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From the Desk of the District Governor



Cora Soriano, DTM
District 52 Governor

Greetings Fellow Toastmasters!

District 52 is celebrating its Golden Anniversary this year. Let's continue to excel as a Distinguished District as we celebrate!

I am honored and privileged to serve as your 2007-2008 District 52 Governor. I pledge to maintain our district's excellence in leadership. My main goals are to direct District 52 in supporting and serving its Toastmasters clubs and members and to become a President's Distinguished District.

"SHINE! Make a Difference" is our District 52's theme for 2007-2008 term. Before I joined Toastmasters five years ago. I was shy. While serving as an Area Governor, I read the Toastmasters manuals front to back, chartered one club, and challenged myself to complete my DTM award in one year.

I was awarded the Grand Slam and Area Governor of the year awards. The following year, I chartered four clubs and was awarded the Division Governor of the Year award. My Toastmasters experience gave me practice and confidence in my ability to communicate and to assume leadership roles. This newly acquired confidence in communication and leadership skills greatly assisted me in touching the lives of people around me.

I hope our theme can inspire all of you to "SHINE" by improving yourselves so you can be confident in helping and serving others, and thus "Make a Difference."

Let's work hard as a team to achieve our goals and make District 52's Golden Anniversary a "SHINING" year by being President's Distinguished and "MAKING A DIFFERENCE" by serving and sharing.

Keep on "SHINING."

DISTRICT 52 MISSION

The Mission of District 52 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.
- Ensuring that each Club effectively fulfills its responsibilities to its members.
- Providing effective training and leadership opportunities for Club and District officers.

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District 52 Can Become President's Distinguished in 2007-2008

How? By attaining the maximum growth in educational completion.

Every club should:

- Be a Distinguished Club or better
- Achieve four Competent Communicator awards
- Achieve two Advanced Competent Communicator awards

By improving ourselves through Toastmasters speaking and leadership experience.

Every club should:

- Achieve two Competent Leader or Old Competent Leader awards
- Achieve two Advanced Leader Bronze awards
- Achieve two Advanced Leader Silver awards
- Achieve one Distinguished Toastmasters award

By training at least 90% of club officers in the district and by training every district officer.

By extending the benefits of Toastmasters in chartering new clubs

- Build one new club per area by June 30, 2008
- Increase the total number of clubs in District 52 from 100 to 126

By motivating our friends and colleagues to become Toastmasters

- Encourage every member of every club to bring two guests to a club meeting
- Encourage clubs to work diligently to meet members' wants and needs

We Exceeded Our Last Year's Goals!



Edwin Bernard, DTM
Immediate Past District Governor

Fellow Toastmasters of District 52, I am extremely proud to report that District 52 has, for the fourth consecutive year, earned the Distinguished District Award. We exceeded the goals set by Toastmasters International for CC's and AC's and for membership and club goals. The following table is a summary of these achievements.

| Award | Goal | Actual |
|----------------|------|--------|
| CC. | 134 | 174 |
| AC. | 38 | 68 |
| Membership. . | 3913 | 3972 |
| Paid Clubs ... | 94 | 99 |

This result would not have been possible without over 41% of our clubs meeting or exceeding their Distinguished Club Plan, 75% of our Areas being Distinguished or higher, 100% of our Divisions attaining Distinguished or higher and seven clubs gaining 20 or more new members.

All our leaders helped to motivate and guide our clubs and members to achieve their goals. Our Lt. Governor Education and Training, Cora Soriano, DTM led the way to help our members earn their CC and AC Awards. Since this goal was met early, we were all able to focus in on helping our prospective new clubs charter by June 30th. Cora, you did an amazing job. Michelle Gilstrap, DTM and her team

worked tirelessly to make sure demo meetings were held and the paperwork filled in correctly. Michelle, you kept us on edge but came through with flying colors.

On June 22, the TI statistics indicated we were 220 membership payments and 3 clubs short of meeting our goals. Did we give up? No! We had momentum on our side. All the work done in the previous months resulted in a wave of new clubs. In June alone we chartered FIVE new clubs. The District chartered 11 new clubs in 2006-2007. This was an impressive achievement!

Cora and Michelle were supported by a small army of talented and dedicated leaders who will be recognized at the Annual Awards & Installation Banquet on August 11. Carolyn Cousins-Goldman, the A&I Chair, has sent out over 200 invitations.

All Distinguished Districts will be honored at the Toastmasters International

Convention in Phoenix at the Hall of Fame Ceremonies, the afternoon of Friday, August 17th. This event is FREE! Details, including the venue, are on the Toastmasters International website. Please come along and join us en-masse on the stage to shake hands with the International President of Toastmasters as our District is honored. The group picture will be posted on our District 52 website soon after.

Fellow Toastmasters, it has been a pleasure and a high honor to have served as your District Governor in 2006-2007. I will continue to serve the District in my new roles as New Club Chair and Speechcraft Chair. In the grand scheme of events, our collective experiences in 2006-2007 were part of a journey that continues under the leadership of Cora Soriano, the 2007-2008 District Governor, where we all share a common destiny of making effective communication a worldwide reality.

Viva District 52. Viva Toastmasters!

Beat the Clock **AWARD WINNERS**

Each of these clubs 'Beat the Clock' by bringing in at least 5 new members. Each will receive a \$35.00 Gift Certificate for the TI Supply Catalogue.

| Club Name | New Member Total | Warner Bros. Club | New Member Total |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| City Of Angels | 5 | Toastmasters 4 Writers | 6 |
| Central Library | 5 | Persuasive Speakers | 5 |
| Mindful Communicators | 5 | Regional Speakers Forum | 20 |
| La Sparkplugs Club | 10 | Mabuhay Toastmasters | 21 |
| Challengers' Club | 7 | ACT-LA | 32 |
| Ernest Speakers Club | 5 | PASCPA | 21 |
| Media Center | 6 | Grant Thornton-SoCal | 20 |



WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DISTRICT'S NEWEST CLUBS

Regional Speakers Forum • Mabuhay • ACT-LA • PASCPA • Grant Thornton-SoCal

New Year, New Goals for You and Your Club!



Michelle Gilstrap, DTM
Lt. Governor Education & Training

July 1st marks the beginning of the new Toastmaster year. It is a time to commit to personal educational goals for you and for your club.

This year we will have a special District Governor's pin for everyone who completes an educational goal. It will carry our "SHINE! Make a Difference" theme and will be awarded to everyone who completes a Competent Communicator, Competent Leader or Advanced Communicator designation, including Distinguished Toastmaster.

If you have just joined Toastmasters and are in the middle of completing your first 10 speeches, I applaud you for learning the basic skills needed for effective presentations.

Have you noticed how many people in your club have an advanced educational designation? Most clubs will have at least one person who is a Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM). This means he or she has given over 50 speeches, served as a club officer and District officer and is still giving speeches. Ask those members who have an advanced educational designation to recommend the next two advanced manuals to help you continue on your path of becoming a more effective presenter.

We just completed our fourth consecutive year as a Distinguished District. This was accomplished because we met the goals set for the District by Toastmasters International. Each person in the District helped to make this happen. With the educational goals, the membership goals and the new club goals, we achieved this level of distinction.

Many of our clubs were Distinguished, Select or President's Distinguished because their members stepped up and committed to completing their speeches.

We will be announcing more incentives for all of our clubs in the coming weeks. Keep reading the newsletters, District e-mails and website: www.district52.org for updates. If you haven't been to the website, check it out. It is wonderful and has many tools to help members and clubs.

Remember, we are in a new year, and now is the time to commit to completing one or more educational goals.

This is the last year for the old Competent Leader program. If you are an officer, go to training, complete two speeches from the Successful Club Series or the Leadership Series and submit your Old Competent Leader application to help yourself on your road to the Distinguished Toastmaster designation.

Check out the Calendar for Make-Up Training for each Division at www.district52.org. We know that when clubs have at least four officers trained, they achieve more educational designations for their members and become Distinguished Clubs.

Remember to have fun! Plan your goals for yourself and your clubs, and I know that you will grow, your club will grow and our District will grow.

Distinguished Club STANDINGS

President's Distinguished Clubs:

- A10 - 849125 Spirit Speaks
- A11 - 2466 Navigators
- B20 - 1653 Rising Star
- B20 - 748804 Toastmasters 4 Writers
- B21 - 6011 Open House
- B22 - 147 Sherman Oaks
- B23 - 9316 Pacemasters
- C30 - 8 Glendale One
- C30 - 659175 Warner Brothers
- C32 - 2374 Renaissance Speakers
- D42 - 3046 Voces Latinas
- D43 - 6448 Leading Voices
- D43 - 8252 LA Sparkplugs

Select Distinguished Clubs:

- A10 - 8605 Challengers
- A11 - 914 Burnt
- A13 - 2966 Warner Center
- B20 - 6276 Valley Vocalizers
- B22 - 1966 Mindful Communicators
- B23 - 1670 Valencia
- C30 - 1256 Glendale Civic Center
- C30 - 6653 Nestle
- C31 - 29 Jewel City
- D41 - 3629 Water & Power

Distinguished Clubs:

- A10 - 5524 Agoura Westlake
- A10 - 704691 Spirent Listeners
- A12 - 5522 Motivated
- A13 - 826306 Westlake Countrywide
- B20 - 9065 Ernest Speakers
- B21 - 893962 Yahoo Burbank
- B23 - 9066 Advanced Speakers of LA
- B23 - 9641 Daybreak Santa Clarita
- C30 - 650429 Burbank Media Center
- C31 - 692880 AECOM LA Office
- C33 - 616 Central Library
- D40 - 7451 LACMTA
- D41 - 2900 Caltrans
- D42 - 251 City of Angels
- D42 - 7145 Spring
- D43 - 616895 Public Works Pioneers

Most Recent Toastmasters International Educational Achievements - District 52

| Club | Division | Area | Award | Date | Member | Name | Location |
|--------|----------|------|--------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 8 | C | 30 | ACG | 07/07/2007 | Morris, Joan C. | Glendale 1 Club | Glendale |
| 8 | C | 30 | CL | 07/07/2007 | Morris, Joan C. | Glendale 1 Club | Glendale |
| 341 | C | 33 | LDREXC | 07/01/2007 | Herrmann, Eileen | First Braille Club | Los Angeles |
| 988 | C | 34 | ACS | 07/27/2007 | Stuart, Robert J. | Essayons Toastmasters Club | Los Angeles |
| 988 | C | 34 | CC | 07/16/2007 | Smiley, Orlie R. | Essayons Toastmasters Club | Los Angeles |
| 1320 | B | 21 | ACG | 07/24/2007 | Larson, Scott | Burbank Club | Burbank |
| 2466 | A | 12 | CC | 07/13/2007 | Olague, Callie A | Navigators Club | Woodland Hills |
| 2992 | A | 14 | CC | 07/03/2007 | Jacobson, John | Countrywide Speakers of the House | Calabasas |
| 4165 | A | 12 | ACB | 07/19/2007 | Vasquez, Ricardo | Dynamic | Woodland Hills |
| 5522 | A | 12 | CC | 07/19/2007 | Einhorn, Doris | Motivated Toastmasters Club | Sherman Oaks |
| 6448 | D | 43 | CC | 07/06/2007 | Alessandrini, Jeanie | Leading Voices Toastmasters | Club Los Angeles |
| 6448 | D | 43 | CL | 07/13/2007 | Alessandrini, Jeanie | Leading Voices Toastmasters | Club Los Angeles |
| 6653 | C | 30 | CC | 07/23/2007 | Usher, Marjorie E | Nestle Toastmasters Club | Glendale |
| 6746 | C | 32 | CC | 07/27/2007 | Castillo, Clarissa Angela | Loquations Club | Los Angeles |
| 960984 | C | 34 | CC | 07/27/2007 | Huynh, Nam | Persuasive Speakers | Los Angeles |

ACB Advanced Communicator Bronze - ACS Advanced Communicator Silver - ACG Advanced Communicator Gold - AL Advanced Leader
ALB Advanced Leader Bronze - CC Competent Communicator - CL Competent Leader - LDREXC - High Performance Leadership

Toastmasters

If you are a member in good standing with 6 months of continuous membership, and you are at least a CTM or CC, you are invited to join the District 52 Speakers Bureau.

We are also seeking non-profit & educational organizations looking for great speakers.

<http://district52.org/speakersbureau.html>



Distinguished Club Program 2007-2008 Goals

On June 30, 2008, your Club must have at least 20 members, or a net growth of at least five members, and achieve the following goals:

- ✓ Two CCs
- ✓ Two More CCs
- ✓ One ACB, ACS or ACG
- ✓ One More ACB, ACS or ACG
- ✓ One CL, ALB, ALS or DTM
- ✓ One More CL, ALB, ALS or DTM
- ✓ Four New Members
- ✓ Four More New Members
- ✓ 4+ Officers Trained Spring & Fall
- ✓ Member Renewal Lists and Club Officer Lists Submitted on Time

Semi Annual Dues Payment!

It's not too early to start collecting your club's semi annual dues. They must be received at WHQ by October

Collect today!

Awards and Installation Banquet

Saturday, August 11, 2007

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sportmen's Lodge,
Regency, Room
12825 Ventura Blvd.
Studio City 91604

RSVP to Pat O'Donnell at
818-366-9357

Distinguished Club Awards

Any 5 Goals Achieved = Distinguished Club
Any 7 Goals Achieved = Select Distinguished Club
Any 9 Goals Achieved = President's Distinguished Club

Verify your club's progress at
www.toastmasters.org

Win, Win and Win

From the perspective of an incoming area governor



Jean R. Harber, ATMG, CL
District 52 Area Governor

Ask most Toastmasters why they become Area Governors and I expect you will hear something like "To serve the District and to fulfill one of the requirements for the Advanced Leader Silver Award."

Admittedly, this is why I agreed to serve as an Area Governor this year.

After just two weeks into my year as Area Governor. I realized that there are three wins, not just two.

After a long, hard day at work, I set out for my first club visit. Armed with a few crackers to keep my stomach from growling and my ever-present bottle of water, I drove to the location of the club meeting, making sure I gave myself enough time to get there on time. I arrived at the location 20 minutes early. The meeting was at the company that sponsors the club. I entered the building and introduced myself to the receptionist, who greeted me warmly and asked me to have a seat in the lobby. I sat down and started reading a copy of Newsweek. A few minutes later, the company's security guard approached the receptionist and asked her why I was there. "She's waiting for the Toastmasters meeting." I heard her say. I paid no attention and continued reading. Then

the security guard approached me and asked me what Toastmasters is about. I explained; he expressed his appreciation and left. Later the receptionist asked me the same question. They were both interested and curious!

The club President arrived and greeted me warmly. When we entered the meeting room, he introduced me to those members already present. He explained a bit about the club and its unique characteristics. Then he brought the meeting to order. He explained my role and asked each member to introduce him/herself. The club is company-sponsored, but is open to outsiders. There were two speeches scheduled on the day of my visit, both by outsiders. The Toastmaster asked me if I would evaluate the second speech and I accepted. Both speakers were excellent in their own unique ways. I felt very comfortable presenting my evaluation.

I came into the building as a stranger. I entered the meeting room as an ambassador of Toastmasters. A little less than two hours after I entered the building, I left feeling as if I had known some of the club members a long time. I was very pleased that I had been so warmly welcomed. I felt like I was a part of their club. I felt less tired and more alive than when I arrived at the building, or, for that matter, than when I arrived at work that morning. I was refreshed and reinvigorated.

Yes Virginia, there is a third win from being an Area Governor. It is the win of internal accomplishment and satisfaction. This third win may well be the most important one!

Jean Harber has been a Toastmaster since 1999. She belongs to club 9316, Pacemasters. She is currently the Area B23 Governor.

Welcome!

Best wishes to all members of District 52 for the 2007-2008 year as they pursue their Toastmaster goals. Special thanks to Members who have volunteered to hold Club Executive positions for the year. In doing so they will assist their fellow members achieve their goals and help their clubs reach Distinguished Club status!

Meet the 2007-2008 District 52 Executive Team

District Governor: **CORA SORIANO**, DTM

Lieutenant Governor of Education & Training: **MICHELLE ANN GILSTRAP**, DTM

Lieutenant Governor of Marketing:
ANDREA SEBERA, DTM

Public Relations Officer: **BETH NEAMAN**, ACB, CL

Immediate Past District Governor:
EDWIN BERNARD, DTM

District Treasurer: **PAT O'DONNELL**, ATMS, AL

District Secretary: **MALINDA MULLER**

Division Governors

Division A: **JOHN NILSON**, ATMG

Division B: **REV. SCOTT LARSON**, DTM

Division C: **JOAN MORRIS**, DTM

Division D: **SUSAN OROSCO**, DTM

Area Governors

A10 **BETH DOSHAY**

A11 **WENDI SVOBODA**

A12 **JUDI BAUMBACH**

A13 **CAROLYN COUSINS-GOLDMAN**

A14 **CAROLYN LUSK**

B20 **BRIAN R. R. HEBB**

B21 **SUE ZENGER**

B22 **LANCE WEBSTER**

B23 **JEAN R. HARBER**

B24 **LOUELLA EISCHEN**

C30 **EDWARD DOLLARD**

C31 **JEFF HARMAN**

C32 **DIANA E. OFFEN**

C33 **EILEEN HERRMANN**

C34 **MARGO DE LEON**

D40 **IGNACIO ROMAN**

D41 **MIKE GHOLAMPOUR**

D42 **THERESA CARTER-MATA**

D43 **CHERYL D. GARLAND**

D44 **ZENY DE JESUS**

Paris Hilton Enters Speech Contest!



Richard Stewart, DTM
CoFounder and Founding President
of Renaissance Speakers

In an effort to repair her tarnished reputation and speak on her own behalf, Paris Hilton has joined a local Toastmaster's club!

She was seen recently as a guest of Richard Stewart at the Renaissance Speakers' Toastmasters Club in Hollywood. She also stated that she intends to enter the District 52 "Tall Tales Contest."

If you find the above two paragraphs to be incredible, but somehow possibly true, you now know the flavor and spirit of a good Tall Tale!

Of course, some Tall Tales I have heard are IMPOSSIBLY true, but the sincerity and delivery of the speech made me wonder... So what is a Tall Tale? I can explain it a little better by telling you what The LA TIMES wrote about me in 1989 when I won the District Tall Tales contest. "Richard Stewart is the biggest liar in Los Angeles."

Yes, I was somewhat ambivalent about that title. In short, a Tall Tale is a big lie, the more creative and (somehow) believable the better.

One secret to success in delivery is staying in character. A good actor knows this. If you break character by laughing at your own "incredibility", you quickly lose the "spirit of belief" in your Tale.

Another key ingredient for a winning Tale is embellishment and details, details and more details. I think I accomplished this in my 1989 Tale: "It was mid-December, 1945; I was in

the air, 2000 feet above Normandy France. Sure I was only four years old... but I was big for my age, and besides was sort of proud of the fact that I was the youngest fighter pilot working for General Patten."

Later when I "had to bale" and my parachute's rip cord didn't open, I looked down and I started to panic! I saw the ground racing up before me! I knew I was going to die! I started crying like a three year old!"

In another contest I secured some "believability" by calling on my (prearranged) lawyer in the audience. I asked him to stand up and simply raise his hand when I mentioned him. I also warned the audience that my "testimony" was being videotaped for evidence (and pointed to the real camera filming me). I then went on to say how Toastmasters ruined my life and I was filing a class action law suit against them. (You had to be there.)

One of my favorites was a District winner in Orange County. He spoke of his grandfather who had a wooden peg leg. He worked hard as a farmer and would use his wooden peg to stomp the fields and plant corn. The family was so poor, when he died they couldn't afford a coffin. To save money they just took Grandpa to the back 40, stuck his peg leg in the dirt, held his arms out and screwed him into the ground.

I hope my brief notes here inspire you to "dive" into the upcoming District 52 Tall Tales contest! If you do, let me know. I'll bring Paris as a guest and come hear you!

As you can see, CREATIVITY is your main tool in this game. If you find yourself having fun, you're on the right track!

L. Ron Hubbard said it best from his essay entitled "The Joy of Creating": "The greatest joy there is in life is creating. Splurge on it!"

Richard Stewart DTM, is the Co Founder and Founding President of Renaissance Speakers. He has won three District Tall Tales Contests and three District Humorous Contests. And that is no Tall Tale!

Division Make-Up Training

*Clubs with four or more officers trained are likely to become distinguished clubs.
That's the POWER of trained club officers.*

Division A

Tuesday August 7 – 5:30p.m.-6:30p.m.

Quest Diagnostics

8401 Fallbrook Ave., West Hills, CA 91304

Pre-Registration: Contact John Nilson:

john@scandiaworldtravel.com

Division B

Thursday August 2 – 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m.

Private Residence - Church Sanctuary

Note: Sarah Street does not connect to

Vineland. Access via Hortense St.

11015 Sarah St., North Hollywood, CA 91602

(Very near Vineland and Hwy 170)

Pre-Registration: Contact Rev Scott Larson:

revscott@maylaih.org

Division C

Saturday, August 25 – 8:30a.m.-11:30a.m.

Glendale Central Library, Glendale, CA

phone 818-548-2021

Pre-Registration: Contact Joan Morris:

joanmorris@gmail.com

Division D

August 16 – 12 Noon to 1:30p.m.

Across Street from Department of Water &

Power Building downtown

880 W. 1st St., Los Angeles, 90012

Ask for Mike Gholampour, room # unit 707

August 30 – 5:30p.m.-6:30p.m.

Garland Building - Downtown

1200 W. 7th St., 4th Floor Room 4-A

Los Angeles, CA

For pre-registration, Contact Susan Orosco:

Oshannon@aol.com

District-Wide Make-Up Training

August 31, 2007 – 6:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

Private Residence - Church Sanctuary

Note: Sarah Street does not connect to

Vineland. Access via Hortense St.

11015 Sarah St., North Hollywood, CA 91602

(Very near Vineland and Hwy 170)

Pre-Registration: Contact Rev Scott Larson:

revscott@maylaih.org

Burnt Toastmasters

Larry D. Kraus

Burnt Toastmasters (BTM) was chartered in the mid 1950s. At that time, all Toastmasters clubs were comprised exclusively of men. Later, a parallel non-affiliated organization formed known as Toastmistress; these clubs were comprised exclusively of women. As difficult as it may be to believe, Toastmasters International didn't officially allow women to join until 1972.

The movement to allow women in Toastmasters began with one woman. Len Levy, an attorney, brought a female associate attorney to his Toastmasters club meeting with the intention of breaking the gender barrier. She was a courageous woman who was able to maintain her dignity in spite of the efforts of several of the members who repeatedly denied her entrance to the club.

With so much resistance, Levy and his associate devised a strategy of their own. They attended each meeting. One day there was low attendance and the majority of those present were in favor of allowing female membership. The die was cast and she was voted in! This caused a storm of protest. The men of BTM were up in arms! A special emergency meeting was held and it was decided that steps would be taken to force her out. The membership was split and rancor was the order of the day. To avoid such continuous bad feelings among the members,

the new female member resigned. That resignation split the club. Some members quit; others broke off and formed another club, Motivated Toastmasters (MTM).

MTM allowed female membership and, on several occasions, sent an expeditionary female contingent to attend BTM meetings as guests. In the late 90s, a woman by the name of Gwen Brown showed up and won over the membership with her personality, sincerity and character. She was not only voted in but became the first female President. Later, however, she had a tragic accident, which resulted in her hospitalization and ultimately death.

The club again reverted to its all male status and dwindled in numbers. Absence of enthusiasm gave way to thoughts of disbanding. At that time, no one attributed the club's downward spiral to the loss of Gwen Brown, but it was clear that BTM was in trouble.

A series of events occurred, which rescued BTM. Larry Kraus was drafted to lead the club as President. Hoping to salvage the remnants of a once powerful and mighty Toastmasters club, he recognized that the loss of Gwen Brown was, indeed, a severe and possibly fatal blow. He reasoned if that were true, then an infusion of female members would reinvigorate the club. At his urging, the

club membership was thrown open to female members. Sandy Garfield began a campaign to attract new members. He and his recruiters attracted many members including Cheryl Acrey, who was welcomed into the club as the sole female member.

Today BMT is a vigorous, healthy and enthusiastic club. What caused this grand resurgence? Throughout its history and through its darkest hours, the unique guiding principles of BTM were never forgotten. BTM is fundamentally a speaking and listening workshop and a training club. Everyone who wishes to improve in this regard is welcome. Some members could barely stand up and utter a few words when they first joined. In the club's unique environment of mutual helpfulness, members are nurtured and encouraged and in a short period of time are able to discover new skills they never knew they had. In addition, a recruiting campaign was undertaken. Including female membership invigorated and stimulated the club. The club became more civilized and more interested in improving the quality of its activities. BMT became a Distinguished Club. The speaking ability of the members improved to such an extent that it seemed a new higher plateau had been reached.

A new dawn emerged for BTM.

Special thanks to Extra Space Storage for their generous support of the mission of District 52.



The World Championship of Public Speaking in Phoenix, AZ August 15-18, 2007

This event truly is the Olympics of oratory. Come and find out what everyone is talking about!

For more information visit

www.toastmasters.org

Demonstration Teams Forming

Reverend Scott Larson, Area B Division Governor & District Demo Chair

Can you remember your first Ice-Breaker speech? Can you remember the thrill of that first roller-coaster ride as you walked toward the lectern? Was your voice shaking? Were your hands trembling? Did you have butterflies in your stomach?

Just what were you thinking when you joined Toastmasters! If you can remember your own beginnings, imagine the feeling in a room with 30, 40, or even 60+ professionals, blood pounding, palms sweating, yet each and every one eager to know for themselves how they might survive their first steps to becoming a more confident speaker.

What if all you have to do to make their dreams a reality is share the magic you live and breathe in your own home club? That's as easy as doing research for the ice-breaker!

If you joined Toastmasters to practice speaking and for the thrill of speaking to a passionately attentive

audience, and you can donate two hours a month of your time and talent, then District 52 has a deal for you.

Each Division is creating its own Demonstration Team. Each demonstration meeting is a shortened version of a regular club meeting and includes a Toastmaster, a speaker (with at least 4 to 6 manual speeches under his/her belt), an evaluator and three Table Topics speakers. A panel Q & A immediately follows.

Join your division demonstration team now by contacting your Division Governor at www.district52.org; follow the link to District Officers on the right and click on your Division Governor's e-mail link.

WE HAVE A DEMONSTRATION TEAM SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY AUGUST 29 AT THE SALVATION ARMY AT NOON. CONTACT DISTRICT DEMO CHAIR division.b@district52.org TO SIGN UP FOR A ROLE OR TO COME AND OBSERVE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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It's Your Move... BE A NEW CLUB AMBASSADOR



District 52 is seeking New Club Ambassadors who will be assigned to Divisions A, B, C and D. A New Club Ambassador will be the initial contact person for possible club leads, such as: corporations, community organizations and chambers of commerce.

Working with club leads is a great experience to practice and hone selling, negotiating and public relations skills. In addition, this will have a long-term ripple effect on building professional network and possible career development for the ambassadors.

Contact your Division Governors for this exciting opportunity:

- Div A Governor, John Nilson: division.a@district52.org
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District 52 Circulates the Newsletter Bi-monthly Via E-mail

To receive your copy via e-mail, please log on to the District 52 website at : <http://www.district52.org/toastmasters/newsletter.html> to register your e-mail address.

You will also receive important District information, including Contest dates, Club Officer Training dates, District Conference dates and other valuable notices on District events.

Article Submission

If you would like to contribute articles, please email to Editor, Richard L Churchill, at editor@district52.org on or before the 15th of the month prior to the publishing month. We publish in the months of August, October, December, February, April, and June.

Comments and Suggestions

We love to add new features, so please feel free to submit any and all suggestions. We may not be able to incorporate them all, but we really do want to improve our newsletter.

Mark YOUR CALENDARS...



Contest Dates Tall Tales & Table Topics

August

25 Area A-12, 13 & 14 Area Contest

September

- 8 Area B-20 & 22 Area Contest
- 13 Area C-32 & 33 Area Contest
- 15 Area B-21 & 23 Area Contest
- 15 Area A-10 & 11 Area Contest
- 19 Area C-30 & 31 Area Contest
- 29 Area D-41 & 42 Area Contest

October

- 6 A.M. — Division A Division Contest
- 13 A.M. — Division B Division Contest
- 18 P.M. — Division D Division Contest
- 20 A.M. — Division C Division Contest

District 52 Toastmasters SMEDLEY AWARD

Membership Building Campaign

IN HONOR OF OUR ORGANIZATION'S FOUNDER, DR. RALPH SMEDLEY

The Smedley Award commemorates the founding of Toastmasters International on **October 22, 1924**, by **Dr. Ralph Smedley**. One person initiated a program that would go on to affect millions of people.

Attention Club Officers!

Toastmasters International will recognize Clubs who **Recruit 5 New Members from August 1 to September 30**

Your club will also earn a choice of one module from The Better Speaker Series, The Successful Club Series or The Leadership Excellence Series.

Membership applications and payment for members who join between August 1 and September 30 must be received at World Headquarters or online no later than September 30. Each member's "join date" as listed on the application must be no later than September. Transfer and charter members do not count for credit.

There is no need to apply for this award. Your club will be automatically entered when the first new member application is received in August.