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**"Learn from yesterday,
live for today,
hope for tomorrow."**

~ Einstein

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District 8 Toastmasters Fall Conference 'Wild Wild West'

By Cynthia Scroggins



I welcome this opportunity to say thank you for a really great conference. We had extremely high expectations, which were all achieved as far as I'm concerned.

Friday night kicked off with dinner, square dancing and the Table Topics Contest. We had a well run contest with stellar finalists. When the contest ended, the 1st place trophy of the District 8 Table Topics Contest was awarded to Raymond Allen. Then on to the dancing. We had great instructional line

dancing from the experts (Ed and Mary Allen) and were thrilled to see many of you taking center stage for the square dancing.

Many of you tried your hand at the western games to win prizes. We had a candy jar contest—did you make a guess?



We had a cowboy/girl contest and a handmade silent auction with beautiful items.



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Why do I need Goals?

On the best sunny day, the most powerful magnifying glass will not light paper if you keep moving the glass. But if you focus and hold it, the paper will light up. That is the power of concentration.

A man was traveling and stopped at an intersection. He asked an elderly man, "Where does this road take me?" The elderly person asked, "Where do you want to go?" The man replied, "I don't know." The elderly person said, "Then take any road. What difference does it make?" How true. When we don't know where we are going, any road will take us there.

Suppose you have all the football eleven players, enthusiastically ready to play the game, all charged up, and then someone took the goal post away. What would happen to that game? There is nothing left. How do you keep score? How do you know you have arrived?



Enthusiasm without direction is like wildfire and leads to frustration.

Goals give a sense of direction. Would you sit in a train or a plane without knowing where it was going? The obvious answer is no. Then why do people go through life without having any goals?

What are your Toastmaster goals?

Have you finished that Competent Communicator Award? How close are you to finishing that advanced manual? What is your next action item?

What are your club's goals?

Can your club be distinguished this year? What needs to happen? What can you do to help?

I know our District Goals

For the past 4 years our District has been distinguished. If we do it a fifth year we will break a district record. What do we need? We need—an increase in membership, new clubs and CCs. Our district leadership is fully committed to making this happen. But we cannot do it alone. We need the support of every Toastmaster. More members and clubs create a stronger organization. And a stronger organization benefits everyone. By setting your personal and club Toastmaster goals, you are helping the entire organization.

Goals give you a purpose for your journey.

So, what are your goals? ❖



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Happy Holidays, Fellow Toastmasters! Feliz Navidad! Happy Kwanzaa! Merry Christmas! Season's Greetings! Whatever way you celebrate or take a break during this holiday season, I wish you well!

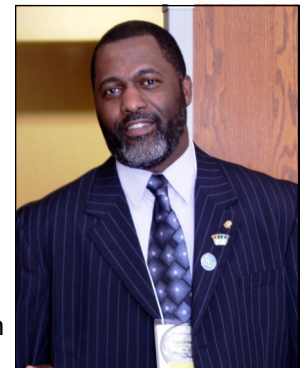
We are rounding the corner of the halfway point of this Toastmasters year and I would like to give you an update on where we stand from the LGET's view. We had an excellent Fall Conference in Jefferson City based on the theme "The Wild, Wild West." We had great food, dancing and fun and contests were incredible. A lot of the food had western themes and we were treated to a square dancing demonstration and then were allowed to learn and participate in a dance of our own. The Table Topics contest on Friday night was hotly contested with Raymond Allen coming out as the winner. On Saturday night, we were treated to a barrel of laughs during the Humorous Speech contest. When all the laughing was finally over, John Baranzelli was crowned the champion.

Our midyear stats are looking promising, with the leadership awards (88 of 107) and our AC awards (36 of 45) way ahead. The area we are going to be challenged in is CC awards. Currently we have achieved 60 of 160 required. To be comfortable, we should have about 80. I was at the Alpha Gavel Club meeting last night at Jefferson City Correctional Center where James Love was awarded his 14th CC award. His 14th! This is certainly someone who understands the continuing value of Toastmasters and hasn't decided that achieving his first CC was all he needed. I'm not going to challenge you to achieve double-digit CC awards, but with over 2200 members in our District, I believe we can achieve above and beyond our goal of 160 CCs. So I do challenge each member to achieve at least one CC this year. Are you up for the challenge? If you do, I will send you a beautiful newly minted District 8 Competent Communicator award! There will be another flyer in this issue containing a picture and details.

With the New Year come new resolutions. I have already

started seeing ads for getting into shape, starting new diets, and making new resolutions. We do this every year for our bodies, but why not for our minds? Now is the perfect time to catch those potential new Toastmasters who want to make a permanent change in their speaking capabilities. No matter how much we improve the appearance on the outside, if the message that comes out when we open our mouth is not congruent with our intent, we will lose the opportunity to affect change! How many times have you seen a well-dressed, professional-looking person with the right portfolio, great suit, great smile and firm handshake, only to have them fail to completely express themselves? People buy life insurance, car insurance, and home insurance and so on, but what investment do we make in improving our communication? You could say that Toastmasters is "Communication Insurance," meaning that you keep investing in it so that when you need to use it, it's there! Use this opportunity of the new calendar year to promote Toastmasters to those wanting to make a resolution of improving their communication skills. While you're at it look at your own progress along the communication and leadership tracks and see if it time for you to resolve this year to accomplish another award in each of those areas.

This past year has been an incredible year in Toastmasters, with the rebranding; the dues increase and the upcoming change in the way Districts are measured. I hope you will review your year, celebrate your achievements, make adjustments where needed, and come out of the gate in 2012 looking forward to accomplishing even greater things! If you are a leader, then lead by example. If you don't consider yourself a leader, then you are in the right place—Toastmasters—Where Leaders Are Made! ❖



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A Message From the LGM

**Lora Mather, LGM**

Earning your Distinguished Toastmaster award (DTM) is a special achievement! Our Toastmasters International Executive Director's Report 2010-2011 shows that only 1,104 DTMs out of 273,895 (.4%-point 4%) members were awarded.

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In the 2011-2012 Toastmaster year, to date seven District 8 members joined this elite percentage by earning their DTM award (July 1—November 18, 2011). Congratulations to these members: **Paul Cook, Sandy Kardis, Benedict Kemper, Debra Morrissey, Ralph Morrissey, Jacquie Vick and Nathan Randall**. Thanks to these members for inspiring me. On November 22nd, I met with County Communicator's Vice President—Education, Jeroen Tetteroo, to complete my on-line application for my Advanced Leader Silver award. While he was logged into Toastmasters International website, he submitted my DTM application!

Like many of you, I joined Toastmasters to improve my speaking skill. This was in 1997.

Like many new members, I completed the Competent Communicator award in two years. A nice easy pace and then I was distracted by other responsibilities, only speaking occasionally. It was another three years before I completed the "old" Competent Leader award and the Advanced Communicator Bronze. In 2008, at the Fall Conference held in Jefferson City, **Jane Dawson Clark** and I "pinky" swore that we would earn our DTMs in 2010. Well, neither of us completed DTMs in 2010, but that "pinky" swear was the commitment to ourselves to continue the journey and finish. I needed that support. We kept in touch and re-swore that we would finish in 2012.

While serving as Area Governor in 2008, I saw **John Murphy** leading the Plus Factor club back from the brink of disbandment. I saw this as an awesome challenge and asked to serve as co-coach. To earn the Advanced Leader Silver requirement, your 'coached' club must earn a distinguished club award within two years. It took Plus Factor three years, so I didn't meet the time requirement for earning the ALS. But in those three years, Plus Factor achieved President's Distinguished and I learned rebuilding a club takes persistence in recruiting new members, coaching and encouraging members to serve as officers. Meanwhile, I was speaking, receiving positive helpful feedback, before I knew it I had completed the Advanced Communicator Silver and Gold.

In October 2010, **Carole Breckner** invited me to the final classes of the Speechcraft that she presented to St. Anthony's hospital management. From that Speechcraft, the SAMC Talks It UP club was born. I saw its birth and asked if I could serve as a "god mother" or mentor. As a mentor, I attended once a week club meetings and their executive officer meetings. After their first few months as a club, their president transitioned to a new job. This was their first club challenge, but they survived and followed the process of electing another club president to serve that term. Supporting and guiding these club members was a pleasure with my wonderful co-mentors, **Tom Ahillen and Carole Breckner**. Due to Carole's persistence with paperwork, SAMC Talks It UP submitted the proper paperwork for Tom and I to earn our mentor certificates. This completed the requirement for the ALS.

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District 8 Judges Training



Spring Contest Judges Training

Saturday, January 7th, 2012

9:30 am—Noon

St. Louis County HQ Library

1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63131

**RSVP by Thursday, January 5th to LGET Curtis Scroggins at
scrogginscurtis@gmail.com or (573)291-9011**

Your Story Invites New Members to Your Club

By Kat Mokriakow, District 8 Public Relations Officer



I still remember my first day at Toastmasters. The members welcomed me warmly and asked me to join their club that very same meeting. How I felt in that first meeting made the decision of a lifetime for me. I chose to become a Toastmaster and I haven't looked back since. This isn't the beginning of my story though; it goes way back to

when I was a young girl playing 'Red Rover' in gym class. No one ever said the words: 'Red Rover, Red Rover, let Kathryn come over'. This is when I began my life as a wallflower. It progressed to camp, as a teenager, where we all stood in a circle and said our name and what school we came from. The ball was tossed around to everyone in the group, then they all walked off leaving me still standing there by myself. No one even noticed. I didn't know what to do about it except to continue to 'hide' - even surrounded by people.

My decision to do something to change my image as a wallflower came to me all of a sudden. It was as if I woke up. My supervisor had called a huddle and invited everyone to attend, but me. When I inquired if I was to be in the huddle her reply was, "Oh Kathryn, I forgot about you." Yes, I know, I've heard that before, too many times to count! I knew then I needed to take action to put an end to this image that encircled me everywhere I went. *I knew I needed Toastmasters before I knew Toastmasters existed.*

When a co-worker was telling me she was going to a Toastmaster meeting at work, I asked the simple

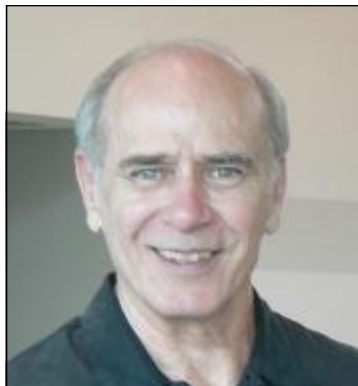
question, "what's that?" After her sharing what Toastmasters was and what it meant to her, I exclaimed to myself, 'that's what I was looking for all these years!' She asked if I would like to come with her and my reply was a very big affirmative—yes! Now look at me! I have come a long way since that life changing day. Many will tell you that they don't know what happened to me. My sister asked me one day, "What did Toastmasters do to you?" I never used to talk; now I don't shut up. It's like a whole lifetime of words tumble out of me.

That's my story. Now what's yours?

Not everyone has the same kind of story, but everyone *has* a story. You never know who is listening and waiting to hear what you have to say. Your story is your best testimony in promoting Toastmasters. Tie your success to Toastmasters and invite someone to a meeting. If my co-worker would not have invited me, I never would have asked to go. Wallflowers don't ask, they just wait for someone else to finally ask them. People love stories and will stop a moment to hear—more so than any other type of promoting you can do. They speak to people on a personal level and make them a part. Capturing their attention is the first step to open the door to invite them to a meeting.

You have heard many options to membership building. You even are encouraged to personally invite your friends, co-workers and neighbors. What I am asking you to do is more than just inviting them and telling them the benefits Toastmasters has to offer. What I am asking is for you to share a part of yourself that's personal to you. You own that story and it worked. People can relate to you on that level. Take a moment and invite someone today by sharing *your* Toastmaster's success story. Now, *they* have a story to share. ❖





District 8 Welcomes Its Newest Clubs

By John Barry, DTM

We are very pleased to welcome two new clubs added to our district, chartering just before the holidays and the calendar year end. Please welcome Speaking of US (USBank) and Jacobs Engineering to the fold effective immediately. Speaking of US mentors are Lydia Pochedly and Bill Levins and they have been instrumental in getting this new club going. This club chartered with 37 members with the promise of starting another USBank club in March at the HQ building downtown.

Jacobs Engineering is being mentored by Julie Siess and this is another downtown club. The downtown area is literally on FIRE! OK, make that figuratively on FIRE!

These two newest clubs join Westport Toastmasters (Sedgwick Claims) and Marion VA Toastmasters as clubs chartered during this current fiscal year which began on July 1st. The district is off to a very good start for the first six months with four new clubs chartered. We have a host of new club leads and are booking demo meetings as soon as we can. Many of the new club seeds planted in the fall for prospective clubs come to fruition in the spring and early summer so we are on pace with prior years for new clubs started and expect a robust harvest of new clubs this year.

Many thanks to LGM Lora Mather for her guidance and support. Also, thanks to the many volunteers on the demo teams who have volunteered to showcase Toastmasters for prospective clubs. Toastmasters changes lives and develops leaders! ❖

District 8 Sparkles at the St. Louis Biz Holiday Show

By John Barry, DTM

District 8 hosted a display booth at the St. Louis Biz Holiday Show on December 16th at the Maryland Heights Community Center. The Holiday Show is sponsored by the St. Louis Business Club which is a networking group helping businesspeople and entrepreneurs network and develop relationships within



the community. The Club contacted us about starting a Toastmasters club for its members and offered us a complimentary booth at the Holiday Show. We had a team consisting of Sandy Kardis, Mary Kerwin, Debra Morrissey, John Barry and Ralph Morrissey taking turns working the booth and the results were very worth the time and energy involved. Many thanks to Kat Mokriakow for providing display materials including the district table drape, magazines, flyers and chocolate treats for the prospects.

We had a steady stream of prospects dropping by the table and asking questions about Toastmasters and signing up on our prospect list. At the end of the day we had a long sheet of names to follow up with and expect to see many of these prospects attending a meeting soon at a club convenient for them.

What a great way to promote Toastmasters and recruit new members. There are many similar networking groups around town and we will look into similar opportunities to promote our clubs and membership. Chambers of Commerce, BNI groups (Business Networking International) and job fairs are all opportunities to network. Coming up soon is the popular Working Women's Survival Show and District 8 will conduct a Toastmasters showcase at the St. Charles Convention Center on February 24, 25 & 26.

If you know of any similar networking groups in your area please let LGM Lora Mather or Public Relations Officer Kat Mokriakow know about it. Networking groups are a great way to connect with business oriented audiences and promote the benefits of Toastmasters. ❖

Interested in a District Role for 2012-2013?

By Tim Spezia, DTM, Nominating Committee Chair

This message is directed to those service minded individuals interested in learning more about serving in District level roles. For those thinking about how to complete their Advanced Leader Silver (ALS), one year of service as a district officer is necessary to complete this requirement. There are a number of capacities that apply as serving in a district role—Area Governor, Division Governor — plus other district roles recognized by Toastmasters International as district service, including Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer.

As for elections, Toastmasters International Campaign policy is specific:

- a. Candidates are permitted to place campaign literature in a designated area at each Division Contest but only in the “Candidates” corner.
- b. At the discretion of the Division Governor, the candidates who are present may be introduced and all candidates present must be introduced.
- c. No campaign speeches are permitted at Division Contests.

If interested in a district office role, please contact Tim Spezia, IPDG, Nominating Committee Chair at tspezia@earthlink.net. The committee will begin work in January with all interviews to be conducted and finished by March. A slate of candidates will be presented at the Spring Conference business meeting. ❖

The District Officer Roles (excerpts from District Leadership Handbook)

District Governor

As district governor, you are responsible for directly overseeing and managing the district's day-to-day operations, finances, and human resources.

Together with the district leadership team, the district governor participates in district leader training sessions at the International Convention, Mid-year Training, and online via the Toastmasters Learning Connection.

To serve as district governor, you must have served at least six consecutive months as a club president and at least 12 consecutive months as a lieutenant governor or division governor.

Lieutenant Governor Education and Training

As the lieutenant governor education and training, you are responsible for all aspects of education and training within the district. This includes supporting quality club programming efforts, promoting the Distinguished Club Program (DCP), and planning and executing the district conference.

To be LG-ET, you must have served at least six consecutive months as club president and at least 12 consecutive months as a lieutenant governor, division governor or area governor.

Lieutenant Governor Marketing

As the lieutenant governor marketing, you are responsible for all aspects of marketing, club-building, and member- and club-retention efforts within the district. This includes defining an overall marketing strategy for the district, developing outreach and retention efforts with existing community and corporate clubs, and penetrating new markets. Additionally, the lieutenant governor marketing supports challenged clubs and helps them to become Distinguished clubs.

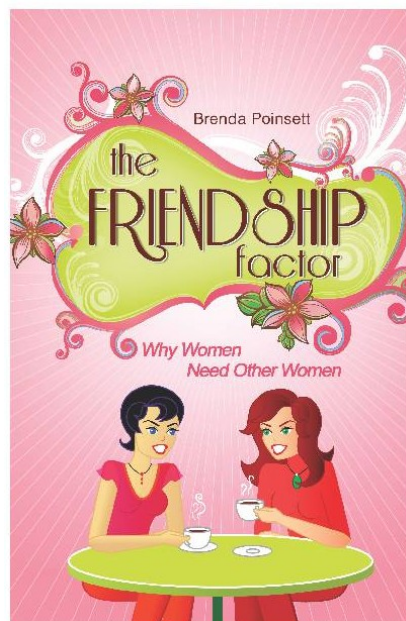
To be lieutenant governor marketing, you must have served at least six consecutive months as club president and at least 12 consecutive months as a lieutenant governor, division governor or area governor.

Treasurer

As district treasurer, you are tasked with the fiscal oversight and management of the district. The district treasurer works closely with the district governor and lieutenant governors to ensure that the district is making cost-effective decisions—within policy—that result in effective fiscal management.

The district treasurer should have knowledge of accounting and be acquainted with the handling of financial matters.

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District 8 Members Communicate ... in writing!!!



Spotlight on D8 Author—Brenda Poinsett

By Joann York, ALB ACB

I previously asked District 8 members/authors to contact me and I'm thrilled to have received a response from this featured member—**Brenda Poinsett**. As she quite aptly put it, there is a "natural link ... writing and speaking are both about communicating, something we all need to work on improving."

In 2008 because she wanted to be better communicating spontaneously, Brenda started participating in the Franklin County Toastmasters. Only four people were present when she began attending and one of those she brought with her. She said, "the group has grown stronger since then; we were chartered as a club in 2010."

Not only did the club grow stronger, Brenda says, she has grown stronger as a communicator, too. As a nonfiction book writer Brenda is often interviewed on the air, where she needs to think quickly and make short, substantive responses. Brenda says, "while you know ahead of time the general area in which you are going to be questioned, you never know what you are specifically going to be asked!" [*This should sound familiar to any Toastmaster.*] "Table Topics," she said, "is helping me improve in this area. Just last week, I started to get nervous before a phone interview. To quell my nerves I repeated to myself 'You can do this. You're a Toastmaster.'"

As an author, Brenda has written fifteen books and her 16th will be released in the fall of 2012. Her books can be found on Amazon.com and other online book sellers or through her website www.BrendaPoinsett.com. Some of the published titles include—***The Friendship Factor; When Saints Sing the Blues; What Will I Do with the Rest of My Life; Wonder Women of the Bible; and Celebrations That Touch the Heart.***

Above you see the cover of her book ***The Friendship Factor: Why Women Need Other Women***. I asked Brenda to tell me what this book is about and she said "this book is about the power of conversation in a woman's life. If a woman wants to understand herself better, or understand other women, if she wants to relate to them, minister to them and with them—and receive from them—then she'll want to understand how and why this power works. Throughout the adult woman's life span—the exploratory years, the young adult years, the middle years, and the later years, the power of conversation is a sustaining force." [*This sounds like an interesting topic to me.*]

Brenda has been interviewed about many of her books, but most often it seems to be related to the theme of Christmas. She jokes, maybe her "her last name has something to do with this!" However, more likely it is because she leads "Christmas celebration workshops," and has written ***Can Martha Have a Mary Christmas, Miracle on 25th Street*** (a children's activity book) and ***Celebrations That Touch the Heart***. Her book to be released next fall is also a Christmas book, titled ***Unwrapping Martha's Joy*** so she'll need to be ready for fielding questions. "Consequently," she says, "I'm going to continue to participate in Toastmasters, and I recommend others to do the same."

I asked Brenda what keeps her in Toastmasters and she said, while I didn't intentionally start participating in Toastmasters to improve my public speaking skills, I have improved in this area as well as responding to questions. I seem to have a firmer grip on what I'm saying and on staying in a time frame than before. I also find the Toastmasters themselves to be interesting and encouraging people. I like knowing them, learning from them and being with them. All the way around participation improves a person's ability to communicate and his or her quality of life. More people should take advantage of this opportunity." *Most, if not all, of us would agree with Brenda's reference to the fantastic people in Toastmasters and the wonderful opportunities to be found within the organization.*

Brenda Poinsett is just one more example of the outstanding members we have in District 8 who shine. I look forward to shining the spotlight on other members in the future. ❖

Photos from Fall Conference ...



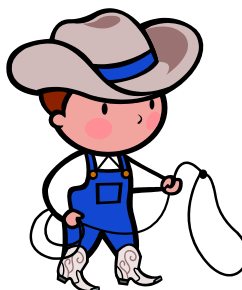
Fall Conference ... Square Dancing ... Good Time!



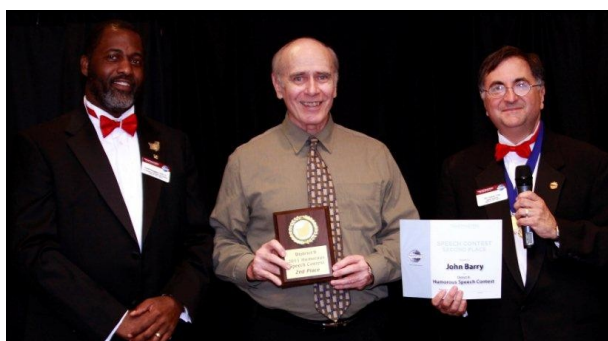
Table Topics Winners—1st Ray Allen,
2nd Debbie Hyde, 3rd Dori Drummond



LGET Curtis Scroggins, 1st place Humorous Speech
John Baranzelli, & D8 Gov Tom Coscia



Carol Radnov & Croix Sather



LGET, 2nd place Humorous Speech John Barry & DG



Yolanda Wood
D8 Secretary



Cynthia Scroggins, Conference Chair
& Elaine Tilman, Contest Chair



Cynthia Scroggins, Conference Chair
& Jacquie Vick, Assisting Chair



LGET, 3rd place Humorous Speech Brandon Brown & DG

Fall Conference Credentials Report

By Tim Spezia, DTM, IPDG

At the recent District Council Business meeting held November 19, 2011 at the Fall Conference in Jefferson City, the quorum of 77 council members attending was short. In order to formally adopt council business items like the 2010-2011 final audit, 2011-2012 District budget and confirm non-elected district officers like Area Governors there needed to be at least 77 members present or represented in proxy by their clubs. At the time of the conference, there were 115 clubs in District 8. Each club's President and VP of Education are entitled to one council vote each making a total of 230 possible votes, one third of this number or 77 council members must be present in order to officially represent the District.

Without the necessary quorum at the council, it was necessary to conduct an email campaign to each district club in order to inform them of the items needing passage and record their vote. An email with council business items descriptions and voting instructions was sent to club officers of record on December 7, 2011 and 100 club voting members responded making the adoption of the District Council items official. A statement of the vote was sent to the District Secretary and District Governor. This statement will be attached to the Council minutes for review at the next council meeting to be held at the Spring Conference in May, 2012.

Thanks go to all voting council members who helped make the Fall 2011 District Council's business meeting officially recognized. ❖

Awards and recognition are important to everyone.

Therefore we would like to present the



This award is to recognize your outstanding achievement.

The new **District 8 Competent Communication** pin helps show your educational accomplishments and pride in Toastmasters.

You deserve to feel good about your performance. And we, District 8 Top 3 feel the same way. We want to make the award even more important – we want to make a big deal about your accomplishment. You deserve it!

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The biggest hurdle to my goal of DTM was the High Performance Leadership requirement. In December 2010, **Kat Mokriakow** asked me to co-chair the June 2011 TLI with her. In February, **Darlene Suter** asked me to serve on her HPL guidance committee. This gave me the opportunity to see another Toastmaster complete their HPL. At the Spring 2011 Conference, **DJ Randle** presented a session on the nuts and bolts for succeeding with the HPL project and his presentation grounded me to complete the project. **Tim Spezia, Tom Coscia and Curtis Scroggins** served on my guidance committee and made it convenient to add my committee meetings to their Top Trio meetings. These Toastmasters all helped me through, what I considered my biggest hurdle.

I am pleased to say that Jane and I, along with several others, will shake hands and hug our District 8 DTMs at the Spring Conference DTM receiving line. If you are a Distinguished Toastmaster, I expect to see you in that receiving line. If you need to earn some of the requirements for DTM, speak up. District 8 Toastmasters will support you all the way.

I have named a few of my supporters in this article, but there are many others who were with me on this journey. They were the reason that I didn't and couldn't quit. I want to thank them for fourteen years of believing that I could do it.

What's next? Do I join those members with multiple DTMs? Since I have found my voice and confidence, I will be speaking to others to join our clubs or form a new club (making every speech a manual speech). I will be serving you, our members, by listening and learning, encouraging you to never quit, evaluating your next speech and asking you to step up to your next leadership challenge in District 8.

Lora Mather ❖

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If you missed the keynote speaker Croix Sather, you missed a wonderful treat. He was not only inspirational, he stayed for the entire weekend and gave everyone a free copy of his book '*Dream Big, Act Big*'. All of the sessions were exceptionally well presented. The new and innovative 'Fireside Chat with the Top Three' workshop was well worth attending.



Croix Sather



Tim Spezia, IPDG

Tim Spezia's roast displayed organization and compassion. Every presenter provided a glimpse of their relationship with Tim. I'd like to add to the comments—Tim, thanks for a very successful 2010-2011 District Governor Toastmaster year. A job well done!!!

The business meeting showed teamwork and the pioneering thinking of our Top Three leadership with the new format of the awards presentation and the DTM (Distinguished Toastmaster) Line. The newly pinned DTM's not only went through the DTM line, but they were also given the opportunity to express their gratitude to all those that helped to make their goal a reality.

Everyone that attended the Humorous Speech Contest knows that it was no easy task selecting the District 8 Humorous Speech winner—John Baranzelli. Congratulations to John! Any of the finalists could have easily been chosen the winner, for they were all great!

The organizers of the Conference would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you!" to all the presenters, participants and volunteer workers who pitched in to make this a fantastic event. I would like to warmly thank the conference organizers for their incredible work and efforts which contributed to the success of the conference.

Thanks for coming to Jefferson City, November 18th and 19th, and enjoying a foot-stompin', hand-clappin', educational good time! ❖



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The district treasurer may be elected or appointed at the will of the district governor, subject to the approval of the district executive committee and confirmation by the district council.

Public Relations Officer

As the public relations officer, you are responsible for coordinating publicity efforts in the district. By establishing and maintaining lines of communication between the district and its members, as well as between the district and the public, you work to increase awareness of Toastmasters through all available media.

Secretary

As the district secretary, you are responsible for maintaining the historical records of the district, recording and distributing meeting minutes, and otherwise maintaining accurate, timely records of district business.

The district secretary may be elected or appointed at the will of the district governor, subject to the approval of the district executive committee and confirmation by the district council.

Division Governor

As division governor, your job is to lead and support the division through the supervision and support of the area governors.

One of your primary goals as division governor is to ensure that each club achieves its mission and fulfills its responsibilities to its members.

To achieve this, you coordinate division activities, set division goals, and assist in the training of area and club leaders.

To serve as division governor, you must have served at least six consecutive months as a member of a district council.

Area Governor

As area governor, you serve as the direct liaison between the district and the clubs. Toastmasters International recommends that district governors appoint area governors.

Area governors conduct club visits twice a year within their respective areas to understand and support club needs. In turn, these visits help district leaders understand how to support and meet the needs of each club. It is important that area governors have the support they need to serve the clubs. ❖



ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE MARCH 17TH, 2012

Open to everyone-family members welcome!

- * Float decorating
- * Marching in the parade
- * Drivers needed to escort interested parties downtown (non marchers-driving only)

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DISTRICT WIDE STORYTELLING EVENT



JUNE 9TH 2012

**If interested in being a storyteller or assisting,
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District 8 members earn Education & Leadership Awards from October 5, 2011 to December 22, 2011



Division A

Crossroads

- * Hammond, R. Barry—CL
 - * Hammond, R. Barry—ALB
- #### High-Noon Toastmasters Club
- * Wayland, Jered Michael—ACS
 - * Burlison, Bill D.—CL
 - * Elfrink, Crystal Renee—CC
 - * Earl, Kimberly A.—CC
- #### Jeffco Challengers Club
- * McLaughlin, Michael P.—CC

Mastertoasters Club

- * Krause, Scott—CL
- * Wei, Yansheng—CC
- * Allen, Wayne—CC

SAMC Talks It UP

- * Mather, Lora D.—CL
- * Williams, Kathleen—CC
- * O'Laughlin, Karen—CC

Smooth Talking Toastmasters

- * Herrion, B. Chantal—CC

South County Toastmasters Club

- * Clair, Donald—ACB
- * Korba, Joanne Marie—CC

SPEAK UP! Club

- * Darnall, Daniel A.—CL

Twin Rivers WORD Masters

- * Horn, Jackie—CC
- * Roth, Dennis Andrew—ACS

Unigroup Toastmasters Club

- * Garrett, Barbara J.—ALB
- * Vollmer, Susan—CL
- * Schoeffel, Carol D.—CL

West County Club

- * Moellenhoff, Brian—CC
- * Calderwood, Terry J.—CL
- * Calderwood, Terry J.—CC

Division B

Aerospace Orators Club

- * Herr, Alexander F.—CC
- * Thompson, Robert Chester—CC
- * Habibi, Mehdi M.—CL

Cave Springs Toastmasters

- * Donnelly, Bernard—ACG
- * Leach, Ryan Andrew—ALB
- * Walkup, Jeff—CC

Cable Talk Toastmasters Club

- * Warren, Cynthia D.—ACG

Covidien Communicators

- * Naugher, Dana M—CC
- * Wesley, Bridgette—CL

Creve Coeur Toastmasters Club

- * Epperson, Jemery J—CC
- * Jeffries, June M.—CL
- * Jeffries, June M.—ALB

Grace Church Toastmasters

- * Morrissey, Debra M.—CC

Little Hills Toastmasters

- * Morse, John V.—CL
- * Morse, John V.—ACB

Monsanto Noontime Toastmasters

- * Benz, Cynthia R.—CL
- * Santangelo, John Dominic—CC

Plus Factor Club

- * Mather, Lora D.—LDREXC
- * Smith, Sifredia D.—CC

River City Toastmasters Club

- * Jackson, Hank—ACB

WelDon Toast Club

- * Anantharam, Parasuram—CL

Wry Toastmasters Club

- * Young, Angela R.—CC

Division C

Collinsville Club

- * Clark, Becka A.—ACG
- * Clark, Becka A.—LDREXC

Gem City Toastmasters Club

- * Keene, Teri A.—CC
- * Webster, Scott—CC
- * Mohr, Jonathan Michael—CC

Horace Mann Toastmasters

- * Whalen, Shannon—CC
- #### McBrian Lincoln-Douglas Club
- * Unchageri, Chandan—ALB
 - * Randall, Nathaniel H.—ACG
 - * Randall, Nathaniel H.—DTM

Noontime Toastmasters Club

- * Petty, Sarah T.—CL
- * Petty, Sarah T.—ACB

Scott Toastmasters Club

- * Kukan, John Michael—CC
- * Hobbs, Victoria C—CL

- * Kukan, John Michael—CL

- * Craig, Katie C.—CC

Smedley Hometown Memorial Club

- * Fitzpatrick, Dale R.—CC

Springfield Parkway Pointe Toastmasters

- * Riley, Christayl J—CC

Thursday Noon Toastmasters Club

- * Freeman, Allerton S.—ACB

Division E

Callaway Community

- * Campbell, Jimmie—CL
- * Love, Jim—CC

Lincoln University Toastmasters

- * Brown, Jamere—CC

Mid-Mo Advanced Club

- * Freeman, Kenneth Don—LDREXC

Talu Toastmasters Club

- * Robinson, Maurice—ACG
- * Walker, Ronnie—CC
- * Harris, Calvin Lee—CC

Division F

County Communicators Club

- * Mather, Lora D.—DTM
- * Mather, Lora D.—ALS

F.R.B. Club

- * King, Pamela Sue—CL

Missouri Toast of the Town Club

- * Stevens, Casetta—ALB
- * Cobb, Talfanita M.—ACS

Sigma-Aldrich Toastmasters Club

- * Robert, Jaime—CL

Solae Toastmasters Club

- * Wang, Zebin—CC

Square Talkers Toastmasters Club

- * Sadagopan, Rajagopalan—ALB
- * Sadagopan, Rajagopalan—CL
- * Cook, Paul Robert—LDREXC
- * Cook, Paul Robert—DTM
- * Cook, Paul Robert—ALS
- * Trenz, Sharon A.—CL

Wells Fargo Advisors Toastmasters

- * Francis, Rachel M.—CL
- * Lynch, Jeanette M.—ACG
- * Lynch, Jeanette M.—CL

The Mission of the District

The mission of the district is to enhance the quality and performance and extend the network of the member club of Toastmasters International within the boundaries of the district, 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 individual members.
- ⇒ Providing effective training and leadership-development opportunities for club and district officers.

Working Women's Survival Show—February 24th, 25th, 26th, 2012

St. Charles Convention Center—St. Charles, MO 63303

Join your fellow Toastmasters in sharing the values of the Toastmaster membership experience.

- * Share your story of how Toastmasters has helped you
- * Fellowship with other Toastmasters
- * Gain membership for your club or another club in the district

Opportunities available are:

- * Working a shift or more during show hours
- * Leading a team
- * Be a part of the follow up team (not necessary to attend the event)

MEN ARE WELCOME!

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Upcoming Events:

January

7th—Spring Contest Judges Training—9:30 am—Noon
St. Louis County HQ Library

7th—DEC Meeting—1:30 pm
St. Louis County HQ Library

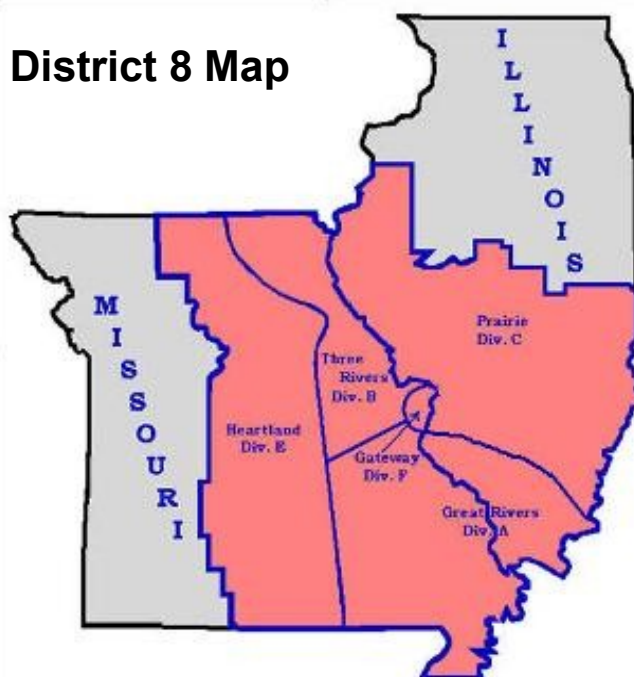
21st—Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) - 8:30 am
Twin Rivers Worship Center, St. Louis

February

4th—DEC Meeting—1:30 pm
Sachs Branch—St Louis County Library

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