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Time to saddle up and head out to the Wild, Wild West.

Get your cowboy hats and prepare to boot scoot boogie to a great time!!



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From Da Vinci to Jobs

District Governor Tom Coscia, DTM

A few weeks ago I checked out the Leonardo Da Vinci exhibit that is showing in the Bank of America building in downtown St. Louis. The exhibit has models of many of the military machines and weapons that Leonardo invented. In fact he created many weapons for the military industry so he would have the money to pursue his painting and sculptures. He had recorded over 13,000 pages of notes and drawings. It was fascinating that he had not only a mind for engineering, but for creating some of the famous art objects known to man like the *Mona Lisa* and the *Last Supper*. He was a brilliant inventor and an extraordinary artist and considered one of the men of the millennium. During the tour when the tour guide challenged people to come up



with contemporary geniuses that will be famous 500 years from now, my iPhone/iPad toting wife whispered to me, Steve Jobs.

Last night when I first heard the news that Steve Jobs passed away, the press started making references to him as a visionary that transformed technology, media and retailing. Steve Jobs revolutionized no fewer than six different industries: personal computers, mobile phones, music publishing, animated films, digital publishing and tablet computing. His genius was unconfined ... a visionary. I started thinking back about the exhibit. What were some of the traits that made Steve Jobs so successful? What can we learn from him?

Building a Great Team

Jobs is famous for his eye for beautiful design. He also had a knack for recruiting the best people and believed in reaching out to those he wanted on his team. Like the line he used to lure John Sculley as Apple's CEO, "Do you want to spend the rest of your life selling sugared water or do you want a chance to change the world?" Who is on your team?

Focus on Minimalism

He always believed the most important decisions you make are not the things you

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do, but the things you decide not to do. A visit to Jobs' house you will notice it contained only a picture of Einstein, a Tiffany lamp, a chair and a bed. Are you focused on what is truly important?

A Detailed Visionary

He felt that the computer was going to change the world, and it was going to become what he called 'the bicycle for the mind.' It would enable individuals to have this incredible capability that they never dreamed of before. He was a person of huge vision. But he was also a person that believed in the precise detail of every step. He was methodical and careful about everything—a perfectionist to the end. Do you have attention to detail?

Make it Simple

Perhaps the best example of the hides in plain sight, and is a fundamental part of every Apple product. All throughout the 1970s to the 1990s, if you ever opened up a new gadget the first thing you were ever faced with was figuring out how to make it work! To solve that, you'd have to wade through piles of instruction manuals written in an engineer's alien English. But a funny thing happened with the iMac: Every year after, Apple's instruction manuals grew thinner and thinner, until finally, today, there are none. Do you make things simple for others?

On October 5, 2011, the world lost an amazing human being. Think Different. ■

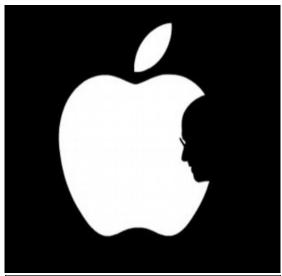
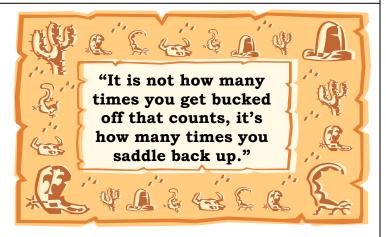


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Steve Jobs: Feb 24, 1955—Oct 5, 2011



Speak to Be Heard

Joann York, ACB ALS

"It is not how many times you get bucked off that counts, it's how many times you saddle back up." It has been said in any number of ways, but the principle no matter how it is said is the same—keep going! Dust yourself off and don't let fear or failure keep you from going for your dreams, from your goals or from getting up and speaking. Stand up, stand tall and say what you need to say!

Saying what you need to say, that's where Toastmasters can help you. Chris Matthews, a former Toastmaster, says on the public service announcement Why Join Toastmasters?, "Freedom requires leadership and leadership requires oratory. You have to speak to be heard." The connection is clear, leadership and communication are tied securely together. Toastmasters understands this connection and is ready to help its members develop their skills.

Toastmasters International as an organization is here to help its members. We, each of us, as members are here to help each other. Isn't it easier to get back up when someone else is reaching out their hands to help you up when you fall down? Look at your club members, your District 8 members and the District 8 leadership as your cheerleaders, your mentors, and your helping hands as you go forward toward your life's destinations.

"You have to speak to be heard." Are you speaking to be heard? Don't let opportunities to speak pass you by. Stand, speak and be heard!

Seeking District 8 Authors. If you are a District 8 member and a published author, please contact me. In my first Spotlight article I featured one such author, Ivan Paul. After that article, I learned there may be many more writers among us. I would like to publicize and share our distinguished authors.

Contact me at j york71@hotmail.com ■

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND TO ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS

By Kat Mokriakow, Public Relations Officer

Toastmasters Week

November 12th—18th, 2011





GUESTS FOR YOUR CLUB

BEGIN PLANNING TODAY

COMMUNITY CLUBS: SEARCHING FOR NEW MEMBERS?

Dual Membership Station at the Fall Conference

Dual members can add extra value to your club's proficiency:

- Educational awards
- Mentoring
- Support
- Experience

There will be a table set up for display at the *Fall Conference* in Jefferson City to give community clubs a chance to market their club as a second club opportunity. There may be someone within the district who would join your club if they only knew it existed. As a fellow Toastmaster said to me recently, "I would have been attending your club if I had only known it existed. I was looking for a club close to home." She is now a member of the Little Hills Toastmasters in St Charles, MO.

When taking advantage of this exciting opportunity, think creatively. Ask yourself, 'what would attract the most attention?':

Versus

Community Outreach Program

As District 8's Public Relations Officer, I will be visiting local businesses surrounding Toastmasters clubs in Missouri and Illinois.



My goal is to create awareness of Toastmasters within the communities.

In order to complete the process and attract those guests to your clubs, I am asking for the assistance from the members in the community clubs within the areas I will be attending.

The schedule is being planned now and I will be in contact with club officers soon. The human interest story is very appealing, so sharing why you joined Toastmasters and how you are succeeding will gain the greatest interest. Be prepared to give them specific information regarding attending your Toastmasters meetings, such as day, time, weekly or bi-weekly, exact location/directions and especially how to contact your club. If you know of a great location to visit, please contact me at katmokriakow@dist8tm.org or (636)352-3840.

Check District 8 out on Facebook:

http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/District-8-Toastmasters/102074066566991

Clubs are encouraged to place ads about club events here. No personal advertisements please.





Darren LaCroix Workshop

2001 World Champion of Public Speaking November 17th, 7 pm to 9 pm Florissant Library 195 New Florissant Road Florissant, MO 63031

Speak outside of Toastmasters for Fun, Profit and Club Building

- Learn how to build your club and your confidence by giving paid speeches
- Realize your Toastmasters experience shouldn't be undervalued
- > Learn what to speak about
- > Learn where you can start speaking next week
- > Get an exact outline of what to say in your presentation

To RSVP or for more information: email katmokriakow@dist8tm.org or (636)352-3850 RSVP by November 10th Walk-ins welcome No admission fee for this event

DISTRICT 8 2011 Fall Conference



Wild Wild West

November 18-19, 2011

Croix Sather - Saturday Keynote "100 Marathons, 100 Keynotes & 100 Dates"

Friday Fun Night Wear your favorite Cowboy Hat & Jeans



Saturday Sessions

- Dream Big Act Big
- New TI Brand
- Social Networking
- Club Coaching
- New Free Toast Host
- District Trio & District Roles



Capitol Plaza Hotel

415 West McCarty Jefferson City, MO 65101

For more conference updates and a registration form check dist8tm.org



It's time for the Wild Wild West ...

If you needed a little more information to saddle up for the conference:

Keynote Saturday night—Croix Sather

100 Marathons and 100 Speeches in 100 Days

- ❖ Learn to achieve remarkable results from the "marathon man" who set a new standard in what's possible. After a tragic accident his doctors said "there is no medical reason he is alive." We are all capable of so much more. You will be inspired to reach your next level and start living the life of your dreams.
- But he's not done ... Attend a Breakout Education Session with Croix Sather

Dream Big Act Big—Unleash the Superstar Within:

Mastering the Stage: Wow your audience every time!

❖ Wow your audience and keep them on the edge of their seats. Learn the secrets to connect to small or large audiences and how to inspire them to follow your message. Plus Croix's hilarious stories of his stage follies and what not to do. Croix Sather ran across America—a marathon a day and also gave a keynote speech each day during the same 100 days. Croix will share the lessons learned from the greatest inspirations tour ever.

Other Educational Sessions ... *Giddy up* and ride on over to attend:

Q&A with your Top 3

❖ Do you have questions for your Top 3? Would you like to learn more about the volunteer opportunities in the District? Or do you just have any Toastmaster questions? Join your Top 3—District Governor Tom Coscia, Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Curtis Scroggins, and Lieutenant Governor Marketing Lora Mather—and ask them. You can find out what they do. Find out how they got where they are. Learn about what is involved with all of the District positions. This interactive session will cover it all!

Free Toast Host

❖ Free Toast Host is a webhost specifically for Toastmasters clubs and districts anywhere in the world. Each website comes with easy-to-use web-based software ideal for any Toastmasters club. Providing your club is listed on Toastmasters.org, there is no-cost for this service! FreeToastHost was created by a Toastmaster is maintained and supported by a group of Toastmasters with the cooperation of Toastmasters International. Attend this fun and fact-filled session on setting up a Free Toastmasters Website for your Club and get your questions answered!

Social Networking

Social Networking is a fact of life, and you are either a part of this trend or falling behind. How can it be used to market the Club, recruit more members and spread the Toastmasters' message? Come to this session, packed full of the do's and don'ts of Social Networking. Find out the benefits of Social Networking for your Club and see what this chatter about LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and other Social Networks is all about!





And then there is more ... More Educational Sessions:

Toastmasters Brand Update

For the first time in 70 years, Toastmasters International has updated its brand. With a more contemporary globe logo and accompanying visual identity system, local Toastmasters clubs now have updated and consistent resources to conduct and promote their programs. Join Immediate Past District 8 Governor Tim Spezia, our Brand Ambassador, and Lt Governor Marketing Lora Mather as they provide answers to questions about the change, including—why did Toastmasters update the brand, how does the rebrand impact you, and will there be guidelines for incorporating the new Toastmasters brand into our district and club materials?

Club Coaching

Have you ever needed some guidance for your club, in a hurry? Do you want information right away in order to take some action at your next club meeting? Are you finding yourself wanting to scream "Will somebody, please just tell me what I can do?" If you have experienced such frustration, then this session is for you. This session is designed to share ideas, techniques and information for you to use in your club right away, regardless of how many members you have. All attendees will be guaranteed to walk away with at least one "gem" to make their club "shine" just a little brighter.

Time to Dance ... Square Dancing and Line Dancing

Join us on Friday night for a fun night dedicated to the "Wild Wild West" conference theme. We'll have horseshoes, ring games, square dancing, line dancing and multiple theme-related activities that will cause you to grab your bandana and cowboy hat and giddy up to the bar to whet your whistle!



Paul Pepper C & L Award



District 8 will award our Communications and Leadership Award this year to Paul Pepper, a Columbia, MO longtime TV and radio host. Mr. Pepper brings the audience his deep connections with the people in the arts and civic life who make the mid-Missouri area a great place to live. He was the only host of any mid-Missouri network TV affiliate variety show/talk show. His show ran on KOMU TV for over 27 years and he has been involved with TV for over 40 years. Due to a prior engagement, Mr. Pepper will not accept the award in person but will send a videotaped acceptance speech played at the conference.

New CC Pin for 2011

During the Business Meeting this year we will unveil a new, sleek CC pin to be awarded to District 8 members who have completed the requirements to achieve a CC since the Toastmasters year began. This pin design is unique and will be used in future years as the prototype for other individual District awards.



Table Topics Contest Final

Friday night attend the finals of the Table Topics contest. Contestants representing each Division are asked to speak 'off the cuff' on a question or topic selected by the contest master.

Humorous Speech Contest Final

Are you ready to laugh? Saturday night attend the Humorous Speech contest final and have a knee-slapping good time. Laughter is said to be the best medicine for whatever may ail you. Come laugh and support each Division's contestant as they face the judges.





District 8 Toastmasters Fall Conference *Wild Wild ₩#S#'

November 18 - 19, 2011

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Room Rate: \$79 - Until 11/17 *To guarantee discount rates, please postmark your registration form no later than 11/09/2011										
Call (573) 635-1234 or (800) 338-8088 and ask for District 8 Toastmasters' rates. Capitol Plaza Hotel & Convention Center 415 W McCarty, Jefferson City, MO 65109										
Credit Card Option: email conference@dist8tm.org. Please provide your name, phone number and best time to call. Need the following at time of call: Name, mailing address, card #'s, exp., email address for receipt and name on credit card.										

All credit card info will be shredded after conference is complete. Please do not put any credit card information in email.

District 8 Proxy Form

Capitol Plaza Hotel
Jefferson City, MO
Credential Desk opens Saturday at 7:45 AM (more details available later)
10:00 AM District Council Business Meeting

Credential / Proxy Certificate

(11/19/2011) Credential or Proxy

District Council Meeting – 11/19/2011

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.

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 Gove	ernor, other district office
4. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND (Club President and Vice President E authorized proxy below (must be an active member of <i>your</i> club):	Education only), indicate your duly
Name (print)	Date
SIGNATURE	

Voices in Unity Club #1291 Celebrates Club's 10th Anniversary

Sandy Kardis, DTM—Division F Governor

Club officers, Jeannine Lamb and Jerry Chapman, planned a unique way to celebrate this occasion – a tailgate party. Everyone attending brought food or refreshments that were enjoyed by all. The celebration included a regular meeting with speakers, speech evaluations, and table topics. It culminated with a vote on the July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 slate of officers.

Throughout the evening, Toastmaster Jeannine Lamb created some fun as she gave out "Toastie" awards to members for their contributions to the club: Joe and Cheryl Passanise - co-founders of the club, Rebekah Miller - a humanitarian award for her work



in Joplin, Missouri, John Newcomb - newest college graduate, Dorothy Mwangi - for her fabulous accent and Area 19's 1st Place Table Topics Contest winner, Ashley Payne - started own business and Division F's 3rd Place Evaluation Contest winner, Tarpit Patel - a newlywed and next Sergeant at Arms, Damon Watson - most enthusiastic member and next club President, Bernadine Chapman – drives the furthest to club meetings and has done the most for the club, Meng Wu and Mingchao Xie – newest members, George Cunningham – best Treasurer and toastmaster with the best eyewear, Michael Glickert – upcoming club Secretary and toastmaster most likely to give a speech at an American Medical Association Conference since he plans to attend medical school, Max Kaiser – honorary member and most likely to plan his speech in the car on the way to a meeting, Darlene Henderson – returning member with great pacing of her speeches and best vocal



projection, Roz MsSpadden – toastmaster with the best wardrobe and most flair, and Jerry Chapman – remains calm and cool in all situations and continuing as VP Education.

A few sprinkles tried to scare them inside, but they persevered. A great time was had by all attending the meeting on Sunday, June 12. Knowing that the club earned the distinction of Presidents Distinguished Club for the 7th consecutive year made it an extra special event for Voices in Unity members!

Creve Coeur Toastmasters Club #1267 Debate Held

Sandy Kardis, DTM—Division F Governor

It's true. One thing leads to another. At a club meeting in March, Sandy Kardis briefed members on what happens in a debate to fulfill the requirements for Project One in *Speeches by Management*. Club members in attendance liked the idea



and decided to hold a debate at a June meeting. It had been several years since the club's last debate, and they were anxious to practice their extemporaneous speaking skills in a debating environment and to have fun.



Sandy asked for debate topics and later provided a list of topics from which to choose. Research was necessary rather than opinion and would have to be completed by club members prior to the debate date. Club members were advised to consider a topic that they would be able to speak for and against based on their research. All were encouraged to speak; however, a timer was needed to time the affirmative and negative speakers and two judges were needed to decide the winner.

On June 16, 2011, club members came prepared to debate the topic: Are red light cameras the appropriate enforcement program to catch offenders? The attendance at the meeting was divided in half. Each group had a coordinator. Half spoke in the affirmative (in favor of red light cameras) and half spoke against. A flip of the coin decided which half did what. Joe Tullman, Sally Carpenter, Jenny Lowhorn, and Kerita Anakoro spoke for the affirmative. Les Block, Stu McNeil, Chuck Carpenter, and Mary Burford spoke for the negative. Sandy Kardis served as debate master, Persis Mehta and Farzana Chohan served as judges, and Dotti Gilbert served as timer.

We don't know how it happened, but in the last round, Chuck Carpenter speaking for the negative debated against his wife, Sally Carpenter, speaking for the affirmative. All debaters were passionate, polite, and respectful of each other's opinions. Judges declared the affirmative team victorious because they did the better debating in their rebuttals.



District 8 members earn Education & Leadership Awards from September 2, 2011—October 4, 2011



Division A

Maritz Club

- Smith, Shelley—CL
- Obert, Jason A.—CL

Mastertoasters Club

• Allen, Wayne—LDREXC

SAMC Talks It Up

- Greatting, Julie—CC
- Cohen, LaKisha—CC

Southern Illinois Toastmasters Club

Willoughby, Peggy—ACS

Webster Groves Toastmasters Club

Taylor, Joseph D.—CC

Division B

Aerospace Orators Club

Morris, Christopher L.—CC

Cable Talk Toastmasters Club

DISTRICT 8

Chohan, Farzana—ALB

Cave Springs Toastmasters

Leach, Ryan Andrew—CL

Creve Coeur Toastmasters Club

Kardis, Sandra M.—CL

Grace Church Toastmasters

Morrissey, Ralph P.—ACB

SALT

- Weber, Diane—CL
- Price, Howard Lee—ACB

Division C

Gem City Toastmasters Club

Filla, Dan—ACG

Scott Toastmasters Club

Huie, Sean Edmund—CC

Division E

Capital Toastmasters Club

Scroggins, Cynthia—ALS

Lincoln University Toastmasters

- Anderson, Ahmad R.—CC
- Scroggins, Cynthia—ALB
- Scroggins, Cynthia—ACS

Division F

BJC Toastmasters

- Hawthorne-Stewart, Janice—ACS
- F.R.B. Club
- Autry, Prentice C.—ACS

Grand Center Club

• Scoggin, Ethel Marie—CC

Tarsus Toastmasters

D'Souza, Joss L.—CC ■

Downtown Toastmasters Celebrates 1st Time as President's Distinguished Club with Picnic

The Downtown Toastmasters Club #1119527 (Division E—Area 7) of Columbia, MO recently held their 1st annual "Friends & Family Celebration Picnic." The event, which features an awards and recognition program, provides the opportunity for friends and family of club members to share in the celebration of club and individual achievements during the past Toastmasters year. This year the program was held at the Dextheimer Shelter of Cosmo Park in Columbia.



This year the club celebrated its first time recognition as a "President's

Distinguished Club." Five club members—Georganne Bowman, Kenny Freeman, Nicki Fuemmeler, Sarah Kohnle and Julio Lorio—were honored for a total of seven education awards for this club last year (Freeman also had an additional award with another club). Julio Lorio was also recognized for placing third in last spring's Area 7 international speech competition.

True to form, the program featured "Speaking in Praise" assignment delivered by the club's current Vice President—Education Debbie Lacy Anderson and each award recipient was assigned to present the "accepting the award" assignment, all of which were from the advanced communication's "Special Occasions Speech" manual.

Special guest evaluators included Lt. District Governor Education & Training Curtis Scroggins, who served as General Evaluator of the event and Area 7 Governor Elaine Tilman who evaluated one of the award recipients. The event was well attended by members representing four of the six clubs in Area 7 as well as one club from Area 21.



One humorous note on the event, as mistakes often happen with first time efforts, Debbie Lacy-Anderson accidently left Kenny Freeman's ACG pin at home. She improvised by presenting Kenny a lid from a jar of "Papa Hart's Pickles." At the request of Curtis Scroggins, Kenny proudly read the inscription on his award which said "keep refrigerated when opened." Freeman, who also serves a Club President later laughed, "They sure know how to keep me humble."

Kenny Freeman with award

Lora Mather, LGM 1567 Charlemont Dr. Chesterfield, MO 63017

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WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

Upcoming Events:

October

15th: DEC Meeting—1:30 pm

Samuel C Sachs Branch, St. Louis County Library

16400 Burkhardt Place Chesterfield, MO 63017

22nd: Division F Contest—9:30 am

St. Louis County HQ Library 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63131

22nd: Division E Contest-10 am

Missouri River Regional Library

214 Adams Street Jefferson City, MO 65102

22nd: Division B Contest—1 pm

St. Louis County HQ Library 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd. St. Louis. MO 63131

November

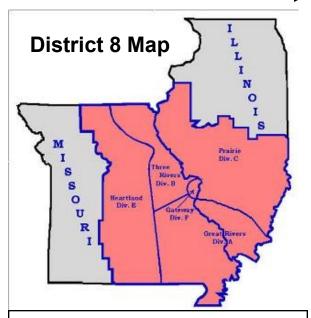
9th: "Early Bird" Discount deadline for Registration

13-19th: Toastmaster Week

17th: Darren LaCroix Workshop—7 pm

18-19th: District 8 Fall Conference

19th: Council Meeting-10 am



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