



District 40 Success Times

August 2006

District 40 Toastmasters in OH, KY, WV, IN

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Welcome to the D40 Family (new clubs since June 1, 2006)

Environmentally Speaking,
Club #922067
At the US EPA,
26 W M.L. King Dr
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45268
513-569-7821
Meet 9:00 am, 1st/3rd Wed
Membership eligibility
criteria - Contact club
Charter date: 06/19/2006

Modern Voices Club,
Club #922412
At the American Modern
Insurance Group
7000 Midland Blvd
Amelia, Ohio, 45102
513-947-5173
Meet 11:45 am, 2nd/4th Thu
Membership eligibility
criteria - Contact club
Charter date: 06/15/2006

Midland Ace's Club,
Club #922409
At the Midland Co.,
7000 Midland Blvd
Amelia, Ohio, 45102
513-947-5166
Meet 11:45 am, 1st/3rd Thu
Membership eligibility
criteria - Contact club
Charter date: 06/15/2006

Camp Sherman Club,
Club #826327
At 17273 St RT 104
Chillicothe, Ohio, 45601
740-773-1141 x 7600
Meet 4:40 pm 1st/3rd Tue
Membership eligibility
criteria - Contact club
Charter date: 06/08/2006

Trilo Grogan Club,
Club #830650
At Columbus, Ohio, 43222
614-291-2089
7:00 pm 1st/3rd Thu
Open Club

Above and Beyond

Mike Perez, ATM-B, CL, District Governor

"Who could you be if you stopped being who you are today?" I heard Otis Williams, 1992 World Champion of Public Speaking from District 40 and one of my favorite speakers, ask this question at the end of his keynote address at the Spring 2004 conference. I believe that all of us should be asking ourselves that question on a day-in, day-out basis. Being someone who's even better tomorrow assures us we are growing as a human being. This is more desirable than the opposite, which is remaining just as you are.

As a result, our theme for the 2006-2007 District 40 Toastmasters year is "Above and Beyond". My challenge to every member of the District is that you do something you haven't done before in Toastmasters. If you're a **Competent Communicator**, then become an

Able Communicator. If you've never been an officer of your club, become an officer. If you've think you have done everything Toastmasters has to offer, then go back and do something you've already done, but do it better this time around.

The district under my leadership will also go above and beyond. As a result, my vision is to build no less than 21 new clubs and achieve a world ranking that is no less than #7 in the world out of approximately 78 districts. The bottom line is we will strive to have the greatest year in the history of the District. If you are like me, you wish to be associated with success in this life. Since I can't do it alone, I'm asking all of you to please come with me on this journey so we can all go above and beyond and grow as toastmasters and human beings.

Thanks again for electing me to serve as your leader. I will do my best and I look forward to working with all of you.

And, In Addition...

As many of you know, my theme for the District 40 2006-2007 Toastmasters year is **Above and Beyond**. As a result, I have created an **Above and Beyond** award which every member of the district is eligible to receive. If you observe someone in your part of the District going above and beyond in their service to the Toastmasters organization, please bring it to my attention so we can honor them with an **Above and Beyond** award lapel pin. It can be presented to the member at your club meeting in a ceremonious way. My vision is to have several members of the District walking around with **Above and Beyond** awards on their lapels. If you would like to nominate somebody for this award, please contact me at 614-228-3300, or send me an e-mail at Michael.J.Perez@AMPF.com.



Mike Perez, ATM-B, CL,
District Governor District 40
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Above & Beyond...

Our Goal is to be the #7 District in the world. We can do it with effort and team spirit, but it takes a lot of TEAM to get that SPIRIT! It means clubs with productive, professional, fun meetings. It means members that are advancing in educational goals and leadership roles. It also means leaders making new leaders and forming new clubs. Above all it means we help each other in being our best.

Remember the basics of the Club Mission:

- Mutually supportive
- Positive learning
- Opportunity to develop
- Foster self confidence
- Personal growth.

Support the **Above & Beyond** theme, live it and see that it can happen.

GO TEAM!

Have YOU Got News?

Do YOU have some great news about your club, ANY club, or a Toastmaster, that you'd like to share with others in our District? If so, don't be shy. Give credit where credit is due! Send it in to the Success Times at successtimes@d40toastmasters.org for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Articles should be no more than 450 words (around 2000 characters), and should be accompanied by a byline indicating the authors name, Club/District affiliation, and Toastmaster credits (i.e. **Joe Schmoe, MyClubName Club #999, VP Education, CL, ATMB**).

Remember Those A-B-Cs... and Ds

Bud Watkins, District 40 Lt. Gov. of Education

- A** is for ATMs – Our District does a great job in promoting ATM's. Let's keep it going!
- B** is for "Be a Leader", not only within your Club but in your community, and even in your church, or civic organization.
- C** is for CTMs -- Again we in district 40 do a super job here as well so hit 'em hard!
- D** is for DTMs. Here is where we can make a great leap forward. Last year we had 8 DTMs so lets really work had and try for 16 this year!!! DTMs give us as a District so much Leadership and Awards, Many of our folks may want help with their High Performance Leadership project.



Bud Watkins, DTM, District LG Education for District 40
ubee@loganrec.com

You don't need to invent a new Car, Just look around and do a school project or a church or even a Toastmasters Contest or Training Make-up.

Double Blackjack – Beating the Odds

Merle Shinault, AC-G, CL, Lt. Gov. of Marketing

What are the odds that District 40 will reach new records in membership growth and new club building during the 2006-2007 year? Pretty good, I would say, if each of us does the things we know to do for our clubs and the Toastmasters organization. What you do to help reach the goal of 21 new clubs, and 21 members in every club in the district?

Ask someone to visit your club. The majority of those joining Toastmasters were asked to visit a club meeting by a Toastmasters member. Provide them with a "WOW" meeting experience. Ask them to join. Take membership applications to every meeting. Be ready to complete an application and take a dues check on the first visit. Don't be afraid to ask a visitor to join. If you have shown them the reasons to join, then you should have no problems making them a member.

Welcome the new member, get their development started. Ask someone else to visit your club...This should be a continual cycle if we are to gain new members, and give them what they need.



Merle Shinault, AC-G, CL, LG Marketing for District 40
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Upcoming Dates:

- Oct 14 Loop, Western, Northern Div Speech Contests
- Oct 21 Central and Eastern Div Speech Contests
- Nov 3-5 D40 Conference, Springdale, OH

For other events, see the district web site, or go to the calendar at:

<http://www.d40toastmasters.org/TMPages/Calendar/sched.htm>

TI Tips:

How do month-end closing stats affect the status of your club? See the article at:

<http://www.toastmasters.org/fupload/media/TIPS.May-Jun-2006.pdf>

Old Issues of the ST:

You can see old issues of the District 40 newsletter if you go to this link:

www.d40toastmasters.org/TMPages/SuccessTimes/Editions

Statistics?

How can you support your speech with statistics? Go and check out The Polling Report at

<http://www.pollingreport.com/>

Remember, we belong to the greatest communication and leadership organization in the entire world. We should be proud to share this inexpensive, high quality program with friends and associates. Lives are changed every day by participation in the activities prescribed by the Toastmaster regimen. If you found a great deal on a car, wouldn't you share it? Let's get the word out on this best kept secret.

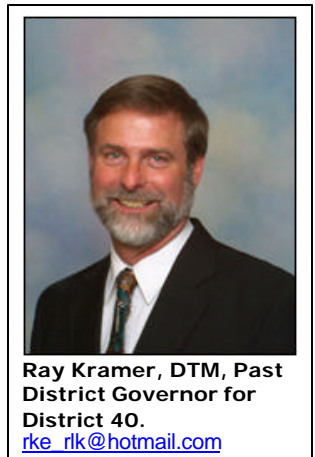
Can we meet our Double Blackjack goals for this club year? You bet we can. Join the team by inviting new guests, coaching a struggling club, or participating in kickoff meetings. I would appreciate your support.

-Ask them and they will come, meet their needs, and they will stay-

The 2005-2006 Year In Review

Ray Kramer, DTM, Past District Governor for District 40

The 2005 - 2006 year was a year full of challenges and growth opportunities. The members of District 40 took the **Together Everyone Achieves Miracles** theme and ran with it. As a result of hard work, the district has several things to celebrate. At years end we reached our CTM award goals with our traditional end of year flourish. We blew away our goal in ATM awards. Both of these were strong possibilities at the start of the year. A personal goal of mine was to see us set a high point for the leadership area. For the first time, D40 took all 10 points in the leadership area! My thanks to all of those who took the leadership message and put it into practice by getting their Competent Leader (CL) award. Our LGM, Bud Watkins,



Ray Kramer, DTM, Past District Governor for District 40.
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and the members involved in extension helped 9 new clubs start this year. On the other hand, we had 7 clubs decide to close for various reasons. Losing 5 of those clubs was disappointing as they had the membership to stay viable, but decided to move on. There are several more clubs that will be coming on board in the near future. Membership payments were down, as was expected. This was the main area that hurt us in terms of trying to reach distinguished status. The dues increase affected almost every district, not just ours. We had two great conferences with excellent keynote speakers and presenters - more people need to take advantage of our conferences.

I am very grateful to the members of D40 for your support and participation this past year. I hope that you have grown as I have grown. Many times, we don't see the forest because of the trees. I hope that you will continue to stay involved and get others involved in Toastmasters. Together Everyone Achieves Miracles in D40 and in life. That results in changed lives. Stay involved, get involved, and touch lives. How many lives will you touch this year? How many lives will you affect in a positive manner this year?



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Kudos go out to:

Clubs with ALL seven officers attending the Summer TLI:

Hi-Point Club (7241)
Miami Valley Club (1740)

Bud Watkins on his recent DTM award. Click on this link for more info and an excerpt of his audio interview:

<http://www.peakofohio.com/content/view/981/50/>

CC Award

Patrice Fatig
(Toastmaster Generals)
Carol Paquette
(Brewery District Club)

CL Award

Daniel Houser
(Nationwide Ins Club)

ALB award

Daniel Houser
(Nationwide Ins Club)

ACG Award

Merle Shinault
(Nationwide Ins Club)

ATMB Award

Pierre Daunic
(Franklin Club)

District 40:

The Summer TLI

Clubs Attending	108
Clubs Not Attending	37
Attendees	335
Clubs with	

7 attendees	4
6 attendees	10
5 attendees	13
4 attendees	15
3 attendees	16
2 attendees	23
1 attendees	27



D40 Takes 2nd Place in Region VI Contest

Information supplied by Kathy Hayes and Bonnie Bazill-Davis

Bonnie Bazill-Davis, VP of Education for the Dayton United Communicators (Club #1694), District 40 Northern Division, Area 1 has been a member of Toastmasters for about 2 years. In this short period her skills in public speaking brought her to second place in the Region VI International Speech Contest on June 24th in Romulus, Michigan.

Think of it, she was competing for the opportunity to advance to the World Championship of Public Speaking, and this win ranks her among the top 18 speakers out of 211,000 Toastmasters in 10,500 clubs in 90 countries! Her speech, titled "The Power of New Shoes" drove home a powerful message about walking through trials and tribulations to healing and new life.

Readers that weren't at the District contest missed some impressive presentations. Of those that were, some may have wondered why there was a ladder standing next to the stage. Few would have realized it was a prop for Bonnie's speech. Her words, building stories of those rising like the proverbial Phoenix from the ashes of abuse and despair would put hope in the hearts of even the most callous observers. Then, when it became apparent that she herself was part of that story, and as she rose higher and higher on the steps of that ladder, the brilliance of the message really flared. She changed the presentation for the Regional contest, using shoes on the stage, but I'm sure it was just as impressive. Well done Bonnie!



Pictured left to right:
Bill Bienia, DTM, International Director, Bonnie Bazill-Davis (2nd Place), Jana Barnhill, DTM, 3rd Vice President



The six contestants for the International Speech Contest are interviewed here while waiting the counting of the votes. From left to right, they Kathy Hayes (new DTM, doing the interviewing), Kendall Isaac, Mike Davis, Al Edington, Michelle Churma,



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Toastmaster Quotes

For quotes from the Toastmasters founder (Dr Ralph Smedley) go to the web site at:
http://www.oktm.ca/Quotes_Dr.%20Smedley.htm

If you get out of Toastmasters all you can get out of Toastmasters you'll never get out of Toastmasters. (Helen Blanchard, International President of TI 1985-1985 – She joined Toastmasters in 1970, but women weren't even allowed as members until 1973!)

Lance Miller - World Champion of Public Speaking 2005:

- Communication is not what you said: it is what the audience *thinks* you said.
- If you want to be a speaker, you have to Speak!
- The only solution to stage fright is speaking!
- Public Speaking is not acting. You are talking to someone.

Web Resources:

Need ideas for Table Topics? Go to this web site for some ideas:

<http://www.letsgospeak.com/FREE/>

Toastmasters International says **Public Speaking Skills Aren't Debateable**, go to this link to read all about it:
<http://www.toastmasters.org/artisan/member.asp?CategoryID=1&SubCategoryID=21&ArticleID=94>

Worthington Club "3 for 3 With 10 of 10"

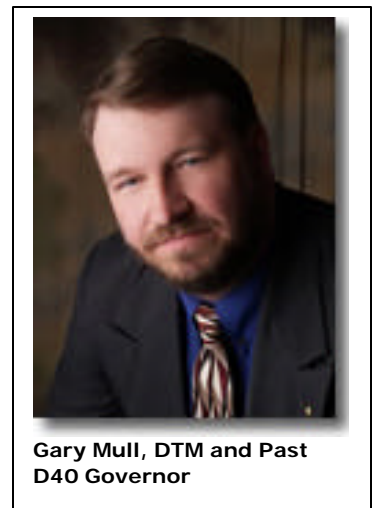
The Worthington Club (#1028) recently installed their new officers, and at the same time had a party to celebrate three years in a row of achieving all ten out of ten club goals in the Distinguished Club Program. Your club can to! From left to right in the photo: Ray Kramer (Immediate Past District Governor), Michael Wanchick (President), Eric Ramsey (Sgt At Arms), Steven Root (VP Public Relations), Sandra Keiderling (Treasurer), Karen Aneshansley (VP Membership), Gary Mull, (Past District 40 Governor), Merle Shinault (Lt Governor for Marketing), Debra Wright (VP Education), and Robert Holmes (Secretary). *Keep up the good work, Worthington!*



Gary Mull New Region VI International Director

Ward Treat DTM, Sgt at Arms, Miami Valley Toastmasters

Gary Mull, DTM, past District 40 Governor, was elected as International Director for Toastmasters Region VI at the recent Toastmasters International Convention in Washington D.C. (August 23-26). As you may know, District 40 is one of eight districts in Region VI. Region VI includes Quebec, Ontario, Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, and parts of Pennsylvania, New York, and Kentucky. There are nine regions in Toastmasters International. Two directors serve each region. One is elected every year from each region and serves a two-year term. International Directors are members of the Board of Directors, and are elected to guide the organization along policy lines in the areas of education, administration, and growth. Gary was unanimously nominated at the Region VI Conference in Romulus, Michigan, on June 24, and ran unopposed for the Directors office at the international convention in Washington, D. C. Congratulations and best wishes Gary!



Gary Mull, DTM and Past D40 Governor



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More Web Resources:

For Toastmasters News from around the USA:
http://news.google.com/news?asq=Toastmasters&svnum=10&as_soring=r&ie=UTF

For a TI article on overcoming adversity go to the link at:
<http://www.toastmasters.org/artisan/detail.asp?CategoryID=1&SubCategoryID=10&ArticleID=424&Page=1>

Words and Quotations:
Get ideas for your *Word of the Day* and other quotes at:
<http://www.wordsmith.org>,

and:

<http://www.yourdictionary.com/index.shtml>

District 40 announcements can be found on the web:
<http://www.d40toastmasters.org/TMPages/GenAnnounce/AnnounceIndex.html>

For tips and articles about how to put some more impact into your speeches:
<http://www.public-speaking.org>

At 60, Still Going, and Going, and Going

On June 1st, the Dayton Toastmasters (Club #405) celebrated their clubs 60th anniversary. Wow! That really is something to celebrate! They meet at 6:30 PM on the 1st/3rd Monday each month at 115 S. Ludlow St (the Dayton Board of Education, 3rd Floor, Room 3N400), Dayton, Ohio, 45404. Just like that battery bunny, they keep going, and going, and going...



Toast N Talk Club Has 50 Year Anniversary

Susan Scardina, Toast N Talk Club #2142

Downtown Cincinnati has enjoyed a Toastmasters presence continuously since June 1, 1956 thanks to Toast N Talk Toastmaster Club. Started for United States Internal Revenue Service employees in the Federal Building, it has changed venues, grown dynamically, and most importantly, persevered.

Originally, there were just a few members in the club and rumor says that some of those participated only because they were allowed an extra 15 minutes for lunch if they attended the Toastmasters meeting. Long-time member, Carrie Douglas, states that when she joined Toastmasters in 1993, there were only around ten members. The club has now over 20 members and is very proud of its international makeup. Countries represented include France, Peru, Bolivia, Mexico, Spain, the Philippines, India and China.

Over the years, Toast N Talk has nurtured and mentored many new clubs and according to Larry Lagedrost, Division Governor, it is because of Toast N Talk that Toastmasters has flourished in our area. For decades, Toast N Talk was the only Toastmasters Club in downtown Cincinnati.

Additionally, Toast N Talk is proud of achieving "Select Distinguished" status this year by completing seven out of ten goals. Everyone in the club worked diligently toward their personal goals and the club's progress.

Toast N Talk meets the first three Tuesdays of the month at 12 noon in the Federal Building in downtown Cincinnati. We welcome visitors and would love to see you there. For additional information, call Susan Scardina or Marcus Sloan, VP Membership 263-4424.



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From the Editor:

What do YOU think of this edition of your *Success Times*? Do you like it? Do you hate it? Let me know! I want this newsletter to be one that YOU will find interesting, informative, and useful. I'll never know unless some of you tell me. So, I invite you to do just that. Email me at the link shown at the top of each page, or send me a letter at the address shown at the end of the newsletter. I'm not doing my job if you don't find this newsletter something you want to read and pass around.

Ed., District 40 Success Times

Toasties of the World, speak out! You have nothing to lose but the Heebie-Jeebies!



Advanced Communication and Leadership Manuals:

- The Entertaining Speaker
- Speaking to Inform
- Public Relations
- The Discussion Leader
- Specialty Speeches
- Speeches By Management
- The Professional Speaker
- Technical Presentations
- Persuasive Speaking
- Communicating on Television
- Storytelling
- Interpretive Reading
- Interpersonal Communication
- Special Occasion Speeches
- Humorously Speaking

For more information and summaries of these manuals go to:

www.d40toastmasters.org/TMPages/RefLibrary/AdvMan/AdvManuals.htm

Greenville Club at 35 Years!

Jamie French, ATMB

Greenville Toastmasters Club #1238 recently celebrated its 35th anniversary with active charter member Everett Hart at the helm. The celebration also had in attendance 2 other charter members who are no longer active members, and City of Greenville Mayor Greg Fraley. 4 past district 40 governors, and several other district leaders were in attendance in a room packed with over 30 current club members and their guests.



City of Greenville Mayor Greg Fraley (left) presenting a congratulatory Proclamation to Toastmaster and founding member Everett Hart.

The theme for the evening was 35 years of changing lives. Past District Governor, Gary Mull was the after dinner speaker and congratulated the club on its longevity, but also its success during those years, noting that 7 area governors have come from the club and this past year the club met 10 out of 10 goals to be Presidents Distinguished. Yet, those accomplishments fail in comparison to the numerous lives that have been changed throughout the past 35 years because of the vision, courage and willingness of a group of 20 people 35 years ago.

District officers as well as the Mayor each spoke a few words congratulating the club on its success. Everett Hart concluded the meeting with these words from one of his high school teachers as the last assignment before, which very eloquently sums up the Toastmasters mission, "Live your life so that when it is time for you to leave it, you will know that you were a person of some value while here on earth and not a person who merely existed, leaving no trace as to why you were here."

Congratulations to Greenville Toastmasters Club #1238!

CIC Speaks Club Reaches 100... Meetings!

Laura Lee Gayfield, ARM, CPCU, CTM

It was a momentous occasion for us at the **CIC Speaks** Club (Area 54 Loop Division) on July 31, 2006. This was our 100th Meeting - an event well worth celebrating! Our first meeting was in March 2004, and we reached Chartered club status that August. In April 2005 we reached the goal of **Distinguished Club**. Then...April 2006... we earned the **President's Distinguished Club** award. We are now 35 members strong. We celebrated our 100th meeting complete with cake and party hats to celebrate our club's accomplishments.



Contratulations and MANY MORE to come!



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Toastmasters History:

Interested in some words of wisdom out of the past? How about some info on how our Toastmasters organization started? Many of you may already be well versed in this historical story, but if you're not, or would like to just see it again, you can find info on web sites at:

<http://d37tm.blogspot.com/2005/08/history-of-ti-out-of-past.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toastmasters_International

<http://www.toastmasters.org/briefHist.asp>

http://www.geocities.com/sundialtm/SDTM_info_tmhistory.htm

http://www.orators.org.uk/page_1123073246125.html

http://www.heritagegetters.com/history_at_a_glance.htm

http://district9.us/history/ourfo_under.htm

http://www.oktm.ca/Quotes_Dr.%20Medley.htm

Duties of an Area Governor

Have you ever had a district officer, or someone else, approach you and ask if you would consider being an Area Governor? Have you ever wondered just what in the world an Area Governor does DO? Well, that's a good question, and just maybe, if we all knew what they did, we'd appreciate them more. According to Toastmaster International standards, the duties of an Area Governor are:

- Visit each club in the Area twice a year, and complete/submit the **Area Report of Club Visit** form to the District Governor. Make other informal club visits for things such as installing club officers.
- Be a true communication link between District and clubs.
- Ensure each club understands the Distinguished Club Program and how it serves needs of club members.
- Work with clubs to hold Area speech contests (twice a year prior to Division and District contests).
- Encourage club officers to participate in district club officer training.
- Contact each club president at least monthly by phone or email to share information, recognize achievements, and offer assistance.
- Hold regular Area Council meetings for Club Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education and Membership.
- Assist district officers in helping to build new clubs within the area or division.
- Attend quarterly District Executive Council meetings.

(Source: <http://www.toastmasters22.org/d22pdf/areagov-opportunity.PDF>)

More Kudos

(kudos - n : an expression of approval and commendation; Source: WordNet ® 2.0, © 2003 Princeton University)

CC Award: Patrice Fatig Toastmaster Generals Club
Carol Paquette Brewery District Club

CL Award: Daniel Houser Nationwide Insurance Club

ALB award: Daniel Houser Nationwide Insurance Club

ACG Award: Merle Shinault Nationwide Insurance Club

ATMB: Pierre Daunic Franklin Club

Recruiting: Lexington Toastmasters (Club #2392) recruited 5 new members in July-Aug.

Training: Area 41 trained 23 members in Fall Officer Training.

Installation: Capital City Toastmasters (Club 2730) had 30 attendees at their first ever Officer Installation Banquet.



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Bet you can't beat **me** in that Table Topics contest!

TIs H75th annual convention:
Read all about it at:
<http://releases.usnewswire.com/GetRelease.asp?id=70645>

Some District Stats:

DTMs	95
CTMs	407
CLs	143
ATMs (all flavors)	367

Division having the highest percentage of its members with the Toastmaster ranking:

DTM	Northern	5%
CTM/CC	Mountain	19%
CL	Mountain	6%
ATM	Mountain	18%

Contest Season is Upon Us

Jay Elkes, DTM (Eastern Div Governor)

Contest season is upon us – or perhaps, from your club’s point of view it has come and gone. Even if that is the case, there are compelling reasons why you should participate in or support contests at as many levels as your schedule permits.

It’s easy to see why you should participate when your club’s contestant is still “in the running”. Friendly faces in the audience help contestants give their best effort in the contest. We come to Toastmasters to develop speaking skills and help others do the same. Contests are an opportunity to stretch comfort level, but an audience filled with another contestant’s friends can be a challenging obstacle. If you have a friend still in the competition, don’t you owe it to that friend to provide support?

As contests proceed from level to the level, the number of people still eligible drops but the skill level increases. It’s at this point you start to see how **the big kids** play the game. The first time I got a sense of how much growth can come from a contest (even for the audience) was when I went to a Division contest to support a fellow club member. On the average, the odds of any one person winning an area contest are about one in a hundred. Division contestants have all met that standard and offer a lot you can learn from. You may go to an area contest to support a fellow club member, or maybe to learn how to beat him/her the next time.

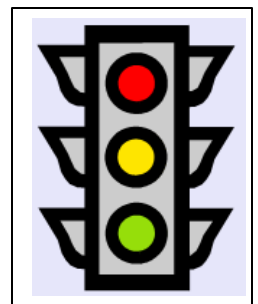
Organizing and supporting club contests can contribute to some of the projects in your new Competent Leader manual. The “what’s in it for me” at higher levels is a chance to see skills applied at increasingly higher levels and to develop friendships outside your club. Area and division governors are all looking for the chance to be your friend. Don’t miss the chance to support an area or division contest near you.

(Ed. For contest rules, see the D40 web site at:

<http://www.d40toastmasters.org/TMPages/RefLibrary/ContestGuide.htm>)

Speech Timer:

Do you need a speech timer for practice at home? Go to this web site: <http://www.district66.org/SpeechTimer/spechtimer.html>. You can set the time for your practice speech up front, and see the time as you go. It seems to be just a little bit off at the times when the lights flick on/off – by about a second – but it’s still great for practicing. What’s even better is that you can save a copy of it to your PC (using Internet Explorer, click on **Files, Save As**, then **Web Archive (single file) - *.mht** for use later when you might not be online. You’ll have to give it a name... uhhh, you could call it... “spechtimer.” If you use the *.mht method of saving the file it should save it as one file. Enjoy!





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Need some help with your club's statement?
statements@toastmasters.org

Want to submit club bylaw amendments or questions?
clubbylaws@toastmasters.org

Want to place an order?
supplyorders@toastmasters.org

Still not sure? Visit the Contact Us section of the TI Web site or e-mail
tminfo@toastmasters.org.

More Photos



Toastmasters LEADERSHIP & Communication (that's TLC)

Joe Schwerling, DTM

This year's big change is the expanded **LEADERSHIP Track**.

Effective July 1, 2006, the previous *Advanced Leader (AL)* award has been renamed *Advanced Leader Silver*; but each higher-lever leadership requirement remains the same, except that the prerequisite prior level award can be either the new *Advanced Leader Bronze (AL-B)* or the (old) *Competent Leader (CL)*. Both the AL-B and original CL continue to require participation in the same club leadership activities such as officer service, goal planning, training attendance, and presentation of educational speeches.

All Toastmasters (old or new) can still apply for the old CL through June 30, 2008; as long as they have also achieved their CTM (*Competent Toastmaster*) or new CC (*Competent Communicator*) by then. And that original CL will thereafter continue indefinitely to be an accepted qualifier for the AL-Silver and DTM Awards

Nevertheless, **ALL MEMBERS** are strongly encouraged to diligently pursue every opportunity to perform all the meeting-based activities within the ten projects of the new *Competent Leader Manual*. Leadership activities in the manual include ten project skills categorized under: Listening, Critical Thinking, Giving Feedback, Time Management, Planning, Organizing, Facilitating, Motivating, Mentoring, and Team Building.

Most of the required leadership project activities are things we routinely do at regular club meetings anyway. And within the new CL Manual we learn leadership background and techniques, plus receive written and/or oral evaluation feedback for each activity.

The new CL Manual has been provided free to all new members registered since January 2006, and can be purchased by individuals and clubs.

As for the Communication Track: Only the names have been changed.

All Competent and Advanced Toastmaster award designations have been renamed respectively from *Competent Toastmaster (CTM)* to *Competent Communicator (CC)*, and from *Advanced Toastmaster (ATM)* to *Advanced Communicator (AC)*, Bronze, Silver, or Gold.

Check out <http://www.toastmasters.org/> & <http://www.toastmasters.org/artisan/default.asp?CategoryID=1> for more specific details on the enhanced Leadership and Communication Tracks.



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Another Photo - The Parade of Flags, at... you know where



Success At The Summer TLI

Jamie French, ATMB

The 2006 summer Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) was a huge success again this year with over 300 Toastmasters from around the district attending. A hearty and loud **Way to go** to the committee made up of Mike Perez, Bud Watkins, Bobbye Brown, Larry Lagadrost Dan Houser, and Jamey French. The summer TLI was bigger and better than last year. The day started off with some wonderful fellowship and networking and delicious food. John Rich, immediate past district 60 governor shared an exciting and thought-provoking keynote address closing with all of us singing **This Little Light of Mine**. The rest of the TLI consisted of officers and members having their choice between 12 different education sessions, everything from office specific training to attracting new members to the new leadership track.

Many clubs also brought other members as a way to expose and prepare them to the opportunities of club leadership.

ATTENDANCE CONTEST RESULTS:

There were two clubs that had all 7 club officers and/or positions in attendance to be trained at the summer TLI. These clubs will receive a \$50 gift card. Congratulations to **Miami Valley Toastmasters** Club # 1740 and **Hi-point Toastmasters** Club # 7241, both from the Northern Division.

There were two Area Governors that met the necessary requirements of having at least one club within their area having all seven officer positions trained. These are Ping Yang, Area 3 Governor and Mike Nisonger, Area 4 Governor. Congratulations to each of them!

OTHER TLI STATS:

334 total attendance

4 clubs had 7 or more members in attendance (not all were officers)

42 clubs sent 4 or more officers meeting the Distinguished Club Program requirement

Top area was area 4 (congratulations to Mike Nisonger, again!) which had 4 clubs with 4 or more officers in a attendance.

Area 32 had 75% of clubs send 4 or more officers to hit DCP (congratulations to Howard Caston!)

RIDDLES TO TEASE YOUR MIND

The following riddles should tease your mind. Answers should be sent to the ST Editor (email address at the top of each page). On Oct 1st a winner will be drawn from all correct responses. The prize will be a \$20 gift certificate to the TI Supply Store. Note: District Officers and Staff are not eligible to participate, and only one correct response from each club will be accepted.

1. A gruesome point yields this letter.
2. Three points above all can be found here.



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The Art of Evaluation

Jay Eikes, DTM

I once surprised someone when I said I thought General Evaluator was a meeting's toughest job. He felt that it was easy because you introduced the evaluators and made a couple comments. If you think like he did, here's a chance to upgrade the role at your meetings and get the value out of it intended by the role.

Since you have the responsibility to evaluate the whole meeting, you have the obligation to listen to the whole meeting. By that, I mean really listen. Did the Toastmaster, or the timer, or someone presenting a table topic do something noteworthy? If you haven't listened, you don't know. Every role except speaker is depending on you for the feedback that makes the Toastmasters program work.

Life gets doubly interesting when you look at the prepared speeches. A general evaluator isn't directly responsible for evaluating prepared speeches, but is expected to provide feedback to the evaluator. Sometimes, that may be nothing more than a comment on how the evaluation was organized or the evaluator's presentation skills. You can get that by listening only to the evaluator. More often, the best feedback you can give is whether the evaluator made the best possible selection of content. For that, you need to listen to the speech.

I think general evaluator is the toughest job at the meeting because you need to listen to and note everything while acting as host for the evaluation portion of the meeting. In extreme cases, you may need to take corrective action for an evaluation that was either overly strict or a whitewash. You are the quality control manager for the whole meeting and you need to pay attention to it all to do it at this level.

The person I surprised with these thoughts came to the conclusion that there was a lot more that could be done as General Evaluator than he realized. He took the comments as a challenge to improve his performance in this critical role. I hope and think both he and his club benefited as a result. I invite you to accept the challenge to get as much out of the General Evaluator role as possible. Your fellow members deserve nothing less.



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Visitor Kits

How to attract visitors back

Make up visitor kits to use at your club for those that drop in. What could you include? Use anything that can promote your club. The Franklin Club (#524) recently assembled kits starting with blue folders bought at a local supermarket (a "Back to School" special had them on sale for 10¢ each). Each assembled kit contained:

- A Toastmaster Magazine
- Club meeting minutes
- Toastmaster Brochure **Find Your Voice**
- Toastmaster Brochure **Confidence – The Voice of Leadership**
- Club newsletter
- Copy of DVD interview from Skyline Columbus interview with Mike Perez and Michelle Churma (the copy it was made from was requested from Chris Shumway at Capital University just for this purpose)
- Copy of DVD that had a typical meeting recorded on it
- Club business card showing the where and when of meetings as well as the membership costs and dues
- The **Ice Breaker Speech** handout
- The **Teaching People to Talk Turkey Without Turning Chicken** handout

What was the total cost? The blank DVDs came in a package of 100 for \$35.00 (35¢ each). The folders were 10¢ each. The business cards were printed on Avery labels (250 for \$14.59, or about 6¢ each). The magazines were old issues collected from club members. The application, handouts, and brochures were all part of the free information obtainable from Toastmasters International. Each folder cost about a dollar to produce. If you forgo the DVDs, it could be done for less than 25¢ each.



Visitor Kit



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Contests Are a FUN Experience

Chad Paresa, ATMB (Central Division Governor)

You can make your club Contests more fun by:

- Encourage club members (2 or 3 or more) to participate in contests
- Build the excitement when announcing contest winners
- Present an opportunity to bring your TEAM closer by working on a fun project/event/contest
- Present your own club prizes (a TM mug maybe?)
- Enrich your own Growth-experience being a contestant

Let your club members experience the excitement of competing/participating in these levels from -CLUB-to-AREA-to-DIVISION-to-DISTRICT. In the case of International speech contest, competition levels go from DISTRICT-to-REGION- to Toastmasters INTERNATIONAL Conventions. Find out the contest dates of your contests, advertise them, make a big thing of them.

Remember, great learning and networking opportunities are presented in these levels of events, when we meet gifted speakers. Encourage your club members participate as speakers, judges, sargeant at arms, or simply be an audience enjoying great speeches.

Enjoy!

TOP 10 SIGNS YOU NEED TOASTMASTERS

- #10 You need to give better sales presentations.
- #9 You need to hone your management skills.
- #8 You need to work better with fellow employees.
- #7 You need to effectively develop and present ideas.
- #6 You need to offer constructive criticism.
- #5 You need to accept criticism more objectively.
- #4 You need to respond quickly, concisely, insightfully to impromptu questions.
- #3 You need to become more expressive, increase your vocabulary.
- #2 You need to know what an audience really hears you say.
And when
- #1 You need to find your own "voice."

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