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HERE'S TO DISTRICT 8!

By Dori Drummond, DTM

Immediate Past District Governor

On the afternoon of Sunday, September 19, approximately 65-70 District 8 Toastmasters and guests attended a celebration at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Fenton, Missouri to honor District 8's achievements . . . past, present and future!

Last year District 8 achieved its third highest ranking in history by becoming the 11th highest –ranking District in the World. The District was Select Distinguished for the first time in 14 years and achieved its first Excellence in Leadership Award (for being Distinguished 3 years in a row) in 21 years.



At the September 19th gathering, a certificate was presented to each member of last year's District Executive Committee for having contributed to a Select Distinguished District. Plaques were awarded to Past District Governor Dan Darnall for his many contributions over the years that led to a Select Distinguished District and to John Barry for his many years of continuing service as the District 8 Club Extension Chair.

Between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2010, District 8 grew from 86 paid clubs to 110 paid clubs. And the District is still growing! As evidence of its continuing success, during the month of July District 8 became the first District in Region 5 to charter a new club during the new Toastmasters year.

Festivities included music provided by District 8 Toastmaster and disc jockey Matthew Stevens, a slideshow of the Toastmasters International Convention produced by Past International Director Chuck Carpenter, and a celebratory cake. The celebration

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A Message from District 8 Governor Tim Spezia, DTM

Fellow Toastmasters of District 8, I certainly hope your Toastmasters year is off to a great start.

By now, your club officers have met with their Area Governors and have outlined your club's success plan (i.e. the Distinguished Club Program) for this year. This plan is your club's road map specially tailored to put your club on track to becoming a successful club or continuing as a successful club and more importantly to help you attain your personal goals. Those personal goals likely include these: getting used to and comfortable speaking in front of a group, communicating ideas to your audience and exhibiting personal leadership to create a path to realize your important goals. These goals and more are attainable through your participation within your club. Success is within your grasp. Success is measured one milestone at a time. Each project you complete is a milestone, which moves you forward. Each communication experience helps to further your progress. All told, this path is what makes goal achievement attainable. This path is about you, the member, creating the energy to put your plan in motion.



As you know, meaningful success in anything does not come easy. There is no special short cut technique to success and if there were, you would probably be better off not using them. Your path to achieving meaningful success depends on various factors. For example, your meeting participation leads to your practice, which in turn helps you to be successful at making real progress towards your goal of becoming an accomplished communicator. Notice in this sentence "your participation", "your practice", and "your success". Take note of these action verbs, the member taking action creates success. Practice is a repeatable exercise.

Consider your Toastmasters club affiliation with Toastmasters International and this year's theme: "Achieving Greatness Together". Both, you and your Toastmasters club can achieve 'Greatness' together. Do not confuse "Greatness" with "Success" "Success" is a preferred outcome for a single activity. "Greatness" is meant as a way of being. Do you see the difference? Mastering communications and personal leadership really does require you to think in terms of a way of being. You practice, succeed or not, you learn continuously. You, the member, make this process a way of being.

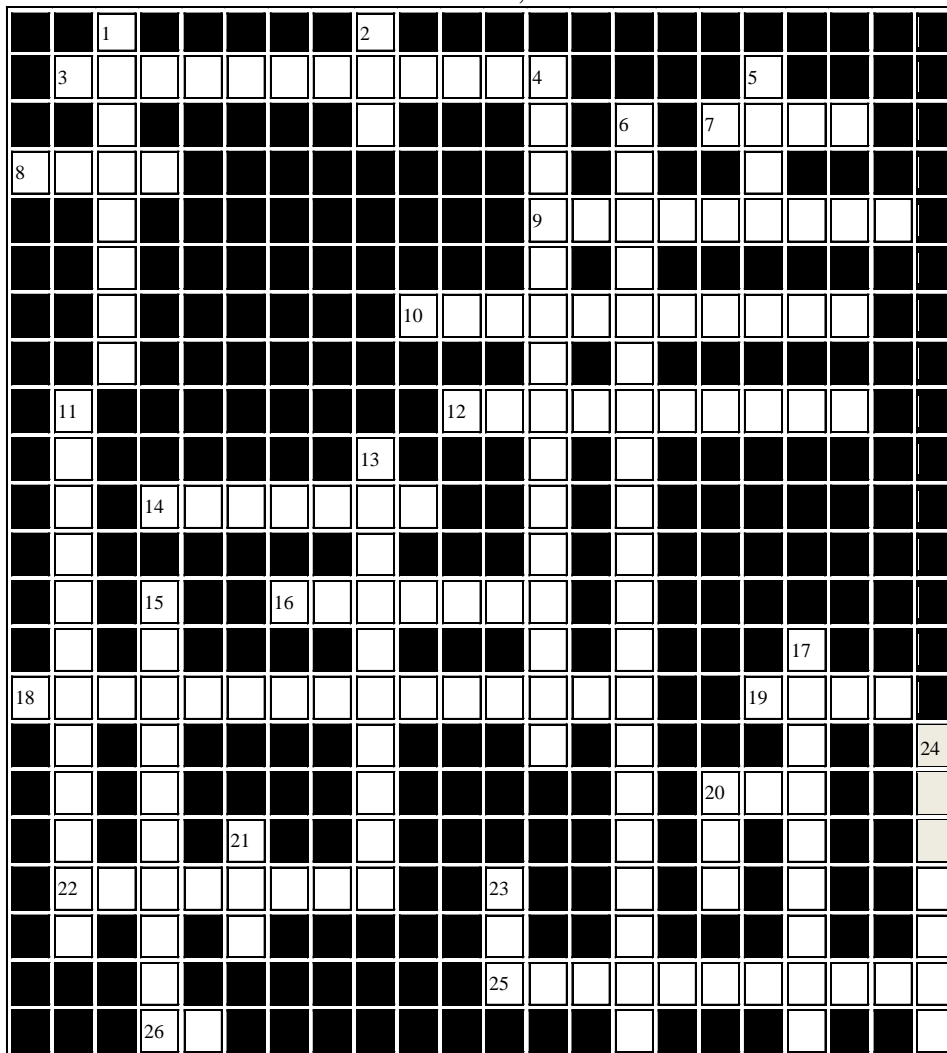
One quarter of the year has gone by, the first officer training period is complete and your Area Governor has met with your club leaders to map out a success plan for your club. Now it is time to put that plan in motion and achieve personal communication and leadership "Greatness". By working with your club and District: "Together we Can" Achieve Greatness Together. ☀



District 8 Fall Conference November 12—13 St. Louis, MO

LGET's Educational Crossword Puzzle

Tom Coscia, DTM

**Across**

3. Founder of Toastmasters
7. A Distinguished Club needs twenty members or a net gain of ____members?
8. To be a Distinguished Club, you need to achieve ____ of the ten goals
9. The current District Governor
10. Toastmasters who are member of more than one club
12. The two educational tracks is the Education and _____ track
14. The number of advanced speaking manuals
16. The first name of the 2010 Fall Conference Hotel
18. The current LGM
19. Number of officers that must be trained for the Distinguished Club Program
20. How many projects are in the Competent Leader Award?
22. How many Areas are in District 8?
25. The name of the educational program for non-Toastmaster adults
26. Must you complete the CC & Competent Leader manuals in order?

Down

1. The city where the 2011 Toastmaster International Convention will be held
2. Can you repeat the same speech for more than one project?
4. The name of the Toastmaster's program for kids
5. How many Divisions are in District 8?
6. What award did the CC award replace?
11. The current IPDG
13. Current District Treasurer
15. Current President of Toastmasters International
17. 2010 District 8 Toastmaster of the Year
20. How many speeches per manual can you give outside your club?
21. What is Toastmaster's highest educational award?
23. Can you get credit for a speech if you are competing in a contest?
24. The District 8 website is www.____.org



Message from LGM



Curtis Scroggins



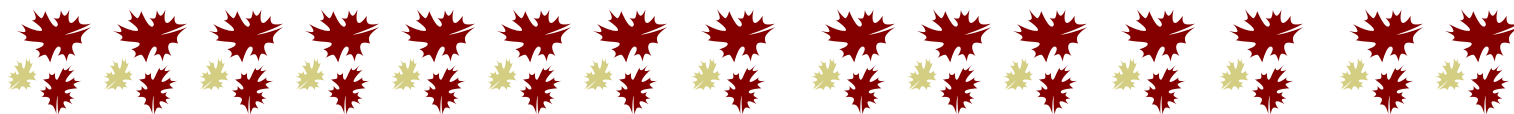
Happy Fall, Fellow Toastmasters! Did you know that, as of this writing, we are twenty-five percent of the way through the Toastmasters year? This begs the question, are you twenty-five percent of the way toward achieving your personal goals this year? How about your Club? So far this year we have 22 Clubs that have achieved 3 or more points in the Distinguished Club program. There are several which have achieved six goals. Consider where you are and where your club is, and make changes to get on course if you need to.

Fall is also Humorous Speech and Table Topics contest season! By now, all of your Clubs and Areas should have completed their contests and Division Contests are in full swing. If you are competing in one of these contests, congratulations! You are in that select group of those in the District who have made it through the early rounds of competition and are still standing. If you did not compete or did not advance, consider going to the next round of competition to support the contestants or lend a helping hand to the contest chairs. Good help is always appreciated and volunteers will be needed until the champions are crowned at the District Conference.

Speaking of the District Conference, this year's conference looks to be the best yet! The conference will be held at Harrah's St. Louis Casino and Hotel in Maryland Heights with a theme of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to The Lectern". There will be keynotes, educational sessions and District Business conducted. The conference will culminate with the Humorous Speech Championship on Saturday night, while the Table Topics champion will be crowned on Friday night. Conference dates are November 12th and 13th. For more information, please see the District website at www.dist8tm.org and other articles in this issue of the Communic~8.

As we progress through this fall season, I would like to wish the contestants Good Luck, the Contest Chairs a great contest and all Toastmasters everywhere a continued great year! Take this time to evaluate where you are, where you are going, and what needs to be done to stay on course.

The District is always looking for opportunities to spread the word about Toastmasters. If you know of an organization, corporation, education facility or even an individual who is interested in starting a Club, please let your District Leadership know. You can contact your Club President, Area Governor, Division Governor or any District Leader to pass the information. I can always be contacted at scrogginscurtis@gmail.com. ☀



Don't Just Be a Participant When You Can Be a Partner!

This year's Fall Conference offers a wide variety of new events and activities. We've put some cracks in the old mold, and come up with some creative ideas we know you'll enjoy. So be warned: If you're a big fan of "the way we've always done it," you may find challenges to the old way of thinking around every corner!

On the other hand, if you like innovation and fresh thinking, you'll want to align yourself with our creative approach to enjoying a district conference. This year there's a brand new way to do that! Identify yourself as a Conference Partner with an advertisement or professional sponsorship in the conference program!

Our full weekend activity guide will include not only the agenda for the entire conference, but room for notes and contact information, making it a valuable reference for attendees long after the conference is over. Put your mark on this new type of program with an advertisement for your business, or a notice of your professional services, at a very reasonable cost. Business card ads are only \$12.00, and premium 6"x4" slots are only \$30.00.

Let your fellow Toastmasters know how much you have to offer with a mention of your business in the Partners section of the program, and be a part of the action this fall!

For more information, contact Dawn Tucker at 636-379-2505 or SpeakandLead@yahoo.com. ☀



Fall Conference:

A Sampling of Education Sessions

Advanced Techniques for a Successful Seminar

The Know-It-All, the Show-Stealer, the Non-Believer, the ones who were just told to be there, and people who dare you to teach them anything! Losing control of a seminar to these types of attendees is embarrassing! It just takes one time to realize we have to take our presentation skills to a much higher level. This session will also cover setting up the seminar room, greeting the attendees, and using visual aids effectively

Gary Hebert, ATM-B, has been a member of Cave Springs Toastmasters for 7 years. After a successful career in Telecommunications as a technician, manager and trainer, he is currently a self-employed telecommunications consultant and a professional trainer of six years. Gary presents seminars over 100 days a year and has studied and polished his professional presentation skills to become one of the top trainers in his field.

How Fun is It?

What will quack you up faster than a Toastmasters meeting with a flock of ducks? What's more comical than your Sergeant -at-Arms in a gorilla suit? Well, probably a lot of things, if only you could think them up!

If your club could use a funniness facelift, come to this brainstorming session led by Dawn Tucker. You'll learn a creative thinking technique and share ideas with other Toastmasters that you can take back to your club to foster your fun factor.

Dawn Tucker is a speech-language pathologist with an interest in cognitive science and other brainy matters. She has been a member of Toastmasters for eight years, and a sponsor of the Wry Toastmasters. She currently serves on the speakers bureau for the Alzheimer's Association in St. Louis.

You Can't Push Wet Spaghetti!

Spaghetti: You can boil it, sprinkle it with cheese, eat it with bread and salad. Yummy! However, if your Toastmasters club is a bowl of wet spaghetti, you can't push them, or sprinkle cheese on them either. You can only move wet spaghetti in a positive direction by pulling it! Learn to pull by using the proven strategies of club coaches and persuading the club to take responsibility.

John Murphy is the creator of Club Coach Weekly. The mission of this electronic newsletter is to prevent isolation, present ideas and provide inspiration to club coaches throughout the world. John will draw upon his experience as a District 8 Humorous Speech Champion and the experiences of successful coaches to teach participants how to improve their clubs.

010 Job Market forecast: Cloudy.

Use Toastmasters skills to brave the storm and weatherproof your career. "Weather" you are currently working or are seeking employment, this seminar will show you how to present your Toastmasters experience in your resume so it grabs the attention of the hiring manager, or enhance your marketability in your current job. Toastmasters is on the radar of hiring managers! Is it on yours?

Phyllis is a Human Resources Field Manager for Cassidy Turley. She has a Master's degree in Human Resource Management and a PHR certification. Phyllis will utilize her extensive recruiting and managerial experience to show you how to and why to showcase your Toastmasters experience to your current and/or prospective employers. ☀





District 8 Toastmasters Fall Conference

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Lectern...

November 12-13, 2010

Harrah's Casino and Conference Center

Personal & Club Information

Name

Educational Designation

Club Name & Number

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone ()

E-mail

2nd Attendee Name (Household Member or non-Toastmaster Guest):

Educational Designation

Club Name & Number

Registration Options

Full Registration Includes all four meals, educational sessions, entertainment and contests

Attendee 1	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 - Until 11/02	<input type="checkbox"/> \$120 - After 11/02	
Attendee 2	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90 - Until 11/02	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110 - After 11/02	

A La Carte

Meals All meals must be ordered before 11/06

Attendee 1	<input type="checkbox"/> \$29 - Friday Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> \$14 - Sat Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/> \$21 - Sat Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> \$33 - Sat Dinner
Attendee 2	<input type="checkbox"/> \$29 - Friday Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> \$14 - Sat Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/> \$21 - Sat Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> \$33 - Sat Dinner

Educational Sessions Only/Contests

Attendee 1	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 - Until 11/02	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 - After 11/02	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 - Friday Contest	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 - Saturday Contest
Attendee 2	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 - Until 11/02	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 - After 11/02	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 - Friday Contest	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 - Saturday Contest

Meal Options*

Saturday Lunch

Attendee 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Marinated Sirloin Steak	<input type="checkbox"/> Parmesan Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian/Vegan/Kosher (circle one)
Attendee 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Marinated Sirloin Steak	<input type="checkbox"/> Parmesan Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian/Vegan/Kosher (circle one)

Saturday Dinner

Attendee 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rib	<input type="checkbox"/> Herb Crusted Mahi Mahi	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian/Vegan/Kosher (circle one)
Attendee 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rib	<input type="checkbox"/> Herb Crusted Mahi Mahi	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian/Vegan/Kosher (circle one)

Payment Information

Total for both attendees \$ Make checks payable to "District 8 Toastmasters"

Mail to: Diane Gregory 3985 Marietta Drive, Florissant, MO 63033 Questions? Email conference@dist8tm.org

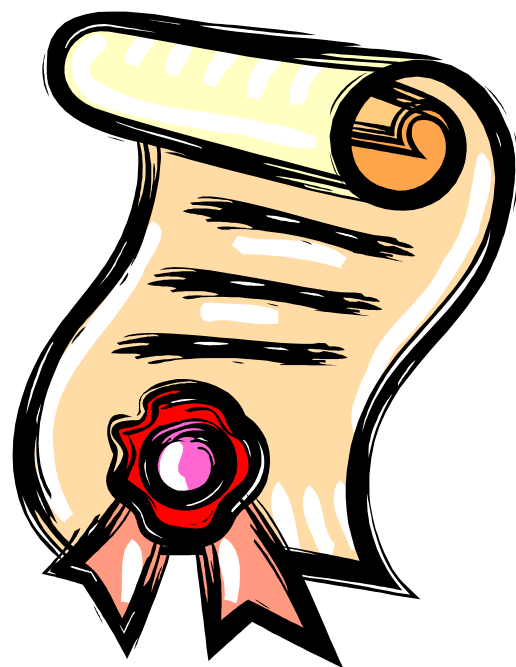
*To guarantee meals, please postmark your registration form no later than 11/02/10

Room Rate \$89 until 11/02 - (314) 770-8383 - Harrah's Casino & Hotel - Maryland Heights, MO 63043 - use code S1112TM



Shalom Church Toastmasters Charters

Immediate Past District 8 Governor Dori Drummond, DTM attended the club's Charter Party and meeting to present the club banner and deliver the charter certificates. ☀



Franklin County Toastmasters Charter Presentation

Kevin Desrosiers, DTM

One of District 8's newest clubs, Franklin County Toastmasters (1128123) chartered on June 11, 2010. On Monday, September 20, 2010, Immediate Past District Governor, Dori Drummond, presented them with their official charter and Toastmasters banner. Area 4 Governor Rebecca Clark was also at the meeting. There was also a celebration afterwards featuring recipes from several members.

Officers for the first year are Jim Tayon (President), Robert Poinsett (VPE), Skip Stevens (VPM), Ramona Mundwiller (VPPR), Kathie Zuroweste (Treasurer), Richard Hawkins (Secretary), and Keith Whittemore (SAA).

They meet in the Photojournalism Hall of Fame in Washington MO on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00 – 8:30 PM and are always open to guests. If interested on visiting (or joining) you can contact them at (314) 302-3858. ☀





Montgomery County Toastmasters 1st "Community Speak-a-thon" a Success

Todd Austin, DTM



The Montgomery County Toastmasters Club of Hillsboro, IL met Tuesday, August 31st for a special public "Speak-a-thon" meeting. Two Club Members and two non-members gave speeches. First, non-member Dennis Vieweg gave a 15-minute speech called, "Changing My World". It was practice for the speech that he will present in October 2010 to a group of Christian men as part of his mission work. Dennis then received a group evaluation led by Club member Myra Mollett. Next up, club member & club mentor Dr Todd Austin from Virden, IL spoke on the "3 Ps of Quality Speech Giving". This was a 7-minute advanced manual Toastmasters project from the manual which is called "Communicating On

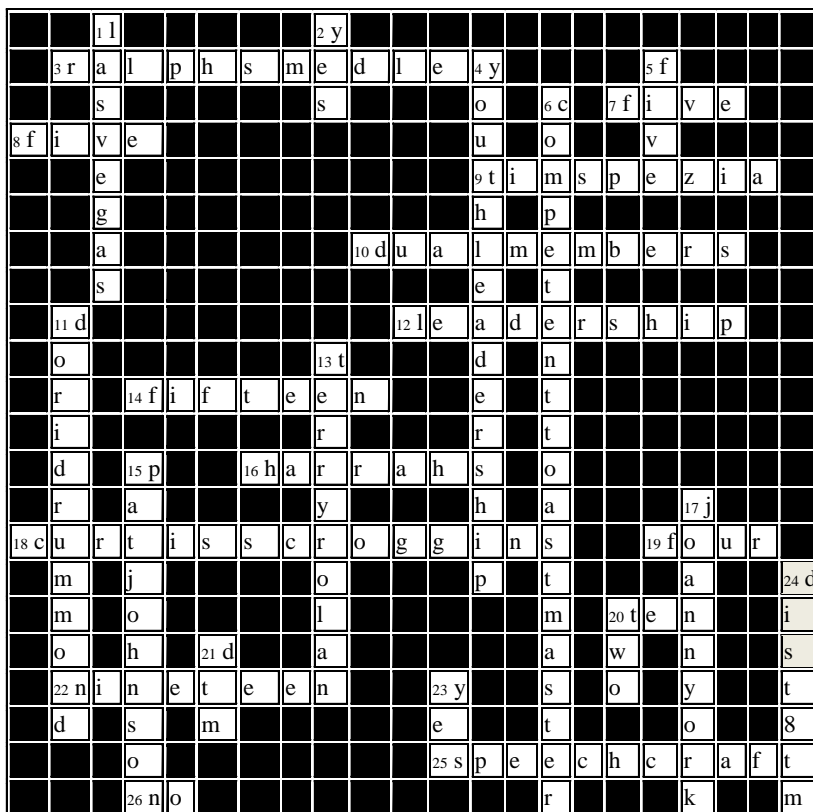
Television". Chandan Bhagwat evaluated Austin's speech. Third, Club member Ron Lawrence asked us in his speech, "Is It A Small World Or Is It A God Thing?" Ron's 7-minute basic manual presentation was evaluated by Club member Kim Noyes. Last, but not least, 15 year old Summer Robbins, the daughter of Club member Rick Robbins, gave a speech entitled, "Remembering our Veterans". It was practice for a pageant that she will be competing in in September. Club member Todd Austin evaluated Summer's presentation.

One special dignitary, Toastmaster's Area 1 Governor Chandan Bhagwat from Springfield, IL also attended the meeting.

The regular meetings of the Montgomery County Toastmasters Club of Hillsboro, IL is at the Hillsboro Red Rooster Inn every first and third Tuesday ☼

LGET's Educational Crossword Puzzle

Answer Key



Rebuilding Alton Toastmasters Club

Brenda English

In 1943, the **Pentagon** in Washington D.C. is completed, **the Great Depression ends** and the **Alton Toastmasters Club #230** is formed. As the second oldest club in the district, the Alton club was formed only 19 years after the first Toastmasters club. In its heyday, Alton Toastmasters was the Toast of the Town. From Nurses to a State Senator, Dentists to Shoe Makers, club members spanned all career levels. Members enthusiastically participated in area and district activities and membership thrived. But over the years, enthusiasm waned, membership declined and sadly, achieving educational goals was no longer pursued.

At the start of the 2009-2010 Toastmaster year, the membership base was six with four active members. Unfortunately, that number fell to three when the club lost one of its active members, a past district governor who had been instrumental in helping to keep the club together. But though small in numbers, the members shared loyalty and a sense of responsibility for the club's future.

Six months into the Toastmaster year, the Area Governor was assigned the challenging role of Club Coach. Armed with "*Cautious optimism*" for "*Hope and Change*", the new club coach immediately joined the club determined to make the club distinguished by the end of the current Toastmaster year. With only six short months to accomplish this challenge a Club Success Plan with an aggressive timeline was crafted. The focus was on two areas: Educational Awards and Membership Growth.

Educational Awards: The initial assessment showed that only two of the club members would be able to meet the educational goals. With such a short time frame, adherence to the strict timeline was imperative. Any deviation would result in missing the goals. Fortunately, with the help of dual membership, the goal was accomplished and in November of 2009, for the first time in 6 years, the club posted its first educational award and at the 2009 District conference, club members glowed with pride at the acknowledgement.

Membership: Like most clubs, membership was the biggest challenge. The club needed a net growth of five new members. Four of the members joined by way of Toastmasters International website but by June of 2010, the club still needed one more member to join. In an act of desperation, the Club Coach initially tried three tactics:

1. Invitations:

Citing the rich history of the club, members from other clubs were enthusiastically invited to attend meetings and join the Alton club. Unfortunately, one obstacle was overlooked. "*Crossing the river*". For some, this was akin to sacrificing their firstborn. So on to the second tactic.

2. Nagging:

This tactic produced looks of annoyance and lack of eye contact from fellow toastmasters. Therefore, after some heartfelt apologies by the club coach, this tactic was quickly smashed. It was time to resort to drastic measures, tactic number 3.

3. Bribery:

Members from other clubs were promised free beer at Fast Eddies just for visiting the Alton club. But alas, this tactic was also a smashing failure since it involved the dreadful "*Crossing of the River*". However, this tactic did prove beyond a doubt that not only do Toastmaster members learn effective communication and leadership skills but also "**Self Control**".

None of the above three strategies worked and it became crystal clear that attracting new members was the responsibility of the current club members and the challenge was readily accepted. A website was built by the club president and the old saying, "*If you build it they will come*" worked. For specific details about the club's rebuilding process, please refer to the Club Coach newsletter.

The hard work of the Alton Club members finally paid off and in June of 2010, Alton Toastmasters Club achieved what some had considered to be impossible. The club became distinguished—earning the prestigious honor of Third place in the **Top 10 Clubs with Highest Education Awards per 7/1 Base Membership**.

Today, club members continue to work on achieving their educational awards and enthusiasm has returned. Club officers are now addressing long-term goals to attract and retain members and in continuing the rich history of the club. The success of the Alton Toastmaster Club is a clear example that when you "***Create to Motivate***", "***Together we can***" find the "***Courage to Change***". ☀



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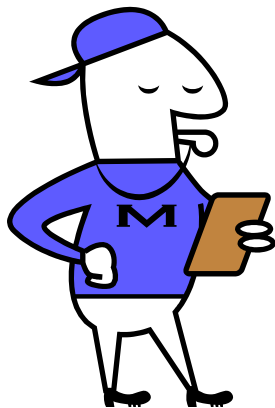


culminated in a toast by Immediate Past District 8 Governor Dori Drummond to honor the members of District 8 for having done the work that led to last year's achievements . . . and to the future of District 8 whose best days are ahead because Together We Can! ☀



Why Coach?

Dr. John Murphy, DTM—Club Coach Chair



It's difficult rhyming the words Ashish, Parekh and Distinguished. Most people would rather write a poem with words such as roses, red, violets and blue. Yet, Dave Mattingly, Club President of the Expressers Toastmasters Club, wasn't just a regular person - the club coaching efforts of Ashish Parekh had inspired him. Just as Ashish encouraged everyone to take it up a notch, so too, Dave wanted to reach for a higher level. In the past year, Ashish had inspired the Expressers to win a distinguished club award for the first time in their 30-year history. That is quite an accomplishment! The grateful Club President wrote his toast as a poem and honored Ashish by delivering it on the evening of his Distinguished Toastmaster Award dinner. It was the ultimate way to thank this outstanding club coach.

Club coaches are experienced Toastmasters who volunteer to help a struggling club. The coach is not a member of the club, but may join the club after the appointment is made. The appointment lasts from the date of the appointment to June 30th of that Toastmaster year. If the club has not earned a distinguished club award, then the coaches' appointment lasts to June 30th of the following year. The club must have twelve or fewer members at the time of the appointment. Successful coaches earn credit toward their Advanced Leader Silver.

Why should anyone consider club coaching? Rebuilding a struggling business, organization or club is difficult. Coaching requires effort and there is no guarantee of success. It is possible that the job will test every communication and leadership skill that you have. It is also possible that you won't have the proper skills at the beginning of your appointment. However, with the willingness to try and the steadfastness to continue, you will be successful.

You will also learn...

- small-group leadership,
- effective facilitation,
- strategic analysis,
- organizational vision and goal setting,
- how to establish rapport with a group,
- persuasive speaking, and
- motivational skills.

Another benefit is the appreciation of the coached club. On the evening of Ashish's celebration, many Toastmasters gave toasts. Dave demonstrated his appreciation by giving a well-written poem. The time he spent on this task and his enthusiasm were evident to everyone present. It was a gift that gave value to the DTM award and told everyone that Ashish had done something remarkable.

If you want to do something remarkable, become a club coach. Contact John Murphy, District 8 2010-2011 Club Coach Chair, at john.murphy@dist8tm.org ☀



Funny Thing ... will we see you?

District 8 Conference—November 12th & 13th

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 11/13/2010****Harrah's St Louis Casino in Maryland Heights, MO****7:00 - 7:45 Credentials Desk Open****9:30 – 10:45 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, club vice president education, area governor, other district office

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

Division A: A Team of Go-getters!!!

Lora Mather—Division A Governor

A go-getter is the informal term for an ambitious enterprising person. Each person on my team set high goals for their area. They have the creative energy to achieve and surpass these goals. Let me introduce you to my Division A "go-getters."

Area 9 is led by Area Governor Aruna Garlapaty. Aruna is a member of the Maritz Toastmasters and is mentored by DTM Dan Darnall. Aruna describes her beliefs through the phrase "Where there's a will, there's a way". She coaches members to build their confidence by practicing communication and leadership skills at Toastmasters Club meetings. She is setting the example in her leadership of Area 9. Aruna's Assistant Area Governor is Mike Kotur. Mike is also a Maritz Toastmaster member.

Darlene Suter is serving as Area 5 Governor. Darlene maintains her club membership with Twin Rivers Wordmasters, even though she lives in Poplar Bluff. I was pleased to work closely with Darlene in visiting the Southern Illinois Toastmasters Club in Carterville, IL and the Smooth Talkers Club in Sikeston. We communicated often by e-mail. On her e-mail signature, she posted a fluttering bluebird with a wink and a smile. It reminds me of her cheerfulness and goal setting attitude. Helping Darlene is Pam Brooks, Assistant Area 5 Governor from the Parkland Toastmaster Club.

Richard Hawkins is genuine in his role as Area 2 Governor. He is well organized and challenges himself to building stronger clubs and motivating club officers. He serves Division A with a passion. He visited all of his clubs very early in the term. He encouraged each club to have a written DCP plan and to take the steps needed to achieve that plan.

Becka Clark, Area 4 Governor, enjoys people. This attitude shows in everything she does. Her forte is listening to others and encouraging them. I have attended the Crossroads, Franklin County Toastmasters and Twin Rivers Word Masters meetings with Becka. With each membership, she expressed warmth and naturalness, putting her audience at ease. With this type of support, her clubs will achieve their DCP plans. Becka's assistant with Area 4 is Elizabeth Link from the Jeffco Challenger Toastmasters.

This is the Division A Team. I expect great achievements with these go-getters. Together we can set our goals, live our dream and encourage others to find their passion and live it. ☀



Anheuser-Busch Toastmasters Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Kevin Desrosiers, DTM

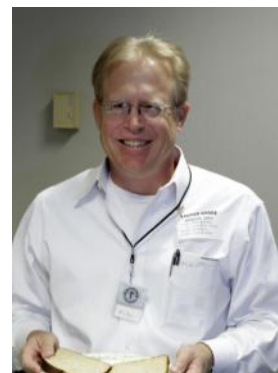
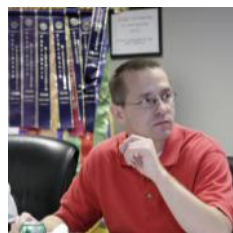
In September, Anheuser-Busch Toastmasters club 4345 celebrated their 30th anniversary as a club. A special meeting was planned for September 30 to commemorate the event. Several past members and guests were in attendance. The event included a pot luck meal so everyone went away stuffed.



The Toastmaster for the day was A-B's lone remaining charter member, Tom Zimmerman. Tom Ahillen displayed an array of historical documents from the club archives for everyone to see and Max Kaiser spoke about the history of A-B and the club. Andy Sciaroni even reached into the archives to present a joke that was used at a meeting in the mid 1980's.



Congratulations to all past and present members of A-B Toastmasters and here's wishing you another successful 30 years! ☀



District 8 members who have earned Education and Leadership Awards from September 3rd, 2010 to October 3, 2010

Division A

Crossroads

- Griffin, Richard—CL

High-Noon Toastmasters Club

- Casner, Drew J.—ACB

Southern Illinois Toastmasters Club

- Howe, Charlie—CC

Twin Rivers WORD Masters

- Morrissey, Debra M.—CL
- Morrissey, Debra M.—ACB
- Roth, Dennis A.—CC

Unigroup Toastmasters Club

- Meissner, Dan—ACB
- Paraino, Heather Anne—CC

West County Club

- Liu, Jianzhong—CC
- Calderwood, Terry J.—ACG
- Calderwood, Terry J.—DTM
- Stading, Terry E.—CC

Division B

Aerospace Orators Club

- Randle, Dossie—DTM

Bulls & Bears Club

- Miller, Thomas M.—ACB

Cave Springs Toastmasters

- Smith, Kimberly A.—CL

- Smith, Kimberly A.—ALB

Mastertoasters Club

- Cook, Jeff—ALB

McCarthy Communication Builders

- Kelley, Diana M.—ALB

Plus Factor Club

- Lynn, Nancy J.—CC

River City Toastmasters Club

- Jackson, Hank—CL
- Brazil, Mary L.—ACS
- Sutphen, Daryl—CC
- Ivy Delores—CC

Script Masters Club

- Ryan, Amy—CL

WelDon Toast Club

- Lukowski, Brian—ALB

Division C

Collinsville Club

- Clark, Becka—ACS

McBrian Lincoln-Douglas Club

- Schurger, Frederick T.—CC

Montgomery County Toastmasters

- Goodall, Ryan Charles—CC

Springfield Parkway Pointe Toastmasters

- Anderson, Kelly S.—CC

Division E

Downtown Toastmasters

- Bowman, Georganne—CL

Waynesville-St. Robert Area Toastmasters

- Ellis, Tom E.—CC

Division F

BJC Toastmasters

- Chambers, Angela—CC

MAC Toastmasters Club

- Suelflow, Nancy—CL

Primary Conversations

- Anderson, Robin G.—ALS
- Smith, Pierre—CL

Uptick Talkers

- Davenport, Bryan William—CC
- Mahan, Mark D.—CL



Area 3 Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contest

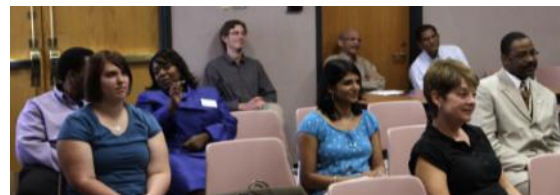
By Kevin Desrosiers, DTM

On Saturday, September 18, 2010, Area 3 held their Humorous Speech and Table Topics contest at the Prairie Commons Library. The event was chaired by Area 3 Governor Bridgette Wesley. The Contest Master was Kat Mokriakow and the Chief Judge was Sandy Kardis.

The clubs in Area 3 are Aerospace Orators, Cent Louie Toastmasters, River City Toastmasters, Script Masters, Team Talk, and Covidien Communicators.

All of the contestants were sharp and gave excellent presentations. In the end, Brenda Knight placed first and John Mohr placed second in the Humorous Speech contest.

Matt Desrosiers placed first and Cheryl Washington placed second in the Table Topics contest. The first place finishers will move on to the Division B contest on October 16. ☀





Letter from the Editor

District 8 Toastmasters,

As you read this issue of the Communic~8 newsletter, I hope you find articles that interest you, possibly articles that inspire you as well as articles that educate or inform you. My goal is to have each newsletter be better than the previous issue. To make that happen it takes the help of wonderful district 8 members providing photos and stories. As you attend your club, area, division or district events please take photos and send them in to me by email with the details—include the who, what, where and when. Your photos and your event could then be included in future newsletter issues. This is the District 8 newsletter and I want it to be of value to every member. Just like every speech needs a constructive evaluator, I encourage you to provide that constructive feedback to help future issues continue to improve. Remember Together We Can: Achieve Greatness Together—with your help our District 8 Newsletter can become even better!

Have a question you want answered about Toastmasters, club leadership, or maybe how to give a better speech? Send your question in, whatever it is, and I will seek out a district leader or seasoned toastmaster to provide an answer in a future issue. Toastmasters, as you all should be aware, is about helping each other to improve. If you are curious about something, then someone else probably is as well. Ask the questions and we can all learn the answers. Although in many cases there is not one right answer but a multitude of right answers. For questions with more than one possible answer it may be a panel that gives tips or ideas. Let me know what you want to know.

Fall is here. In case you haven't noticed the beautiful autumn leaves changing colors and the brisk morning temperatures, it is definitely Fall. What does that mean for District 8 Toastmasters? Yes, it means a Fall Conference and you can still register at the "early-bird" discounted rate until November 2nd. The registration form is included in this issue, but you can also find it on the district's website where it is available for printing.

In this issue we have included previews of just a few of the educational sessions you can attend. The conference is a great opportunity to socialize, to network, to learn and share ideas with other toastmasters. Besides all that, the conferences are a lot of fun. If you haven't attended one before, come see for yourself. This conference will include the finals for the district's Table Topics contest as well as the Humorous Speech contest. Make plans to attend and cheer on your fellow toastmasters. Also, on Saturday night they will announce the names of those District 8 members who have achieved the distinction of earning their DTM awards since the Spring Conference. Come celebrate their achievements. I look forward to seeing friends I have met at past events and making new friends at this conference. I hope to see you there!

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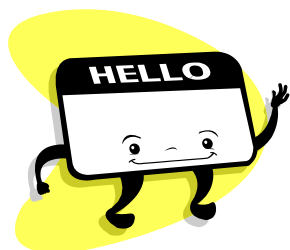


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District 8 Events!

Officer Training—(2nd Period) December—February

District 8 2010 Fall Conference—Nov. 12 & 13

Harrah's St Louis Casino & Hotel

777 Casino Center Dr, Maryland Heights, MO

Winter TLI—January 22

Working Women's Survival Show—Feb 25, 26 & 27th

St Patrick's Day Parade—*will you be on the march?*

For specific date/time/location details on upcoming District Events—check out the “Calendar” link on the District's website.

District 8 Map

