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Together We Can!

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www.dist8tm.org

Sunday, September 19, 2010
2—4 p.m.

Toast & Presentations @ 3

Congratulations D- 8!
Let's Celebrate Our Successes

Thanks to YOU, we achieved two milestones during the
2009-10 Toastmasters year:

1. Select Distinguished District, #11 in the World!
(3rd highest ranking in District 8 history)
2. Excellence in Leadership for being Distinguished three
consecutive years (for the first time since 1989!)

Refreshments and music

It's Party Time!

Party Location:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1500 San Simeon Way
Fenton, Missouri 63026

District-8 Toastmasters, family, and
friends are invited. (A playground is on
the premises for children.)

RSVP's by September 12 are requested.
Please e-mail Dori Drummond, IPDG, at
djdjd89@yahoo.com or call (573) 979-
1144 if you plan to attend. Please state
how many guests you will be bringing.

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Welcome to District 8!

District Governor Tim Spezia, DTM

As the new Toastmasters year begins, it has taken off rather quickly. Officer training has been underway for some time and it does not matter if you are a club officer or a district officer you have been involved with training. Club officers need training and likewise your District officers need training. Your district officers specifically your Area and Division Governor have spent a considerable amount of time and effort training and getting prepared to serve each individual club member. When I recruited the present Area governor staff, I talked with each person about what they wanted to get out of being an Area Governor. I did not get any responses like "I need to do this role to get my ALS Silver". No, instead we discussed what role an Area Governor plays in the success of how club members attain their goals in their clubs. Without exception, our discussion always wound up with the observation that now it is time for you as AG to give back to your organization. I know the term "give back" is heavily used in this context of working for a volunteer organization. But no other term seems to define the reason why people work hard and put forth the effort to serve club members in a purely volunteer role. Your Area Governor staff without exception is totally dedicated to helping their area's clubs develop as much as possible. It is up to the club officers of each club to work with the Area Governor in order to do the ultimate task and that is simply to serve your club members. Yes, the club officers are expected to serve their members in order to help them achieve their goals as they relate to communications and personal leadership. This means conducting powerful meetings with members following their manual speech projects, working to bring new members into your club in order to keep it vibrant and functioning and be sure to attend meetings regularly. How you as club and district officers succeed at this task is with the training tools now in your arsenal. With training you are better prepared to handle the challenges that you may face in the year ahead.



Toastmaster's is a "Learn by doing" organization and if you are to learn, you need to participate. In short practice. Club participation takes many different forms ranging from club officers working on membership to members working on speech projects and taking responsibility for developing their personal leadership. Ultimately it is up to the member to take advantage of these Toastmasters opportunities to grow as a Communicator and a Leader.

Chance to participate in a new Membership program:

I am looking for some new club members to help me in a new membership development program that is currently under development. At first I thought that I would focus mainly on newly chartered clubs but it is apparent that previous existing club's new members may have just as valid input. I am looking for 2 or 3 members who recently joined their club to work with me on a continuing dialog to understand their view of the club and to ultimately spot trends that indicate what the district needs to do in order to better serve its club's members. This is a beginning program that is meant to ultimately improve member retention with in our clubs. This is not a typical program where we are just going to work on membership, I am expecting to glean some new insights from our club members that will help us to develop programs that serve our members needs.

If you are interested in making a difference for your club, please contact me by sending an email expressing interest in the membership program to your District Governor at tspezia@earthlink.net

Proxies, Credentials and the Report.

Recently many of you heard from our Credentials chairman, Mary Kerwin about your club's voting proxy for participation at the Toastmasters International Convention in Palm Desert. This was an attempt to improve our club participation from a typical one quarter of the clubs responding to full district participation. I must say we didn't quite hit one hundred percent but I was surprised in a big way when 81 clubs responded. That's nearly seventy five percent and really shows sparked interest in clubs operating this year. The votes that were cast with these proxies will have a big impact on the direction of Toastmasters International. We elected senior top officers and one half of the Board of Directors. (International Directors) There is a Candidates Corner on the TI web site that club officers should view, if you like what a particular candidate stands for you can place voting instructions in the comment section of your proxy. One club in their proxy did just that and the club's votes were cast according to the proxy instructions. It is the District Governor's responsibility to make sure votes are cast according to member's preference. More education on this proxy process is in order for this year and this will help club leadership understand the important role they play in helping to shape the future of Toastmasters International.☀



"The trouble with not having goals is that you can spend your life running up and down the field and never score."

Bill Copeland

"The most important thing about goals is having one."

Geoffry Abert

What are your Educational Goals?

Tom Coscia, DTM, Lt. Governor of Education & Training

News from the Lt. Governor Marketing

Curtis Scroggins

Hello, District 8 Toastmasters and Happy New Year! As your new Lieutenant Governor Marketing I will be working for you and with you to continually expand the Toastmasters International network of clubs, thereby offering ever-greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from its program. Sound familiar? Well, it should! It's the Mission of Toastmasters International and its one of our guiding principles as a District.

As the 2009-2010 year closed, we had two contests that ran right up to the end of the year. One was an individual award and the other was club based. The individual award, the "Ring the Bell" Award, was established by the District recognize the individual Toastmaster who brings the most new members to their club during the fiscal year. Congratulations go to Eileen Roth, who won this award by a large margin! Eileen will be presented with a special plaque to mark her accomplishment at the Fall Conference. The other award is called the "Beat The Clock" award. This award is sponsored by World Headquarters and is given to clubs that add five new, dual or reinstated members with join dates in the months of May and June. Clubs that achieved this goal would have been sent a ribbon by World Headquarters after year end processing was completed.



As we progress through this new and exciting Toastmasters year there will be myriad opportunities to meet and exceed our goal of increasing clubs and membership. There will also be many opportunities for rewards. One of these opportunities is already occurring, with the Toastmasters International sponsored Smedley Award. This award is given by World Headquarters to clubs that add five new, dual or reinstated members with join dates in the months of August or September. As of the date of this writing, we already have 4 clubs that have achieved this goal and 4 more clubs that have 3 new members. In fact, the club in the lead already has 9 new members this year! That's practically half of a Toastmasters Club! With still over a month to go, I am positive we will have many more Clubs join these ranks. Consider having open houses, membership drives and publicity campaigns to get the word out.

I am truly excited about this Toastmasters year! I will be working with other members of the Top Trio, the Division Governors, Area Governors and YOU to make this the best year we can have. If you have any membership or marketing questions, comments or ideas feel free to reach out to me, or if you any questions on these areas, please let me know. I can best be reached at scrogginscurtis@gmail.com. Let's have a Great Year, because, **Together We Can!!** ☀

Fall Conference Featured Speaker:

Sam Silverstein

Fall Conference Preview

One of the highlights of this year's Fall Conference is the presentation on Accountability by Sam Silverstein. Titled "Accountability and Personal Leadership", Sam provides a keen insight in just how a person can learn the concept of "no excuses" as related to personal accountability. This is a prime opportunity to learn some brand new ideas that when applied will help to enhance the personal leader in each and every one of us.

Sam Silverstein is an internationally acclaimed consultant, coach and business advisor. A past president of the National Speakers Association, his client list includes such organizations as AFLAC, Lucent Technologies, the National Association of Home Builders, Prudential Insurance Company and the United States Postal Service.

Sam was the keynote speaker at the 2009 Toastmasters International Convention.

For all these examples of furthering the art of Communications and Leadership, Sam is the recipient of the 2010-2011 District 8 Communications and Leadership Award. This award is presented periodically to community individuals whenever they stand out as an exceptional communicator and make contributions towards furthering the art of Personal Communications and Leadership.

To see and hear an accomplished speaker like Sam Silverstein is a rare opportunity, Please plan on attending the Fall Conference November 12-13 for this presentation and more. This is the first step you can take to further enhance your personal communications ability.. ☀

Snapshots from the TLI's





2009-2010

District 8 members earning Education and Leadership Awards from June 12, 2010 to June 30, 2010.

As you can see D8 members ended the year strong!

Division A

Maritz Club

- Darnall, Daniel A.—CL

South County Toastmasters Club

- Kirby, Alan Friedrich—ACS

Southern Illinois Toastmasters Club

- Frey, Deborah A.—CC
- Willoughby, Peggy—ALB

Speak Easy Toastmasters

- Gordon, Julie—ACB
- Darnall, Daniel A.—ACB
- Darnall, Daniel A.—ACB
- Darnall, Daniel A.—ALB

SPEAK UP! Club

- Strothmann, Mark M.—CC

Twin Rivers WORD Masters

- Morrissey, Ralph P.—CC
- Treece, Bill Ray—CC
- Morrissey, Debra M.—ALB
- Starfeldt, Schawn—CC

Unigroup Toastmasters Club

- Pacer, Valerie—CC

Division B

Alton Toastmasters

- English, Brenda B.—ACS

Creve Coeur Toastmasters Club

- LaFlam, Nadia—CL

Earth City Toastmasters

- Drennen, Stephen M.—CC

General Motor Mouths Toastmasters Club

- Glass, Sandy—ACB
- Young, Dave—CC

Grace Church Toastmasters

- Daivasigamani, Parthasarathy—CC
- Keough, Sean M.—ACG

Orator's Club Harrah's St Louis Toastmasters

- Broeckling, Jamie—CL

River City Toastmasters Club

- Watt, Danette—ACS
- Kerwin, Mary L.—CC

SALT

- Dallas, Laura —CC
- Tucker, Nicole R.—CC
- Oestereich, Chris A.—ACB

St Charles County Toastmasters Club

- Pochedly, Lydia G.—ACG
- Pochedly, Lydia G.—CL
- Grissom, Marty—ACB

The Covidien Communicators

- Bass, Diane M.—CC
- Wesley, Bridgette—ACB
- Buehler, Craig—CC

WelDon Toast Club

- Penberthy, Angela Anne—CC

Division C

Capital City Toastmasters

- Walker, Margaret—CL
- Walker, Margaret—ACS
- Steil, John—CC
- Kennedy, Timothy P.—CL

Collinsville Club

- Clark, Becka—CC
- Sak, Debra—CL

League of Our Own Toastmasters

- Currie, Toni E.—CL
- Nunn, Santita D.—CL

McBrian Lincoln-Douglas Club

- Thaivalappil, Priya Padmanabhan—CC
- Haffer, Chad Isaac—CC

Noontime Toastmasters Club

- Petty, Sarah T.—CC
- Leasman, Linda L.—CC

O'Fallon Toastmasters Club

- Economou, Doris L.—CL

Springfield Parkway Pointe Toastmasters

- Herpel, Julia A.—CC

St Clair Club

- Schaefer, Samantha—CC

Thursday Noon Toastmasters Club

- Kehoe, Cecilia M.—ACB

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Do You Ever Get a Funny Feeling About Attending a District Conference?

Barbara Kryvko and Dawn Tucker—Fall Conference Chairs

Have you ever wondered about whether to attend a District 8 Conference? Maybe you felt a little funny about investing the money. Maybe you felt funny about taking the time. Or perhaps you were new to Toastmasters, and you felt funny about spending the weekend with people you didn't know very well yet. Did that funny feeling keep you from attending the conference? Did you regret it when you heard how much fun your fellow Toastmasters had while you hung back and missed out on a great time?

This fall, you'll have an opportunity to make that decision again. And this time around, you should feel funny about attending Fall Conference. That's right! Your conference co-Queens have a funny feeling about it, too. In fact, we have a feeling it's going to be hilarious!

Barbara Kryvko and Dawn Tucker are planning a humor immersion weekend for this year's Fall Conference. The theme this year is "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the LECTERN." In addition to the annual fall events, including the Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contest, there will be a variety of new activities to tickle your funny bones!

Friday night, come prepared to participate in the Ugly Tie Contest by wearing the tackiest neckwear you can find. Between supper and the Table Topics Contest we'll be entertained by comedy troupe, Improv Trick, and improve our own humor skills in the process. Make some new Toastmasters friends while laughing and learning.

On Saturday the good times continue. Join us for breakfast and see our Immediate Past District Governor be roasted on a spit - so to speak. We'll have a second opportunity to work with Improv Trick, in addition to other educational sessions with a light-hearted approach.

You'll want to hear from our special guest, leadership speaker Sam Silverstein. Sam is a business growth consultant, and a past president of the National Speakers Association in St. Louis. (www.SamSilverstein.com)

No Fall conference is complete without the main event, the Humorous Speech Contest, and this year will be no different, capping off our evening on Saturday night. But when was the last time you had roast prime rib of beef at a Toastmasters contest? This fall all of our meals are going to impress you, from steak, to Mahi Mahi, and even a hot breakfast on Saturday.

Once again the price for the full weekend is a great value. With all meals included, the total is \$100, and there's a discount when you register with a family member, domestic partner, or non-Toastmasters guest. Be sure to register early to take advantage of early bird pricing.

We have a funny feeling you'll have a great time at the Fall Conference this year! ☀

[Registration Form](#)

Fall Conference Preview

Friday night we will be entertained by an interactive Improv show put on by St. Louis's own Improv Trick. Be prepared to laugh. What is Improv? It is the act or act of improvising. The talented "Improv Tricksters" perform live and unscripted, using audience suggestions and participation to produce spontaneous scenes and comedy. Toastmasters will have the opportunity to perform on stage. In performance, improvisation embraces the audiences and rewards their attention like no other art form. The Improv Trick was founded by nationally known actor/comedian/writer Bill Chott. The Improv Trick, St. Louis's first Improv School offers classes, shows, teambuilding and community outreach.

On Saturday they will do an educational session and you will learn how fun Improv can be. Beginner students learn that actions and words are really "gifts". One of the most important rules is there is no rules! Just be yourself and you'll automatically be funny, and that's the gift that is usually the best surprise. ☀



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 10/15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$120 - After 10/15		
Attendee 2	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90 - Until 10/15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110 - After 10/15		
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				
Attendee1	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 - Until 10/15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 - After 10/15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 - Friday Contest	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 - Saturday Contest
Attendee 2	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 - Until 10/15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 - After 10/15	<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				
Attendee1	<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 11/2/10				
Room Rate \$89	until 11/2 - (314) 770-8383 - Harrah's Casino & Hotel - Maryland Heights, MO 63043 - use code S1112TM			



Club Coach Weekly:

Interested in Club Coaching? Need a Club Coach?

Read “Club Coach Weekly” —the new web feature on D8 Website

Dr. John Murphy, DTM—Club Coach Chair

Humanity has tried to answer many questions in our long history. How do I get rich and famous? How can I avoid aging?

How can I look like I'm rich, famous and young? And the biggest question of all, how do I improve my Toastmaster club? I'm happy to announce that you can answer the big question by reading Club Coach Weekly. If you found the answer to the other questions, please contact me (my email is below).

Club Coach Weekly is an exciting, new publication on the District 8 website... <http://www.dist8tm.org/clubcoach.html> Each issue features the story of a successful club coach. Coaches change Toastmaster clubs for the better. Importantly, you can use their strategies to change your club for the better. This article will give you a glimpse of the effective strategies found in this weekly newsletter.

Jeff Ferguson of the Deltones Toastmasters Club #867 gave us the secret of his successful club. "1) Make sure that the community was aware of the Deltones and knew how to get to meetings. 2) Create organized, vibrant meetings that would encourage existing members to stay involved and new visitors to join." Jeff's words are important. The editor's of Club Coach Weekly have gathered 28 stories from around the world. Every story confirms the secret to Jeff's success - every story uses public relations and quality meetings to improve the club.

The first part of a successful club is advertising. It tells the world that you exist and is essential for attracting guests. The 3rd Issue of Club Coach Weekly tells the story of Richard Nash and Gerry Schenk. These coaches helped a club that has struggled for over a decade. Richard and Gerry succeeded because they used the 21st century phenomenon of social media. The Public Relations Society of America described mastery of social media as one of the most important skills for public relations professionals. Social media can work for Toastmasters as well. Our clubs lack big budgets, and yet we can effectively promote our clubs using freely available technology such as Twitter, LinkedIn, FaceBook, YouTube and FreeHostToast. The Deltones' website incorporates many aspects of social media and serves as an example for other clubs... <http://deltonestoastmasters.ca/>

Every issue of Club Coach Weekly has examples of effective advertising. The Collier Communique Club #4392 of South Florida used a well-promoted grand re-opening to attract 9

guests in one night. The cumulative result of their public relations campaign produced 15 new members in six months. The Greater Opportunity Club #759264 of Charlotte, N.C. used Outlook meeting invites to add twelve new members in the final months of the 2009-2010 Toastmaster year. Corporate clubs, like Greater Opportunity, may effectively use internal email and existing corporate communication to promote their club. The Totem Toastmasters Club #41 of Seattle used a unique and effective approach. To promote their leadership bootcamp, they wore camouflage, shouted details of their leadership bootcamp with a cadence and marched through their district conference. You may see their picture (look closely, they are wearing camouflage) and read their cadence in Issue 6.

The second part of a successful club is quality meetings. What are the elements of a quality meeting? Solid meeting fundamentals, aspirations for meeting excellence and meeting variety all contribute to a quality meeting. The stories found in Club Coach Weekly provide proven ideas to increase the quality of your club's meetings. The coach of South Street Toastmasters #5848 used a 15 minute meeting standards video from Toastmasters International to teach meeting fundamentals. The Excelsior Club #3247 viewed their once-a-month meeting as a showcase. Accordingly, every aspect of their meeting from speeches, to evaluations and table topics was held to the highest standard. The coach of the Growthmasters Toastmasters club #4801 introduced meeting variety and flexibility. She used move-ahead meetings, taboo table topics, debates and others, to add enthusiasm. Because every Toastmaster club has a meeting, every club will benefit from increased meeting quality.

What about your club? Do you promote your club or have high meeting standards? If you want to benefit from the approaches used by club coaches, I recommend reading Issue 7. The Young Shepherds Club #3928 of Montreal created a strategic action plan that included their focus, strategy and objectives. This written plan carried them through a tough year and helped them recruit 15 new members. Your club can use a similar written approach to promote your club, increase meeting quality and grow in the 2010-2011 Toastmaster year.

Club Coach Weekly is the combined effort of John Murphy, DTM and Patricia Hill, Past District 58 Governor. Interested in Club Coaching? Contact John at john.murphy@dist8tm. ☀

A Convention to Remember!

By IPDG Dori Drummond, DTM

Thousands of Toastmasters from around the World gathered in Palm Desert, California from August 11 through August 14, and 16 of them were from District 8! Additionally, two of the D-8 Toastmasters brought along their spouses. This was the largest delegation of District 8 Toastmasters to attend an International Convention in several years!



At the opening ceremonies, we heard an entertaining, inspiring keynote address entitled "Put Your Best into Action" from fellow Toastmaster Todd Newton of Quincy, Massachusetts. Then several Region V Toastmasters gathered to "roast" Mike Raffety with humor and tributes for his outstanding work as an International Director. Mike contributed significantly to District 8's successes over the past two years.

On Thursday morning, District 8 Toastmasters were center stage during the Hall of Fame where our District was recognized for being Select Distinguished (#11 in the World) for the 2009-10 Toastmasters year ending June 30, 2010. We also received a beautiful ribbon for having earned the Excellence in Leadership award for being Distinguished three consecutive years—the first time that D-8 has enjoyed such a three-year run since 1985-89 when we were Distinguished four consecutive years. The 2009-10 District Public Relations Officer, Jacquie Vick, made a beautiful banner celebrating the occasion, and several District 8 Toastmasters proudly displayed it on stage.

Jef Williams made District 8 even prouder by representing us very well at one of nine Semi-Final rounds in which the 81 District International Speech Contest winners competed. Each Semi-Final round included nine District winners, and Jef finished second of the nine contestants in his round.

On Friday morning, we had the opportunity to learn more about the candidates for International Director and Second Vice-President during the Candidates' Showcase. At the first ever Golden Gavel Dinner on Friday night, Carolyn Kepcher (who rose to national prominence for her role in the television series *The Apprentice*) delivered the keynote address as the 2010 Golden Gavel recipient. The Golden Gavel is awarded annually to a non-Toastmaster who excels in the fields of communications and leadership. Also during the evening, the 2009-10 Distinguished, Select Distinguished, and President's Distinguished District Governors and their Lieutenant Governors were honored.

The Annual Meeting was bright and early Saturday morning, commencing at 7:00 a.m. There was a bit more excitement than usual given that it took three ballots to elect the new Second Vice-President of Toastmasters International, George Yen of Taiwan. Vice-President Yen almost certainly will climb the international officer ranks and become the 2013-14 International President. Along with an impressive Toastmasters resume, he speaks four languages fluently. Region V's Mike Raffety announced his candidacy for Second Vice-President for 2011-12. Three other individuals from around the globe also announced their candidacies for that office.

There was no election for Region V International Director because as a result of Proposition A, which passed at the 2009 Annual Meeting, each Region has only one International Director. Ron Kirchgessner will serve as our International Director for the 2010-11 Toastmasters year. Our own Past District Governor Dan Darnall announced as a candidate for International Director for Region V for 2011-13. His competition is Andy Little, the 2008-09 District Governor from District 35 (Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan).

Saturday was a VERY busy day at the Convention. In addition to the Annual Meeting and the candidates' announcements, the International Speech Contest was held that afternoon. The winners were:

- 1st: David Henderson (D55)--Texas
- 2nd: Robert Mackenzie (D1)--California
- 3rd: Linus Chang (D73)—Australia

Then the grand finale of the Convention was held on Saturday night—the President's Dinner Dance, which included the inauguration of the new International Directors and Officers. 2010-11 International President Pat Johnson delivered her inaugural address. The gala lasted until 1:00 a.m. on Sunday morning for those who were hearty enough to endure until the end. ☼

Speechcraft: Try It, You'll Like It.

Tony Gartner, DTM, PDG

"Speechcraft is a program designed to help you develop public speaking skills. You will learn these skills during four, six, or eight - one to hour meetings. During each meeting you will learn and practice speaking and evaluation skills, and you will have the opportunity to learn from experienced speakers." ~ Taken from Speechcrafter's Handbook

I was introduced to Speechcraft a number of years ago by Nancy Jones our District 8 Speechcraft Chair and learned that it was not only very interesting but also fun. The purpose of this article is to give you an idea of two particular experiences with Speechcraft and encourage you to try it in order to generate interest in joining Toastmasters.

In August of 2007 after teaching two semesters of Quality Management courses to 18 students from Central America known as CASS (Central American Scholarship Students) at St. Louis Community College – Florissant Valley a group of us from District 8 consisting of Nancy Jones, Mary Kerwin, Bob Blattman, Dale Lancaster and myself presented an eight week Speechcraft that was very successful. On June 3, 2010 I was contacted by Susan McKnight who was the coordinator of that program and asked if we could do it for another group and of course I said YES! The CASS name has been changed to SEED (Scholarships for Education and Economic Development) which better identifies the students' mission.



The following is excerpted from information by James Carrawell:

SEED (Scholarships for Education and Economic Development) is a partnership program between the US Agency for International Development (USAID), Georgetown University and community colleges across the United States. SEED scholarships are awarded to highly qualified young people from Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America. They pass a rigorous process of recruitment, personal interviews and competitive selection jointly conducted by SEED in-country staff, support networks and the participating colleges.

The typical SEED scholar is 17 to 25 years old and has demonstrated leadership skills. He or she comes from a lower income family and is often from indigenous and minority groups. At least 80 percent of the students come from rural areas and at least half of all participants are women. SEED scholars must commit to return to their home country upon completion of their program and must comply with a two-year in-country residency before they can return to the US for whatever purpose. The students come to the US to study in a field needed for the development of their home communities, learn about US culture, values and lifestyles and serve as cultural ambassadors from their countries. In addition to their studies, the students also work as unpaid interns in their fields

This current group of 18 students has been in the United States for one year studying at St. Louis Community College - Florissant Valley and we actually had our eighth and final Speechcraft session on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 where Diane Gregory, Cave Springs VP of Education and our Speechcraft lead coordinator presented Certificates to the students and James Carrawell the current SEED Coordinator. Our team this time was basically from our Cave Springs Toastmasters Club, including Diane Gregory, Mary Sanders, Bob Blattman, Kimberly Smith and myself. In addition, John Barry joined us twice and Dawn Tucker joined us for one session.

Everyone in our team was delighted with the students' progress. One main rule of participation in the scholarship program is that the students do not speak English when they arrive in the US, so these students have been learning English along with their class work for only a year and they did a marvelous job in a Toastmasters Speechcraft program. In closing, let me add that we have had somewhat of an International effect as several students want to start a club in their native land. There are many people in our district who do not know the benefits of Toastmasters but District 8 clubs can remedy this by using Speechcraft. It is a fun way to build membership!

I guess you can tell that I am very excited about this project and am looking forward to more! Remember, whenever you have an opportunity to speak either within or outside of the Club, Do It! We learn to Do by Doing. Try Speechcraft for yourself, you'll like it as I do. ☀

District 8 Members Attend
Toastmasters International
Convention



With International President Pat Johnson



Y-M-C-A ... everyone



A convention to
remember!





More from TI Convention ...



09-10 Award Earners Continued

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Division E

Callaway Community

- Hardy, Charles—CL
- Langland, Meg R.—ACS
- Swinson, Christopher—CL
- Clark, Paul—CC

Capital Toastmasters Club

- Smith, Ronald—ACB
- Morris, James S.—CC
- Martin, Donald R.—CC
- Sipes, Teala—CC
- Hilchen, Paul E.—CC

Columbia Toastmasters Club

- Humphreys, Pamela A.—ACG

Courage to Grow Toastmasters Club

- Ramona, McCarty—CC

Shelter Insurance Sunrise Club

- Gill, Jeanne—CL
- Gill, Jeanne—ACS
- Fuller, Abraham L.—ACB

Division F

Grand Center Club

- Kennedy, Linda M.—CC

Rent-A-Toast Club

- Glover, Zebrena M.—CC
- Mekala, Hima Bindhu—CL

Solae Toastmasters Club

- Huels, Lisa—CC

Square Talkers Toastmasters Club

- Sadagopan, Rajagopalan—CC
- Li, Lu—CC

Uptick Talkers

- Mahan, Mark D.—ACB

Voices in Unity Club

- Hieger, Pamela A.—CL
- Gallant-McFall, Eric Lenn—CC
- Bidleman, Jane M.—CC
- Bidleman, Jane M.—CL



And a new year begins with more awards earned ... let's celebrate their achievements!

District 8 members who have earned Education and Leadership Awards from July 1st—September 3rd, 2010

Division A

Crossroads

- Clark, Becka—ALB
- Dalton, James—CL

Maritz Club

- Kotur, Michael T—ALB
- Garlapaty, Aruna—ALB
- Garlapaty, Aruna—LDREXC

Smooth Talking Toastmasters

- Fitchtel, Derek F.—CC
- Killian, Joe—CC

South County Toastmasters Club

- Hendrickson, Carl H.—CC
- Van Winkle, Robert C.—ACS

Southern Illinois Toastmasters Club

- Cupp, Karen D.—ACS
- Stensland, Jeff James—CC

SPEAK UP! Club

- Schooley, Rick—CL

Twin Rivers WORD Masters

- Drummond, Josephine—ALB
- Roth, Dennis A.—CL
- Roth, Eileen Rivera—CL

Unigroup Toastmasters Club

- Garrett, Barbara J.—CL
- Niewoehner, Kevin P.—ALB
- Nosko, Linda—ACB
- Ayers, Alan D.—ACB

West County Club

- Welter, Stuart H.—ACB

Division B

Aerospace Orators Club

- Randle, Dossie—ALS

Bulls & Bears Club

- Walker, Sue M.—CC
- Jekel, Maura Jane—ACB
- Walker, Sue M.—ALB

Creve Coeur Toastmasters Club

- Lowhorn, Jenny G.—CL

Mastertoasters Club

- Allen, Wayne—CL
- Phillips, Gregory S.—CL
- Phillips, Gregory S.—CC
- Allen, Wayne—ALB

SALT

- Brazier, Timothy—CL
- Vaucher, Gail—CC

St Charles County Toastmasters Club

- Pochedly, Lydia G.—ALS
- Pochedly, Lydia G.—DTM

WelDon Toast Club

- Penberthy, Angela Anne—CL
- Golan, Ron—CC
- Anantharam, Parasuram—CC

Wry Toastmasters Club

- Kryvko, Barbara K.—ACB

Division C

Capital City Toastmasters

- Sander, Joel T.—CC
- Sander, Joel T.—CL

Collinsville Club

- Harris, Chris—CL

League of Our Own Toastmasters

- Locke, Ann M.—CL
- Locke, Ann M.—CC

McBrian Lincoln-Douglas Club

- Filla, Dan—ALB

Scott Toastmasters Club

- Hand, Steven A.—CC
- Hand, Steven A.—CL

Division E

Columbia Toastmasters Club

- Anglen, Margie—CC
- Melloway, Pamela R.—ACG
- Freeman, Kenneth Don—ALB

- Melloway, Pamela R.—ACS

- Freeman, Kenneth Don—CL

Downtown Toastmasters

- Bowman, Georganne—CC

Lincoln University Toastmasters

- Williams, Kimberly A—CC
- Scroggins, Cynthia—CC
- Scroggins, Cynthia—CL
- Scroggins, Cynthia—ACB

Talu Toastmasters Club

- Lockhart, Jimmie—CL
- Barber, Lonzo—CC

Division F

Anheuser-Busch Club

- Carlin, Dorothy Lockard—CC

BJC Toastmasters

- Hawthorne-Stewart, Janice—ACB
- Purnell, James—ACB

County Communicators Club

- Phillips, Jennifer N.—CC

Primary Conversations

- Vick, Jacquie—ALS
- Anderson, Robin G.—LDREXC

Sigma-Aldrich Toastmasters Club

- Porter, Richard W.—ALB



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Smedley Membership Contest—August—September

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

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

District 8 Map

