



# Double Dozen

May 2010

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Spicka, Editor

Theme: Energize



You!!!

**District 24 Spring Conference - It's a Family Reunion!!!**  
**May 14 - 15, 2010**  
**Holiday Inn - Downtown Lincoln, NE**

## Tentative Agenda

- Friday Night 5:30 p.m. Registration Opens**  
**6:00 FUN Night - Family Feud Game - Club Sandwich Hosting**  
**7:30 Evaluation Contest**  
**8:30 Dr. Dilip Abayasekara presentation**
- Saturday 7:30 a.m. Registration opens**  
**8:00 Leadership breakfast**  
**9:00 Parade of Club Banners**  
**10:00 Dr. Dilip Ababasekara presentation**  
**11:00 1<sup>st</sup> Educational Session (for all participants)**  
**Noon Communication & Leadership Award Luncheon**  
**2:00 Business Meeting**  
**3:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Educational Session (all participants)**  
**4:30 International Speech Contest**  
**5:30 Last call for Silent Auction Bids**  
**6:45 Banquet**  
**Keynote address by Dr. Dilip Abayasekara**  
**Installation of Officers**  
**Present International Contest Winners**  
**Silent Auction winners announced**  
**Quilt winner announced**

### Trio Members

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**Don't miss out on all of the fun - - - come to the FAMILY REUNION!!!!**

## District Governor's Quill From District Governor, Elden Plettner, Jr.



April showers bring May flowers or so the old adage goes. And May is when District 24 selects the Officers for the next year of operation and makes business changes needed to help the District be successful into the future. Thus, we need your attendance at the Spring Conference on May 15, 2010 in Lincoln, NE. Good representation is key in conducting the business of District 24. The weather is expected to be great and we would like to see you there! Come, learn, and enjoy the fun!! There are great educational presentations and family to visit.

We are heading into the five weeks of the Toastmasters year and time for all us to make that final push to complete our individual goals, club goals, and District 24 goals. As of 24 April District 24 needs 26 CCs to meet its goals and become distinguished for the second year in a row. This is achievable by the end of the fourth quarter with a lot of work and dedication by all of



us. We congratulate all of you on a job well done!! I encourage each of you to make that one last push to cross that finish line and be Distinguished!! You have been **ENERGIZED!!**

### **en•er•gize**

1. to give energy to; rouse into activity; to energize the spirit with brave words.
2. to supply electrical current to or store electrical energy in - verb (used without object)
3. to be in operation; put forth energy.

**We are energized!!!!**

## REPORT OF THE 2010 DISTRICT 24 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TO: District 24 Governor Eldon Plettner, DTM

The District 24 Nominating Committee, having duly considered the qualifications of the individuals recommended, hereby nominates the following persons for the 2010-2011 District 24 offices indicated:

For:

District Governor:	George Volz, DTM, D24 LGET
Lt Gov, Education & Training:	LuAnn Anglo, ACG/CL, D24 LGM
Lt Gov, Marketing:	Sheri M. Wells-Chesley, ACB/ALB, Div D Governor
Division Governor	
Div C:	Jolene Allen, CC/CL, Area 21C Governor
Div D:	Kim Spicka, ACS/CL, Area 31D Governor
Div E:	Patsy Meyer, ACS/ALB, D24 Treasurer

(No name was submitted to the Committee for Division A)

Very Respectfully,

Randy Prier, DTM  
Nominating Committee Chair

Dan Pabian, ACS  
Nominating Committee Member, Division A

Marilyn Champoux, DTM  
Nominating Committee Member, Division C

Bill Cashell  
Nominating Committee Member, Division D

Louis Lester, DTM  
Nominating Committee Member, Division E

Per Toastmasters International Policies and Procedures, Section VI E 8, "District Nominating Committee Procedures," Paragraph 11, "The District Governor shall submit the report of the nominating committee in writing to all members of the district council as soon as possible and at least two (2) weeks before the Annual Business Meeting.

## **From the desk of the Lt. Governor of Education - George Volz**

May is upon us. It is the second month of the final quarter of the Toastmaster year. Club, Area, and Division Contests are complete. Now is the time to examine where your members are in completing their goals for this year. Does the number of speeches needed by your members exceed the meeting slots left this year? If so, perhaps it is time for a special meeting with nothing but prepared speeches and evaluations. Don't forget to invite visitors to view the speech display. It lets your members showcase both their speaking and their evaluation skills.

Spring Conference is May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Who from your club is attending? If it is not the whole club, is someone scheduled to bring back the club information from Dillip? Are they taking your banner to Spring Conference to represent your club? Are they carrying the vote of your club? Proxies were sent to the Club President and Vice President of Education earlier this year, if they cannot attend, someone from your club should plan to attend. Remember it needs to be a member of your club to carry your clubs votes to the Spring Conference. Your club members only have a voice if someone votes!!!

If you have questions, don't hesitate to call me at (402) 306-4595 or email me at [d24lget@gmail.com](mailto:d24lget@gmail.com)

Sincerely,  
Your LG  
George Volz

### **Are You Getting Your Money's Worth?**

In this time of challenge, Toastmaster is still the best tool available to help each of us improve our communication and leadership skills. And it is getting even better. Have you taken a moment to look at the training that is available from TI International? Follow this link:

<http://www.toastmasters.org?Members/OfficerResources/eLearning/DistrictOfficerModules/LeadingTeams/PrinciplesofMotivation.aspx>

This is great information that you can use at home, at work, and at leisure. Have you considered getting more out of your toastmaster dollar by taking on district leadership? There isn't an additional fee for this opportunity to build your leadership skills in a safe environment. The skills that you will build in district leadership will be skills that will enhance your life.

If you are interested, please consider the following opportunities:

- **Communications Team:** We are looking for a group of people with an interest in managing the communication hub of the district. We are looking for persons with or wanting to improve Web skills, editing skills, and electronic communication skills. We have several volunteers for this area and are looking for a least one person out of every division to assist in this opportunity.
- **Financial and Auditing Team:** The district, like any organization, has financial responsibilities. Toastmasters has some excellent guidelines for the process. We are looking for persons interested in building their skills in the area of non-profit finance and filling key roles in our district organization.
- **Area and Division officers help form a leadership team** dedicated to the mission of Toastmasters International. Both challenging and rewarding, your leadership role

requires you to motivate others to achieve goals. The experience will enhance your own skills, and you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you have helped others grow.

Many other opportunities exist, both challenging and rewarding; your leadership role requires you to motivate others to achieve goals. The experience will enhance your own skills and talents that are unique. *Please consider a leadership position in District 24, you will not regret it.*

Sincerely,  
Your LGET,  
George Volz  
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## Words from Lt. Governor of Marketing - LuAnn Anglo

Finally! Spring has sprung and aren't the colors just gorgeous? After such a long, cold winter, it really is time to celebrate! It's time also for District 24 to celebrate a fantastic year of accomplishments!

Remember this time last year? District 24 was celebrating an accomplishment that never had happened before – “First in the nation” to reach Distinguished District! Wasn't that a great feeling? – YES! Wouldn't it be just great to be a Distinguished District again this year? YES! District 24 is well on our way to doing just that! Of the four goals needed, we have already accomplished two of them!

1. **Paid Clubs:** Goal was 67, current count **70!!**
2. **Advanced Communication** awards: Goal was 26, current count **33!**

Looks like we blew those goals out of the water!!! The two remaining goals are;

3. **Member Payments:** Goal: 2680, current count 2637. We are at **98%!**
4. **Competent Communicator** awards: Goal: 91, current count 65. That's **71%.**

What does this mean to our District? It means we are serving our members and meeting their goals! Congratulations! Let's encourage our members to be all they can be!!

Speaking of successes, if you haven't already - take time at your next meeting to look back over the past year and see what each of your members has accomplished. Take time to congratulate them once again – and to thank your current team of officers for doing such a fantastic job. District 24 members are the best!!

One more thing - as we celebrate, let's be sure to keep an eye on the following deadlines:

- April 30<sup>th</sup>: Second round area governor club visits should be completed.
- May 31<sup>st</sup>: Area Governors – Second round club visit reports due to WHQ
- May 1 – June 30: Beat the Clock membership contest

Happy Spring District 24!

LuAnn Anglo  
Lt. Governor Marketing

## **Program Dates: May 1 – June 30**



Toastmasters are taught to run meetings on time, finish speeches on time and make membership goals on time. "Beat the Clock" is about finishing the year on schedule - with a bang! Here's a wonderful new club goal: Earn the "Beat the Clock" award!

**Plan a contest in your club to motivate every member to get involved.** Clubs adding five new, dual or reinstated members during these two months receive a "Beat the Clock" ribbon to display on the club's banner. Membership

applications and payment for members who join between May 1 and June 30 must be received at World Headquarters or online no later than June 30. Each members join date as listed on the application must be no later than June. Transfer and charter members do not count for credit. Effective July 1, 2009, in addition to the ribbon, qualifying clubs will also earn a special discount code for 10% off their next club order.

**Do you own your own business?**

**Do you work on commission?**

**Do you get "credit" for referrals?**

If you've answered "yes" to one or more of these questions, then read on - the 2010 Spring Conference Committee has a deal for you! For just a \$10.00 donation, you can have your business card printed in the conference program! Hurry – time is running out! Send your business card and \$10.00 check, made out to District 24 Conference, to: Jolene Allen, PO Box 40, Panama, NE 68419.

## **Wanted: Silent Auction Items!**

Do you LOVE bidding on items during the Silent Auction at conference? Have you ever wondered how the proceeds are used? Good question! These funds help to keep our conference costs down and enable our district to bring in the World Class Speakers! How can you help? You can donate good quality, new items for the auction. Or... maybe your club would like to be represented by sponsoring a gift basket for the auction. GREAT! Please contact Joyce Keel at [tmjoy922@yahoo.com](mailto:tmjoy922@yahoo.com) for more information.



## **Contest Judges Needed**

Connie Zimmerman, Contest Chair for the Spring Conference is looking for volunteers to help judge the Evaluation Contest on Friday evening and the International Speech Contest on Saturday afternoon. Judges must be members in good standing since July 1, 2009, preferred to have previous judging experience and have completed at least six of the Competent Communication projects. No judge shall be a member of a club represented by a contestant. Check in time for judges on Friday is 7:00pm. Check-in time for judges on Saturday is 4:00pm. If you would like to volunteer or need additional information, please contact Connie Zimmerman at [conzim42@aol.com](mailto:conzim42@aol.com).

## Map your way to masterpiece meetings

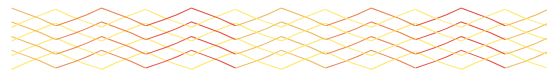
A successful Toastmasters club is similar to a successful business: Club members are the customers and the club strives to keep them happy with the service it provides. The service a Toastmasters club provides is the club meeting. Good club meetings provide the means and environment for members to reach their goals by becoming effective speakers, listeners, thinkers and leaders.

Program planning and meeting organization are important factors in providing top-level service. Your club helps its members attain success and provides the services everyone needs by guaranteeing that:

- Each member is prepared to carry out all assignments to the best of his or her ability.
- Members present well-developed speeches from the *Competent Communication* manual and manuals in the *Advanced Communication Series*.
- Members complete projects in the *Competent Leadership* manual to enhance their leadership skills.
- Every member receives an agenda outlining the program of the day.
- Meeting participants' responsibilities are explained to the assembly.
- The program is planned and participants are reminded of their responsibilities at least a week in advance.
- The meeting plan includes exciting theme programs and thought-provoking Table Topics sessions and is organized so the meeting starts and ends on time.
- Guests are invited to join the day they visit the club.
- Club officers use the Club Success Plan to set goals for the club and members.
- Evaluations are based on project objectives and the individual learning needs of the member.
- The vice president education encourages completion of manuals.

Established members aren't the only ones responsible for providing good customer service within the club. New Toastmasters contribute too. For example, new members are usually assigned a meeting role soon after they join the club – perhaps as grammarian or timer. By preparing ahead of time to fulfill their duties to the best of their ability, they serve as role models. Perhaps they help their fellow members learn to curb their use of filler words and sounds during a presentation or to present an idea within a specific amount of time.

You don't need an intimate knowledge of club traditions or the Toastmasters educational program to be an important part of your club's and fellow members' success. All you need is a little planning.



Joyce Keel is mapping her way to her goals - - -

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Are you mapping your way?



## Toastmasters Puts Video Conferencing to the Test



San Jose and Omaha Toastmasters' First Joint Meeting via Video Conference

On April 21, 2010 Two PayPal Toastmasters clubs held their very first joint meeting via video conference proving the effectiveness of the technology. Video conferencing is not new to PayPal but its nuances can sometimes be tricky. Add in the machinery of a Toastmaster's weekly meeting and you have a recipe for a

perfect meeting.

The ingredients for a perfect meeting are exactly what members of Toastmasters cultivate. Each meeting contains an agenda, speakers, specific roles, and specific tasks assigned to those roles. Outside of Table Topics, everybody knows exactly what to expect.

At Toastmasters there is always a beginning, middle, and end, all conducted by the master of transition – the Toastmaster role. For each speaker, there is an evaluator, a timer, and a counter (for the ah's, um's, and grammar). For the San Jose and Omaha Toastmaster's first joint video conference meeting, this orchestration required deft precision. Each role was equally represented – if the speaker was on the Omaha side, then the evaluator was on the San Jose side, for example. Nobody could have carried it out better than teams comprised of members who proudly and energetically pound out the cadence each week, like clockwork, all in the name of communication practice and improvement.

The two groups proved that video conferencing can be used as a means to a goal: use the methodology, practice it, push people to do their best, have fun, and don't leave anyone out. They proved that planning and inclusion, along with a little patience and ingenuity, further goals.

Submitted by Lisa Zentz

## Do you know these special days in May?

May 14<sup>th</sup> is national dance like a chicken day.

May 14<sup>th</sup> is also the beginning of the Lewis and Clark expedition that started in 1804. The expedition ended on September 3, 1806 when they reached St. Louis.

May 15<sup>th</sup> is national Armed Forces Day. President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank you military members for their patriotic service in support of our country.





