

Double Dozen

September 2014



Toastmasters International Convention!

In August, Toastmasters International held its first international convention outside North America in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Pictured at the convention from left to right are District Governor Shellie Pointer; Lieutenant Governor Marketing Marian Albin Gramlich; District 24 International Speech Contestant Gene Deyoe and wife Laurie; Immediate Past District Governor Kathy Henvey; and Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Sunny Faronbi. Photo courtesy of Immediate Past District Governor Kathy Henvey.



From the District Governor, Shellie Pointer

During the Toastmasters Leadership Institutes (TLIs), Mark Fegan presented the One-Page Club Success form. The Trio has decided the clubs should give this form to the area governors to help with their club visit reports. The clubs can email them to the area governor and cc the Trio. We will also have copy of them on the website. *Continued on Page 6*

Take Action!

- Nominate a fellow Toastmaster for an of-the-year award by September 22
- **Invite** guests to join your club to qualify for the Smedley Award by September 30
- Attend a Division Speech Contest August 16—September 12
- **Register** for the District 24 Fall Conference on *October 10 & 11*
- Submit photographs and articles for the October Double Dozen by 11:59 p.m. on September 30

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"Thanks to all who brought a dish and/or helped with setup, cleanup and other key roles."

Inside this issue:

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And more!

Celebrating 65 Years

By Bob Schapp

Most people at age 65 are registering for Medicare and are either retired or thinking about it. Not District 24, which continues to grow and show much vigorous activity!

"Celebrating 65 Years – Where Leaders are Made" was the theme of the District 24 Year End Celebration, held August 9 at ConAgra Foods. Members from all parts of D24 gathered to recognize a number of individual and collective accomplishments during the 2013-2014 Toastmasters year.

After a delicious potluck lunch, District Governor Shellie Pointer introduced Gene Deyoe, D24 International Speech Champion for 2014 and the District's representative to the World Championship of Public Speaking. Gene gave both speeches he prepared for the World Championship in Malaysia.

Between the speeches, Immediate Past District Governor Kathy Henvey presented the awards.

Thanks to all who brought a dish and/or helped with setup, cleanup and other key roles. Those contributions helped make the event enjoyable for all who attended, leaving them looking forward to doing it again next year! Special thanks to ConAgra Foods for opening such beautiful facilities to us!

The awards program is available on the following pages, courtesy of Kathy Henvey, Immediate Past District 24 Governor, who will mail awards to everyone listed who has not yet received awards.

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Clockwise from top left: Kathy Henvey presides over the awards ceremony at the year-end celebration. The buffet line. Area 30 Governor Pam Hughes stands with sandwich master George Madsen. Gene Deyoe speaks in preparation for the Toast-masters International Convention. Photos courtesy of Marian Gramlich and Laria Lovec.





District 24 Toastmasters 65 YEARS: WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE 2013-2014 Year End Celebration Program ConAgra Building 1 1 ConAgra Drive Omaha, NE August 9, 2014



12:30-1:25 pm	Buffet Lunch
1:25-1:30 pm	Shellie Pointer, DG -Opening Comments, Introduction of Gene Deyoe
1:30-1:40 pm	Gene Deyoe - Semi-Finals International Speech
1:40-1:45 pm	Shellie Pointer - Introduction of Kathy Henvey, IPDG
1:45-2:45 pm	Kathy Henvey - Distribution of Year End Awards
2:45-2:50 pm	Shellie Pointer - Introduction of Gene Deyoe
2:50-3:00 pm	Gene Deyoe - Finals International Speech
3:00 pm	Shellie Pointer - Closing Comments

AWARDS

BEAT THE CLOCK DISTRICT AWARD

Advanced Toastmasters of Omaha

1st Place - Keith R. Jones, DTM - 15

Omaha Toastmasters Club 281

Dell Services - Toast of the Town

Capital City Toastmasters Club

Landmark Toastmasters Club

HIGH ACHIEVEMENT INDIVIDUAL AWARD

1st Place - Keith R. Jones, DTM - 15

2nd Place - John Paul Arias, DTM - 12

2nd Place - Marian Albin Gramlich, DTM - 12

3rd Place - Sandy Yager, ACG, ALB - 9

Landmark Toastmasters Club

Rail Talkers Club HIGH ACHIEVEMENT CLUB AWARD
Revelliers Club 1st Place - Road 2 DTM - 23
Blue Ah Busters Club 2nd Place - Gateway Club - 16
Road 2 DTM 2nd Place - Rail Talkers Club - 16

Offutt Toastmasters 3rd Place - ConAgra Foods - One Voice - 15

ANNUAL RECRUITMENT AWARD

Robert L. Bos, CC - 5

Steven B. Dawkins, CC - 5

Sunny Faronbi, DTM - 6

Katie Fuchs, CC, CL - 6

Marian Albin Gramlich, DTM - 13

Daniel Joseph Kammerer, TM - 6

Anita Lewandowski Brown, DTM - 6

10 Points - Laila M. Berre, ACB

15 Points - Stephanie G. Andersen, DTM

15 Points - Mark W. Fegan, ACS, ALS

20 Points - Keith R. Jones, DTM

20 Points - MeganJo Paulson, ACB, CL

20 Points - Amy E. Schapp, ACB, ALB

Grand Prize - Christine L. Jones, ACB, ALB

D. Robin Storer, CC, CL - 5
Sandy Yager, ACG, ALB - 10
Robert D. Glaze, DTM - 7, Received
Early Recruitment Individual Award
for recruiting 5 members before 9-30-13

HIGH RETENTION AWARD

1st Place - Plattsmouth Club - 100%
2nd Place - Sunrise Toastmasters Club - 92.31%
3rd Place - Prime Time Toastmasters Club - 91.67%

SPECIAL THANKS TO: ConAgra Foods Bob Schapp, ACS, ALB, Event Coordinator & His High Performance Leadership Team

GO OUTSIDE YOUR CLUB INDIVIDUAL AWARD

TRIPLE CROWN AWARD

Stephanie G. Andersen, DTM (3)

John Paul Arias, DTM (12)

Cathleen M. Barry, ACB, ALB (3)

Ken W. Brock, ACS (3)

Melinda M. Campbell, DTM (6)

Anthony A. Coleman, CC, ALB (3)

Cynthia Coleman, CC, ALB (3)

Thomas Patrick Colling, DTM (8)

Robert C. Friedman, ACB, CL (3)

Nancy S. Fuhr, ACB, ALB (3)

Travis W. Fuller, CC, ALB (3)

Kevin Fustos, ACB, ALB (3)

Jonathan David Gardner, DTM (7)

Ann K. Gentle, DTM (4)

Bradley D. Gorman, CC, ALB (3)

Marian Albin Gramlich, DTM (12)

Patricia A. Hannan, DTM (5)

Joel High, ACB, ALB (3)

Sheila J. Hoffert, DTM (3)

Christine L. Jones, ACB, ALB (4)

Keith R. Jones, DTM (15)

Brenda L. Kucera, DTM (3)

George W. Madsen, DTM (5)

Garry L. Martin, ACG, CL (3)

Denise R. Masek, ACB, CL (3)

Evelyn M. Mosley, CC, ALB (3)

Stephanie P. Nguyen, CC, ALB (3)

Rosemary F. Niemeier, ACS, ALB (3)

Janice Ortmeier, ACB, ALB (3)

MeganJo Paulson, ACB, CL (3)

Angela L. Peterson, DTM (7)

Shellie Dea Pointer, DTM (7)

Lynn L. Redding, ACB, CL (3)

Amy E. Schapp, ACB, ALB (3)

Robert L. Schapp, ACS, ALB (3)

David J. Scott, ACS, ALB (3)

Diane Sullivan, DTM (3)

George B. Volz, DTM (3)

Ayele Delali Vossah, ACS, ALS (4)

Linda M. Wilson, DTM (3)

Robert A. Wolff, ACG, CL (3)

Vicki A. Workman, DTM (5)

Sandy Yager, ACG, ALB (9)

2013-2014 Distinguished Leaders

President's Distinguished Division A Governor

John Paul Arias, DTM

Distinguished Area A2 Governor

Barbara Gay, ATMB, ALB

Select Distinguished Division B Governor

Marian Albin Gramlich, DTM

Select Distinguished Area B12 Governor

Steven B. Dawkins, CC

Select Distinguished Area B13 Governor

Lori Woosley, ACB, ALB

Select Distinguished Division C Governor

Ronald D. Snyder, ATMS, CL

President's Distinguished Area C22 Governor

Robert L. Schapp, ACS, ALB

Select Distinguished Area C24 Governor

William H. Collins, CC, CL

Distinguished Division D Governor

Kim Hoock, CC, ALB

Select Distinguished Area D33 Governor

Kim Hoock, CC, ALB

President's Distinguished Division E Governor

Timothy E. Johnson, ACS, ALB

Distinguished Area E41 Governor

Mark W. Fegan, ACS, ALS

President's Distinguished Area E42 Governor

Ayele Delali Vossah, ACS, ALS

Distinguished Area E43 Governor

Robert A. Wolff, ACG, ALB

Select Distinguished Area E44 Governor

Terence A. Plumb, ACG, ALB

Excellence in Marketing -

Lieutenant Governor Marketing

Sunny Faronbi, DTM

Excellence in Education & Training -

Lieutenant Governor Education & Training

Shellie Pointer, DTM

Excellence in Leadership -

District Governor

Kathy Henvey, DTM

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Don't forget

to

register

for

the

Fall

Conference!!!!

From the District Governor Shellie Pointer (Continued from Page 1)

I want to remind all clubs to submit their Above and Beyond Challenge Reports. They were due August 31st but I will accept them until the Fall Conference.

Please submit your nominations for "Of the Year Awards". The deadline is September 22nd. There are copies at the end of the Double Dozen (beginning on page 10).

I want to thank all of the division governors for getting all of the club proxies because we had all but 10 clubs. We were one of the districts that received the most percentage of clubs. I know of some districts that only had 1/3 of their clubs submit proxies.

We have access to the Board Briefing, Opening Ceremonies with the keynote speaker, all five educational sessions, all 9 semi-final contests, the Golden Gavel, the Annual Business meeting, the World Championship contest, and the President's Inauguration from the 2014 International Convention in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Go to www.toastmastersondemand.com; the user ID is TMDistrict24 and the password is District24.

The District Budget and District Success Plan are due September 30th. A copy of each of these will be voted on at the District Executive Council meeting during the Fall Conference in Lincoln on October 11th at 8:00 a.m.

Don't forget to register for the Fall Conference!!!!

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From the Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Sunny Faronbi

At the end of the first round of the Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI), 10 clubs had all 7 officers trained. These clubs will receive ribbons for their banners during the Fall Conference in October. They are:

- Advanced Traveling Toastmasters
- Government Gabbers Toastmasters
- Southwest Toastmasters Club
- Building A Voice Toastmasters
- Omaha Toastmasters Club 281
- Capitol Voices Club
- LibORATORS Toastmasters Club
- River City Speakers
- Night Talkers Toastmasters Club
- Offutt Toastmasters

... remember that online registration for the Fall Conference is now open, and can be found here.

Overall, twenty-one clubs had less than 4 club officers trained during the first round.

Speech Contests

Division speech contests are currently going on, and will last until September 27. The 5 Division contest winners in each category will then compete at the District contests, which will be held during the Fall Conference at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Lincoln. Detailed information on each Area and Division contest can be found here on the District Calendar.

The following guidelines apply for the contests:

- Clubs in Areas with 4 clubs or less have the option of sending two contestants to each Area Speech Contest. For Areas with 5 clubs, each club may send only one contestant.
- The top two finishers in each Area contest will proceed to the Division-level contest because each division now has 4 areas.
- At the end of the Division-level contests, only the 1st place winners will move on to the District contest because we have 5 divisions in District 24.

Finally, remember that online registration for the Fall Conference is now open, and can be found <u>here</u>. Our keynote speaker is Byron Embry. He's as engaging and dynamic as they get. You can't afford to miss listening to him.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Conference from Oct. 10 - 11.



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Around the District

Boy Scouts Meets Toastmasters

By Sandy Yager

What does District 24 Toastmasters and Boy Scouts of America have in common? Answer: Erik Karre, Keith Jones and Sandy Yager! (and probably a few more!) The Overland Trails Council BSA asked Sandy Yager to chair the inaugural Popcorn University with a goal of helping scouts reach their personal selling goals and the Council's overall goal of selling \$1 MILLION in popcorn! Sandy used this opportunity as an High Performance Leadership project (HPL) with Erik and Keith as both guidance committee members and active members. Toastmasters and Popcorn Kernels teamed together to form an overnight event that



took place August 8th & 9th. 25 scouts with their parents participated in breakouts lead by both Toastmasters and Popcorn Kernels. Keith Jones lead, "Door to Door Confidence" teaching scouts and parents how to build confidence in communicating with customers; Sandy lead, "Top Seller 101" showing scouts and parents many different strategies to increasing popcorn sales used by other scouts across the nation. Erik's breakout consisted of assisting parents with questions they had about their scouts selling popcorn and walking parents through online sells. There were other great breakouts as well! Popcorn University will continue as an annual event and if you would like to assist in the future please contact Sandy. Erik, Keith and Sandy met through Toastmasters but found another common interest they share - the passion and love of scouting. Pictured: Keith Jones as Scout leader.

New Club Charters!

Photos by Bob Schapp

Marian Albin Gramlich, Lieutenant Governor Marketing, prepares to install the officers of the Night Talkers, the newest Toastmasters club at PayPal, on August 12. Below, the Night Talkers display their new banner, plaque, and charter membership certificates.





From the Lieutenant Governor Marketing

Marian Albin Gramlich

Play the dating game Be a Coach of a Low Member Club!

No camera or lights; but ACTION! Step up and use your leadership skills! Earn credit towards earning your DTM. Help a Low Member Club and District 24 too!

Ask yourself the following questions:

- Can you empower others to succeed?
- Are you a good listener?
- Do you want to work and have fun?
- Do you want to develop more friendships?
- Do you support the core values of Toastmasters?

As a Toastmaster you answered yes to all five questions! While we all have it in us to be coaches and help

low member clubs flourish, we are all busy. Take the opportunity to successfully challenge your time management skills!

As a Toastmaster, can you spare a few hours a week to help another club?

- How far can you travel?
- What time of day is best for you?
- What days are you free?
- Are you willing to commit now to June 30?

Dating Game Guidelines

As the host of the Dating Game, after you have self-identified as wanting to be a Club Coach, I will ask the Lower Member Club if it will accept you as a coach. Ideally there are two coaches assigned to each low member club. Sometimes this is not possible and we will do our best with one. Coaches are assigned until the end of the Toastmaster year (June 30, 2015) and receive credit if the Low Member Club becomes distinguished. If distinguished status is not attained, a time extension is granted until June 30, 2016.

Want to play the Dating Game?

If you are a Low Member Club and would like coaches **OR** if you are a Toastmasters and would like to be a coach, **please email me at marian.d24tm@gmail.com**.



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Ofthe-Year **Award Nominations** Are Due Monday, September 22!

Ann Gold Toastmaster Club Award Nomination Form

Nominations for 2013-2014 Ann Gold Toastmaster Club Award will be accepted until September 22, 2014.

Submit the name of your club for which you are nominating. Include a checklist of why you are nominating this club and up to 250 written words of support. Include club name and number. Nominees must be a club in good standing in District 24.

Email your selections to Bob Glaze at bobdglaze@aol.com. Deadline: September 22, 2014.

Awardees will be selected on the following criteria:

- Club Achievement of Goals
- Membership growth
- Club sustainability
- Support and fulfillment of Toastmasters International's core values:
 - Integrity
 - Dedication to excellence
 - Service to the member
 - Respect for the individual
- Support and fulfillment of the Mission of District 24

The mission of the district is to enhance the performance and extend the network of clubs, thereby offering greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters educational program by:

- Focusing on the critical success factors as specified by the district educational and membership goals.
- Ensuring that each club effectively fulfills its responsibilities to its members.
- Providing effective training and leadership development opportunities for club and district officers.
- Support and fulfillment of the Mission of the Club

The mission of a Toastmasters club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every individual member has the opportunity to develop oral communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.



Name of the Club Officer being nominated:
Club office held during July 2013 – December 2013 Club office held during January – June 2014
Club office held during July 2013- June 2014
Toastmaster's Club Name Club #
Directions:
List the reasons why you are nominating this candidate. Your information will help the Nomination's Committee in selecting the Club Officer of the Year for 2013-2014. (They were that Club Officer for 2013-2014)
This award recognizes an area governor whose dedication, commitment, and area team significantly contributed towards achieving the district mission.
List of Reasons for Nomination: (accomplishments, membership building, leadership, commitment, support, etc.)
Email nominations to Bob Glaze by September 22, 2014 to bobdglaze@aol.com.
Submitted by:
Name: Email:



District 24 Area Governor of the Year Award

Directions:

List the reasons why you are nominating this candidate. Your information will help the Nomination's Committee in selecting an Area Governor of the Year for 2013-2014. (They were an Area Governor for 2013-2014)

This award recognizes an area governor whose dedication, commitment, and area team significantly contributed towards achieving the district mission.

Candidate Information:	
Name of Candidate	
District Division Area	
Club Name Club Number	
List of Reasons for Nomination: (accomplishments, membership building, leadership, commitment, support,	etc.)
Email nominations to Bob Glaze by September 22, 2014 to bobdglaze@aol.com.	
Submitted by:	

Email:



District 24 Division Governor of the Year Award

Directions:

List the reasons why you are nominating this candidate. Your information will help the Nomination's Committee in selecting a Division Governor of the Year for 2013-2014. (They were a Division Governor for 2013-2014)

This award recognizes a division governor whose dedication, commitment, and area team significantly contributed towards achieving the district mission.

district mission	-						
Candidate Info	ormation:						
Name of Candi	idate					_	
District	Division	Area	_				
Club Name				Club Number			
List of Reasons	for Nomination:	(accomplishmen	ts, membership b	uilding, leadersh	ip, commitment, :	support, etc.)	
Email nominat	ions to Bob Glaze	by September 22,	, 2014 to bobdgla	ze@sol.com.			
Submitted by:							

Name: ______ Email: _____



District 24 Ruth M. Kraft Toastmaster of the Year for 2013-2014 District 24 Toastmaster of the Decade for 2013-2014

Directions: This award recognizes one Toastmaster whose dedication, commitment, and efforts significantly contributed towards achieving the district mission. This form must be submitted by September 22, 2014 to be considered eligible for the Ruth M. Kraft Toastmaster of the Year Award/TM of the Decade. This application is for Ruth M. Kraft Toastmaster of the Year Toastmaster of the Decade (check one) Several activities and accomplishments are categorically listed. For each category, check all the activities and accomplishments which apply to the candidate. Where indicated, enter the number or frequency of the accomplishment. Candidate Information: Please list additional clubs on a separate sheet. Name of Candidate Club #1 Name _____ Division ____ Area_____ Club #2 Name______ Division _____ Area Club Number ____ Division ____ Club #3 Name List of Reasons for Nomination: (accomplishments, membership building, leadership, commitment, support, etc.) Email nominations to Bob Glaze by September 22, 2014 to bobdglaze@aol.com. Submitted by:

Email: ____

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District 24—Fall Conference 2014 Featuring Keynote Speaker Byron Embry, DTM



2014 Fall Conference Chair:

Tammie Lang, ACS, ALB 402.580.1715 tammielang.avon@gmail.com

There Will Be Online Registration

For more information go to District 24's website: www.d24tm.org





October 10—Evening
October 11—All Day
Hilton Garden Inn
801 R Street, Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone: 402-475-9000

www.GardenInn.Hilton.com/Lincoln Hotel rooms are NOT included in pricing.

Block Name: District 24 Toastmasters Deadline special rate is October 1st Special rate is \$129 plus tax per night.

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Meals and Hotel are NOT included in the registration fee.

Please register for your meal selections in Part B.

If you pay for a Club Registration please submit names of attendees online.

Name _______Address_______

City ______ St ____ Zip ______

Email _______

Educ. Designation _______

Club ______

First Conference? YES NO

PART B - Food

Meals are paid for by each individual attending the conference.

Food reservations must be made before 10/5/2014.

□ \$13 Friday night appetizers

□ \$10 Saturday continental breakfast

□ \$15 Saturday lunch

□ \$30 Saturday Banquet - Circle One: Chicken - Beef - Vegetarian

Total

Make checks payable to: District 24 Toastmasters

Mail registration and payment to:
Kim Hoock
District 24 Treasurer
444 S 16th St.
Omaha, NE 68102-2608

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List of Events

Friday, October 10 Starting at 4 p.m.

Silent Auction
Red Carpet for First Timers
Byron Embry Presents: The Three Little Pig Syndrome
Roasting of Immediate Past District Governor, Kathy Henvey, DTM
Evaluation Contest

Saturday, October 11 Starting at 7 a.m.

Business Meeting
Opening Ceremony
Parade of Banners
Byron Embry Presents: Newton's Laws of Leadership
Luncheon Awards Ceremony
DTM Ceremony
Panel Discussion: Revitalized Educational Program
Humorous Speech Contest
Silent Auction
Banquet – Byron Embry Presents: Message Impossible



Deadline is September 30 for Smedley Award!

By Marian Albin Gramlich, Lieutenant Governor Marketing

If you need ideas of how to start a membership campaign, reference July's article on earning CL (Competent Leader) credit for club membership campaigns. Use the contest season to its fullest to promote your club! Or have a special event - tailgate party or themed party - to focus your membership drive!

In addition to your club earning the banner bling of a ribbon "Smedley Award", your club earns a 10% discount on your next club order. (The discount expires six months after the date of issue.) In addition to earning bragging rights within District 24 - your club will be listed on Toastmasters International website!

Remember to keep working on earning a Smedley Award! Stay focused on your goals and map out how your club can increase your club membership by five new, transfer or reinstated members. Together, WE CAN DO IT!



District 24 dignitaries with Singapore skyline. From left to right: Kathy Henvey, Immediate Past District 24 Governor; April Loh, current Singapore resident, tour guide, and former Area Governor; Shellie Pointer, District Governor; Marian Gramlich, Lieutenant Governor Marketing; and Sunny Faronbi, Lieutenant Governor Education & Training.