



THE LEGACY

District 25 Toastmasters, President's Distinguished District 2004-2005

Unsung Heroes

By David Himmelstein, DTM
District 25 Governor

Now is the time to recognize the unsung heroes of District 25 – the dedicated men and women who serve as officers for YOUR CLUB. They all took office on July 1, 2005. Some completed a six-month term on December 31, 2005, while others will serve twelve months, through June 30, 2006.



Each of them deserves our gratitude for making our clubs positive and mutually supportive places, where we develop and practice our skills as we each build our Legacies, and where we reap the benefits of the Toastmasters program.

If you're proud of your club officers, let the world know! Nominate them for Outstanding Club Officer July 1, 2005-December 31, 2005.

Has your **Sergeant at Arms** set up your meeting room each week and made guests feel welcome?

Has your **Treasurer** politely but firmly collected membership dues, submitted new membership applications, and paid all bills on time?

Has your **Secretary** diligently kept minutes of all club proceedings, helped the club complete administrative tasks, and served as the "glue" to keep the club together?

Has your **Vice President of Public Relations** displayed ingenuity and resourcefulness with unique ways of getting your club noticed?

Has your **Vice President of Membership** involved all club members in membership building activities, and helped meet EVERY MEMBER's needs?

Has your **Vice President of Education** designed awesome educational programs, allowing EVERY MEMBER to improve their speaking and leadership skills, and ensuring that each member feels involved in the club's success?

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Has your **President** given members a vision of greatness; guided and brought out the best in fellow club officers; displayed enthusiasm, commitment and can-do spirit; made all members feel that they are important and belong to something special; and focused on every member becoming BETTER?

Have your **club officers** worked well as a team? Have they led by example; treated others with courtesy and respect; kept promises; encouraged, mentored, and instructed: all to help club members improve their skills?

If you can answer YES to a single question, you have someone in your club who deserves recognition as an OUTSTANDING OFFICER. Please nominate your club officers for the Outstanding Club Officers July-December 2005. Send an e-mail or word document to your Area Governor, Division Governor, and Awards Chair Reannan McDaniel. For more information, contact Reannan at Awards@d25toastmasters.org

Outstanding servant leadership is the unseen force that holds our clubs and District together. Our leaders are unsung heroes. Now is the time to sing their praises!

Training is in Full Swing!

By Dede Rhodes, DTM
Lt. Gov of Education and Training



TLIs are great resources for training. Club officers receive the latest training for their positions. Club members receive the best ideas for membership and educational achievements.

Contestants...training at TLI for judging and Chief Judge are a must. This will definitely help you prepare for your contests. Also, try Quality Contest Training, which allows the persons putting on the contests to serve the contestants better.

Rumor has it we will probably have one more TLI in January. Keep your eyes and ears open for more details. Keep checking the District website!!

Since we're talking about **TLI**, congratulations to Toni Hendricks for organizing an excellent day on Saturday, January 7th! It was fun and exciting, with a great turnout. Workshops were well prepared, educational, and we had very good participation and feedback from attendees.

As usual, we had good food and some terrific schmoozing opportunities!

Thank you again, Toni!

Education Awards

By DeDe Rhodes, DTM
Lt. Governor for Education & Training

WOW! We are really kicking out those CTMs and ATMs. Have you seen the new DTMs added to the list? What about the latest promotion from your LGET for the months of December and January? Check out the District website for the flyer!!

- If at least four Club Officers attended TLI on Saturday, December 10th, **OR** Saturday, January 7th
- Get TWO CTMs and/or ATMs by January 31st AND CL or AL by January 31st
- **Receive New Leadership Manual**
- Earn another CTM or ATM or CL or AL
- **Club receives a SET of New Leadership Manual**

Who will take advantage of these wonderful Manuals?

Important Deadlines

AREA GOVERNORS

Please turn in your contest flyers to PRO on or before January 15th.

DIVISION GOVERNORS

Please turn in your contest flyers to PRO on or before February 1st.



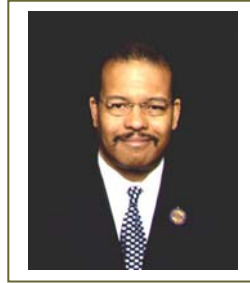
TIME'S MARCHING ON!!

Give the Gift of Toastmasters

By Maurice Taitt, DTM
Lt. Governor for Marketing

What better gifts to give a loved one than effective communication, improved work relationships, and improved personal relationships? You may present the gift certificate on the next page to anyone of your choosing, and sponsor their membership in Toastmasters. The rules of membership in your club apply, and payment arrangements should be made with the club Treasurer. The value of the certificate is equal to 6 months' dues and membership fees. In addition, new members must agree to the Toastmaster's promise. Don't forget: these gift certificates are non-transferable.

Give the gift of Toastmasters!



MARKETING NEWSFLASH.....

The Talk UP Toastmasters Program runs during February and March. Each Club that adds 5 or more new members gets a special ribbon, WOW!

AND not only that, the Division and Area that gain the most new members in February and March will each receive a special prize – **WOW**, again.

Watch for the **February Newsletter** for details!

A TOASTMASTER'S PROMISE

As a member of Toastmasters International and my Club, I promise.....

To attend all Club meetings regularly;

To prepare all of my speeches to the best of my ability, basing them on projects in the Communication and Leadership Program manual or the Advanced Communication and Leadership Program manuals;

To prepare for and fulfill meeting assignments willingly;

To provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations;

To help the Club maintain a positive, friendly environment necessary for all members to learn and grow;

To serve my Club willingly as an officer, when called upon to do so;

To treat my fellow Club members and our guests with respect and courtesy;

To bring guests to Club meetings so they can see the benefits Toastmasters membership offers;

To adhere to the guidelines and rules for all Toastmasters educational and recognition programs;

To maintain honest and highly ethical standards during the conduct of all Toastmaster activities.



To: _____

From: _____

TOASTMASTERS GIFT CERTIFICATE

THIS Gift Certificate entitles you to 6 months membership in the _____
Toastmasters Club, Club # _____. Present this certificate to the Vice President of
Membership and begin improving your communication and leadership skills.

Club President Signature

MORE MARKETING UPDATES AND HAPPY NEW YEAR, FELLOW TOASTMASTERS!

We're off to a great start with many exciting plans for 2006!

We have 133 paid clubs now and we have an exhilarating goal of having every current club add 2 new members in January, February and March. We also have 90 leads for new clubs that we are working on; we plan to charter 16 clubs by April 30. It's a tall order, but I know the members of District 25 are more than up to the challenge. When we work together, we can accomplish far more than the sum of our individual accomplishments.

District 25 Marketing challenges you to Build Your Legacy of Excellence by sharing the excitement of the Toastmasters program with everyone you know. Invite a friend to your next club meeting. If necessary and if possible, go and pick them up.

We will be at least a Distinguished District this year. YOU will share the glory because it will be done with your help!

Maurice Taitt, DTM
Lt. Governor, Marketing

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION YET?

As a member of District 25, I am determined to make this the best year possible! Do YOU want to belong to a Distinguished Club and District? Then take on the challenge!! In order to reach our goal, Each Club will need to add 2 New Members in January, February and March! By working together we can accomplish far more than the sum of our individual accomplishments. District 25 Marketing challenges you to Build Your Legacy of Excellence by sharing the excitement of the Toastmasters program with everyone you know. Invite a friend or family member to your next club meeting!

WE as a District need Your help. Will you be a part of a winning Distinguished District team in 2006?

Sav **YES** Now!

Coming Soon!



Bring in 5 Members between February 1 and March 31st and receive a special ribbon from Toastmasters International for your Cub Banner! *The Division and Area with Top Honors will receive an additional award. Stay tuned and look for February's Newsletter for more details!!*



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!!

District 25 is proud to recognize the following clubs as they celebrate the anniversary of their charter in January 2006!

Weatherford Club (4963-25) 19 years
 Bell Helicopter Club (6810-25) 18 years
 Las Colinas Communicators Club (8055-25) 15 years
 Microsoft LC Club (2278-25) 11 years
 Phi Rappa Yappa Club (6497-25) 9 years
 First Command Club (8474-25) 6 years
 Effective Mortgage Communicators (5148-25) 4 years
 Southlake Evening Toastmasters (4236-25) 3 years
 Holt Cat Communicators Club (4542-25) 3 years
 Cresmasters Club (610029-25) 2 years
 Professional Excellence Club (633836-25) 2 years
 Northwood Discovery Toastmasters (727136-25) 1 year

District 25 is proud to recognize the following clubs as they celebrate the anniversary of their charter in February 2006!

Plus-Two Club (349-25) 60 years
 Mid-Cities Noon-Time Club (2476-25) 24 years
 North Arlington Club (6850-25) 18 years
 Communicators of the WORD (7266-25) 17 years
 Unique Toastmasters at Vista Ridge Club (7274-25) 17 years
 BNSF Club (2975-25) 7 years
 House Speakers Club (8507-25) 7 years
 Inner Voice Club (6411-25) 4 years
 Huck Fastenators Club (638381-25) 2 years
 Manna Toastmasters Club (761119-25) 1 year

DISTRICT OFFICER ELECTIONS 2006-2007

If you or someone you know would like the opportunity to serve as a District Officer, please read on. The deadline for submitting Letters of Intent is **February 15, 2006**. Letters of Intent do not have to be elaborate; they only need to inform the Nominating Committee of your intent to run for office. **Please send your Letter of Intent to Nominations Committee Chair, Distinguished Toastmaster, Past District Governor Ron Bland at Nominations@d25toastmasters.org**

The Nominations Committee is accepting Letters of Intent for the following ELECTED offices:

- District Governor
- Lieutenant Governor Education & Training
- Lieutenant Governor Marketing
- Division A Governor
- Division B Governor
- Division C Governor
- Division D Governor
- Division E Governor
- Division F Governor

ELIGIBILITY

Qualifications for District Governor: At the time of taking office, the District Governor shall have served:

- at least six (6) consecutive months as a Club President; AND
- at least twelve (12) consecutive months as a Lieutenant Governor or Division Governor or a combination thereof.

Qualifications for Lieutenant Governor: At the time of taking office, both the Lieutenant Governor Education and Training (LGET) and the Lieutenant Governor of Marketing (LCM) shall have served:

- at least six (6) consecutive months as a Club President; AND
- at least twelve (12) consecutive months as a Lieutenant Governor or Division Governor or a combination thereof.

Qualifications for Division Governor: At the time of taking Office, the Division Governors shall have served:

- at least six (6) consecutive months as a member of the District Council.

If you are qualified and do NOT submit a Letter of Intent, you can still run for office. It does, however, prevent the District from being allowed to print your article regarding your campaign in the District newsletter. You will be what is termed 'running from the floor'.

ONE HELPFUL HINT

As part of your campaign for District Office, please prepare a brief article outlining your qualifications, your vision, your platform, and why the members of the District Council should vote for you. If the Nominating Committee endorses you, your article will be published in an upcoming edition of the District 25 Newsletter. Please try to limit your article to 170 words.

Speaking from personal experience, serving as a District Officer is among the most beneficial and rewarding experiences you will ever have in the world of Toastmasters. Please take advantage of this opportunity to Help your fellow Toastmasters build THEIR Legacy of Excellence and to help you build YOUR Legacy of Excellence.

For more information, please contact Ron Bland, DTM, Nominations Chair, by e-mail at Nominations@d25toastmasters.org or by phone at (214) 783-8472.

Thank you for your dedication to Toastmasters and to the members of District 25.

David Himmelstein, DTM
District 25 Governor 2005-2006
Build **YOUR** Legacy of Excellence

GRAND PRAIRIE TOASTMASTERS

By President, Leonard Malley, DTM

Want to become the person you were meant to be?

Communication and leadership skills learned in a Toastmasters club can help you achieve your potential. Our founder, Dr. Ralph Smedley, said, “Fundamentally, I believe that the ability to communicate is a God-given talent, which ought to be used for the good of all.”

Our club members come from all walks of life, mostly mature in experience, but young at heart. These fine people are Grand Prairie Toastmasters and they welcome all who seek to learn to express themselves better. They are learning how to express themselves every week. As the years go by, I am impressed with the depth of their ideas, their ability to hold the attention of the audience, their ease at telling stories, making people laugh, and teaching valuable lessons. They entertain and inspire us. Watch for more Grand Prairie Toastmasters information in the next Newsletter!

Division E Coat of Arms

By Rick Sharon, DTM
Division E Governor



What does Division E's "Coat of Arms" mean?

- **Upper left:** E is spirited! Our chant from the Spring 2005 conference was: "There's no place like E!"
- **Upper Right:** We thrive on Competitive Excellence – being the best we can be!
- **Center:** We feel a sense of urgency to accomplish great things. Together we are racing to achieve those goals.
- **Lower Left:** We are a team dedicated to helping each other.
- **Lower Right:** Our theme is "Serving Excellence With A Personal Touch"
 - We serve excellence in the form of best practices, coaching, encouragement, and support by providing information to help each member excel in reaching their personal goals.
 - We encourage each member to "Build their Legacy of Excellence".

Together we are **E**xcellent, **E**nthusiastic, and **E**mpowered. We are **E**!

Editor's Note: Apologies to Rick Sharon, DTM, Division E Governor and all Division E members, for our mistake in printing the incorrect coat of arms in the previous Newsletter. We're re-printing this article from Rick (while wiping the **E**gg off our faces), not only because it's a good article, but also because it shows the correct coat of arms.

JANUARY OPEN HOUSE

By David Hostler, DTM
Past District Governor 2003-2004

January is a **GREAT** time to build club memberships. People will visit your club because they've made New Year's Resolutions and want to do something good for themselves.

An Open House with food can create valuable momentum for your club in the last half of the 2005-2006 Toastmaster year as you head toward Distinguished Club or better.

Start now! Pick a date after the January football games – perhaps in the week of January 15-21. Name your event. Start publicizing the event everywhere – on your web site, with flyers, and with a **press release**. Press releases should:

1. Go mostly to local newspapers; you'll get lost in the big ones;
2. Be done at least **3** weeks ahead.
3. Include who, what, when, where, how and why – **AND** a contact phone number and e-mail address.
4. Be sure to make your event sound interesting, unusual, and service-oriented.

Host your Open House at your regular meeting location, on your regular meeting day, at your regular meeting time, so that your "future Toastmasters" have already started a good habit!

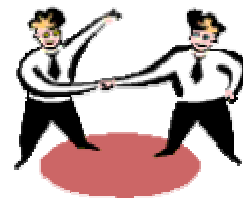
How do you hold a SUCCESSFUL Open House?
You put on a **complete, quality meeting**. And be sure to:

1. Have **several** members greet each guest.
2. Assign each guest an **orientation specialist**.
3. Capture all guest **contact information**.
4. During the meeting, explain the various parts of the meeting and the reasons for them.
5. Use each guest's name as many times as possible.
6. Ask each guest for comments at the end of the meeting.
7. **Ask each guest to JOIN your club.**
8. **Follow up within 48 hours.**
Thank your guests for visiting and invite them to come back to the next meeting.

Your Club can **GROW** and be a tremendous asset to your members and community if you start with a **January Open House**.

Good luck to all of you!

Here's to a very successful 2006!



Area 44/45 Hosts First Annual Toys for Tots Party

By Don Ferris, DTM
Assistant Division D Governor
Public Relations

The First annual Toys for Tots Christmas Party was held Friday, December 9th, at The Kettle in Waco from 6-9 p.m. We were thrilled to have in attendance Ernestina Pinones, Division D Governor; David McCallister, Assistant Division D Governor, Marketing; Randy Terrell, Area 64 Governor; and Toni Hendrick, District 25 TLI Chair. The host Area Governors, Greg Portillo and Jeryl Hejl, kept everything moving smoothly. Don Ferris, Assistant Division Governor, Public Relations, held a challenging Table Topics with questions about the Twelve Days of Christmas. It was a great honor to have three members of the Marine Corps Reserve as our guests. They told us this was the most fun Toys for Tots activity they had attended!

Other Toastmasters and guests were: Sandra Creech, Immediate Past Area 44 Governor (and brand new DTM – congratulations!); Kathy Homeyer; Delfina Velasquez (brand new Toastmaster with a guest); Matilda Lozano; Denise Nicholson, President, Waco Tale Twisters; Juan Valdez; Randy Hickerson; and Carla Gibbs (all with family members and spouses).

Area 44/45 set the bar high with this event, and we look forward to working with the Marines again at future Toys for Tots parties.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TOASTMASTERS

Wanted: Toastmasters to Serve as Club Coaches

Help yourself and a struggling District 25 club by becoming a District 25 Club Coach. Earn a credit toward your Advanced Leader (AL) Award when you agree to coach a club to at least Distinguished status.

Be one of the FIRST TEN club coach volunteers and receive an exclusive D25 Executive Portfolio! That's in addition to a club coach pin and district-wide recognition. Contact Joe Nagy at jndiamond@comcast.net today!

