

Double Dozen

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Theme: All We Need is L.O.V.E
Leadership, Ownership, Vision and Energy

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Speech Contest Time

This fall the Speech Contest is Humorous and Tall Tales.
Some of the guidelines are:

Humorous

- Each club in good standing is permitted to select a contestant to compete in the area contest.
- All toastmasters who are members in good standing of the club in which they are competing are eligible to compete.
- The subject for the humorous speech shall be selected by the contestant. The speaker shall avoid potentially objectionable language, anecdotes and material.
- Contestants must prepare their own five to seven minute speech, which must be substantially original and certified as such in writing to the chief judge.
- The speech must be thematic in nature (opening, body, and close), not a monologue (series of one-liners)

Tall Tales

- Each club in good standing is permitted to select a contestant to compete in the area contest.
- All toastmasters who are members in good standing of the club in which they are competing are eligible to compete.
- The subject for Tall Tales speech shall be selected by the contestant.
- Contestants must prepare their own three to five minute speech, which must be substantially original and certified as such in writing to the chief judge.
- The speech must be highly exaggerated, improbably nature and have a theme or plot. Humor and props may be used to support or illustrate the speech.

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Please refer to for full rules and guidelines

<http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/News/Announcements/New-Improved-Competent-Leadership-Manual.aspx>

Words From the Desk of the District Governor



July is upon us—already!! It feels like just a few short months ago, we were pondering the goals for this year.

Personally, my goals for this year include improving my skills in giving that speech that is traditionally called a toast. My youngest son is finally getting married this year and I need to be ready. I will be working thru the advanced manual 226M - Special Occasion Speeches. I will continue this year to live on the eastern edge of the district and work on the western edge in Kearney. As my work requires me to constantly optimize the output of a dynamic team under changing conditions, I need to work on my interpersonal skills. I will tackle the advanced manual 226M Interpersonal Communications.

Where are you with your goals for the next 12 months?

Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote, "Greatness is not in where we stand, but in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it — but sail we must and not drift, nor lie at anchor."

John Buchan said, "The task of leadership is not to put greatness into people, but to elicit it, for the greatness is there already."

Have you thought about where you want to improve this coming year? Is there a communication skill that you want to practice? A leadership skill that you want to build? Is there a way to practice this skill in the safe environment of your Toastmaster Club?

My hope and desire is that each and every Toastmaster in District 24 will plan to use their membership in Toastmasters this year to make an improvement in their life. The only way for us to achieve greatness together, is for each of us to take hold of this opportunity and not drift but to move forward boldly!

The opportunities are without limit!!

George Volz
District Governor 2010-2011

Critical Success Factors

E-mail Address Update - Critical to Your Success:

Many of you have received phone calls asking for your email address for the District 24 contact mails. We have just about updated our records, but NOW YOU need to update your records at Toastmasters International. The information was in the May issue of the Toastmaster magazine, page 4. After June 30, 2010 a member without a correct email address on file at World Headquarters will not be able to access their personal information, access club information if an officer, or order supplies at the member discounted rate. To update your records, log onto www.toastmasters.org/login , then click "My Profile" in the very top line of the page in a black header. Once you enter your profile information, you may verify and, correct if necessary, your name spelling, address, e-mail address, and phone contacts. You may have only one email address and you may not share that address with any other member. Each individual will have one login name, one password, and one e-mail which will get them into all records appropriate to them (club officer, more than one club, etc.) ***Please check your records this week.*** In July World Headquarters will be preparing a new listing of all members and we want you to be counted!

Proxy Assignment - Critical to District Success:

The week of May 10 every president of record for each club was sent an e-mail from Toastmasters International entitled "Important Proxy Information." This email message replaces the old version of the blue envelop with post card type proxies preaddressed to the District Governor. It is possible this was caught in your Spam filter, you didn't get it, or perhaps deleted it by mistake. Doesn't matter. The critical thing is that EACH PRESIDENT either finds the earlier e-mail or requests a duplicate copy. Only a Club President may request the duplicate copy. If the club officers have changed during the year, please notify World Headquarters immediately by going to the club business section of the Web site and making the appropriate changes, or e-mail the changes to clubofficers@toastmasters.org , or call Member Services at 949-858-8255. The current President-of-record may order the replacement through June 30. After that, the President for the new term must order the proxy form.

If you need to order a duplicate copy of the e-mail, including the log-in information, send your request to duplicateproxies@toastmasters.org. The email explains whom you may designate to carry the proxy vote. Basically you may name any member, in good standing with TI, who is attending the International Convention to carry your

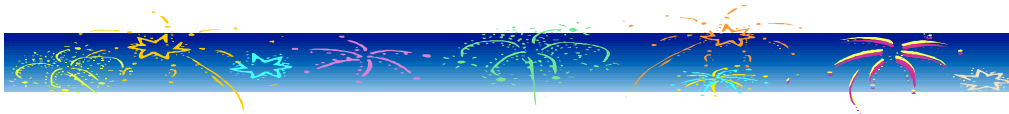
proxy and cast your vote at the annual business meeting. This is where delegates will select the new officer for Toastmasters, the International Directors, and vote on any bylaw changes.

People we know are attending the International Convention are Current District Governor Elden Plettner, District Governor-Elect George Volz, Lt. Governor Education & Training-Elect LuAnn Anglo, Lt. Governor Marketing-Elect Sheri Wells-Chesley, Past District Governors Pat Hannan and Sheila Hoffert, Past International Director Floy Westermeier, and International Speech Contestant Amy Holmes. You may designate any one of these people or others who are attending to carry your club's proxy.

Couple things to note: Once you complete the proxy delegation on-line under Club Business (it's the last item on the page that opens up first), print a copy of the message it shows as it will not send you an e-mail. Neither will it send any notification to the person you delegate. It will show under the District Business accessible by the Trio and in the profile of the person named to carry the proxy.

If you have questions, please contact

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Toastmasters International Presidential Visit at Fall Conference

It usually happens only once in every 8 years! The International President of Toastmasters International will visit District 24 this fall. What does it mean when the President of Toastmasters visits a District? It can be compared to Warren Buffett attending the Berkshire Hathway annual meeting! Pat is our Warren.

International President-Elect Pat Johnson (she'll become president in August) will be the head of the entire Toastmasters programs worldwide. She will attend the Fall Conference in Columbus, Nebraska October 8-9, arriving early to make corporate visits and to meet the members of District 24. Pat calls Victoria, British Columbia, Canada home and she enjoys music, travel, walking and studying different cultures. A little secret - all it takes to get her going in song is to ask her! She has a beautiful voice.

Stay tuned for more information. AND be sure to register for the Fall Conference so you can meet Pat Johnson, a soon-to-be International President. When was the last time you met a president beyond the club level who would sit and visit with you?

Congratulations go to the Newest DTM

Joyce Keel was determined that this year would be it, she would get her DTM. To achieve this, this past year Joyce completed her CC, ACS, ACG, ALs, LDREXC and then her DTM!!!! Way to girl.

Joyce first joined Toastmasters when she was working at Molex, Inc. in 1999. It was unfortunate that the club folded. That did not stop Joyce. Now Joyce currently belongs to SE Toasters and Star City Toastmasters. She says that accomplishing her DTM is a great feeling, she has finished the last pieces of the puzzle. To accomplish what she did this year she gives credit and thanks for all of the support to the Trio and members of Toastmasters.

Congratulations Joyce Keel on becoming the newest DTM.



Calendar of Events

July 10 - AG/DG Training at ConAgra

July 12 - Club Speech Contest Begin

July 24 - TLI Training at ConAgra

Aug 7 - TLI Training at Southeast Community College in Lincoln

Aug 14 - Last day for Club Speech Contests



*Not gold, but only man can make
A people great and strong;
Men who for truth and honor's sake,
Stand fast and suffer long.*

*Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others fly-
They build a nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson, A Nation's Strength



What day has been designated the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence?

The Declaration of Independence stated and established rights for individuals to life, liberty and what?

What document was the legal frame work of the United States?

Who do historians believe sewed the first official American flag?

What to the colors red, white, and blue stand for?

