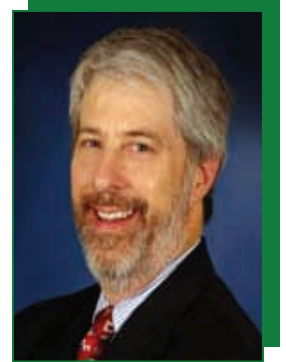


DISTRICT 36 YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN TOASTMASTERS

SPRING 2010

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE SPRING CONFERENCE, SATURDAY, MAY 15

The Spring Conference is quickly approaching! The place: the Silver Spring Hilton (one of our favorite locations!)... The Date: Saturday, May 15, 2010 (one of our favorite dates!)... The Time: **8:00 am-9:00 pm!** Networking, Educational Sessions, Luncheon and Banquet, a Massive Hall of Fame, Friends, Fun... and free parking! We will also be holding our Finals for the Evaluation Contest, and select the District Winner for the International Speech Contest, who will go to the Regional Competition (and maybe even the finals!) at the International Convention in California in early August. Other special events are still in the works. And... we will be electing the District Officers to lead us through the 2010-2011 Toastmasters Year. Until May 1, the cost for the complete package - everything! - is **\$110**. This is the "Big One" - don't you DARE miss it! Come see the division champions compete for the prestigious title of *Evaluation Speech Contest Winner* and the *International Speech Contest*.



Jim Dooley, DTM
District 36 Governor



Silver Spring Hilton 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD

Highlights of this incredible event will include:

The International Speech Contest. The winner moves on to the semi-finals at the International Convention in August!!!!

- Bonus Friday- Karaoke Fun Night (only \$5)
- The Evaluation Contest and continental breakfast
- "Purpose-Centered Leadership": An Educational Session by Art Jackson
- Communication & Leadership Luncheon
- Add Power to Your Presidency of a Toastmasters Club
- How to take your TM training to the "outside" world
- District Council Meeting: Elect Next Year's District 36 Leadership
- Dinner with your Toastmasters Friends
- Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony
- International Speech Contest

...And Much, Much More!

http://www.district36.org/Conference/spring_conference.htm

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Coming Soon

- Beat the Clock
05/01/2010

Bring a Friend,
Make a Friend

An Open Invitation
to a Fun-filled Day!

Free Parking

- ♦ Silver Spring has plenty of free parking on Saturdays!
- ♦ The closest to the hotel is one block behind the hotel, at 801 Ellsworth Drive
- ♦ The parking garage at Colesville and Spring, which many of us have used for years, is temporarily closed.
- ♦ For details and a map, see <http://www.silverspringdowntown.com/transportation/parking>

The hotel has valet parking, but it costs \$15 and we don't encourage you to use it.

EDUCATION & TRAINING CORNER

Are You Ready to Lead Beyond Your Club?

Being an Area Governor is one of the best ways to develop your personal leadership skills, as you help others to develop club officer skills. Put your leadership talent to the test by challenging yourself to serve as an Area Governor for the 2010-2011 Toastmaster Year.

What Do Area Governors Do?

- Visit the Clubs in your area 2-4 times a year
- Conduct two area contests (September and March)
- Attend training and committee meetings to learn how to lead
- Help at district and division events such as TLI



JACI PASLEY, DTM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
EDUCATION & TRAINING

What's in it for me?

- Required to achieve the Advanced Leader – Silver Award
- Increased opportunities to speak to different audiences
- Opportunity to develop friends for life
- Networking opportunities with corporations, agencies and community leaders

Are you Interested?

The most successful area governors are Toastmasters who have successfully led their clubs as President or Vice-Presidents. Please contact Jaci Pasley at JPasley@district36.org

Triple Crown Awards:
Individual and Club by
June 30, 2010

2009-2010 **Individual Award**

- 1 Competent Communicator award
- 1 Advanced Communicator award
- 1 Competent or Advanced Leader award

2 free advanced manuals

2009-2010 **Club Award**

DCP Goal #1: 2 CC awards

DCP Goal #3: 1 AC award

- 1 Competent or Advance Leader

Beautiful ribbon for your club banner

Competent **C**ommunicator **C**lub **C**hallenge

Clubs can win up to \$30 in bookstore gift certificates.

\$10 for 2 CC awards by Nov 15 Fall Conference

\$10 for 4 CC awards by May 15 Spring Conference

\$10 for 5+ CC awards (CCs) by June 30, 2010

SPRING into ACTION FOR THE CONFERENCE

1. **SCHEDULE/REGISTER: ONLINE OR MAIL**
2. **CREDENTIALS/PROXIES: BE THERE BEFORE 3:00PM; DOWNLOAD A COPY FROM WEBSITE**
3. **NOMINATIONS: VOTE AT BUSINESS MEETING**

TLI Summer Season Starts in June!

Get the training that you deserve! Clubs will soon be electing their officers for the 2010-2011 Toastmasters year. Make sure that the Toastmasters Leadership Institute will be on their schedule (and yours)! The Summer Training Season begins in June, and you'll be hearing a lot more. Remember, TLI is not just for officers...all of your members will love it!

WHAT'S NEW FROM THE LT. GOVERNOR OF MARKETING

"Beat the Clock" Awards (May 1 - June 30, 2010)

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. In addition to the ribbon, qualifying clubs will also earn a special discount code for 10% off their next club order. **Hold an open house (or two), invite friends, hold special theme meetings or special events! Bring visitors in and turn them into new members!** You'll improve their lives with Toastmasters and enrich the life of your club at the same time. (Be sure to set a specific, measurable goal for your "Beat the Clock" campaign and track and measure your progress toward it.)

Bring Toastmasters to Your Community or Company: Looking for a Place to Meet

Some clubs, due to downsizing, corporate cut backs, and relocation have lost their meeting sites and are in need of new meeting location. I'd like to put the call out for anyone who knows of a site that could be used by a Toastmasters Club. There is a church in Silver Spring that hosts 3 different clubs, so the fact that a club is there already isn't a problem. I'd like to build a District 36 inventory of potential meeting spaces we can refer clubs that lose their meeting space. Contact me at bjpiatt@district36.org.

Building New Clubs

Toastmasters groups are formed every day in a variety of settings. Groups meet onsite at corporations, churches, community centers, and even in restaurants. Community clubs are generally open to anyone, while company clubs are usually limited to employees of that company and are called "closed."

The process to form a Toastmasters group is simple and all of the materials are provided for you! The Lt. Governor-Marketing team will work with you every step of the way to help you make it happen. You can start a Toastmasters group onsite at your corporation or government, or you can start a local group in your community. The general rule of thumb is, if your group (building, company, agency, community, etc.) has 200 or more people, it can support a Toastmasters club. Everybody is looking to strengthen their skillsets these days, and Toastmasters has proven to be an excellent, cost-efficient way to do that. Share Toastmasters with your friends, family, co-workers and communities by starting a club! Contact bjpiatt@district36.org.

Why Not Plan a Speechcraft?

The Speechcraft program allows experienced Toastmasters to present the fundamentals of public speaking to non-members in an atmosphere of a Toastmasters club meeting. It's a great way for non-members to see, first-hand, what Toastmasters is all about.

Speechcraft has several benefits. Participants come to know and enjoy the benefit of a supportive and positive learning environment while gaining confidence and training in their communication skills. Speechcraft also benefits the members who serve as leaders for the event to exercise their communication and leadership abilities.

How the Program Works

Speechcraft can be conducted in four, six or eight sessions and can be made available to specific groups, civic clubs or company at their work location. Participants receive workbooks to help them prepare their presentations and receive feedback on their progress.

Number of Participants

A minimum of 10 participants are needed. The recommended group size is 15-20 participants.

Fees

A nominal fee will be arranged to cover program and facility expenses where applicable. No individuals, educational institutions or other organizations may derive financial gain either directly or indirectly from the presentation of the Toastmasters Speechcraft program.



BARRY PIATT, DTM
LT GOVERNOR
MARKETING

2 new clubs transferring in to District 36

"Talking Heads of State" club #707433 has relocated to Washington DC and is now meeting in District 36.

"IBM Fair Lakes" Club 853574 has also moved downtown, to 1301 K Street NW. Also, Southern Talks Club #5367 has moved (or is in the process of moving) to College Park.

These clubs would be transferring into District 36 on July 1.





KIM L. BROWN-JACKSON, ACS, CL
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER



PUBLIC RELATIONS- IT'S OPEN HOUSE SEASON!

8 Creative Steps for a Club Open House Event: Marketing Your Toastmasters Club & Great PR

Adapted by Kim L. Brown-Jackson, ACS, CL

Is Your Club Ready to Grow?

Before you begin planning your Club Open House, perform this quick checkup to be sure your club members are ready to receive guests



- ✓ Are your members prepared to warmly greet and welcome guests on arrival?
- ✓ Do you have guest materials ready to handout including information about your club, about Toastmasters International, and a copy of The Toastmaster magazine?
- ✓ Do members have their Competent Leader manuals ready for evaluation on 'Befriending a Guest' (CL Project #7)?
- ✓ Is your Table Topics Master prepared with 'guest questions' to encourage guests to participate in Table Topics?
- ✓ Are you prepared to ask for, and receive graciously, guest comments on your meetings?
- ✓ Think you'll need more volunteers to help? Contact your Area Governor for assistance.

Schedule Your Club Open House Event

- Schedule a special Open House event meeting to give all your members a chance to show how prepared they are to greet, welcome, and transition guests to membership.



- Distribute flyers or invitation cards to your members; every member should invite at least 5 people as guests.
- Encourage every member to ensure at least TWO of those invitees attend this special event.
- Assign extra "Guest Buddy" functionary roles so these members are prepared in advance to assist guests.
- Remind these members to bring their Competent Leadership manual to receive credit for Project #7.
- Encourage your Club Officers to share the responsibilities of the event by forming committees for handling event details.
- Remind them that committee chairs and participants will be eligible for either Project #6 or Project #10 in the Competent Leadership manual.

Update Your Club Website

- ⇒ Post the Open House announcement on your club website "home" page with a link to additional event details and/or a copy of the event agenda.
- ⇒ Don't have a club website? Go to www.freetoasthost.org and request your free site.
- ⇒ Be sure to provide a map or directions to your meeting location. Include room locator information if it's a large facility.
- ⇒ Be sure your website also provides a phone number and email address for a contact person who can answer questions about the event.



Did You Know?

District 36 has a [Facebook Group](#) www.facebook.com/ Join Today!

Toastmasters has a [LinkedIn Group](#) www.linkedin.com Join Today!

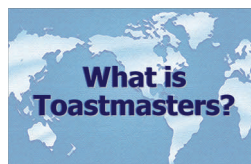
Clubs can create a Web site for free using [FreeToastHost](#). www.freetoasthost.org/ Sign up Today!

FOLLOW US ON [twitter](#)

Sign up and connect. Networking is key and District 36 is here for you!

Visit the [Virtual Brand Portal](#) for an [Open House Power Point Presentation](#) that will be a crowd pleaser.

<http://www.toastmasters.org/vbp/>



CL IN A YEAR: TOASTMASTERS - THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

By Mary Neff, DTM, D46 LGET, Arendse Bernth, ACS/ALB, D46 CL Advisor, Penelope Boehm, ACB/CL, D46 Div C Governor

Including the Competent Leadership track in your meeting planning may seem a way of complicating matters, but making sure it gets done is actually a way of improving club meetings, helping to achieve DCP goals, and creating leadership potential for the future.

It's really in the interest of all Club officers to support this leadership track and to lead by example!

- Members can start on their CL from the day they join – they do not have to have a CC first! These are parallel educational tracks.
- Make sure each member not only has a copy of the CL manual (since members who joined before January 2006 may never have received one when they joined), but also use a "Competent Leader Record" or "Tracker" to guide them.
- When holding Club Contests, choose the Contest Chairs from among those who need/want that role for CL Credit.
- For VPE's: Track your members' progress and assign them needed roles.
- For VPM's and VPPR's: Know about the "bottleneck" requirement and starting trying to recruit people from the beginning of the term to work to earn this credit.

The Goal - To achieve your CL within a year:

Perform 17 different meeting assignments, or fulfill one of the meeting role requirements in Project 7 by befriending a guest, or 2 roles in Project 10 by Chairing a campaign, special event or Club speech contest, or editing the club newsletter or serving as webmaster. Remember that each assignment requires at least a written evaluation, and that all assignments should be undertaken at the Club level.

Undertake required projects in addition to the roles normally performed at Club meetings. These are the potential bottlenecks, because these opportunities are more scarce than the others - see "The Plan" below.

- 1 "Help" on an event, newsletter, Club contest, or webmaster - good for a committee member - (Project 6).
- 1 Chair of a PR or Membership Campaign or Contest. (Project 8), such as Smedley Award, Talk Up Toastmasters and/or Beat the Clock.
- 1 Mentor assignment (Project 9).
- 1 Chairing a Speech Contest can count for Project 10.

The Plan:

• Perform a meeting assignment required for your CL at every meeting, if possible! Note: Only one CL assignment can be credited per meeting, regardless of how many roles you might have performed.

• Tell your VP Education or (Mentoring Chair) that you want to mentor a new or existing member.

• Volunteer for a contest committee, a dinner meeting committee, etc.

• Work with your VP Membership to get appointed chairman of a membership campaign, or work with your VP Public Relations to chair a public relations campaign. Or do one of these things while serving in the office.

The Strategy:

• Start planning the "bottleneck" project from the beginning, and get the chairmanship appointment. Of course, carry through.

• Take a meeting assignment that will give you CL credit for every meeting that you attend. Plan it in advance. Plans can be changed, but "no plan" might yield "no results."



So what are you waiting for?
Toastmasters - The Road To Success!
 Get manual credit for promoting the use of the
 Competent Leadership manual in your club or area
 Here's a list of suitable manual projects:

CC manual

- #9 Persuade with Power
- #10 Inspire Your Audience

Advanced manuals

Persuasive Speaking

- #5 The Persuasive Leader
- #3 The Winning Proposal

Speaking to Inform

- #2 Resources for Informing
- #1 The Speech to Inform

Speeches by Management

- #3 Manage and Motivate
- #1 The Briefing

Specialty Speeches

- #3 Sell a Product

Public relations

- #3 The Persuasive Approach

The District 36 Conference: BRING A FRIEND, MAKE A FRIEND ON SATURDAY MAY 15

DON'T MISS THIS!

Tentative Conference schedule:

8:00 am

- Registration
- Continental Breakfast
- Credentials
- Evaluation Contestant
- Judges Briefings

8:30 am: Opening Ceremonies

9:00 am: Evaluation Contest

10:15 am: Educational Sessions

- Purpose-Centered Leadership
- Add Power to your Presidency

11:30 am: C&L Award Luncheon

- **Special Guest, John Berry**

1:00 pm: Hall of Fame

2:00 pm: Int'l Contest Briefings

2:00 pm: Educational Sessions

- Taking TM to the Outside World
- Super Charge Your PowerPoint

3:10 pm: Credential Desk Closes

3:25 pm: District Council Meeting

5:00 pm: Happy Hour

5:30 pm: Bookstore Closes

6:00 pm: Banquet

7:00 pm: New Officer Installation

7:30 pm: Int'l Speech Contest

To kick off the conference on Friday night, we will have **Karaoke Fun Night** at the hotel from **7:30 - 10:30**.

Try something new! You don't have to be the best singer in the world because it is all about fun. There will be a small, \$5 cover charge that includes hors d'oeuvres.

The highlight of the evening will be our District Governor singing "You've Got a Friend".




John Berry,
Director of the United States O.P.M.
Our Communication and
Leadership Honoree!

Mr. Berry is the Federal Government's
"Chief People Person."

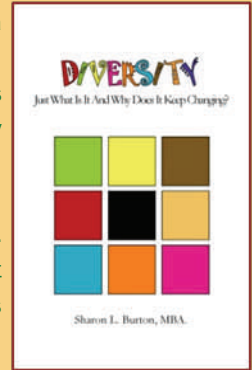
See you in May 15 at the Spring Conference

WE GOT MAIL: TOASTMASTERS CAN HELP YOU REACH YOU GOALS

A letter to the Editor of District 36 Newsletter

By Yoshino N. Woodard, future Toastmaster

Sharon L. Burton, CTM, noted author of *Diversity: Just What Is It And What does It Keep Changing?* has been a Toastmaster since 1994. It is evident that her experience with Toastmasters has afforded her the ability to write in such a way the reader doesn't simply feel like they are reading; they feel as if they are being spoken to. Sharon's first book, *Quality Solutions Rekindling the Art of Service to Customers*, has a very similar feel in terms of its ability to communicate with the reader. The most useful thing to note is each book because of its style can be translated into seminars, discussions, communication aids, and other mechanisms allowing messages to be communicated. Burton's Toastmaster skills are perhaps best illustrated via the seminars she has given on topics from her books. There are high expectations that she will deliver seminars on the new release, as well, which will no doubt be a treat for those who attend. The Toastmasters organization has allowed Ms. Burton to develop her style of delivering thus making her able to accent the novels in just the right knowledge areas and for the appropriate audiences.



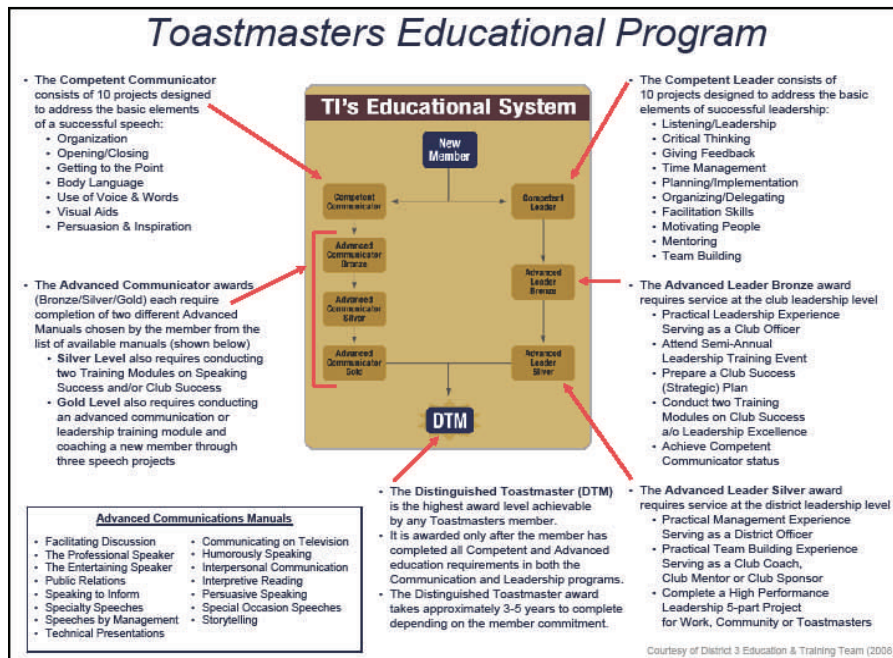
Toastmasters helps its members to develop the ability to communicate effectively via prepared and extemporaneous speeches. Members move through levels of mastery by learning the principles at each level and displaying that via an oral test of skill. Members learn to engage an audience, utilize props, measure voice inflection and other things that make active listening easier for an audience. The author, Sharon L. Burton, CTM, has allowed these skills to cross over into her writing, thus providing books that captivates the reader and makes him/her eager to move through the chapters.

It can be said that spoken word poets can be some of the best actors the big screen has never seen. This is true because their innate ability to express the words that come from the pages of notebooks in such a way that the audience can feel the cool breezes they describe. In the same way Toastmasters are probably some of the best authors, as the skills they develop allow them to pen easy reading for the reader. Sharon L. Burton's skills as a Toastmaster have no doubt afforded the world a new novel about an important topic that speaks to all in her reading audience.

Sharon is a member of Toasted by Proxy, Area 51, Division E, District 36 and Yoshino Woodard is her daughter. She sent us this note about how proud she is of her mother and how Toastmasters has been an integral part of their lives. Sharon can be reached at qualitysolutions@verizon.net or <http://www.slbarton.com>

Learn more about how Toastmasters can help

YOU



See you May 15th at the Spring Conference

DISTRICT 36 DID YOU KNOW THAT...

~ **50** Toastmasters in District 36 have sponsored at least 3 new members since July 1, and that 3 of them have already sponsored more than 10? http://www.district36.org/dcp/dcp2010/awards/hof_sponsors.htm

~ **7** Clubs earned the "Talk Up Toastmasters" award by welcoming 5 or more new members during the months of February and March? http://www.district36.org/dcp/dcp2010/awards/hof_talkup.htm

~ **6** Clubs earned the "Smedley Award" last fall by welcoming 5 or more new members during the months of August and September? http://www.district36.org/dcp/dcp2010/awards/hof_smedley.htm

~ **197** Competent Communicator Awards have been earned, plus 52 Advanced Communicator Awards, plus 49 Competent Leader Awards, plus 35 Advanced Leader Awards... plus 12 Distinguished Toastmaster Awards? http://www.district36.org/dcp/dcp2010/awards/hof_recent.htm

~ **5** Toastmasters have earned the "Triple Crown Individual Award" by achieving a Competent Communicator award, and Advanced Communicator award, and a Competent or Advanced Leader Award... all since July 1? http://www.district36.org/dcp/dcp2010/awards/hof_triple.htm

~ **17** Clubs have earned the "Trip Crown Club Award" by achieving goals 1, 3, and 5 of the Distinguished Club Plan (2 Competent Communicators, an Advanced Communicator Award, and a Leadership Award), and that 2 of those clubs achieved goals 2, 4, and 6 as well, and are being recognized as "Double Triples"? http://www.district36.org/dcp/dcp2010/awards/hof_triple_clubs.htm

~ **17** Clubs have achieved Distinguished Status; 9 have achieved Select Distinguished; 2 have achieved President's Distinguished with 9 goals; and 1 club has achieved "Perfect Ten!" http://www.district36.org/dcp/dcp2010/awards/hof_distclub.htm

~ **6** Areas have achieved Distinguished Area Status, and 1 is already a Select Distinguished Area. http://www.district36.org/dcp/dcp2010/awards/hof_distarea.htm

These are all members and clubs that we want to recognize during the Hall of Fame at the District Conference on May 15! Please review these lists, talk to your clubs, show how

excited you are and how much we want to share our excitement and applaud for them on the big stage! Talk up the Educational Sessions, the International Speech and Evaluation Contests, and the Communication and Leadership Luncheon

featuring this year's honoree, John Berry, Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Talk up the Business Meeting at 3:15, free of charge, where we'll be electing new District Officers and conducting other important District business. (Don't forget to mention our annual banquet!)



LEADERSHIP TOASTAMONIAL

"Area Governor Service: A Remarkable Leadership Journey"

By Andrew Margrave, DTM, Division F Governor, District 36

Now is the time for past or present club officers who have yet to serve as District officers to step forward, leave your comfort zones, and offer themselves as Area Governors for the upcoming 2010-2011 Toastmaster Year. By serving as Area Governor, you will expand your network of contacts, grow as a person and as a leader, and develop a greater understanding of what values and vision are all about.

In March 2003, I was Sergeant-At-Arms of the one Toastmasters Club to which I then belonged, having joined Toastmasters thirteen months earlier. I notified my current Area Governor and the District Governor-to-be that I was interested in becoming an Area Governor for the 2003-2004 year. On April 26, 2003, the incoming District Governor, Viki Kinsman, DTM, notified me, in person, that I was appointed Area 16 Governor in Division A, District 27. I soon sought advice from others, including my predecessor-to-be. This enabled me to hit the ground running and receive the honor of Area Governor of the Month for July 2003.

My entire year as Area Governor was an adventure in personal growth, in reaching out beyond my home club, in networking and in team playing. There was the run of projects that are part of an Area Governor's work: the club visits, the Area Council meetings, the contests, the District Executive Committee meetings, the constant communications with club officers, Division Council meetings, the monitoring of the performance of my clubs, for examples that thankfully did not include doing extracurricular work at TLI's and District Conferences.

On one occasion, immediately after a District 27 Executive Committee meeting in late February 2004, I approached the Division C Governor:

Me: "Do you have a Model Speaker for your Division Contest?"

The Division C Governor: "No".

Me: "You do now".

Six weeks later I presented the Model Speech at District 27's Division C Contest. About one minute before I was to begin the speech, the Contest Master stated that Dick Fath, DTM, a major icon in Toastmasters, had died the day before. I refused to let the audience see me upset in any way by the news, and presented the speech as if nothing had happened. It helped that I had much previous performing experience before joining Toastmasters and a pretty good grasp of my material. In addition, I knew that Dick could go any time. My Toastmasters training had prepared me to handle the unpredictable. The resulting evaluations were unbelievably positive. One evaluator expressed surprise that I had only been in Toastmasters for two years. Another saw me as future Golden Gavel material. Still another could see me standing alongside the late Bill Gove himself, the ultimate compliment as Bill Gove was the greatest speaker in the memory of anyone now living.

At the end of my year, I managed to bring a club lead in my Area to chartering, by actions that included going door-to-door with leaflets in 85-degree heat on two bad ankles. This made my Area President's Distinguished. Nearly six years have passed since my term as Area Governor, but the memories and the very positive payoffs of that term will ever remain.

I say, now as a Division Governor in District 36, "Go for it". Step forward. Show what you can do as a communicator, leader, networker, and sensible risk-taker. Join the ranks of 2010-2011 District 36 officers as an Area Governor. You will be glad you did, for the rest of your life.

The District is composed of a variety of elected and appointed positions to support the members and clubs of District 36 Toastmasters.

Elected Positions (1-year term):

District Governor*
Lt Gov Education & Training*
Lt Gov Marketing*
Division Governors

Appointed Positions (a 1-year term):

District Public Relations Officer*
District Secretary*
District Treasurer*
Area Governors

The District Council consists of the elected and appointed members of the District Executive Committee (DEC) plus:

Club Elected:
Club Presidents
Club Vice Presidents of Education

* These six officers plus the Immediate Past District Governor comprise the District's Executive Leadership team

"...This is our guarantee: as a part of one of the world's most supportive educational organization, you will find yourself among friends, and you will have fun while achieving your communication and leadership goals!" excerpt from District 36 2010 Theme

See you May 15th at the Spring Conference

CLUB NEWS - SUBMITTED BY JIM CHAMBERLIN, DISTRICT REPORTER

Cap 2 Party at Ft. McNair

Capital Toastmasters 2 (club #4977, in Area 31) held its once-every-couple-years party on Saturday, February 27th. The setting was the historic and sumptuous Officers Club at Fort McNair on the Southwest DC waterfront. Forty wildly enthusiastic TM's, some in tuxedos and gorgeous dresses, enjoyed an evening that ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous. Four entertaining speakers, as well as seemingly innumerable toasts kept everyone awake and alive and 'aliking' what they were 'ahearing.' DG Jim Dooley was on hand to raise all boats, and the club honored its District champion speakers.

Consider visiting a regular meeting of raucous "Cap 2" at its normal venue, 1st and 3rd Fridays, noon to 1:30, at the stately Woman's National Democratic Club, a block from Dupont Circle, lunch included, \$10 guest fee, reservations required.

(<http://capital2.freetoasthost.com>)

My congratulations to Jim Roberts, who organized the program for Cap 2, and served as our Toastmaster of the Evening.

*Per Jim Chamberlin, VP-PR,
Capital Toastmasters 2*

To see photos, go to www.flickr.com, click on **Search**, then you'll have the chance to select 2 things:

First search on **"EVERYONE'S UPLOADS"**. Second where you have a choice of photos, groups and people, click on **"PEOPLE"**; under "PEOPLE" enter into the box **"JimC_49"**. After clicking, look below and click on **"JimC_49"** underlined. That will take you to Jim Chamberlin's flicker account. Once there, click on **"sets"** and then choose **"TM Capital 2 Party"**.

Dupont Speaks 15th Anniversary

Dupont Speaks (club # 7184, Area 31) celebrated its 15th Anniversary on March 10th with a blowout party for over 30 members – past, present and future. Highlighting the day were speeches by District 36 humorous speech finalist Martin Banjo, club standout Mishri Someshwar, and one of the club's earliest members, Maribeth Iler.

District 36 Gov Jim Dooley, Div C Gov Hareldau Argyle, and Area 31 Gov Gerald Crawford were also on hand to add wit and wisdom. Hareldau and Jim are members, so they felt right at home. The club is hosted by the American Council on Education and is open to the community. Meetings are 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, noon to 1, no lunch, no fee, but photo ID required to enter building. Looking at the website is worth it just to see the great group shot of the club and its diverse and enthusiastic membership. (<http://dupontspeaks.freetoasthost.com>)



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Stanley Dambroski, President of Maryland Advanced Toastmasters (Club # 4036, Area 35) is a speechwriter in his professional life at the U.S. Department of State. One of his speeches appeared in the March 2010 edition of Vital Speeches of the Day. Coincidentally Stanley's speech, entitled "How Johnny Can Write", appeared in the same issue as another speech entitled "State of the Union" by another president named Obama. Contact Stanley at dambroskistan@yahoo.com.



Desson Thomson (aka Desson Howe) recently left Capital Toastmasters 1, but he had a jolly good reason. After many years as the movie critic at The Washington Post, Desson has taken a job as Speech Writer for the U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain.

Members in the Spotlight—Cindy Morgan-Jaffe

As Toastmasters we know the importance of networking, and are acutely aware of how internships can open professional futures. **Cindy Morgan-Jaffe**, is past president of Dupont Speaks Toastmasters, (club #7184, in Area 31) and a frequent competitor in Toastmasters contests. Last year she founded **The Intern Lady**, dedicated to the internship experience. Cindy is a career counselor and entrepreneur who works with students, organizations and educators to explore the world of work, find a good internship fit, and maximize the benefits for both the intern and the organization. She offers assessments, coaching, and consulting as well as workshops and motivational speaking. She will be speaking at an international internship conference in Mexico in April about "Radical Branding in an E-Portfolio World." Her new website is www.internlady.com. She can be contacted via email at info@internlady.com, or via phone at 202-409-7441.



WE WANT YOU

The District 36 newsletter is published to provide helpful information, updates, and resources to Toastmasters throughout the DC metro area. Newsletters are usually posted to the website and can be downloaded to have as a hard copy to share.

Any Toastmaster is welcome to submit articles, information, or suggestions to the District 36 Public Relations team at proteam36@gmail.com.

We are looking for:

- Personal stories about how Toastmasters has made a difference in your life
- Success stories about Toastmasters and their accomplishments, both in Toastmasters and in their communities
- News and events from Toastmasters clubs around the state
- Best practices and tips from successful clubs
- Skill based articles that fellow Toastmasters can use to improve their communication and leadership skills
- Other – Your ideas are welcome! Be creative!

Guidelines for Submissions:

- Articles should be between 125-175 words in length or 300-400 words in length.
- All articles must be typed and submitted soft copy in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Publisher, or text-based email.
- All articles must be submitted by the deadline, unless a specific extension has been granted by the newsletter publishing team.
- All photos must be submitted soft copy including recommended captions and correct identification of everyone in the photo.
- Author's name, credentials (CC, CL, etc.) and club must be submitted with the article.
- Author must include contact information for questions from the newsletter publishing team.
- Remember that submission does not guarantee inclusion in the newsletter. All editing and publishing decisions are based on the sole discretion of the newsletter editing team and District 36 Public Relations team.



District Reporters

We are recruiting District Reporters for EACH Division. The Reporter will share Division success stories and interviews. They will send it to the PRO team for article submissions (newsletter) and social network sites.



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