you do that for your club, guess what? The very act in itself will enable to club to do it for YOU! Grow your club, and grow yourself!

Congratulations Are In Order For The:

Great American Speakers Club (#3459). When we checked statistics on Feb 6, their club was the only one to satisfy all ten DCP goals and at the time had the most educational completions for the year:

- 4 CCs
- 3 OCLs
- 3 ACBs
- 2 ACGs

(Ed: Thanks go out to Jay Elkes, Eastern Div Gov for this news)

Got Goals?

Rhonda Frum, DTM

Did you make a New Year's resolution for 2007 to be your best year yet? To achieve balance between your work-life and home-life? To be the best you can be on your job and to make the most of your free-time? Perhaps you need a Business & Life Coach to help.

Sometimes we over-commit ourselves to our jobs, our families, and outside activities like school, sports and church. When we do this we end up feeling over-extended and exhausted, and for what? If you are burning the candle at both ends chances are you are not doing justice to anything that you are doing. Sometimes we are so caught-up in all of this action that we may not know we are doing it, and certainly not know how to get out of it. Perhaps you need a Business & Life Coach to help.

The Central Ohio Advanced Toastmasters club is hosting a free Business & Life Coach Workshop on March 8th, 7:00 PM at the Whetstone Library; 3909 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Are you tired of making New Year's resolutions and never keeping them? Did you know that more than 75% of resolutions fail within the first week? This workshop will teach you why most resolutions fail and show you specific steps you can take to be among those who succeed and achieve permanent change. If you are committed to making a change, then this workshop is for you.



Call for Nominations...

How would you like to be a part of the District 40 Leadership Team next Toastmasters year? Well, here's your chance. At the District Council meeting on Saturday, April 28th, 2007, at the Spring Conference in Columbus, we will be holding elections for the following offices: District Governor, Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training, Lieutenant Governor of Marketing, Loop Division Governor, Western Division Governor, Central Division Governor, Eastern Division Governor, Northern Division Governor, and Mountain Division Governor.

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact immediate past District Governor, Ray Kramer, who is chairman of the District Nominating Committee. He will provide you with the necessary information. Ray can be reached at (419)394-2010 or

Rke_rlk@hotmail.com

Also remember that Area Governors are not elected positions, but are appointed by the incoming District Governor. Ray looks forward to hearing from you.



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Contest Tips:

Are you participating in the International Speech or Evaluation contests? Here are a few tips:

- Know the Rules. All rules are published well in advance.
- Know the Judge's Criteria. Don't forget something they look for.
- Be sure the club has paid your dues. Disqualification is nobody's idea of fun.
- Arrive on time. You can't win if you aren't there.
- Watch what and when you eat. Try to maximize your energy for the competition
- Enjoy the experience. If you don't have a good time, your audience won't.

Above and Beyond... Again:

- On Sep 29th Dan Blaney (Toast-N-Talk), and Jennifer Carr (Toast of Broadway), for their outstanding work as Chief Judge and Contest Chair respectively for Area 34 Table Topics and Humorous Speech competitions.
- On Nov 9th all members of the Area 31 **World Champions** club for invaluable assistance to the Education session chair at last fall's district Cincinnati conference.

A Toastmasters Promise

Jay Elkes, DTM

As a member of Toastmasters International and my Club, I promise to . . .

- attend all Club meetings regularly;
- prepare all speeches to the best of my ability, basing them on projects in the Communication and Leadership Program manual or the Advanced Communication and Leadership Program manuals ;
- willingly prepare for and fulfill meeting assignments;
- provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations;
- help maintain a positive, friendly environment necessary to learn and grow;
- willingly serve my Club as an officer when called upon to do so;
- treat my fellow Club members and our guests with respect and courtesy;
- bring guests to meetings to see the benefits of Toastmasters membership;
- adhere to guidelines and rules of TM educational and recognition programs;
- maintain honest and highly ethical standards during all TM activities.

These promises are intended to give every member, and every club, the best experience possible and provide an excellent framework for participating in a club. There is nothing magic about these points and no rule that says you can't make a promise to yourself. Here are a couple of ideas you might want to turn into promises:

- Attend Toastmasters events outside my club to increase growth opportunities for myself and others. This could be officer training sessions, conferences, contests, or visiting another club to see how things differ. If you can't do it regularly then commit to just one event. If prepared to do more and have spent a little time as a Toastmaster, consider volunteering to be an area governor next year.
- Develop your own Personal Success Plan, like the Distinguished Club Plan, but include educational or recruiting goals, a public relations or leadership goal, or maybe something personal. It's your plan – put what you want into it. A goal without a plan is a wish (and putting it in writing can help make it happen).

These are my suggestions for promises you can make for yourself that will add to your experience as a Toastmaster. Why stop at ten, or for that matter twelve?

Kroger's Toaster Treats Ready to Party

Loreen Osimowicz

Our Charter Party is scheduled for March 29th. We are at 31 members and still growing, with a goal of 100 by the end of the year. That's when we start to divide and conquer. How will we do it? By being committed to improving speaking and leadership skills of anyone showing any interest. We have fun! We organize! We start and end on time! We plan roles and meeting themes months in advance (and are committed to keeping them)! We are prideful and motivated! We tie Table Topics to the Word of the Day. We are starting a Bring a buddy to your meeting movement. We will to succeed! How did we get so good? Pure passion for helping others!! It's contagious at our club. Concentrating on WE rewards the ME!



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Old CL Awards As Of February 6th:

Blake, Alan	Tri-County Toastmasters Club
Blaney, Francis Daniel	Grassroots Leadership Club
Cai, Ping	Voices in the Valley Club
Claeys, Patricia Ann	Mid-Day Club
Clark, Linda	The Athenian Toastmasters Club
Giblin, Polly Ann	Cincinnati Club
Goans, Robert	Tri-County Toastmasters Club
Henderson, Debra	Toasters at Clark State
Hopkins, Thomas E.	Wright-Flyers Club
Hunter, Scott	GE Toasters Club
Jones, Neil G.	Megacity Club
Joy, Robert A.	Great American Speakers Club
Keenan, Alex	Kroger Food for Thought Club
Krishnan, Shivaram N	Mid Day Cabaret Club
McBride, Debra A.	The Athenian Toastmasters Club
Pinis, Georgia Anne	Kroger Food for Thought Club
Pleva, Paul M	Tri-County Toastmasters Club
Reece, Rita S.	T.A.L.K. Club
Southard, Eliza	GE Toasters Club
Thomas, Wm E.	Huffman Prairie Toastmasters Club
Trivett, Matina N.	Great American Speakers Club
Wissel, Melanie A	Great American Speakers Club
Young, Raymond Van	Worthington Club

Applying for the Old CL Award

Carol Kormelink, DTM – Loop Division Training Assistant

I have had several inquiries re how to apply for OCL (Old Competent Leader) because the electronic filing of Educational Awards at International accepts only the NEW Competent Leader designation from completing the new Competent Leadership Manual.

The OCL "manual" was the basic Communication and Leadership Manual and was used for both CL & CTM tracks. The Leadership track now has their own Competent Leadership manual with 22 roles needed to complete the 10 projects.

First off, the date you joined Toastmasters has NOTHING to do with achieving an OCL, as long as you have received a CTM or a CC. What matters is that you have:

1. Received a CTM or CC (once achieved, no matter how long ago, it can be used in 2006-2007 and for 2007-2008 UNTIL June 30, 2008).
2. Served 6 months as a club officer and participated in the preparation of a Club Success Plan WHILE SERVING IN OFFICE.
3. Participated in a District-sponsored Club officer training program while a club officer.
4. Conducted any two programs from Successful Club Series, or Leadership Excellence Series.

There is a two sided form at the web link below.

<http://www.toastmasters.org/pdfs/1209A%20Leadership%20App.pdf>

The 1st side is for OCL, the 2nd side is for the club officer to sign and verify the achievement. VPE may submit the OCL by snail mail, fax, or Email attachment to the Educational Department at International. You may NOT submit your own educational achievement even if you are the VP -Education.

Email achievement in a jpg or PDF file to educationawards@toastmasters.org.

When you click on the link, you can read the fine print for which 6 months count as serving as a club officer, and about the 2 programs.

Just Do It – The New CL

Jay Elkes, DTM

New members get the new Competent Leader manual, with ten leadership projects and a whole list of tasks to complete. Older members can purchase the manual and pursue the program, and I encourage them to do so. If you look at the educational completion statistics, fewer people have finished this award in our district than any other. Yet, all you need to do is the things you're doing at meetings anyway and keep track of the results.

If you're intimidated by the number of tasks, or by the evaluations you need to get, get over it. The new CL may not be a large part of your club success plan for this year, but as it rolls into place it will have a big impact on what you and your club can accomplish in future years. So get the manual and make each meeting an opportunity to check off a task.





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Some Winners:

Michelle Churma and Sandra Oliver took 1st and 2nd place in the D40 Table Topics last Nov.



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Still not sure? Visit the Contact Us section of the TI Web site or e-mail
tininfo@toastmasters.org.

A-Maze-Ing Journey Through Region VI

Gordon V. Penniston, DTM

Greetings all, and Happy Groundhog Day. According to Punxsutawney Phil, it will be an early spring. To help herald in the warmth of spring, I would like to invite you to the 2007 Region VI 2007 Conference!

I ask that you please promote the conference in your newsletters, at your conferences, and via email/any other method. Let's make sure we have a great crowd on hand to welcome International President Johnny Uy, DTM, and 1999 World Champion of Public Speaking Craig Valentine, DTM!

The registration form can be found at either:

http://regionvi.freetoasthost.us/files/RVI_07_Registration.doc

http://regionvi.freetoasthost.us/files/RVI_07_Registration.pdf

The Region VI Website is

<http://regionvi.freetoasthost.us>

We are still looking for educational presenters, as we have approximately 27 sessions to fill. Please send the forms throughout your District so that those who wish to present can get their proposals in.

The Call for Workshop Presenters can be found at

<http://regionvi.freetoasthost.us/files/CallforWorkshopPresenters.doc>

The Proposal form to be filled out is at

<http://regionvi.freetoasthost.us/files/WorkshopProposalForm.doc>

(this includes anyone who said they were interested in doing a workshop but hasn't filled out a proposal yet)

I would like to thank these individuals who are helping to spread the word in their Districts; please give them all of your support to help sell the Conference:

D10-Fay Gilbert
D13-Linda Young
D40-Ray Kramer
D60-Janice Weir
D61-Valeria Mills
D62-Jess Raven
D65-Melinda Schmidt

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