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Recent TLI Has A Lot of Firsts



By Jeanette Lynch, PRO

Photos by Kevin Desrosiers



Our winter Toastmasters Learning Institute (TLI) was held January 22nd at the Edward Jones facility in Des Peres, Missouri. This was one amazing event garnering kudos from attendees and the Region 5 Marketing Director who presented at the event.

While the ground was covered with snow, sunlight streamed into the atrium adding sunshine and support to the theme of "Together Let's Inspire". This TLI has a lot of firsts. It was the first to provide different training tracks for the seasoned, experienced club officers and the newly-



elected officers or officers who wanted some 'basic training'. The basic training covered the Toastmaster information in detail. Facilitated sessions were held for the experienced officer to share best practices with other club officers. Both types of training were very well received based on the evaluation forms gathered. The speakers for both experienced and basic training were rated very high. This was also the first time the



TLI held different training for those holding the offices of Sergeant-at-Arms and VP of Public Relations. Since these duties differ between closed, corporate clubs and open community clubs, this TLI had training for both types of clubs. This was also the first time we had the benefit of hearing our Region 5 Marketing Director talk to us about membership and promotion of



Toastmasters. Bradley Harris traveled to join us and inspired us with his various presentations. About 50 Toastmasters stayed for the optional

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Thoughts from the District 8 Governor by Tim Spezia, DTM

Mid-Year for District 8

We have crossed the mid-year point of our Toastmasters Year. Mid-year training is soon to be complete. Area governors have already begun meeting with their clubs about their Distinguished Club Program status. The District Top Three attended their mid-year training in Chicago learning much about the changes taking place in Toastmasters this year and next. We all go to training. In all cases, we are examining where we are in our Toastmasters work for this year. The questions for each club and district officer are:

- Are we doing all we can for our club members?
- Are we satisfied with our current progress?

Each achievement of your club this year is up to the individual member. How your club performs overall boils down to the individual member achieving something great. The success of your club this Toastmasters year is a direct reflection of the effort each of us puts into becoming more effective communicators.

A lot of effort goes into finishing ten projects to complete a Competent Communicator award or an Advanced Communication award. Similarly, achievement of each Leadership award requires effort. This is why completing a Communication/Leadership award is so significant. Effort is the key. No one is born a great communicator or leader. Everyone must work on their presentation skills and delivery. The old saying 'practice makes perfect' may not be accurate, but practice does generally lead to improvement in quality and skill. Practice will help you be prepared as a communicator and a leader. Practice can bolster your self-confidence and enthusiasm for personal communications and leadership. You have another half of the Toastmasters year to practice your skills to enhance your communications abilities. It is time to turn up your personal effort dial to complete those projects, turn them in and show what can be accomplished this year. The benefit can be yours.

Top Three Mid-Year Training

The last weekend of January, the Top Three attended their Mid-Year Training in Chicago. Some of the items covered were very interesting. For example, next year there will be one consistent theme that will be organization wide. No more yearly Presidential or district themes. The actual theme or "branding" was not revealed but it will be coming. We learned more about processes in approach to our district tasks rather than just specific tasks. In 2012-2013 our district ranking method will change: rather than a point system, we will have specific goals to achieve which will not limit a districts designation. Our sessions were combined with region 6 where we met and networked with a number of new district leaders.

Significant Anniversaries

Guess who's turning 70 years young this year? We have heard a lot about clubs celebrating significant anniversaries this year, but this year we celebrate District 8 turning 70. District 8 was founded in the year beginning on July 1, 1940. Consider that 70 years is a long time for an intellectual concept to stay active and prosper. We will celebrate this event later in the year.

Speaking of significant anniversaries, we are honored to have a club in our district celebrating its Seventy-Fifth anniversary - McBrian Lincoln Douglas club number 51 in Division C. This club was founded February 1, 1936 (according to its charter). It is amazing to imagine what the club sponsors might have thought when they began the club charter process. Could they have imagined the number of people their club would touch over the years and how far into the future the club would continue? Just think, in the cold winter of 1936 they mailed in their club application with the list of charter members (no email or instant acknowledgement) and 75 years later they are still going strong. Despite the changes of time, it is likely the new clubs started this year are asking themselves the same questions. Will our club succeed in its goal of providing members a forum to speak publically? How long can our club be successful? Any club goes through many cycles of up and down. It is the resilient club with dedicated members that will survive the down cycles to become even stronger and surpass those obstacles that appear along the path into the future. It is worth noting that when something provides a



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The LGET's Word Search Puzzle

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D	E	G	X	N	N	U	G	S	E	L	P	H	G	D	G	X	Z

Search for the words in bold

Name of the Spring Conference Hotel in downtown St. Louis: **Crown Plaza**

Name of the TI 2nd Vice President visiting the Spring Conference: **George Yen**

2011 Speech Contest Rule Change: Which judge does not attend the judges briefing: **Tiebreaking**

2011 Speech Contest Rule Change: Who collects the tiebreaking judge's ballot: **Chief Judge**

2011 Speech Contest Rule Change: All judges in an Area contest and up must be a member in good standing since July 1st and have completed how many CC speeches: **Six**

By what date should each club file the 990-N e -Post Card with the IRS: **May 15**

When is the next due date for semi-annual dues: **April 1**

As of 2/14, what type of new members can now be added on-line by clubs: **Dual Members**

Where can Toastmasters now find their history of educational awards: **Toastmaster Website**

What must be filed by the Club President or chosen designee before or at the Toastmaster International Convention: **Proxy**

Type of club everyone should strive for: **Distinguished**

Name the candidate from District 8 running for International Director: **Dan Darnall**

LGM Message By Curtis Scroggins



Hello, District 8 Toastmasters!

This part of winter has been an interesting one in the Midwest. One week we have record snowfall, a few weeks later we have record high temperatures! Just the kind of weather fit for Toastmasters! When it's cold and snowy, we can practice speeches, evaluate our personal goals, and grab a blanket and curl up with a good (Toastmasters) magazine. When the temperatures are a record high, we can practice speeches, evaluate our personal goals, and grab a lawn chair and curl up with a good (Toastmasters) magazine. Either way, it's a good time to be a Toastmaster!

By now Clubs should be conducting their contests and some Area Contests may have already been completed. In the midst of this exciting period, please don't forget that several other things are going on. Dues renewals period is fast approaching. Save your Treasurer some time and work by preparing ahead of time and having your check ready before they call!

The annual Talk Up Toastmasters membership building contest is in full swing. . Add five new, dual or reinstated members to your roster between February 1 and March 31 to receive a special "Talk up Toastmasters!" ribbon to display on your club's banner. Membership applications and payment for members who join between February 1 and March 31 must be received at World Headquarters or online no later than March 31. Each members join date as listed on the application must be no later than March. Transfer and charter members do not count for credit. In addition to the ribbon, qualifying clubs will also earn a special discount code for 10% off their next club order (discount code expires six months from date of issue).

We are always looking for new Club leads, new members and new ways to retain existing members. If you are interested in helping with this effort or if you have information you feel is helpful, please let me know. I can be contacted at scrogginscurtis@gmail.com ♦

Toastmasters at the Working Women Survival Show

District 8 Toastmasters presented at the Working Women's Survival Show February 26 and 27th at the St. Charles Convention Center. They gave a seminar/demo meeting on the importance of good communication skills for women in the workplace and those who manage home-based businesses. The emcee was District 8 Public Relations Officer, Jeanette Lynch, and the Toastmaster was Area 8 Governor, Debra Morrissey. From Wells Fargo Advisors Toastmasters (formerly known as Uptick Talkers), Kristen

Delahanty, Rachel Francis and Pamela Ghodrati demonstrated Table Topics. Nancy Holth of MasterToasters and Jacquie Vick, Division B Governor were speakers. Dawn Tucker of St. Charles County Toastmasters and Kat Mokriakow of Script-Masters also assisted in the presentation. After the seminar, the ladies worked a booth distributing information about Toastmasters and collecting contact information from interested attendees. You may see a new face or two in your upcoming meetings! ♦

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successful result continuously, it will prove itself over its challenges to go on to future successes. Resilient club members help make club success sustainable.

A Message about Club Member Renewals

The time for Spring club renewals is here. In speaking with many members throughout the district, one message is clear. This is a very exciting time to be a Toastmaster club member. We are learning through our club participation unique ways of expressing ourselves as we work to become more effective communicators. It doesn't matter if you are just beginning your Toastmasters career or you are a seasoned speaker, what we learn through practice helps us in ways that would not be possible if not for the Toastmasters "learn by doing" format. We all get something different from our Toastmasters club participation. Whether you work with one club or many clubs, your learning opportunities are exponentially scalable. Your decision to renew your membership in your club or clubs shows that you support taking not only your own communication skills to a higher level but also helping to create an environment to help your fellow club members aspire to "Achieve Greatness Together". ♦



It is bigger than your Club

It is bigger than your Area

It is even bigger than your Division

“Toastmasters Together - One World”

District 8 Spring Conference

Evaluation Contest

and

International Speech Contest

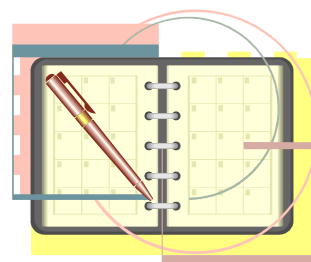
April 29 – 30, 2011

**Crowne Plaza Hotel St. Louis -
Downtown**

**More details to come
www.dist8tm.org**

Upcoming Toastmasters Events

March



St. Patrick's Day parade March 12, 2011

- Once again District 8 Toastmasters will be a presence in the community by participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Parade is Saturday, March 12th. Toastmasters will have green candy and beads to toss to the crowd while marching with their club banners. Come join the comradarie as we enjoy an al fresco breakfast and march up Market Street. Want to join us? Contact Jeanette Lynch at daljml@sbcglobal.net or call her at 314-757-4334. Toastmasters improves the world one word at a time—and that's no blarney!

Area Contests (see www.dist8tm.org/calendar.html for complete listing)

April

Division Contests

- Division E—April 9 (10am briefings start) — Lincoln University, Jefferson City, MO
- Division F—April 9 (9 am briefings start) — Enterprise Offices, Clayton, MO
- Division A—April 16 (12:30pm briefings start) — St Anthony's Hyland Center, St Louis, MO
- Division B—April 16 (9:30 am briefings start) — Save-A-Lot, Earth City, MO
- Division C—to be announced

O'Fallon Toastmasters Club 50th Anniversary Dinner—April 16 at 6PM

- Ramada Inn Fairview Heights, IL—6900 N Illinois Street (I-64 & Route 159, across from St Clair Mall)
- Menu (buffet): Baked Alaskan White Fish, Lemon Herb Chicken, Green Beans Almondine, Tossed Green Salad, Sweet Potato Souffle and Anniversary Sheet Cake—\$30/person
- RSVP to: ofallon-officers@freetoasthost.com or PO Box 254, O'Fallon, IL 62269

Spring Conference April 29 and 30th, 2011

- In the Spring Conference, District champions for both the International Speech Contest and the Evaluation contest will be crowned!
- The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza St. Louis Downtown Hotel (200 N. 4th St., St. Louis, MO).
- Special guest, George Yen, our International 2nd Vice President, will be flying in from Taiwan to attend our conference. Come meet our 2nd VP.
- Friday night is "Fun Night". In keeping with the theme, members are encouraged to wear costumes of the world. Each Division has been designated with a suggested continent to represent for their attire (see below). **Please note attendees are not required to dress in costume.**
 - Division A = South America
 - Division B = Australia
 - Division C = Asia
 - Division E = Europe
 - Division F = Africa
- Evaluation Contest will be held Friday, April 29th
- International Speech Contest will be held Saturday, April 30th

June

TLI Officer Training—June 25, 2011 (details to be announced) ◆

MCBRIAN LINCOLN DOUGLAS TOASTMASTERS

Celebrating 75 Years

Club 51



Come celebrate with us

March 12, 2011 6:00 PM

UIS Public Affairs Center Restaurant

One University Plaza

Springfield, IL 62703

*For more information
Contact Don Bricker at
DonBricker@Dishmail.net or
(217) 416-5127*

- Fresh salad greens and vegetables with choice of dressings
- Fresh cut fruit mirrors with "princess" dressing
- Country fried chicken (2 pieces per person)
- Baked catfish filets with lemon juice & tartar sauce
- Candied yams with brown sugar
- Cole Slaw and Potato Salad
- Sweet kernel corn
- Warm apple and pecan pies ala mode

The cost is \$25.00 per person.



*The cost is \$25.00 per person and includes a buffet dinner.
Please send checks made payable to McBrian Lincoln
Douglas Toastmasters to:*

*RSVP to Matt Ciotti
24 South Hazel Dell
Springfield, Illinois 62712
by February 28, 2011*

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lunch and afternoon session with Mr. Harris. The facilities, the speakers, the program and the extras made for an event that many stated 'raised the bar' for future TLIs. This was all thanks to the wonderful and dedicated volunteers that provided their insight and enthusiasm—as well as their hard work. ♦



More Photos from the TLI





District 8 Toastmasters Spring Conference

'Toastmasters Together- One World'

April 29th – 30th, 2011

Crowne Plaza St. Louis Downtown

Please Print

Personal and Club Information					
Full Name:					
	Last Name		First name		
Address:					
	Street Address			Apt/Unit #	
	City		State	Zip Code	
Home Phone:	()	Alternate Phone:	()		
Email Address:					
Educational Designation:		Club Name & Number			
First Time Attendee? Yes or No		Current Office Held			
2 nd Attendee Name (Household Member or Non-Toastmaster Guest)					
	Last Name			First Name	
Educational Designation:		Club Name & Number			
First Time Attendee? Yes or No		Current Office Held			
Registration Options					
Full Registration		Includes all three meals, educational sessions and contests			
Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$95 – Until 4/19		<input type="checkbox"/> \$105 – After 4/19		
Joint	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180 – Until 4/19		<input type="checkbox"/> \$200 – After 4/19		
A La Carte					
Meals	All meals must be ordered by 4/25				
Attendee 1	<input type="checkbox"/> \$29 Friday Dinner Buffet \$34 – after 4/19		<input type="checkbox"/> \$22 Saturday Lunch Buffet \$27 – after 4/19		<input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Saturday Dinner \$38 – after 4/19
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Educational Sessions Only (Saturday afternoon)			Contests Only		
Attendee 1	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 – Until 4/19	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 – After 4/19	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Friday Contest	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Saturday Contest	
Attendee 2	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 – Until 4/19	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 – After 4/19	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Friday Contest	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Saturday Contest	
Meal Options*					
Saturday Dinner (choose 1 option)					
Attendee 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Breast of Chicken Au Chaucer	<input type="checkbox"/> Roasted Strip Sirloin of Beef	<input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Portobello Tomato Tower*		
Attendee 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Breast of Chicken Au Chaucer	<input type="checkbox"/> Roasted Strip Sirloin of Beef	<input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Portobello Tomato Tower*		
*For special dietary needs, please contact Kat Mokriakow					
Payment Information					
Total for both Attendees		\$	Make checks payable to 'District 8 Toastmasters'		
Mail to: Kathryn Mokriakow		100 Lakeview Circle, Elsberry, MO 63343		Questions: Email: conference@dist8tm.org	
*To guarantee meals, please postmark your registration form no later than 4/19					
Room Rate: \$89 -Until 3/29		(314)621-8200 ask for District 8 TM rate		Crowne Plaza, 200 North 4 th Street, St. Louis, MO 63102	

Dear District 8 Club Presidents and Club VPEs

The manual: "*When You Are the President/Vice President Education*" describes the following standards more fully and explains how to carry them out.

Outside the Club Meeting:

- Attend and vote club's proxy at district council meetings or authorize a club member to do so.

District 8 Credential/Proxy Certificate

District Council Meeting – Saturday 4/30/2011

Crowne Plaza St. Louis Downtown Hotel – 200 N. 4th Street, St. Louis, MO 63102

7:30 am Credentials Desk Open (more details to be provided later)

10:30 – 12:00 District Council Business Meeting

At the district council business meeting, each Club President and Vice President Education in attendance is entitled to one vote. However, if either or both officers cannot attend, they may designate, in writing, any other active member of their club to act as proxy or proxies for their club. (Use form below.) No other proxies are valid at this meeting – per Article X, Paragraph (d) of the District Administrative Bylaws.

In the event one of these officers does not attend the meeting and has not designated, in writing, an active member of the club to act as his or her proxy, the officer or proxy holder in attendance is deemed to hold the proxy of the other, and may therefore cast two votes at the meeting. This assures that every club is represented by two votes.

In addition, each district officer, including Area Governors, in attendance is entitled to one vote. Only district executive committee members carrying either credential or proxy certificates from their club are allowed three votes. All other members are limited to a maximum of two votes each.

(Date) Credential or Proxy Certificate _____

[Must be submitted to Credentials Desk to obtain ballot(s)] Certificate No. _____

1. Club name (print) _____ Club No. _____

2. Your name (print) _____

3. Your office: _____
Club President or Vice President Education

4. **IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND** (Club President and Vice President Education only), indicate you're duly authorized proxy below (must be an active member of *your* club):

Name (print) _____ Date _____

Signature



District 8 members earn Education & Leadership Awards from December 17, 2010 to February 18, 2011



Division A

Smooth Talking Toastmasters

- Brooks, Sandra—CC

Twin Rivers WORD Masters

- Roth, Eileen Rivera—ALB
- Roth, Dennis A.—ALB
- Morrissey, Debra M.—ACS
- Morrissey, Debra M.—ALB

Unigroup Toastmasters Club

- Villani, Jeff M.—CC

Webster Groves Toastmasters Club

- Taylor, Joseph D.—ACS

Division B

Bulls & Bears Club

- Jekel, Maura Jane—CL

Cable Talk Toastmasters Club

- Chohan, Frazana—CC
- Warren, Cynthia D.—ACB
- Marten, Gina—CC
- Montgomery, Arthur Scot—CC

Cave Springs Toastmasters

- Leach, Ryan Andrew—CC
- Sanders, Mary B.—CL

Creve Coeur Toastmasters Club

- Block, Les—ACS

Mastertoasters Club

- Williams, Jack Louis—CC

River City Toastmasters Club

- Cooper, Darryl Craig—CC

SALT

- Brazier, Timothy—ACB

Script Masters Club

- Mokriakow, Kathryn G.—CL

St Charles County Toastmasters Club

- Oliva, Michael J.—CC

Wry Toastmasters Club

- Walle, David C.—CC

Division C

McBrian Lincoln-Douglas Club

- Amon, Rose G.—CC

Scott Toastmasters Club

- Williams, Jeffrey A.—ACG

Toastmasters Business Professionals

- Avdoian, Richard—CC
- Avdoian, Richard—CL

Division E

Capital Toastmasters Club

- Yates, Frank M.—CL

Good Neighbor Toastmasters Club

- Jarvis, Gloria L.—CC

Mid-Mo Advanced Club

- Fredrick, Michael Joseph—CC
- Patil, Abhi—CC

Talu Toastmasters Club

- Robinson, Maurice—ACB
- Lockhart, Jimmie—ACB
- Aldrich, Malcolm—CC

Division F

Anheuser-Busch Club

- Pinner, Katherine Maria—CC
- Desrosiers, Kevin M.—CC

Commerce Bank

- Kardis, Sandra M.—CL
- Kardis, Sandra M.—CC

County Communicators Club

- Mather, Lora D.—ACG

F.R.B. Club

- King, Pamela Sue—ACB

MAC Toastmasters Club

- De Motte, Kenton J.—CC
- Noce, John—CL

Primary Conversations

- Anderson, Robin G.—ACS

RubinBrown

- Jung, Cindy—CC
- Isaacs, Wayne—CC

Voices In Unity Club

- Anderson, Claire—CC

From the Editor:

Hello again District 8 members,

We are thankfully inching closer and closer to Spring with its warmer temperatures, beautiful flowers and the District's Spring Conference. Before we gather for the conference, there will be one additional electronic Communic~8 issue to be shared. The next issue will include more details on the upcoming Conference, information on the candidates for District 8 offices, highlights from District 8 events and comments from your "Top 3".

If you have contributions for this next electronic issue, your submissions need to be in by March 25th.

I hope you enjoyed this issue of your Communic~8 and you are well on your way to the achievement of your New Year's resolutions!

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Want to receive the next e-Communic~8 in your inbox? Make sure your email is current on the Toastmasters International website.

Upcoming Events

Go to the District 8 website

www.dist8tm.org “Calendar” link to stay up to date on District 8 Events!

March 12—McBrian Lincoln-Douglas 75th Anniversary

March 12—St Patrick’s Day Parade
Will you be marching?

March 19—DEC meeting

March 25—Communic~8 (electronic) next deadline

April 16—O’Fallon Toastmasters 50th Anniversary Party

April 29-30—District 8 Spring Conference

Crowne Plaza St. Louis Downtown, St Louis, MO

Conference Registration Form also on the D8 website.

May 21—DEC meeting

June 25—Summer TLI

District 8 Map

