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District Governor's Report

District 52 Governor Edwin Bernard, DTM



Friends and fellow Toastmasters, during my tenure as your District Governor, I have sincerely enjoyed working with many talented and wonderful individuals to help our clubs and members. I eagerly look forward to recognizing many of our members at the Awards and Installation Banquet on August 11th at Sportsmen's Lodge. Please look for details in this issue of *District 52 Review*.

On July 1 our new District Governor, Cora Soriano, DTM, will begin leading us to even greater success. In the final days of the 2006 - 2007 Toastmasters Year, we have more to do so that our Clubs, Areas, Divisions, and District can become Distinguished.

I humbly request that all club officers review where their clubs stand in meeting their Distinguished Club Plan goals. Remember, this measures how well our club members are served. If a club is not helping and guiding its members to achieve their CCs and ACs, then something is not right. I reviewed club statistics, and it saddens me that many clubs still have no members who have completed their CCs and ACs. If you are close to completing your next educational award, please do so soon and enter the application on-line before June 30th.

Even if the club completes 5 goals required to become Distinguished, it may be unable to become a Distinguished Club if it does not achieve a net gain of 5 members compared to its July 1st base, or achieved the charter strength of 20 members. If your club has 20 members or more, adding 4 new members and 4 more new members can give the club more points toward becoming not just a Dis-

tinguished Club, but Select Distinguished with 7 points, or President's Distinguished with 9 points. So please go to the Toastmasters International web site and click on the DCP Club Reports link on the right and follow the instructions to see your club's status. After reviewing where the club is falling short, take action. There is still time to add new members as well as complete your educational goals.

If most of our clubs become Distinguished or higher, our Areas, Divisions, and even our District will become Distinguished. The Hall of Fame event will take place at Toastmasters International's Convention. The Convention will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, from August 15 to 18. The Hall of Fame ceremony will take place the afternoon of Friday, August 17, when all Distinguished Districts will be honored. Members present from a Distinguished District are invited to go on stage to shake hands with Toastmasters International's President and have their picture taken with the District banner. This Hall of Fame event is *free!* I invite as many members of District 52 to join together to walk on stage for this exciting event. But first we need to end the year with at least 94 paid clubs, our membership quota, and CC and AC goals. For example, if every club gets four new members by June 30, we would easily make our membership goal, which is our biggest challenge.

With your help I am certain we can do it. Now is the time more than ever to Ignite Your Passion and Illuminate Your World by helping your Club, Area, Division, and District become Distinguished. Let's do it! Viva District 52! Viva Toastmasters!

The Mission of the District

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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2006 – 2007**

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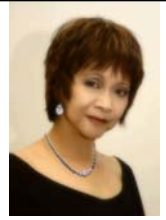
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From The Desk of Lt. Governor Education and Training

by Cora Soriano, DTM



Greetings! It has been a great pleasure serving you as Lt. Governor Education and Training. Distinguished Club Program Year 2006 - 2007 will end on June 30th. This is a great opportunity for us to evaluate our Toastmasters experience.

1. To gain confidence in public speaking, have you earned at least one educational award (CC, AC, CL, AL, ALS, or DTM) in one year?
2. To develop your leadership potential, have you practiced your leadership skills by volunteering to fill meeting roles, by earning your leadership awards, or by serving in any leadership role in your club, area, or district?
3. To serve your club members effectively, have you attended officers' training or any other of District 52's training events?
4. To gain speech contest experience, have you participated, attended, or competed in speech contests?
5. To share the benefits you are enjoying in Toastmasters, have you invited your friends, relatives, and neighbors to join Toastmasters?

Congratulations on your speaking, leadership, or training achievements! I'm positive that you will benefit from these accomplishments. To have a positive and beneficial Toastmasters experience, we need to *practice, participate, and share*. Please *focus* on: (a) achieving at least one educational award or leadership award in one year; (b) attending officers' training or workshops at our district-sponsored training; (c) participating or serving at our speech contests and other district-sponsored events; (d) inviting prospective Toastmasters members to reap the benefits of Toastmasters; and (e) helping build a new

club.

Do you have one or two speeches, presentations, or projects to complete your CCs, ACs, CLs, or ALs before June 30th? If so, please request your Vice President Education to give you priority in scheduling your remaining speeches. Visit the other clubs in your area to present additional speeches. Remember, whenever you speak outside your club, you can credit three speeches to your manual if your speeches meet the manual's objectives and Toastmasters club members provide written evaluations. Old-Style Competent Leader (OCL) award applications are allowed until June 30, 2008. To qualify for OCL award, you must have: (a) served as a club officer for six months; (b) attended officers' training; (c) developed a Club Success Plan; (d) and completed two presentations from the Successful Club Series and/or Leadership Excellence Series.

Educational award recipients from July 1, 2006 to May 2007 were recognized at the Hall of Fame Ceremony on May 19, 2007, at our District 52 Spring Conference. For recipients who have not received their incentive gifts, please e-mail me at coraaragon@aol.com so that we can make arrangements. CC awards achieved: (a) from July 1, 2006 to January 31, 2007 will receive a CC pin; (b) from February 1 to May 31 will receive a desk plaque. AC, O/CL, AL, ALS, or DTM awards achieved from July 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007 will receive a coffee mug.

July 14 Toastmasters Learning Institute at Woodbury University by Carolyn Goldman, CL

District 52 will hold its Toastmasters Learning Institute on July 14, 2007, at Woodbury University from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The TLI will include the following: Officers' Training; contest judges' training; how to sponsor or mentor a new club; and how to rebuild a struggling club. Other important subjects will be presented during this exciting training event.

Cost will be about \$10.00. The campus cafeteria will be open for those wishing to buy breakfast or lunch.

All club officers should plan to attend, and all other club members are also encouraged to come. Additional details will appear on District 52's web site, www.district52.org. Club officers will receive other special announcements via e-mail.

New Competent Communicators from April 1 to June 5, 2007

Abramson, Paul Todd, Rising Star
 Adler, Neal C, Van Nuys Burnt
 Ajibola, Kola, Public Works Pioneers
 Alemozafar, Darius, Countrywide Speakers of the House
 Archer, Michael, Toastmasters 4 Writers
 Arroyo, Robert M, Medtronic Mini Med
 Baron, Michael A., Open House
 Baron, Michael A., Renaissance Speakers
 Baumbach, Judi, Spirit Speaks
 Brazil, Debbie A, Sherman Oaks
 Cota-Kumagai, Linda M., Sally Toastmasters
 Danielians, Androush, AECOM Los Angeles Office
 Dela Rosa, Michael G., Persuasive Speakers
 Diaz, Joanna, Voces Latinas
 Elish, Debbie, Figuratively Speaking
 Epstein, Sheila G, Van Nuys Burnt
 Guzman, Mimi, Voces Latinas
 Hammond, Robert E., Glendale Civic Center
 Hendry, Kathy, LACMTA Club
 Herrera, Jaime, Voces Latinas
 Jaggernauth, Esekiel, LAUSD Toastmas-

ters
 Kokawa, Anne H., Countrywide Speakers of the House
 Lim, Esther Y K., Figuratively Speaking
 Lusk, Carolyn L, Spirit Speaks
 Magallon, Elvia, LA Sparkplugs
 Miller, Lance, Renaissance Speakers
 Moon, William C., Renaissance Speakers
 Mulally, Tom, Exec TM Breakfast Club
 Norman, Tisha L, Sherman Oaks
 Pena, Enrico D., Storytelling & Performing Arts
 Pitcock, Jennifer E., Countrywide Speakers of the House
 Ramirez, Armi Claudine E, LA Sparkplugs
 Rankel, Glen A., Warner Center
 Seitz, Margaret, Open House
 Shah, Mayank J., Valencia Toastmasters
 Simonian, Art T., Glendale 1
 Smith, John P, Open House
 Sumida, Paula, Agoura-Westlake
 Uttamchandani, Pushpa, Spring Toastmasters
 Van Houten, Kathryn E., Glendale 1
 Wilson, Jim H., Sherman Oaks
 Yollis, Brett, Los Angeles 3

The Distinguished Club Program

2 CCs
 2 More CCs
 1 ACB, ACS, or ACG
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 1 CL, ALB, ALS, or DTM
 1 More CL, ALB, ALS, or DTM
 4 New Members
 4 More New Members
 Minimum 4 Club Officers
 Trained Summer & Winter
 One Semi Report & One Officers' List on time
 At least 20 members or net growth of 5 members since July 1

District 52's 2007 - 2008 Officers Elected on May 19, 2007

District Governor
 Corazon Soriano, DTM

Lieutenant Governor Education and Training
 Michelle Gilstrap, DTM

Lieutenant Governor Marketing
 Andrea Sebera, DTM

Division A Governor
 John Nilson, ACG, CL

Division B Governor
 The Reverend Scott Larson, ACB

Division C Governor
 Joan Morris, ATMS

Division D Governor
 Susan Orosco, DTM

Congratulations to District 52's Newest DTMs!

Congratulations to District 52's newest Distinguished Toastmasters (DTMs): Michelle Gilstrap, Toastmasters4Writers 748804; Turhan Johnson, LA 3; Andrea

Sebera, Spirit Speaks 849125; and Kiki Whitman, Warner Brothers, 659175. District 52 is grateful for these members and their outstanding achievement!

Advanced Awards from April 1 to June 5, 2007

Advanced Communicator Bronze Recipients:
 Chiu, Li Yu, Jewel City 29
 Guerra, Carlos, Voces Latinas
 Guyer, Dennis, Glendale 1
 Hebb, Brian R.R., Rising Star
 Rosenfeld-Ortiz, Elysa, Glendale 1
 Zenger, Sue, Open House

Advanced Communicator Silver Recipients:
 Coventry, Kathy J., Renaissance Speakers
 Hartwell, Lori M., Glendale 1
 Niven, Jeffrey E., Agoura-Westlake
 Reece, John D., Navigators Club

Roach, Patricia L., LA Sparkplugs Club
 Shamhart, William M., Jewel City 29

Advanced Communicator Gold Recipients:
 Finizio, Michael, Burbank Club
 Hartwell, Dean T., Glendale 1
 Sebera, Andrea F., Challengers
 Sebera, Wayne, Challengers
 Wu, Hsiao-Bai, Caltrans



Our New CLs!

The following individuals have earned the Competent Leader (CL) award since April 1, 2007:

Hebb, Brian R.R., Rising Star
 Holmgren, Sarah Jane, Leading Voices
 Karayan, Levon, Yahoo Burbank
 Lusk, Carolyn L, Challengers
 Sadigursky, Gabriela, Navigators Club.

Coming Events

June 30, 2007: Beat The Clock membership building program ends; Deadline to report new club officers to Toastmasters International; 2006 - 2007 Distinguished Club Year ends.

July 1, 2007: 2007 - 2008 Distinguished Club Year starts.

July 14, 2007: Toastmasters Leadership Institute and Officers' Training, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Woodbury University, Burbank.

August 2007: Clubs begin holding Table Topics and Tall Tales Contests.

August 11, 2007: District 52's Awards and Installation Banquet, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sportsmen's Lodge, Studio City. Details provided in invitations and at district52.org.

August 15 - 18, 2007: Toastmasters International's Annual Convention, Phoenix, Arizona.

September 2007: Areas begin holding Area Table Topics and Tall Tales Contests.

October 2007: Divisions begin holding Division Table Topics and Tall Tales Contests.

November 3, 2007: District 52's Fall Conference.

More Leadership Awards from April 1 to June 5, 2007

Old-Style Competent Leader Recipients

Cousins-Goldman, Carolyn Marie, Warner Center
 Holmes, Margaret B., Watermasters
 Jarasa, Pete P., Water And Power
 Marott, Brandt A., Glendale Civic Center
 Ng, Darren, Spirent Listeners
 Van Houten, Kathryn E., Glendale 1

Advanced Leader Bronze Recipient

Sadigursky, Gabriela, Navigators

Leadership Excellence Recipients

Doshay, Beth L., Cosmopolitan
 Harber, Jean R., Pacemasters
 Wu, Hsiao-Bai, Caltrans

District 52's Evaluation and International Speech Contests

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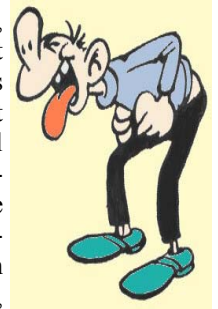
We had very successful contests at District 52's Spring Conference. District 52's Public Relations Officer Beth Neaman, ACB, CL, chaired this event.

Cathy Bersier of Renaissance Speakers won first place in the Evaluation Contest. Vic Dennis of LAPD Code Blue won second place.

David Taylor of Jewel City Toastmasters won first place in the International Speech contest. Darren Ng of Spirent

Listeners won second place. David Taylor represented District 52 at the Region II International Speech contest on June 2, 2007.

Alberto Cabillan, who won District 52's Humorous Speech contest at the 2006 Fall Conference, participated in the Region II Humorous Showcase on Friday, June 1, 2007.



District 52 Launches Redesigned Web Site

by Beth Neaman, ACB, CL

We are excited to announce the launch of our new district web site at www.district52.org.

Our District Governor, Edwin Bernard, DTM, pushed to have a redesigned web site as early as last year when he was the Lieutenant Governor Marketing. The web site's new look and feel is complemented by a well thought out architecture and navigational interface. The schematic of the new web site enabled the wealth of information contained in the old web site to be organized and mapped in subject areas where our members can intuitively find them.

Our Lieutenant Governor Education and Training, Cora Soriano, DTM, and our Lieutenant Governor Marketing, Michelle Gilstrap, DTM, were responsible for organizing and researching content relating to Education, Training, and Marketing that will provide information and resources to build strong clubs and

memberships. Beth Neaman, ACB, CL, compiled information and resources in the area of Public Relations to help promote clubs in the communities they serve. Robert O'Donnell, DTM, PDG, will publish statistics periodically to keep us abreast of how District 52 is meeting its goals. We have also created a link to contest resources developed by Linnaea Mallette, DTM, PDG.

There are many more new features in the new web site. We invite you to browse around and hope you find something of interest and would appreciate any feedback.

We're on the Web!

www.district52.org

End of the Year Drawing Near Is Your Club Distinguished?

by Lt. Governor Marketing, Michelle Gilstrap, DTM



It is now June; June 30th is the end of the Toastmasters' year. Is your club distinguished?

Look at your Distinguished Club Plan. How many Competent Communicator awards does your club have? How many members have earned their Competent Leader or Advanced Leader awards? Does your club have 20 paid members?

Many clubs are very close to becoming distinguished. Some clubs only need 5 more members; others may need more to reach their membership goals. Now is the time to invite guests, friends, and co-workers to your meeting. Remember you are the best salesperson for the club. *How has Toastmasters helped you?* Tell your friends about the skills you have acquired. Your personal story will interest your friends and co-workers.

Have you advanced in your job? Have you secured a better job? Are your presentations better? Are you a better communicator with your co-workers? These are the result of your involvement in Toastmasters.

Time management, planning productive meetings, improved listening skills, and better evaluations of co-workers' performance are more skills you build by participating in your club meetings. Share your successes and invite others to your meetings.

District 52 will award \$35.00 gift certificates to all clubs which add 5 new members from May 1st to June 30th and qualify for the Beat The dock Membership Contest.

District 52 will present the gift certificates to winning clubs at its *Awards and Installation Luncheon*. This event will take place on August 11, 2007, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sportsmen's Lodge, 12825 Ventura Boulevard, Studio City. Admission will be about \$35.00 per person. A & I invitations will be mailed in a few weeks. Plan on attending to represent your club!

During our May 19th District Conference, we announced that seven new clubs had chartered this year. Five more are in progress. If all our clubs compete for the Beat the Clock contest and the new clubs submit their Charter Paperwork, District 52 may become distinguished for the fourth year in a row and emerge as one of Region Two's strongest districts. If District 52 becomes distinguished, it is thanks to you, the club member, and your efforts for doing all that is needed to make your club distinguished.

With each club conducting quality programs, earning educational awards, and submitting new membership applications, District 52 will indeed "Ignite Your Passion and Illuminate Your World."

Must You Tell A Story?

by Dr. Ralph C. Smedley

If you aspire to be a popular speaker, you will have to learn to tell stories. Then, if you create a reputation as a story-telling speaker, you will have to live up to it, which lays a heavy responsibility on you.

Even the most serious speaker needs to be able to light up his discourse with occasional flashes of wit and humor, which may or may not be provided by the use of stories, and so the answer to the title question must be in the affirmative. You must tell a story now and then...

The very best place to find stories and illustrations are in your own experience. Things which happened to you and which can be told in the first person are good material. They have the added advantage that they are your own, so no one else can use them unless and until he gets them from you...

You can test every story in your repertoire by these simple standards: 1. Is it likely to prove objectionable to anyone? That is, does it offend anyone's race, religion, or color? 2. Is it clean and decent? Shun anything that has even the slightest suggestion of being off-color. 3. Does the story amuse you after the fourth or fifth time? Or does it lose its effect after several readings or tellings? If you don't enjoy it, your audience will not care for it either. 4. Does it have a point which is clear and unmistakable – and worthwhile? 5. Can you tell it well?...

Tell the story well. That is the universal and imperative rule.

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L.A.'s Largest Mixer IX

Thursday, July 26, 2007, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Shrine Auditorium Expo Center, 700 West 32nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

District 52 is one of the organizations sponsoring this event.

Join Los Angeles area chambers and business organizations for this business networking event! Mix with business people representing many industries and companies in Southern California. L.A.'s Largest Mixer IX is a great opportunity to reach small to large companies, meet new clients, and learn how the different chambers of commerce and

business organizations can help your business grow.

Help L.A.'s Largest Mixer IX create a literate workforce by supporting the Reading by 9 book drive. Donate a new children's book and enter to win 2 roundtrip tickets anywhere AirTran Airways flies. Receive an entry for every book you bring!

Mixer admission is \$20 per person (no registration necessary). Parking is \$5. For exhibitor or general information:

323-860-9999 or <http://www.lamixer.com/>.



PRO's Report

by Beth Neaman, ACB, CL

Our 2007 Spring Conference owes its success to the support and participation of our many Toastmasters colleagues who played vital roles and competed in the Evaluation and International Speech Contests. I express my sincerest gratitude for their dedication to the Toastmasters ideals and for sharing their talents and precious time. On District 52's behalf, I thank our sponsors for their donations and support of the Toastmasters mission. To our wonderful speakers, Brian von Dedenroth, Ann Hastings, and our very inspiring C & L Awardee Marianne Haver Hill, who have stimulated and challenged our thinking, and have affected and infected us with their enthusiasm, we express our deepest appreciation.

The conference committee members are grateful to our leaders who have convened the Viva Toastmasters theme; Edwin Bernard, Cora Soriano, Michelle Gilstrap, Peter Geissler, and Robert O'Donnell. Their vision for this conference alone would have been enough to generate a tremendous amount of inspiration, but I am most thankful for their guidance and for giving us a freehand to develop our leadership and organizational skills.

As Conference chair planning the entire event, I have received strong support from those who have had responsibility for a wide range of organizational and administrative activities. To the members of the Conference Coordinating Committee who have looked after us so well, my bound-

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Words To Remember

by Richard L. Churchill, CTM



Dear Reader,

The purpose of a good speech is to transmit emotion, to give your listeners something to remember. That is, perhaps I should say, for an entertaining or educational speech. There are different types of speeches, each meant to address different requirements.

All speeches, however, use common elements: Thoughts; Ideas; Facts; and Doctrine(s).

The challenge is to determine how to organize these elements in order to be heard by your audience. In other words, answer the unexpressed question, "What's In It For Me?"

Let's pause and review what I have described so far. For our words to be remembered, we need to answer the following questions:

What: What do I wish to talk about, which topic should I choose?

Who: Who will be hearing my speech?

Why: Why will audience members be interested in my speech?

How: How will I help my audience remember my words?

Let us take a straightforward assignment from an Advanced Communication program that requires a topic, research using a variety of resources, and then the presentation of what you

have learned and feel will interest your audience.

Start	Develop	Define
Topic	Obesity	"Fat"
Info	Too much/ too little	Who/Why
"You" Benefits	WIIFM?	Energy vs. Listlessness
Change: Stats to Sto- ries	Contrasts/ Compari- sons	Candy bar vs. fresh fruit

Using this chart suggests that your research will reveal some ideas that will define and illustrate your points. These ideas will jump out at you and will be easy to remember. You will have more ideas than you can use!

Select your research and the points that appeal to you. Organize them the way you would when discussing your topic in a friendly conversation. You should begin feeling excited and confident about giving your speech in front of an audience. I believe that public speaking is an art and a science, and as such can be mastered step-by-step.

Today we have touched upon one idea: there is much more to pursue and study. It is useful to keep in mind that you must keep your communication clear and simple. K.I.S.S. - "Keep It Simple and Sincere" has often been recommended. This is good advice.

Must You Tell A Story?

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You must know the story perfectly. You must have its procedure and its point thoroughly in mind, and you must have learned by experience what is the best way to put it over...

A story is well told when it is condensed into brief form without losing the effectiveness of its point. Too many details will kill the best story. The more naturally a story can be woven into your speech, the better...

Decide when and why you need to tell a story; what effect you want to produce; what story fits the occasion; and then prepare carefully to tell it in the best possible style. Don't tell too many jokes, and when you tell one, make it count.

The Toastmaster, April 1947, pages 17 – 19.

District 52's 2007 Spring Conference Photo Gallery



Evaluation Contest Test Speaker
Jeanette Cordon.



Evaluation Champion
Cathy Bersier.



District 52's Secretary
Beth Doshay.



Marianne Haver Hill receives District 52's C & L award.



New DTM Kiki Whitman.



Patricia Stewart and Brett Yollis



Conference Chair
Beth Neaman



Darren Ng and David Taylor.

Burbank 125 Celebrates Its 60th Anniversary

Burbank 125 celebrated its 60th anniversary on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at The Colony Theatre in Burbank. Burbank 125 has been a club where members have been able to overcome their fear of public speaking and to develop their leadership potential.

Lance Miller, DTM, the 2005 World Champion of Public Speaking, was the keynote speaker.

Burbank 125's Vice President Membership

Amanda Hopkins, CC, also delivered a speech at this special anniversary event.

Cake and refreshments were served.

Burbank 125 regularly meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at Burbank Police and Fire Headquarters, 200 North Third Street, Burbank 91501. Meetings start promptly at 7:20 p.m.

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less gratitude for having given unstintingly of their time and expertise and always with such great camaraderie: Karen Hudson, Dick Churchill, Susan Mayberry, Carolyn Goldman, Wayne Sebera, and Pat O'Donnell, you are great leaders and great role models.

I truly believe that our conference objectives have been achieved and if there has been in any measure a success, it is because of *all of you* who came and participated and supported our contestants and celebrated the successes of our colleagues as they get recognized for their educational and leadership achievements. For that, the Spring Conference Coordinating Committee wishes you the best in your continuing endeavor to promote your communication and leadership competence. Thank you and we hope to see you again at future conferences!

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



Voces Latinas Celebrates Its 5th Anniversary

Photos by Martin K. Orozco of Voces Latinas



Voces Latinas Club President Arturo Yanez, Vice President Education and President-Elect Laura De Anda, and Club Officer Carlos Guerra.



Founding members Susan Orozco, DTM, and Kris Zuniga admire the candles on the club's cake. Susan was recently elected Division D Governor.



After the meeting members let loose to DJ music. The club has three Area Governors: Laura De Anda, Carlos Guerra, and Margo De Leon Guerra.



After delivering his Ice Breaker speech on May 23, Victor E. Lizano shakes hands with guest speaker Daniel Gutierrez, author of "Stepping Into Greatness."

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Photos of Voces Latinas taken by Martin K. Orozco,
award-winning KABC-7 cameraman.

Parting Words

by Peter Bunce, DTM

The opportunity to serve as District 52's newsletter editor offered itself at the 2006 Fall Conference. I had created some newsletters for my Toastmasters clubs, made contributions to the 2004 - 2005 Division B newsletter, and wrote articles for *District 52 Review* in 2005 - 2006. Becoming the newsletter editor seemed the next logical step in my Toastmasters development.

The work on the newsletter presented a number of different challenges: working on a collaborative effort with other writers, complying with the wishes of a fair but demanding publisher, meeting deadlines, managing the available but limited

space in the newsletter, and working together as a team of professionals to create a high quality newsletter for the benefit of all our club members.

This year's District 52 leadership team has exceeded all my expectations. Contributions may not have been perfect, but were always excellent. It takes leaders who can stand tall and see far to produce the outstanding contributions which appear in *District 52 Review!*

Special thanks goes to our indispensable proofreader Jean Harber, ATMG, CL, who added much polish to the finished product!