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District 8 Flying to New Heights in 2013-2014!
Come Fly With Us!!



New DTM's Celebrated at Spring Conference



Philip Mette (left with Dale Fitzpatrick) was one of three new DTMs who were celebrated at the Spring Conference. Achieving the DTM is not easy, but it is worth the effort. Each person's path to this achievement is a unique journey and for some it is a winding, long broken

path to the destination as in David Mallory's case. David is pictured with District Governor Lora Mather who spoke about his journey to this destination which started in the 1980's.



Division E Governor Kenneth Freeman waited to receive his award earned earlier in the year for this conference held within Division E. Conference Chair Leigh Britt spoke about Kenneth and his journey to the achievement.

Congratulations to these three and to all who reach this destination! 🎵

**Lora Mather, DTM**

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A Message from the Governor

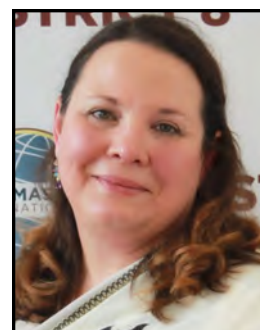
My thanks to our District 8 Spring Conference Host Committee and Division E members! You made the event enjoyable, welcoming and educational – meeting all Toastmasters expectations. What a success! Great speakers, wonderful educational sessions, superb speeches at the contests! Well done!

Thank you District 8 members! Your club's participation in the District 8 Council Meeting on Saturday May 3 set a record for club votes at a council meeting held outside the St. Louis Metro area. Our Credential Chair reported 95 votes present for the meeting. We were 19 votes over our 76 needed for our quorum. This was outstanding!

During the new business portion, one of our members motioned that the discount for two household members at our district conferences be extended to friends regardless of the household relationship. Through the discussion, this motion was amended to instruct the District Governor to form a committee to research our conference registration and submit recommendations to the District Governor before June 30, 2014. In my opinion, this was needed action. This ad hoc committee has been formed and given their mission. Their written report is to be submitted before June 21 for presentation at our TLI.

For our district to achieve distinguished status, we need 400+ membership payments, 15 clubs changed to active status and 20 more clubs to achieve distinguished. With the new TI requirement change from 6 to 8 members for a club to remain in active status, we have experienced a number of clubs that are suspended or dissolved. We will be challenged to meet our goals. District 8 members never give up. Continue your efforts to recruit members, form new clubs and achieve club goals.

Last August 23 of our members travelled to Cincinnati Ohio to the 2013 Toastmaster's International Convention. We experienced the convention first hand and supported our contestant, Matt Prose. We had a great time. This August, I wish that these 23 and more members were headed for Kuala Lumpur for the 83rd International Convention. But I know the reality is that only a few of us will. No matter. All of us will be there in spirit to support our contestant, Sudharshan Anandan, in his bid for World Champion of Speaking. Together We Fly Higher. 🎵



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A Message from the LGET

If you remember, my first LGET message had a baseball theme. This message will also have a baseball theme with an emphasis on awards. Major league baseball presents a variety of awards to recognize its teams and its players. District 8 and Toastmasters International also presents a variety of awards to recognize its members and its clubs.

The Most Valuable Player Award, commonly known as the "MVP" is presented for performances in the All-Star Game, League Championship Series and the World Series. District 8 has a number of Most Valuable Toastmasters, "MVTs". At our Spring Conference, District 8 recognized the following individuals for serving as club coaches: Ed Allen, Carol Steinbach, Cheryl Passanise, Jason Obert, Dan Darnall, Bob Heaton, Mary Sanders, Dan Filla, and Camesha Hill-Carter. Carol Steinbach, Cheryl Passanise and Dan Darnall were in attendance and were presented a medal. All are working towards receiving the Club Coach Award from Toastmasters International. Also at the Spring Conference, five Toastmasters received a Toastmasters International Outstanding Member pin. Leigh Britt, Tom Coscia, Jason Finks, Tony Kardis, and Elizabeth Link were recognized for their outstanding contributions with the Spring Conference, the district website, judges training and the January Expo/TLI.



Since the 2013-2014 Toastmaster year ends on June 30th, the Area Governor of the Year, Division Governor of the Year, Toastmaster of the Year, and Retired Toastmaster of the Year Awards will be presented at the Fall Conference November 14—15.

If you have been checking the stats on the TI website, you noticed that we have 32 Distinguished clubs. We are getting close to the 45 needed to meet the Distinguished Clubs goal. I know that clubs are working to attain the membership number and at least five DCP goals before June 30th.

For excellence in membership and DCP goals, Toastmaster International has already recognized the following clubs. For having attained five goals, we have West County, DSAGSL, Mallinckrodt Speaks, Ascension Health, WelDon Toast, St Charles County, Capital City, O'Fallon, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Sigma-Aldrich, Midtown Clayton and Rent-A-Toast. For having attained seven goals, we have Webster Groves, Maritz, Aerospace Orators, Creve Coeur, Plus Factor, Monsanto Noontime, Cave Springs, Columbia, Downtown, Good Neighbor, Shelter Insurance, MAC, Jacobs P3, and Anheuser-Busch. For having attained nine goals, we have Mastertoasters, South County, Unigroup, Scott, Primary Conversations, and Voices in Unity. Scott has the distinction of attaining all 10 DCP goals. Congratulations to all 32 clubs! Your awards are comparable to baseball's offensive award—the Silver Slugger Award.

Ernie Banks said, "Awards mean a lot, but they don't say it all. The people in baseball mean more to me than statistics." Awards mean a lot, but they don't say it all. The people in District 8 Toastmasters mean more to me than statistics. 🎵

**Debra Morrissey, DTM**Lieutenant Governor Marketing
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A Message From the LGM

Fellow Toastmasters,

It has been my pleasure to serve as Lieutenant Governor Marketing this past year. Thank you very much for allowing me to do so. I have learned so much about the needs of others and what they are looking to accomplish as a Toastmaster. I want to give a special "WELCOME" to all the clubs that chartered this year. I am very happy to have been a small part of your development.

My greatest advice is to say "YES" when you are called upon to serve, to complete your role, whether it is as a speaker or as a functionary. Serve as an officer in your club. Serve as a team leader, helping to put together a TLI or a District Conference. Look for an opportunity to start a club. Serve as a District Officer, whether it is as a Mentor, a Sponsor, a Coach or as an Area Governor. Don't stop growing.

Toastmasters truly is an incredible self-improvement program. You'll get out of Toastmasters what you put into Toastmasters. While you are learning to speak and present, all of these leadership opportunities will help you grow in ways that will astonish you. Every time I started something new I secretly was afraid that I wouldn't know what to do. You would not believe how much you can accomplish if you set your mind to do it.

You have an outstanding group of incoming District Officers. I know that they will lead District 8 to accomplish great things. 🎵





Membership & Education Leadership Expo – TLI

June 21, 2014

**Everyone is Welcome - Club Officers, Leaders, Speakers, and Toastmasters.
TLI is more than just training. Regale in the knowledge of our speakers.**

What to expect at the TLI?

- Learn about your new leadership role and training.
- It is an opportunity to network with other Toastmasters.
- Wondering how to do gestures, a breakout session is the answer.
- Find out more about the Distinguished Club Program.
- If you have been to almost every TLI, share your experience and insights with us.
- How to do a humorous speech? Attend the breakout session.
- Expect our chief ambassador to share with us the most-up-to-date information on the revitalized education project. He will have participated in a webinar in May led by Chief Executive Officer Daniel Rex.
- Are you curious about the D8 Communicate? Join us to learn more about it.
- Attendance counts towards your club credit – don't forget to get the passports stamped.
- Join us for an exciting keynote speech by Cornelius Bowe at 8:15 am.

Where are we meeting?

J.C. Penny Conference Center
1 University Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63121-4400

What time?

Registration and Breakfast 7:30 – 8:10 am
Keynote speech at 8:15 am
Training and Breakout sessions - 9 am, 10 am, 11 am

Parking?

Recommended parking is the West Garage which is accessed from West Drive. Check the map on the District 8 website.

CAPITAL CITY TOASTMASTERS PRESENT AT WATERCON 2014

by Joel Sander

WATERCON 2014 is Illinois' largest water conference covering potable water and wastewater issues with more than 200 technical presentations and poster presentations, exhibits, receptions and banquets. Attendees from many different disciplines attended this conference.



Capital City Toastmasters was approached by the Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association to hold a demonstration Toastmasters Meeting at their convention as one of the many breakout sessions for their members. In a collaborative effort between Capital City Toastmasters and the Noontime Toastmasters, an hour-long Toastmasters meeting with one speaker and plenty of table topics for members and attendees to participate. An appreciative crowd listened attentively and seemed to enjoy the presentation.

A special thank you to Lynn Wilson for his wonderful speech "Two Worst Fears" and to Rachael Lattimore (both from Noontime Toastmasters) for participating and to Don Smith, Margaret Walker, Barb Bozek, Joel Sander, Melody Hulett and Carolyn Rountree from Capital City Toastmasters for taking time off to participate in this presentation. 🎵

Division C Governor Howard Price Salutes Spring Contest Winners



L-R: Division C Governor Howard Price, Michael Warner, LGET Sandra Kardis, 1st Place—Neva Nichols



L-R: Division C Governor Howard Price; Michael Warner, 2nd Place—Martha Ruppert, Sandra Kardis, LGET

Division C Governor Howard Price applauded the efforts of contestants in the Spring Evaluation and International Speech Contests. To the left are the Evaluation Contest 1st and 2nd place winners and to the right are the International Speech Contest winners. Also posed in each photo is LGET Sandra Kardis and the Chief Judge Michael Warner.

The first place winners went on to the District 8 Spring Conference finals.



L-R: 1st Place—David Kincade, Division C Governor Howard Price, Michael Warner, Sandra Kardis LGET



L-R: Division C Governor Howard Price, Michael Warner, Sandra Kardis LGET, 2nd Place—Bob Ramsey



Division E Governor Kenneth Freeman recognized the efforts of Outstanding Division E members.

Top Row L-R: Ron Smith, Teresa Stewart, Nathan Swan, Natalie Meighan

2nd Row L-R: Carole Breckner, Kevin Clark

3rd Row L-R: Ahmad M. Onuku, Michelle Butler Hinshaw

4th Row L-R: Lorie Kaplan, David Mallory, Monica Richey Pfeiffer, Frank Yates



Heartland Division “Break For the Lake”

Officer Training & Division E Picnic

Saturday - July 12, 2014

Officer Training - 10:30am

Lake Presbyterian Church - 5716 Osage Beach Pkwy

Potluck Picnic begins 1:00pm

Lake of the Ozarks State Park - Grand Glaize Beach Area #2

(at the shelter)

Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri

The picnic is a friends and family welcome event. There will be a small charge of \$8.00 per person to cover division expenses for burgers, franks, shelter rental and other expenses. Those participating are asked to bring a dish or dessert . Easy access to swimming beach, marina and hiking trail.

A Toastmaster's Chautauqua – May 2 & 3

By Leigh Britt



The District 8 Toastmasters Spring Conference was held May 2-3 at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, hosted by Division E. We were thrilled to have 120 people register to participate in the conference in some way!

Our theme was “A Toastmaster's Chautauqua” based on the adult education movement from 1880-1930 that provided adults a chance to listen and learn especially in rural areas throughout the country. Friday night included speakers that represented what may have been part of an old time Chautauqua and Saturday featured a cookie contest to give the conference an “old time” feeling.

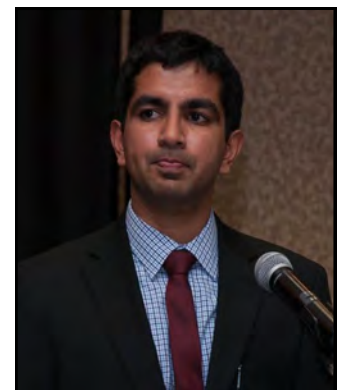
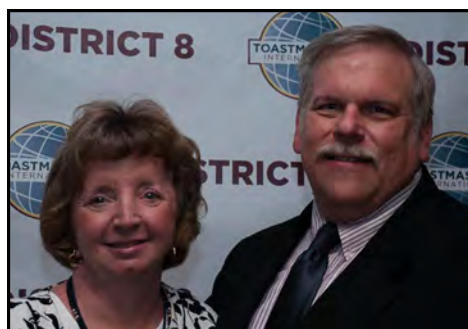
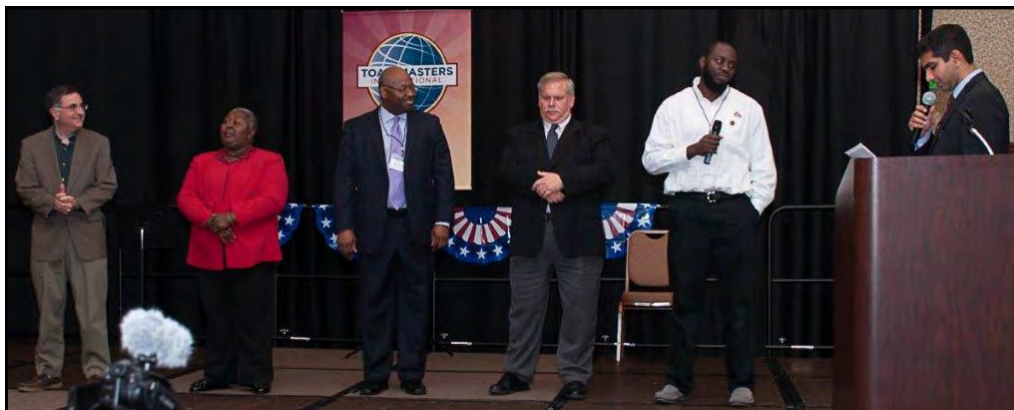
As conference co-chair, my vision was for attendees to leave *educated, excited and inspired*. Educated through outstanding sessions and our keynote speaker, Tony Richards; excited through interactions with other Toastmasters; and inspired through a warm, welcoming conference and outstanding contests. At the end of the weekend, I felt we had achieved that vision together.

Anyone who has attended or assisted with a District Conference knows it takes many people to make it a success. We had a fantastic committee who pitched in and helped with every detail. Their time and effort is all appreciated. Special thanks to our new District Governor Sandy Kardis for all her work to make the conference a success. Thanks to all of you who traveled to Jefferson City to attend! 🎵





District 8 Spring Conference ... Jefferson City, MO
Photo Highlights





Friday night—**Evaluation Contest Finals** and the winners were ...

- 1st Place Dan Darnall
2nd Place Raymond Allen
3rd Place Neva Nichols

(Photos to left top to bottom: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners with LGET Sandra Kardis)



International Speech Contest Saturday Night

- 1st Place Sudharshan Anandan
2nd Place Alan Kirby
3rd Place David Kincade

Above left to right: Division E Governor Kenny Freeman, Sudharshan Anandan, Ahmad Onuku and Leigh Britt, conference co-chair

Below left to right: David Kincade and District 8 Governor Lora Mather



Contest Master Friday—Sudarshan Gopinath, Sandra Kardis and pattern speaker Mrs. Gopinath



Incoming LGM Jacquie Vick and Raymond Allen





Spring Conference



Square Talkers Toastmasters Club 10th Anniversary Celebration

By Sandy Kardis, DTM LGET

Photos by Carolina Holtmeyer, club Video Master

Square Talkers Toastmasters Club #673982 celebrated its 10th anniversary on May 6, 2014 at Nestle Purina's



Headquarters Building at 901 Chouteau Avenue in the Skylines B Conference Room. The charter date of the club is May 11, 2004. Invitations were sent to charter members and District 8 leaders.

The theme of their meeting was Great Start, Brighter Future. During the first minute of the meeting, VPE, Joe Bohning gave members an opportunity to exchange their CL manuals. The longest member of the club, Paul Cook, shared stories of the club's great start. Women in Business is what started Square Talkers. Paul prepared and shared a document - How Toastmasters Supports the Nestle Leadership Framework. He related the components in the Nestle Leadership Framework - Make a

Difference, Compare & Connect Externally, Lead to Win, Manage for Results, Grow Talent & Team, and Collaborate Internally to principles in Toastmasters.

Scheduled speaker, Rick Hoelscher, concluded his speech with the words, "I have a brighter future because of Toastmasters. If you are not having fun, it is not worth it". Rick handed everyone a copy of the evaluation page from his manual and members were given two minutes to provide written feedback in addition to the verbal feedback of his evaluator. This club has a Video Master who videos the meeting. Members use the video to evaluate themselves and to observe what others do. Everyone in the club is given an opportunity to serve in this position, and it is treated as an officer role.

Highlights of the meeting which matched the theme included the word momentous, appropriate for a momentous occasion, a Joke Meister, and Table Topics. A new member was voted in! Refreshments and conversation were enjoyed after the meeting was adjourned. 🎵



More Spring Conference Photos ...



District 8 Members Earn Education & Leadership Awards from March 12, 2014 to May 27, 2014



Division A

Crossroads

- Griffin, Richard—ACB

DSAGSL WORD Masters

- Hart, Mary C.—CC
- Roth, Christa Denise—CC
- Roth, Dennis Andrew—CC

High-Noon Toastmasters Club

- Blessing, Travis M.—CC
- Taylor, Lakenya L.—CC

Marion VA Toastmasters

- Harmon, Susan—CC

Maritz Toastmasters

- Baer, Jill C—ACB
- Erdogdu, Evrim—CC
- Hyde, Debbie J.—CC

Mastertoasters Club

- White-Davis, Peggy—CL
- Steinbach, Carol C—ACB
- Roberts, Eric—CC

Poplar Bluff Toastmasters

- Crew, Michael P.—CC

South County Toastmasters Club

- Ettling, Brian—CC

Southern Illinois Toastmasters Club

- Mill, Cynthia M.—CL

Speak Easy Toastmasters

- Proffitt, Robert W—ALB

UniGroup Toastmasters Club

- Holstein, Sheryl—LDREXC
- Garrett, Barbara J.—ACB
- Bell, Wayne R.—CC
- Schoeffel, Carol D—ALB

Webster Groves Toastmasters Club

- Smiley, Craig S.—ALB

WORD Masters

- Toquinto, Russell Warren—ACB

Division B

Aerospace Orators Club

- Smith, Dennis R.—CL
- Ikeda, Yutaka—ACB

Ascension Health Toastmasters

- Price, Howard Lee—ACB

B.I.B.L.E. Toastmasters

- Betts, Yvette—CC
- Ford, Deborah—CL
- Boles, Alayna—CL

Cave Springs Toastmasters

- Phillips, Del F.—CC
- Fabian, Lory L.—ACB
- Walker, Karen Kaye—CL
- Bathke, Benjamin—CC
- Fabian, Lory L.—CL

Grace Church Toastmasters

- Cleary, Jackie K—CC
- Morrissey, Ralph P—ACB

M-Powered Speakers

- Brown, Thomas Lee—CC

Mallinckrodt Speaks

- Besse, Kathleen M.—CL

McBrian Lincoln-Douglas Club

- Baranzelli, John David—ACS

McCarthy Communication Builders

- Kohler Carl, Tammy L.—CC

Money Talks Club

- Welchko, Justin Robert—CC

Monsanto Noontime Toastmasters

- Kelley, Melissa—CC
- Oey, Muryadi—CC

Plus Factor Club

- Carter, Hardy—CL
- Jackson, Donna—CC

Save-a-Lot Toastmasters (SALT)

- Adkins, Katherine—CL

Script Masters Club

- Gada, Paul N—CL

St Charles County Toastmasters Club

- Williams, Mark S.—ACB

Toast On the Rock

- Thomas, Joshua—CC

WelDon Toast Club

- Darnall, Daniel A.—ACS
- Anantharam, Parasuram—ALB

WWT-HQ Toastmasters

- Nambiar, Nikhil Madhu—CC

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Education & Leadership Awards

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Division C

Collinsville Toastmasters Club

- Rasche, Valerie M.—CL
- Rasche, Valerie M.—ALB

Fairview Heights Toastmasters Club

- Thompson, Jeanne M.—ACB
- Fellner, Susan L.—CC

Gem City Toastmasters Club

- Ross, Amanda L.—CC

Horace Mann Toastmasters

- Lahr, Laurie A.—CC
- Johnson, Andreas—CC

Noontime Toastmasters Club

- Bansal, Shashi—CC

O'Fallon Toastmasters

- Butchko, Carol M.—CC
- Butchko, Joseph J.—CC

Scott Toastmasters Club

- Childress, James L.—CC
- Wood, Yolanda M.—ACS
- Lira, John R.—CC

St Clair Club

- Nichols, Neva—ACG

St. Elizabeth's Hospital

- Sterling, Melissa Ann—CC
- Wylie, Carol—CL

Top Talk Toastmasters!

- Tunstall, Deaundra T—CC
- Crumpton, Stephanie—CC

Division E

Alpha Toastmasters

- Genovese, Anthony—CC

Capital Toastmasters Club

- Bush, John Anthony—CC
- Cochran, Pamela L—CC

Columbia Toastmasters

- Clervi, Mark—CC

Cuba Communicators

- Hannan, Tina L.—CC
- Hannan, Tina L.—CL

Downtown Toastmasters

- LaRose, Judith Claire—ACB

Shelter Insurance Toastmasters

- Hicks, Stephanie R—CL
- Launius, Steven M—CL

Talu Toastmasters Club

- Cooley, Michael Duane—CL
- Harris, Calvin Lee—CC
- Curd, Kent—CL

Division F

Anheuser-Busch Club

- Pinner, Katherine Maria—ACS
- Ahillen, Thomas P.—CC

Jacobs P3

- Graves, Alison N.—CL
- Ross, Renee—CC

MAC Toastmasters Club

- Schwarz, Bryan—ACB
- Kroll, Elizabeth A—ACB

Midtown Clayton Toastmasters Club

- Patel, Has Mukh K.—CL

Open Line Toastmasters

- Watson, Brent A.—ACG

Primary Conversations

- Archie, Brenda J.—CC

Sigma-Aldrich Toastmasters Club

- Porter, Richard W.—ACS

Torchmasters

- Shortt, Holly—ACB

Voices in Unity Club

- Kukan, John Michael—ACB
- Dent, Laurie—CC
- Dent, Laurie—CC
- Marcelo, Raymundo Z. W.—CC
- Anderson, Claire—ACS
- Chohan, Farzana—ALS
- Chohan, Farzana—DTM

Wells Fargo Advisors Toastmasters

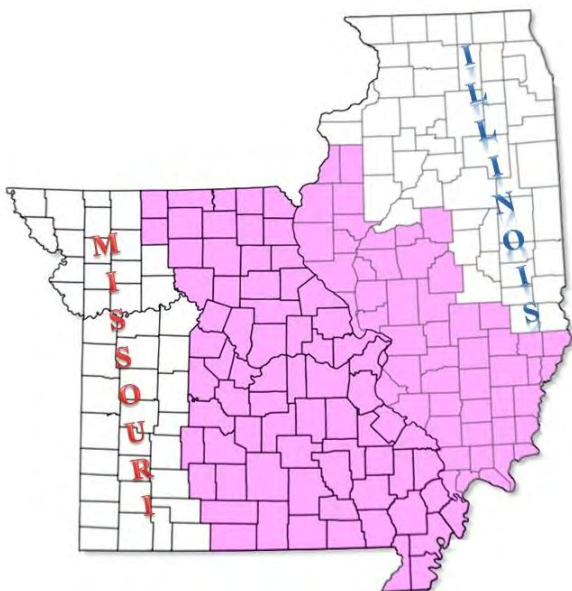
- Clothier, Wendy Renee—CC

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ARE MADE****The Mission of District 8**We build new clubs and support all clubs
in achieving excellence.

District 8 Calendar

Saturday, June 21 TLI—Officer Training
7:30 am to Noon JC Penney Conference Center
1 University Boulevard, St Louis, MO

July 14 Wry Storytelling Contest
Open to all District 8 members!

Nov 14-15 Fall District 8 Conference

