



District 27 May 2008

Action Lines

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

Don't Do It Alone

By Heath Suddleson, DTM

It's the last month and a half and you're trying to get those last awards done so your club can be Distinguished. You have to find those three or five or ten new members to replace those folks who did not renew in April. You might even be asking yourself, "is this really that important?". The answer and the solution are both very simple and rewarding. The answer is *yes* because once you set a culture of success you don't want to break it. By working toward goals, we achieve more than we would have otherwise. The critical thing is to enlist the help of your club members, your Area Governors, and even folks from nearby clubs if you have to. By getting everyone to work in the same direction, with a common mission, you can accomplish great feats without having to do so much yourself. Here's a dose of reality for you.

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INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S GREETING

Shaping Ourselves... Shaping Our World!

To Toastmasters and their guests of District 27:

Toastmasters throughout the world, including your international officers and directors, wish you the best on the occasion of your 2008 Spring Conference on May 24 at the Crystal City Marriott in Arlington, Virginia.



Toastmasters International helps people shape their lives. During your event, look around and celebrate the communication and leadership skills of your friends and fellow club members. Then take a minute to consider what you have become as a result of participating in the Toastmasters program. Aren't you amazed at the transformation? Haven't you shaped yourself into a more confident, more eloquent and overall better person? Haven't you become more willing to help others in and out of your club environment? If you have, then join me in proclaiming the theme for my term in office—"Toastmasters: Shaping Ourselves...Shaping Our World!"

The Toastmasters program is ideal for helping us **Shape Ourselves** and therein **Shape Our World**. We were once self-conscious, hesitant members who have blossomed into assertive, confident and

passionate Toastmasters; we have **Shaped Ourselves** into the Toastmasters we are today. Many of us began as non-committed members and we **Shaped Ourselves** into efficient, capable leaders in our organization and our communities. We started as groups of people who hardly knew each other. Look how we have **Shaped Ourselves** into charismatic, dynamic and successful Toastmasters clubs! As we **Shape Ourselves** individually, we are **Shaping Ourselves** organizationally as well.

The skills we have gained from Toastmasters are endless in value when we use them to our advantage outside of our Toastmasters environment. Our effective communication and leadership skills are priceless when we use them to **Shape Our World**. By applying the knowledge we have acquired from Toastmasters to our lives and communities, we are paying our share of the rent for the space we occupy in this world. We must continue **Shaping Ourselves** by improving our communication and leadership skills, so that we may help our members and clubs **Shape Themselves** with our support, coaching and encouragement.

Our organization depends on members such as you to help more and more people **Shape Themselves** and **Shape Their World** through the Toastmasters program. Thank you for all you do, and congratulations on this important occasion!

Chris Ford,
International President 2007-2008

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

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If you are doing everything yourself because there aren't many club members left, you might find that there aren't many club members left because you are doing everything yourself. You might want to read that last sentence again. Go ahead. I'll wait. Oh good, you're back. If you are keeping others from having the opportunity to learn, grow, and develop as leaders, they might be going elsewhere instead of staying in your club. Share the responsibility and share the benefits. A very wise Past District Governor named Kathy Fox once told me, there are three simple rules to getting things done. Number one is don't do it yourself. Number two is don't do it yourself. Number three was...yup, you guessed it... don't do it yourself.

Cast and Crew Party

Every year the District holds a Hail and Farewell to say thanks to the outgoing officers and howdy to the incoming officers. This year we are calling it a cast and crew party to keep with our district theme. Everyone in the District is invited to attend. Since we can't give anyone a paycheck, we do discount the admission for those who have served or have committed to serve on a District Officer team. Even if you don't get the discount, it's still a pretty good deal for the lunch and

the program. I hope to see you all there.

Proxy Pandemonium

Now is the time of year that we are asking clubs for two kinds of proxies. What are they and why are they important?

The first is the proxy for the Spring Conference. It is attached in this newsletter and can be mailed, faxed, e-mail, hand carried, or sent by carrier pigeon to the Spring Conference. Each club gets two votes and each Club President and VP Education should fill one out. If the President or VP Education cannot attend the conference, any club member can cast the club votes. It is at this conference that we will be electing the leaders for District 27 next year.

The other proxy is sent to the Club President of record from Toastmasters International WHQ in a large blue envelope. This is the proxy for your club's votes to be cast at the Regional and International Conferences. This proxy will have my address pre-printed on the back. This is a very important piece of paper and if it is lost, TI will replace it only once. After that, your club will have no voice. We cannot accept photocopies or letters as your Regional or International proxy. It must be the original proxy sent to you from WHQ. There will be 3 boxes for who you want to carry your proxy and there will be some proposals for you to instruct your vote. For the 3 boxes on who can

carry your proxy, they are in order of preference. Box A is for a member of your club who will cast the votes at the Regional or International Conference. Box B is if you know someone who is going and you trust them to cast your vote in your best interest, even if they are not a member of your club. Box C is if you are not sure who is going and you want the highest ranking District Officer to carry your club vote. If you select Boxes A or B you can give your proxy card to the person named. If you select Box C you can place a stamp on the card and mail it to me since my name and address are pre-printed on the back. Which box you check is not as important as the club vote being cast by someone. Because these proxies are also needed to cast votes for International Director Candidates, you may be asked by more than one person for your proxy card. If you are unsure of how to handle this, please call me directly and I will discuss it with you confidentially. My phone number is 301.538.9158 or you can e-mail me at d27gov@d27tm.org.

Distinguished By April 30?

by Lillian Cooke, DTM

The official end of April stats aren't in, but the preliminary numbers are shown in the table titled *Distinguished By April 30*.

Congratulations to all the clubs listed in the table. There are several clubs that have the goals met but are

International Speech Area Champs

DIVISION A: NEVILLE THOMPSON

Area 11—Neville Thompson
Area 12—Kathy Deel
Area 13—Rendell Tan
Area 14—Anton Vanterpool II
Area 15—Richard Hunter
Area 17—Veronda Bamideli

DIVISION B: SAM CONNER

Area 21
Area 22—Steve Higgins
Area 23
Area 24—Jim Whelan
Area 25—Sam Conner

DIVISION C: GARVEY MACINTOSH

Area 31—Patrice Campbell
Area 32—Garvey MacIntosh
Area 33—Timothy Crawford
Area 34
Area 35—Ray Barber
Area 36
Area 37—Mary Pearson

DIVISION D: ALICE GUO

Area 41—Steve Montgomery
Area 42—Alice Guo
Area 43—Eileen Murdock
Area 44—Ryan Reed

DIVISION E: GEORGE SELBY

Area 51
Area 52—David Frick
Area 53—George Selby
Area 54—Matthew C. Horne
Area 55

DIVISION F: AYN DIETRICH

Area 61—Siafa Sherman
Area 62—Andy Finn
Area 63—Thomas Smith
Area 64—Ayn Dietrich
Area 65

DIVISION G: ALICIA SHARP

Area 71—Uday Lama
Area 72—Janetta Daugherty
Area 73
Area 74—Vernice Armour

DIVISION H: TERRY SCHUTT

Area 81
Area 82
Area 83
Area 84
Area 85—Lynn Romano

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The Newsletter of District 27 Toastmasters

Heath Suddleson, DTM
District Governor and Publisher

For up-to-the-minute news, check www.d27tm.org and tm27.wordpress.com.

Send articles for publication in future issues to PRO Mike Schultz, schultzmt@mac.com.

Evaluation Area Champs

DIVISION A: ANTON VANTERPOOL II

- Area 11—Ken Alston
- Area 12—Michael R. Duerksen
- Area 13—Marshall Anderson
- Area 14—Kristi Daniels
- Area 15—David Kirsten
- Area 17—Robin Hylton

DIVISION B: ALLAN MUTEN

- Area 21
- Area 22—Allan Muten
- Area 23
- Area 24—Deborah Jackson
- Area 25—Curtis Smith

DIVISION C: BRENDA HOWARD

- Area 31—Lindsey Woolmington
- Area 32—Robert Lee Kennedy
- Area 33—John McDowell
- Area 34
- Area 35—Sidney Neely
- Area 36
- Area 37—Jessica Shaw

DIVISION D: ALICE GUO

- Area 41—Aaron Lewis
- Area 42—Alice Guo
- Area 43—Joe Belzile
- Area 44—Sue Alexander

DIVISION E: ENYINNA ANTHONY

- Area 51
- Area 52—Paul Lucas
- Area 53—George Selby
- Area 54—Tim Butts
- Area 55—Johnny Sipes

DIVISION F: SUE WORDEN

- Area 61—Erin Reed
- Area 62—Andy Finn
- Area 63—Charlie Hall
- Area 64—Dan Matz
- Area 65

DIVISION G: RENDELL TAN

- Area 71—Rendell Tan
- Area 72—Peggy Benedict
- Area 73
- Area 74—Karla Allen

DIVISION H: NICOLA WILLIS JONES

- Area 81
- Area 82
- Area 83
- Area 84
- Area 85—Dan Bukowski

lacking members. Please have your club treasurer check with Toastmasters International to ensure that you are listed as an “active” member.

Even though you may not have made Distinguished by April 30, you still have time to be Distinguished by June 30. Let's put those ideas and enthusiasm into ACTION!

Let's Remember

June 30, 2008, is the last date to apply for the Old Competent Leader (OCL) award. The previous OCL award is now the Advanced Leader Bronze (ALB) award. The previous Advanced Leader award is now the Advanced Leader Silver (ALS) award. The requirements for the ALB award include the completion of the new Competent Leadership manual. Because the requirements for this award have changed, there is a two-year grace period for those

working toward the previous Competent Leader award. This means World Headquarters will continue to issue OCL awards under the previous requirements through June 30, 2008. Beginning July 1, 2008, all members will have to meet the new requirements. Those who have already earned the Competent Leader or OCL award under the previous requirements and who apply now for the Advanced Leader award will receive the new ALS award.

Spring Conference Is Almost Here

Registration after May 10, 2008 is \$140 for all events. You can register at the district web site until May 22 or you can register at the Crystal City Marriott on the day of the conference. We have a day packed full of fun, adventure, and learning for you. Here is a brief

snapshot of the day. Times are approximate and subject to slight change.

Morning

- 7:00 Registration and Continental breakfast
- 8:00 First Timer's Reception
Credentials Desk Opens
- 8:30 Opening Ceremonies
- 9:00 Workshops
- 10:15 Speech Evaluation Contest
- 11:45 Lunch with C&L Awardee Randy Exley, Deputy Auditor General for the Naval Audit Service

Afternoon and Evening

- 1:30 Plenary Session with Toastmasters International President Chris Ford
- 3:00 Hall of Fame
- 4:00 Credentials Desk Closes
- 4:30 Business Meeting
- 5:00 International Speech Contest
- 8:00 President's Dinner

DCP Progress Distinguished by April 30

9623	5-Star	754669	Naval Audit Service	912688	Esperantos
5986	G.U.T.S.		Tuesday	695340	Kingstowne Toasties
8224	U2 Can Speak	738588	One Dulles	7467	South County Communicators
8211	Voices Of SHRM	3130	TASC	1973	Prince William County
3248	State Of Speaking	5154	Loudoun	8913	Lake Ridge
1642	Challenger	980049	AOL	8920	Rappahannock Regional
839725	NRECA Power Speakers	2184	Andrews	799315	Build a Bridge
935498	PMIWDC #01	1149	DIALOGuers	4967	MacToast
4572	Energy	3349	Suitland Federal	91	BAH
9414	Plane Talkers	1051517	Fast Forward	4676	Brinker
1054662	CGHQ	5646	All In The Family	8820	Navygators
651	Federal Center Southwest	5695	Speak Your Mind	3078	US Geological Survey
1795	HUD	8282	Seven Seas	919085	Traveling TasteMasters
8072	School Street	8532	Burke	5160	Free Spirits
3314	New Southwest	1792	Springfield	932058	Sprint Nextel
1037	Federal	5378	Virginia Advanced Speakers		
751105	Naval Audit Service Thursday	7776	Bennie Bough		

Distinguished District Scoreboard (updated May 9)

Payments		Clubs		CCs		ACs	
Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual
8019	7402	198	189	275	229	78	95

Educational Sessions

Toastmasters International President, Chris Ford, DTM, will talk to us about collaborative leadership.

Paul Lawrence Vann, author of *Living on Higher Ground*, will lead a session titled *World's Most Profitable Skills*. Paul will show us a clear path to success we can each follow by using the communication skills that we learn in Toastmasters.

Sandra Coles-Bell, CEO of Coles-Bell, Etc., will lead a session titled *Characteristics of Effective Leaders*. Sandra will define leadership, give you tips on becoming an authentic leader, an effective leader, making the tough decisions, and using climate and attitude to accent your leadership.

Past International President Bennie Bough will host a panel of candidates for International Director. Nancy Holder, Annelie Weber, and Thomas Weber will tell us why they deserve your club's vote.

WIIFM-HD...Tune In, Succeed, Inspire Others

by John Lesko, DTM

Perhaps you listen to an iPod or MP3-player while exercising. Some say music tames the savage breast or at least it can temporarily ease the aches and pains of aging joints while we run, jog, bike, lift weights, bend, stretch, twist, or turn at the gym in our homes or at the local park. So what's your favorite radio station

when it comes to your Toastmasters workouts? Are you tuned into *WIIFM* (What's In It For Me)? Or are you plugged into the new *WIIFM-HD* (What's In It For Members—Highly Distinguished)?

It is often said that most folks join Toastmasters to overcome a fear of public speaking. Fewer join for the thinking and listening or leadership skills development opportunities. Regardless of the motive, we all give our Icebreakers and then progress through the Competent Communication and Competent Leadership manuals. As Lillian Cooke has been known to say at area and division contests, "These manuals are my two best friends. I take them with me to every meeting." But I digress...

The longer I am in Toastmasters, the more I believe that the vast majority of Toastmasters turn from their initial motives for joining and take on a new focus; that of helping or serving our fellow members. As the old leadership adage goes: *People don't care what you know. Ultimately, they really just want to know that you care.* To me this is the essence of leadership; caring for others so that all can achieve our goals.

So to get to the point, please study the chart titled *Distinguished by April 30 Results*. That's twenty-four percent (48 of 197 active clubs) who are distinguished by April 30th. Kudos to the one-in-four clubs within the district that are tuned into *WIIFM-HD*. But as famed radio personality Paul Harvey says, "Now for the rest of the story..."

- 100 percent of these clubs have a *net gain of five* or have *20 or more* members.
- 100 percent achieved Distinguished Club Program (DCP) Goal 7: Recruit 4 New Members.
- 40 of 48 achieved DCP Goal 8: Recruit 4-More New Members. And on the leadership front, consider...
- 100 percent of the *Select or President's Distinguished* clubs met or exceeded DCP Goal 9: Having 4 of 7 club officers trained twice a year at the Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI).
- 22 of 25 *Distinguished* clubs achieved DCP Goal 9. Those that missed this goal did have officers attend TLI. They just didn't have at least four in both cycles of train-

Distinguished by April 30 Results

Division	Active Clubs	Distinguished	Select Distinguished	President's Distinguished
A	31	3	0	1
B	26	2	1	1
C	33	5	4	1
D	19	1	2	1
E	21	3	1	0
F	27	4	3	1
G	18	3	2	1
H	22	4	2	2
District 27 Totals:	197	25	15	8

Conference Registration

The Spring Conference will be held Saturday, May 24, at the Crystal City Marriott, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. To register, complete this form and mail with payment to Alfreda Clark, 300 Yoakum Parkway #1216, Alexandria, VA 22304. Checks should be made payable to District 27 Toastmasters. To contact Alfreda, call 703.823.5340 or write d27mbiz@yahoo.com.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

First Time Attendee? Yes No

Home Club: _____

Club Number: _____

Home District: _____

REGISTRATION TYPE AND FEE

- Conference Only
\$45 (\$50 after May 10)
- Conference and Lunch
\$80 (\$85 after May 10)
- Conference, Lunch, and Dinner
\$125 (\$140 after May 10)

MEAL SELECTION

- Lunch
- Chicken Piccata
- NY Steak
- Mushroom ravioli
- Dinner
- Chicken Florentine
- Salmon
- Roasted vegetable cannelloni

CONTESTANTS ONLY

- Representing Division _____
- Evaluation Contest
- International Speech Contest

Beat the Clock

Add five new, dual, or reinstated members to your club's roster between May 1st and

June 30th and you will receive (1) a 'Beat the Clock' ribbon to display on your club's banner, and an educational module (2) a \$25 gift certificate at a Toastmasters bookstore and (3) one entry for each new member in a special drawing to recognize membership building with gift certificates. Check the district web site for details.

ing, leaving this LGM wondering if we could have had three more *Select or President's Distinguished* clubs if more folks understood their jobs just that much better.

Conclusions...

It truly is all about the members. Recruit them, serve them by developing excellent educational programs at your club meetings, and retain them. Lead them. Inspire them. Successful clubs—like profitable movie theaters—learn how to put seats in the seats. And the very best theaters then inspire the audience so that they leave the or club environment and become stars in all other aspects of their lives.

Glossophobia to Self-Confidence

by Larry Welch, DTM

In the past 16 years, it has been my blessing to visit with hundreds of Toastmasters in clubs around the world. Because I am a native English speaker, members will usually nab me for table topics, an impromptu speech, and concluding remarks. It is great being treated like a celebrity, but also takes a considerable amount of mental energy.

The theme that I invariably present is one that members don't often recognize when thinking of benefits and features of Toastmasters International. We all know that committed people get better with practice, whether they are tossing cow chips or grow-

ing banana trees. And so it goes with public speaking, listening and critical thinking (attitude) in Toastmasters.

It is reassuring to know that if we discipline ourselves to give speeches, volunteer for table topics, listen intently to our Club mates, and keep an open mind, we will become an exceptional communicator. That's me. I am exceptional and many of you are as well. Toastmasters made all the difference to my reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Now I am usually succinct in writing and speaking and when it comes to reading and listening I can quickly understand main points. That saves time and has made me more efficient.

But what's beyond these three important aspects (speaking, listening, and critical thinking) of personal development? If you've thought of self-confidence, self-esteem, and an improved humanitarian heart, you're right on the money.

From my own experiences I was transformed from a person suffering from Glossophobia (severe fear of public speaking) to an amazingly self-confident individual who found the bravery to fly an airplane, run in marathons, write books, and live in a foreign country. None of these things has been easy, but they were made easier because I believed in myself. That started with Toastmasters.

As an illustration, I'll mention Charles Antanavage, a real person, perhaps

still a Toastmaster. I met Charles at the old NAVFAC Toastmasters Club. He was a 40ish accountant, once shy, timid and withdrawn, working for the Naval Audit Service. One of the things that Charles disclosed about the self-confidence he developed in Toastmasters was that it helped him find and marry a Russian bride. He traveled to Russia not knowing the language, met his future wife and her family, and ultimately was able to bring her to the US where they were married in 2002. On the opposite side of the coin let's focus on Gayla Reilly, now retired, still a Toastmaster, and living in Massachusetts. Gayla publicly disclosed on many occasions that it was the confidence she developed in Toastmasters that allowed her to stop crying and seek divorce from an abusive marriage. I am inspired by their stories and wish that you could hear them first hand. But there are many other experiences to draw upon. If you will reflect on your first meeting and where you are today you'll find measurable improvement and it never stops as long as you keep a steady course of discipline in participating with your Toastmaster friends.

The self-esteem of Bill Gates is worth billions. He knows that he is worth it although public images show a humble, but keenly intelligent individual. Years ago many of my friends and I in Washington regularly fed homeless people from a mobile food van through Martha's Table. Over the years, we encountered

2008 SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

Proxy Certificate

Club Number: _____

Date: _____

Club Name: _____

The undersigned designates the following named individual as proxy for the District 27 2008 Spring Business Meeting

Printed name of Proxy

Printed Name of Club President or Vice President Education

Signature of above officer

Instructions

The President and Vice President Education (VPE) of every club each gets one vote at the District Business Meeting. If either the President or VPE will be at the Business Meeting, then you don't need the proxy. However, if you're not absolutely positive that one of these two officers will be there, then:

1. Print off this proxy.
2. Have the President or VPE sign it.
3. Give it to a member of your club who is going to the Spring Conference.
4. Have that member present it at the Credentials Desk and they'll be given the two voting slips.

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clubs, thereby offering greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters educational program. Opportunities exist for those interested in becoming a Club Sponsor, Club Mentor, or a Club Coach. Individuals who are looking to help build a new club or renovate a club in need of a little repair—while they earn credit toward the Advanced Leader Silver (ALS) award—should contact John Lesko at D27LGM@d27tm.org.

thousands of individuals whose self-esteem was worth 50 cents or a dollar. These men and women had been beaten down by poor education, poor attitudes and bad luck. They didn't have much belief in themselves and reinforced that with each other by playing *Ain't it Awful*. We felt bad for them, but at the time all we could do was pass them a smile of encouragement and a simple fare of food.

In Toastmasters, pride comes in accomplishment and recognition; there is plenty of that. It comes from friendly Club mates and to strangers in other parts of town or Clubs. The association with Toastmasters is one of pride and that poise—tilt of the head, reassuring smile, and chin up attitude says I am a success at what I do and can

do more. How much is that worth? You can calculate this value on the basis of the improvement in your relationships, career mobility, and sense of well being.

A final benefit that Toastmasters acquire almost without knowing it is improvement to the humanitarian heart. That comes from patiently listening to the experiences and viewpoints of others. We learn empathy and to appreciate humanity with a realization that we're all part of one human family. Regardless of ethnicity, religion, economic status, education, or any social measurement, we are in life together. We share the same pet peeves, fears, loves, and sense of humor. Giving and receiving encouragement and sharing a smile are part and parcel of developing a better heart.

We become less judgmental, more positive, and have an enlarged sense of gratitude. That is a gift that comes from listening to people and it starts at Toastmasters Club meetings.

If no one has yet explained that the quality of your life is based on the quality of your relationships please take that to heart. Further, the quality of relationships is based on your ability to communicate well in speaking and listening. If you're lousy at it, you're going to have lousy relationships. It is that simple.

I am often reminded of a remark made by Dr. Albert Schweitzer, when he reflected on the inspiration that we bring one to another. Dr. Schweitzer said, *In everyone's life at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by*

an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the human spirit. And so it is with our friends in Toastmasters International, we should be thankful for them and the educational opportunities that encourage our growth in self-confidence, self-esteem and humanitarian values.

(Larry Welch is a Distinguished Toastmaster, lives in Northeast Thailand, and is a long-distance member of NRCC Toastmasters. He has written two books, most recently *Quotations for Positive People, And Those Who Would Like To Be*, and is creator of *On the run...*, an e-news that describes people and places that he visits. Larry can be reached at lnwelch@aol.com)

Fall Hall of Fame

2006-2007 Toastmasters Year

Educational & Leadership Awards – May 1, 2007 thru June 30, 2007

COMPETENT COMMUNICATOR

David H Alexander
Rachel T Alexander
Daniel George Allott
Lucy Ananieva
Marshall Anderson
Amos Kwame Baah
Jerri R. Bailey
Teresa Bailey
Lori R. Bell
Marsha G Brandenburg
Gary D. Brooks
Chuck L. Brownawell
Kate A. Burke
Melissa Ann Burket
Oswald A. Cartwright
Paul Theron Cassedy
Parkash K. Chahal
Robbie E. Chrishon
Johnsie W. Cogman
R. Jeffrey Cole
Angela Ramona Cooper
Joanna Ewa Cornell
Roger M Cryan

Monica D. Cutchember
Barbara J. Dahl
Vikram Dayal
Michael Demmitt
Michael F DePiro
Veronica Dietz
Qu Duan
Jane M. Eboch
Geoffrey Fred Edelmann
Jacoby R Ethridge
Doug Farmer
Imelda Garcia
Katherine L. Gaskins
Leslie Gigliotti
Victoria Goode
Joseph Goodman
Wioletta M. Hamling
Denizejoice D. Hammond
James A. Heeren
Sonia J. Holman
Delores S. Horton
April Humber
Barbara Lee Hunt
John E. Hunt

Kristine S. James
Yanick Andree Kane
Michelle M Kelley
Martin Lahart
Amy lee
Gladys Mae Lee
Marilyn Riley Liciaga
Dianne Lovett
Timothy John Matson
David Conrad May
Caryn Mee
Ingrid Molinary
Paulette C. Morgan
Wendy I. Murphy
Pamela Ann Neal
Frederick Christopher Neidhart
Sangeetha Nithilaselvan
Jose Obando
Kelley Ohara
Arun Panicker
Roger Parker
Ann C. Parks
Judith E. Pearson
Lara K Peterson

James Kent Queen
Paula A. Richardson
William E. Roberts
Jane B. Rottier
Mark Edward Russell
Anil Savkar
Cara B. Seitchek
Soham Ghosh Sen
William Camp Shelly
Eric C Showalter
Timothy A Springer
Mark J Stepongzi
Heath Suddleson
Eunice Swinson-Jones
Mary Taylor
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Nancy L Thomason
Carol Vargas
Nancy Vehrs
Hsu Terry Wang
Stephen Watjen
Brock Edward Webb
Kenny W. Wilkins
Nimah A. Williams

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Shep C. Willner
James E Wilson
Richard Francis Woodford
Sue J. Worden
Huiya Xiao

ADVANCED COMMUNICATOR BRONZE

Mike E. Bishop
Lavonda Kay Broadnax
Darlene Carpenter
Ismael R. Dieppa
Ernesto Etienne
Rosemarie Field
Cassandra R. Goings
Edmond Joe
Stephan M. Matheis
Esther Onaro
Alan W. Payne
Juneous Pettijohn
Elaine Z. Pugh
Ralph Randall
Thomas E Reed
Vincent W. Robinson
Cara B. Seitchek
Baikunth K. Singh
Emilia Mimi Snider
Neville A. D. Thompson
Susan S. Thompson
Curtis C. Whiteman
Linda Yao

ADVANCED COMMUNICATOR SILVER

Theresa M. Del Grippo
Kevin S. Engle
Rick Eshbach
Jenny Laster Genser
Dean A. Hess
William B. Malthouse
June M. Parsons
Alan W. Payne
Tam M. Pham
James L. Raney
Gerald E. Reynolds
Lynn Romano
Suliaman M. Sahebian
Cara B. Seitchek
John Thomas Smith
Sue J. Worden

ADVANCED COMMUNICATOR GOLD

Stephanie D. Cooks
Arthur R. Cresce
Pamela C. Davis
Cynthia V Hannibal
Sherry Hope
Marianne Meadows
Karen M. Mills
Steven A. Neff
Eric P. Roos
Regina Villasmil
Hsu Terry Wang

OLD COMPETENT LEADER

Alan R. Adrian
Charles R Antanavage
Janelle Baliko
Walter P. Benesch
Lavonda Kay Broadnax
John G. Buscher
Darlene Carpenter
Robbie E. Chrishon
R. Jeffrey Cole

Vikram Dayal
Linda Ann Dodson
Tammi Ellis
Linda M Everetts
Leslie Gigliotti
Jeffrey E. Goldhardt
Julie S. Halstead
Wioletta M. Hamling
James A. Heeren
Dean A. Hess
Charles D. Hodge
Val Jefferson
Baskar Kumaresan
Julie Lane
Gladys Mae Lee
Julia C Leggett
Shelia R. Manear
Marlon Ray Martin
Joshua M McIntire
Cynthia Miller
Elizabeth Montgomery
Jason V. Morgan
Jenni Sara Moyer
Ann C. Parks
Gregory B. Passes
Bharat Patel
Alan W. Payne
Lakshminarayana Peri
Laura V. Rodriguez
Calvin A. Sandt
Cara B. Seitchek
Vipin Sharma
Delphine L. Smith
Emilia Mimi Snider
Dianne Strickland
Jingyang Tao
Charles F Taylor
Doreen Taylor
Jeffrey A. Thomas
James C. Titkemeyer
Angela E. Tyson

COMPETENT LEADER

Erik Anderson
Mindy J. Applegate
Rick Brannon
Yvonne S. Breece
Robbie E. Chrishon
Monica Cutchember
Marja Lee Freeman
Delores S. Horton
Eric Kwiatkowski
Martin Lahart
Satish Rao
Lynn Romano
Rosemary Smith
Hsu Terry Wang

ADVANCED LEADER BRONZE

Lynn Romano

ADVANCED LEADER SILVER

Rudolph A. Krutar
Hsu Terry Wang

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Cora M. Jacobson
Rudolph A. Krutar
Steven A. Neff
Kate M. Publicover
Hsu Terry Wang

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Rudolph A. Krutar
Hsu Terry Wang

TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS

Alan R. Adrian
Walter P. Benesch
Stanley D. Boyd
Helene G. Brecher
Yvonne S. Breece
Lavonda K Broadnax
Gary D. Brooks
Helen L. Burkett
Robbie E. Chrishon
Samuel K. Conner
Lillian O. Cooke
James Cooney
Aref N. Dajani
Helga M. Davies
Ismael R. Dieppa
Frederick Donovan
Rosemarie Field
Jenny Laster Genser
Kevin J. Gormley
Lynn M. Griesemer
James Reed Honeywell
David Hsieh
Elizabeth Keogan
John D. Kinsman
Viki Kinsman
Rudolph A. Krutar
Tong Louie
Nancy S. Malthouse
Andrew C. Margrave
Neil McDonnell
James E. Murphy
Jim O'Connor
Alan W. Payne
Lynn Romano
Cara B. Seitchek
Heath Suddleson
Brian Tallman
Charles F Taylor
Gerri Wallace
Hsu Terry Wang
Paul E White
Sue J. Worden

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED

All In The Family
Andrews
Bennie Bough
Build a Bridge
Burke Toastmasters
Courthouse
Crystal City Evening Toastmasters
Culpeper
Federal Center Southwest
Federal Toastmasters
First Edition
Franconia Orators
Free Spirits Toastmasters
G.U.T.S.
Kingstowne Toasties
Kohoutek Toastmasters
Lake Ridge
Leesburg Speakeasies
Library of Congress
MacToast
Manassas Community
Mount Vernon Toastmasters

NASA Toastmasters
Naval Audit Service Thursday
New Southwest
OCC Speakeasies
One Dulles Toastmasters
PMIWDC #01 Toastmasters
Promise Speakers
Reston-Herndon Toastmasters
School Street Toastmasters
Speak Up
Speak Your Mind
Springfield Toastmasters
Sprint Nextel Toastmasters
Suitland Federal
Tech Tower Toastmasters
Tower Talkers

SELECT DISTINGUISHED

Ashburn Toastmasters
BAH Toastmasters
Belvoir
Brinker
Challenger Toastmasters
Confidently Speaking
DIALoguers
DLA Toastmasters
Energy Toastmasters
ExxonMobil
Galloping Governors Toastmasters
IPT
Last Great Speakers Toastmasters
Loudoun
LUCKY Toastmasters
Naval Audit Service Tuesday
Navygators
Old Town Toastmasters
Park Center Toastmasters
Presidential Speakers
Prince William County Toastmasters
Rappahannock Regional Toastmasters
Rosslyn Speak E-Z
Shenandoah Royal Orators
Smithsonian
SOS/SAIC
Spirited Speakers
Stafford County Employees Toastmasters
Traveling TasteMasters
USDA Toastmasters
Virginia Advanced Speakers
DISTINGUISHED
Alexandria Treetop Speakers
Ballston Toastmasters
Capitol Hill
Centreville
Cisco Communicators
Cox Communicators of Northern Virginia
Datatel Toastmasters
DEA Surround Sound
FAA Speeachmasters
Fairfax Toastmasters
Free And Wild Toastmasters
Great Talking Geckos
Helen Burkett
HUD Toastmasters
Hunter Mill
Lone Star Toastmasters
Network Express
Nova Toastmasters

Old Dominion Toastmasters
 Postal Speaks Toastmasters
 Potomac
 South County Communicators
 SRA Toastmasters
 Talk of The Town
 Tysons Talkers Toastmasters
 Wizards Of Ahs Toastmasters

DISTINGUISHED AREA

Area 14 Kristen Campbell, ATMB, CL
 Area 21 Jim Raney, ATMB, CL
 Area 22 Evangelina Toledo, ATMS
 Area 23 Joe Edmond, CTM, CL
 Area 25 Kevin Gormley, ACS
 Area 31 Audrey Wright, DTM
 Area 32 Garvey McIntosh

Area 35 Vann-Di Galloway, ACS, CL
 Area 36 Steve Neff, ATMS
 Area 52 MacArthur Burton, DTM
 Area 55 Bernie Wunder, ATMS
 Area 61 Russell Sandidge, DTM
 Area 62 Kathleen Newbern, CTM
 Area 65 Karen Hade, ATMB
 Area 72 Peter Batten, CTM, CL
 Area 73 Charlie Taylor, CTM
 Area 81 Charles Wormald, ATMB
 Area 82 Vankatesh Ramarathinam, CTM
 Area 83
 Area 85 Betsy Keogan, ATMS

SELECT DISTINGUISHED AREA

Area 12 Karen Lucas, ATMB
 Area 15 Paul White, ACS, ALB

Area 51 David Alexander, DTM
 Area 63 Dave Aronson, CTM
 Area 74 David Matthews, ACS, CL
 PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED AREA
 Area 33 Monica Cutchember, ATMG
 Area 34 Otis Wilson, ATMS, CL
 Area 42 Jim Honeywell, ACG, CL
 Area 44 Carolyn Bledsoe, ATMB
 Area 53 Arthur Cresce, ATMS, CL
 Area 64 Tong Louie, ACB
 Area 71 Eric Roos, ATMS, CL

DISTINGUISHED DIVISION

Division D - Neil McDonnell, ACS, AL

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED DIVISION

Division B - Al Englehardt, ATMB
 Division C - Bessie Johnson, DTM
 Division E - Kathleen Vining, DTM
 Division F - Sue Worden, ACS
 Division G - Gary Brooks, DTM

CLUB PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR

Jenny Laster Genser, DTM

AREA GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR

Kristen Campbell, ATMB

DIVISION GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR

Janey Trowbridge, ACS

TOASTMASTER OF THE YEAR

David Hsieh, DTM

2007-2008 Toastmasters Year

Educational & Leadership Awards - July 1, 2007 through October 26, 2007

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 Rachel A. Alford
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 Rachel M Ayers
 Shushan M. Bartholomew
 Thomas J Boggess
 Donna Blake Bolton
 Jaspal S. Boparai
 Eddie W. Chambers
 Rose Christmas
 Katherine H. Digges
 Darrick Andre Early
 Michael O. Ebiala
 Sarah E. English
 Kelly Fitzsimmons
 Carla A. Fleming
 Andrew J. Galligan
 Joi Grieg
 Asha Gupta
 L. Catherine Hader
 Monifa Hamilton
 Brett Haugen
 Michael Heaney
 Joann L. Heck
 Christine M. Hobbs
 Karen Hoff
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 David Hsieh
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 Brett T. Hurm
 Philip John Kangas
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 Elizabeth Keogan
 Thomas Keogan
 Viki Kinsman
 Frederic W. Krebs
 Eloisa Lara
 Thomas M. Leary
 Lauren Leveton
 Joe F. Ligaya
 Dave T Montagne
 Sathya P Moorthy
 Carolyn J. Murray

Peter Naka
 Aslam Nawabzada
 Doug W Nelson
 Abeni Ogun
 -Ali, Ismail Omar
 Peggy Pearson
 Odysseas I. Pentakalos
 Anita Perrow
 Denise M. Polin
 Amita Potdar
 William M. Powers
 Noah E. Roberson
 Jacqueline D. Rodriguez
 David Ross
 Andreas Scherer
 Craig S. Silverio
 Devendra Singh
 Thomas G. Smith
 Jessica Stainback
 Robert Foster Stolte
 Wenbo Su
 Jeffrey A. Thomas
 Jean M. Toohey
 Lan-Thanh Troung
 Anton L Vanterpool
 Deaune C Volk
 Hsu Terry Wang
 Reina S. Weiner
 Lillian V. Woods
 Gary Zimmerman

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 Mary Ann Alston
 Annette C.C. Bartholomew
 Shushan M. Bartholomew
 Nikki Bradburn
 Michael O Dixon
 Mark Eyerly
 Thomas Miles Geggel
 Eve A. Johnson
 Oshiomowe Momodu Busari
 Walt Okon
 Bharat Patel
 Sharon E. Presley
 Ronald G. Rhoades
 Joe Short

Sally Strackbein
 David K. Walatka
 Gerhard Ziegler
 ADVANCED COMMUNICATOR SILVER
 Ray Barber
 Dorothy Ann Christon
 Leanne Cusumano
 Rick L. Halstead
 John S. Verrico
 William G. Wright

ADVANCED COMMUNICATOR GOLD

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 Helen L. Burkett
 Vann-Di M. Galloway
 Gerald L. Haddock
 Alvin David Matthews
 Jacqueline N. Rogers
 Cara B. Seitchek
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 Sinchau Steve Chang
 Rose Christmas
 Vickie Collins
 Raja Dharmaraj
 Jeffrey E Ferguson
 Charles Fullilove
 Thomas J. Hanrahan
 Phillip A. Haughton
 April Humber
 Lee Kass
 Greta Y. Kirby
 Julie Lane
 Ingrid Molinary
 Alan S. Palm
 Paula A. Richardson
 Vipin Sharma
 Emilia Mimi Snider
 Dianne Strickland
 James B. Turner
 Theresa Crouse Walters

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Hail and Farewell

A special event to say thank you to those who have served the District for the year

and to welcome those who will serve in the coming year. Dinner at The State Theatre in Falls Church, 12:00 PM.. June 21, \$35 for District staff; \$45 for others. For information, contact Kathleen Newbern, d27a62gov@d27tm.org or 703.346.5887.