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Forum 56

MESSAGE FROM MAX

District Newsletter Forms a Strong Link in Our Communication Chain

by Max E. Rasquinha, DTM, District 56 Governor



In the process of creating effective communication within and outside Toastmasters, the timely publication of a monthly newsletter for District 56 is proving to be an important tool. A million thanks for the aggressive and willing efforts of our public relations team, including all the editors, journalists, reporters, etc., who make *Forum 56* possible.

Here are just a few ways our district newsletter helps Toastmasters in District 56 keep growing as communicators (and as budding journalists) and stay in touch with each other and with our organization's activities on a monthly basis:

- ◆ The newsletter gives both members and non-members an awareness of numerous Toastmasters activities.
- ◆ *Forum 56* provides a broad spectrum of information and viewpoints on leadership and communication skills through articles by many Toastmasters who are all "distinguished" in one way or another.
- ◆ Participating in the newsletter can make everyone a more effective leader.
- ◆ *Forum 56* is giving many Toastmasters the opportunity to display their writing talents. Every Toastmaster is invited to come forward and express their individual comments and opinions through the district newsletter.

The newsletter has also enriched the value of our district web site. As part of our web site, *Forum 56* familiarizes readers far and near with the benefits of interpersonal communication and with the many opportunities Toastmasters offers for enhancing our communication skills.

When I recently visited Canada, I carried with me several copies of past newsletters. This opened doors for me to talk more about Toastmasters and all the advantages the organization provides.

Our district newsletter can be a valuable marketing tool for communicating with those who know nothing about Toastmasters. Let us all help our district public relations initiative by effectively using and distributing *Forum 56*. Here's how?

- ◆ Invite your friends to visit the District 56 website and, in particular, to have a look at the newsletter.
- ◆ Better yet, print out a few copies to show colleagues and prospective members.
- ◆ *Forum 56* can be your springboard to conversations with family and friends about the Toastmasters opportunity to touch lives – one at a time – in our "small, beautiful world."

May the mission of Toastmasters, as expressed in our newsletter, generate a new awareness of the importance of working together for the common good of humanity.

Max E. Rasquinha, DTM
District Governor

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Message from Lt. Governor Education & Training

Fall Conference Features Education for Everyone

by Allen Prescott, ATM-S/CL



No matter what your interest in Toastmasters, the District 56 Fall Conference on November 6, 2004 has something for you. The educational sessions, led by some of the finest Toastmasters in the district, will give you practical ideas and strategies for growing as a speaker and for growing your club. Here are the highlights we have planned for you:

The Power of the Spoken Word

Presenter: V.J. Singal, ATM-B, communications consultant, coach and trainer (www.verbalenergy.com)

V.J.'s fascinating stories of well-known American communicators will demonstrate the power of the spoken word. Sometimes imaginative word choice bolsters the speaker's impact. In other cases, poor word choice diminishes the communicator's personality, message and ideas. These anecdotes will show you how word choice can strengthen or trivialize your message. In addition, you'll gain numerous ideas on how to communicate with greater influence at work, at social events, even on the golf course.

The Antidote to Rambling – Emphasize Your Point in Just Three Sentences

Presenter: V.J. Singal, ATM-B

At crucial moments in the workplace, we need to focus and speak with emphasis to get our message across. Instead, most of us diminish our impact by rambling through a feeble, perfunctory speech. You'll learn how top-notch communicators articulate an important issue in just 3 sentences. Participants will practice this approach to express issues clearly, concisely and with impact. Special feature: Oracle CEO Larry Ellison vs. then-Compaq CEO Michael Capellas – this module, which contrasts the communication styles of two very intelligent high-tech executives, is both striking and instructive.

Club Websites – Get Your Club Wired into the 21st Century

A club website is a fantastic way to advertise your club and to keep your members in touch. Come to this session to learn many ways to create a club website. Most are free. All are easy. Don't miss this chance to get your club wired for success.

Membership Building – How to Succeed on This Year-Round Merry-Go-Round

Members leave clubs for various reasons: they move, their job changes, they lose interest, etc. Every club needs to bring in new members year-round, not only when membership is low. This session will inundate you with exciting, effective membership building ideas.

Turn Your Table Topics from Tepid to Terrific

Are your Table Topics sessions redundant and boring? If so, this session will give you tons of ideas on how to make Ta-

ble Topics interesting and fun. Participants will also have the chance to share their best Table Topics questions.

Distinguished Club Program – Put Your Club on the Path to Distinguished Success

Has your club set its sights on becoming distinguished? Does your club have a club success plan? This session will describe the benefits of the Distinguished Club Program and help you start planning how to win this top Toastmasters honor for your club.

Club Constitution and Bylaws – Easy Answers to Your Toastmasters Questions

When your club chartered, it received a club constitution and bylaws, yet few Toastmasters read these two documents. Simply reading the club constitution (only five pages long) and bylaws (two pages) will answer 95% of your questions about club operations and officer roles. This session will entertain and enlighten you about the importance of these almost-forgotten documents.

In addition, the fall conference will feature presentations from the **Better Speaker Series**, **Successful Club Series**, and **Leadership Excellence Series**. These modules address how to present a better speech, how to make your club successful, and how to be an effective leader. Presenters of modules will earn credit towards either their ATM-S or CL. In addition, these scripted, information-packed presentations are available from TI, complete with overheads, for use in your home club. Join one of these sessions to learn in-depth about topics such as:

Better Speaker Series

- Beginning Your Speech
- Concluding Your Speech
- Selecting Your Topic
- Know Your Audience

Successful Club Series

- Evaluate to Motivate
- Closing the Sale
- Creating the Best Club Climate
- Mentoring

Leadership Excellence Series

- The Visionary Leader
- Developing a Mission
- Values and Leadership
- Motivating People
- Resolving Conflict

As I said, there's something for everyone. If you want to be a more effective speaker, a more dynamic leader or a better Toastmaster, don't miss the District 56 Fall Conference. (See fall conference flyer and registration form on our website, www.toastmasters-d56.org).

Message from Lt. Governor Marketing Calling All Toastmasters: New Clubs Need Mentors

by Pamela McCown, ATM-B/AL



We have one new club prospect for each of the six divisions in District 56. We expect these clubs to be underway by the end of October. I am so excited about all the opportunities these clubs will give us to change lives in District 56.

This exciting news means **we currently need 2 mentors in each division** – experienced

Toastmasters to guide the new clubs through their first six months. This may be the opportunity you've been waiting for!

What's in it for you?

- ◆ You will receive the satisfaction that comes through helping others achieve their goals.
- ◆ You'll make new friends.
- ◆ You'll get to share your Toastmasters know-how.

- ◆ You'll earn credit towards your Advanced Leader award on the leadership track to Distinguished Toastmaster.

What's in it for the new club?

- ◆ They will benefit from your instruction and training.
- ◆ They'll learn how to conduct successful meetings.
- ◆ They'll develop confidence as their members hone the speaking skills that will benefit them for a lifetime.
- ◆ They'll learn that following the Distinguished Club Program will keep their club strong and serve the members while changing lives one at a time.

Serving as a club mentor is a win-win opportunity. Please contact me if you are interested in being a club mentor. Do it TODAY! Send an email to LGM@toastmasters-d56.org.

Recognition versus Reward

by Patty Mayeux, ATM-B/CL



All District 56 divisions are now in the process of selecting the best of the best through our annual contests. Many of you already have a trophy or two proudly displayed on your desk, or a ribbon or certificate signifying your participation in various contests.

The value of these symbols goes far beyond the paper, cloth or metal they are made of. As you enjoy the tangible

RECOGNITION for a job well done, remember the intangible REWARDS you reap from your efforts.

Yes, ribbons, trophies and certificates tell others of our personal or club accomplishments, but many more see evidence of what we have learned as they observe us. We handle questions in staff meetings with more confidence. We know how to focus on the issue at hand and sum up our key points in a few minutes. We act with grace and aplomb in social and business settings. We easily use etiquette and listening skills gained

from actively participating in meetings and leadership or contest activities.

The RECOGNITIONS we receive are like the candles on a birthday cake, visible, flashy and bright. But the REWARDS of working to gain such recognitions are like the cake itself – they fill us up, sustain us and keep us going, reaching higher and higher.

Congratulations to all our contestants for taking the initiative and courage to step into the ring of competition. Display those certificates and ribbons with pride – and know what they stand for.

Coastal Island Toastmasters Learn Parliamentary Basics

by Kenneth Woolridge, ATM-B/CL

On September 18, Coastal Island Toastmasters conducted a program on basic parliamentary procedures. This 90-minute presentation was open to the community and held at the Rosenberg Library in Galveston.

The program was split into five 15-minute sessions that included overhead illustrations, wording demonstrations and handouts. Area P-1 Governor Kenneth Woolridge, ATM-B/CL spoke at



the end of the meeting. With him was his wife and fellow Toastmaster, Carla Woolridge.

Leaders of the sessions on parliamentary procedures included (from left to right): Myke Rogers, CTM; Betty Dunquez, ATM-S; Deborah Ford, ATM-G/CL; Rachel Palmer, CTM; Pete Kelleher CTM; and Margaret Henck, ATM-G/CL.

Chief Editor's Corner

District 56 Abounds in Opportunities

by Shirley Gilbuena, ATM-S/AL



It just doesn't get any better than this! Our District 56 leadership team has been busy creating opportunities for us to learn and grow as we develop our communication and leadership skills the Toastmasters way.

- ◆ Everything you ever wanted to know about the educational sessions at the District 56 Fall Conference is in LGET Allen Prescott's article this month (see page 2). He is still looking for some presenters, but rest assured, they will be top quality speakers and the sessions will be interesting and informative.
- ◆ If you haven't signed up for the conference yet, go to the district website, download the registration form and submit it to Conference Chairperson Marcia Hudgens. Better yet, volunteer to help on the conference committee. You'll make friends and develop new leadership skills.
- ◆ LGM Pam McCown offers opportunities for members looking for clubs to mentor in order to fulfill the requirements for their Competent Leader (CL) award (see page 3). You can also work with our Youth Leadership programs under Magoie Johnson (see August *Forum 56*).
- ◆ Don't forget the Club Newsletter Contest. Start collecting the best issues of your club newsletter now. Then you will be ready to enter the contest by April 1, 2005 (see July *Forum 56* for contest guidelines).

With all this activity going on in District 56, I'm excited to be able to spread the word through *Forum 56*. Our

district newsletter can also help you spread the word about what's going on in your club.

Let *Forum 56* Help Your Club

Did you know there are approximately 3,000 Toastmasters in District 56? If you need someone to help with a Toastmasters project, there's a good chance you'll find at least one willing volunteer somewhere in our district. But they can't help you if they don't know what you need. Let *Forum 56* help you build excitement and draw in the participants and the audience for your event. For information about publicizing your club's activities through the district newsletter, contact me (see page 8) or your area governor.

Forum 56 will usually be available primarily on the district website (no hard copies distributed). District 56 officers and staff, including area governors, will receive an e-mail message once the latest issue is available online. Area governors are requested to forward this e-mail to all their clubs, reminding club officers to notify the entire membership to look at the newsletter. If this communication takes place in a timely manner, we should be able to fill all your requests for volunteers.

You can also use *Forum 56* to promote your club to visitors. If you have a color printer, print out some full-color copies to give out at meetings. Of course, you can print black-and-white copies, too. Either way, *Forum 56* will give guests an impressive introduction to Toastmasters activities in the greater Houston area.

Finally, please continue to share your Toastmaster achievements and your ideas and tips on communication and leadership through *Forum 56*. Writing an article is a good way to inspire others in District 56 with your Toastmasters success story and get your name in print at the same time.

D56 Highlights — September

- Area Tall Tales and Humorous Speech Contests completed in 19 areas. More than 600 Toastmasters and friends witnessed the fine talents of our members. Leading up to the area contests, 192 contestants from 97 clubs took part in contests at the club level.
- All Division Contests planned for October 2004 with past district governors scheduled as keynote speakers at each contest. See district website for dates and locations.
- District Fall Conference scheduled for November 6, 2004. Sign up today (see district website for conference flyer and registration form) and receive a special low early-bird rate. The earlier you register, the "cheeper" your conference fee.
- More than 560 club officers trained through 3 TLIs and 5 make-up trainings throughout the district.
- Brazosport Club #5530 celebrated their 29th anniversary. Congratulations to all the members who have helped keep this club successful for 29 years.
- Region III assigned statistician Don Griffith to help districts in the region monitor their performance, especially DCP status.
- Region III held first monthly regional teleconference to help all 9 district governors and 2 international directors stay in communication and exchange ideas.
- All 3 candidates for international director (2005-2007) invited to both our fall and spring conferences.
- Jim Arnold, ATM, named Gavel Club Program Chairperson for District 56. Max was warmly received at the Gavel Club meeting at the Texas Department of Corrections facility in Sugar Land. Volunteers are needed to extend the Gavel Club Program into other facilities.



Webmaster's Corner

What's On Your Club Website?

by Jerry Hobby, District 56 Webmaster



As a professional web designer and online marketing consultant, I am constantly asked questions like “What do I need to put on my website?” and “How do I get people to find our website on Google?” The answers to these questions may help us all build more effective websites for our District 56 clubs.

A successful website will help you grow your club's membership. Do visitors say they learned about your club on the Internet? If not, then this article is for you.

Great Content – The Heart of a Great Website

If you want to attract new members, build an attractive site. Make sure it's well-organized and easy to navigate. Include phrases about the benefits of Toastmasters that will inspire people to visit your club. Highlight comments from your guests – there's nothing like a positive testimonial to stir up interest. Use a little marketing savvy and “sell” your club to website visitors.

Make it easy for visitors to find you. Give them all the information they need to attend a meeting – day, time and place of your meetings, as well as a map, information about parking, etc.

Include content that benefits your members. Put your meeting agenda, club newsletter or meeting minutes online for easy reference. Add member photos and brag about members who win speech contests or otherwise improve their communication skills. Recognizing your members will promote loyalty within your club and encourage website usage.

Add new content to your site as often as you can. Keep it fresh and people will come back more often.

Meeting Know-How — Why Agendas?

by Richard Lehman, ATM-S/AL

“If you do not know where you are going, any path will take you there.”

A good goal for District 56 clubs is to have a printed agenda for each meeting. Why go to all the trouble of preparing and printing an agenda before the meeting?

- ◆ An agenda provides a road map for the Toastmaster in determining how to allocate time for each portion of the meeting.
- ◆ An agenda keeps the meeting focused and running smoothly by reminding participants of the functions they are responsible for.
- ◆ If distributed at least two days before the meeting, a preliminary agenda allows attendees to come prepared and ready to contribute.

The Toastmaster for the day is responsible for preparing and printing the agenda. If changes are made at the meeting, poll the attendees first to determine their wishes. Once the agenda is set, the Toastmaster should stick to it as much as possible. Do not let the meeting get sidetracked.

To learn more about how to prepare an agenda, refer to the Toastmasters International handbook, *Master Your Meetings*, Item #1312. This handbook also covers programming, participant and officer responsibilities, Table Topics ideas and lectern etiquette – everything you need to know to conduct dynamic, exciting club meetings, all in one place.

One final reminder: An agenda is, in effect, a “contract” with those who attend the meeting. Treat both with respect!

Promote Your Site Like Crazy

Here are a few ways to grab people's attention and lure them to your site:

- ◆ Send an announcement about your new site to webmaster@toastmasters-d56.org. We'll announce it and add it to your club listing.
- ◆ Submit your site to Google.com (<http://www.google.com/addurl.html>).
- ◆ Remind your members and guests to visit the site.
- ◆ Order free business cards at www.vistaprint.com, including your club website. Give cards to friends, colleagues, and strangers. Encourage them to visit the website to learn more about your club.

Ask for Help

If you don't know how to get started, please contact me. Some options for building a club website are so easy that anyone can do it. If your club does not have a website, email me at webmaster@toastmasters-d56.org and we'll discuss the possibilities available to you.

Enter the District 56 Website Contest

Remember, we're having a website contest and we want 100% participation. You have until April 1, 2005 to build the best website in the district. Be sure to ask for help if you need it. We want every club in District 56 to have a great website by April 1st.

Let's Dance

by Brenda Thorne, ATM-B/CL

A group of Toastmasters would like to form an advanced monthly club that meets at Houston dance clubs providing free dance lessons. First we will have a one-hour TM meeting at the dance club. Then we'll take dance lessons for an hour. Members and guests may stay for social dancing if they wish. If you're interested in being part of this group, contact:

- ◆ Brenda Thorne, ATM-B/CL
eloisa911@sbcglobal.net
281-389-6246 (cell)
- ◆ Steve Siegel, ATM-/CL
281-546-9155 (cell)
- ◆ Renay Jacob, CTM/CL
jacobr@alum.rpi.edu
713-392-3308 (cell)

Adapt Your Speech to Fit Your Audience

by Bryan Nelson, Q-51 Area Governor



Several months ago I was invited to speak at a Kiwanis Club meeting in September. I had been looking for opportunities to speak outside my Toastmasters Club so I readily accepted. I chose a subject I'm familiar with, entrepreneurship, and began planning my talk on how easy it is to start your own business on the Internet and become self-employed.

When I arrived at the Kiwanis meeting, I discovered that the members ranged from about 50 to 80 years old. I knew I'd be preaching to the choir. Early in the speech I asked how many were retired. Half the audience raised their hands. I asked how many were self-employed. The other half raised their hands.

My Toastmasters Table Topics experience has helped me speak on my feet. I immediately changed the thrust of my speech from "how to develop your own business" to "how to become a valuable mentor to your children and grandchildren in developing their own businesses." I encouraged them to use their vast experience to motivate and guide younger people to become their own bosses and to work in careers based on their own passion and skill set.

This speech was easy to craft on an impromptu basis because one of my dozens of websites is www.Entrepreneur-Mentor.com. By adapting my speech on the

spot, I was able to make it more relevant and helpful to my audience.

Here are some additional tips for finding opportunities to speak outside your Toastmasters Club:

- ◆ Develop a 15- to 30-minute speech on a topic close to your heart.
- ◆ Decide whether you will speak for free (best if you're just getting started) or charge a fee.
- ◆ Contact groups like Kiwanis, Rotary and many others.
- ◆ Sign up with a speaker's bureau. I maintain a Houston Speaker's Bureau website (www.houston-speakers-bureau.com) where you can list your name and speaking specialty on the Internet for free.
- ◆ Learn as much as you can about your audience and adapt your talk to their interests.
- ◆ Stick to the time specified by the organization you're speaking for. (I had 25 minutes at the Kiwanis Club. I knew they would not have a timer, so I brought my wife's kitchen timer, which worked very well. Several glances during my speech helped me end exactly on time.)

Use these tips to help you win a great speaking opportunity, and please let me know how your presentation goes (bnelson@PartyTentCity.com).

How to Find Public Speaking Engagements

by Kent Harris, ATM-B/CL



Many organizations in the Houston area need speakers for their meetings. How do you get these engagements? After being interviewed by the *Daily Court Review* and appearing on TV 36 times, I've found these techniques invaluable for winning

public speaking assignments:

1. Remember, your audience tunes in to radio station WII-FM (What's In It For Me). Find out what is important to your audience and use that as the basis for your speech.
2. Do not plug your business during your speech or you won't be invited back. If the audience wants to know more about you or your services, they'll ask questions at the end of your speech.
3. Bring business cards, brochures and other materials about your business, but be unobtrusive about distributing them.
4. Offer a door prize. Have the audience drop business cards in a basket for the prize drawing. This will give you leads to follow up on. Plan to spend around \$25 on your prize and, if possible, have it personalized with your business logo. You want these folks to remember you and the prize, so give something permanent, such as a desk clock or calculator.
5. Above all, make sure your speech is interesting!

In Memoriam – Gracie Ulrey, ATM-B/CL

by Kimberly Muesse, ATM-S/CL

Toastmaster Gracie Ulrey passed away on Sunday, September 5, 2004, after a lengthy battle with cancer. A charter member of Aon-Houston Toastmasters, she was a mentor and served in several club offices, including president. She also competed in club contests and in the Area N-22 International Speech Contest last spring. Her speech, "This Little Piggy," was about her father's "praying" pigs.

Gracie's speeches were always fun to hear because she used humor to convey serious messages. Her "bald" speech discussed the advantages and disadvantages of



wigs) to the audience.

Gracie enjoyed her true calling as a teacher. She was a senior training specialist for Aon's staff development team and held

going bald from chemotherapy. At the end of her speech, she literally "flipped her wig" by removing her hair prosthesis. Then she proceeded to introduce "Harry" and "Charmaine" (her

several insurance designations and certifications. I fondly referred to her as a "walking encyclopedia of insurance." She adeptly conveyed her own love of knowledge to her students.

Gracie's life was celebrated on September 11 with a service at Sugar Land Episcopal Church featuring six singers and live jazz music. Her number one Toastmasters reminder was, "You stand on a podium, and you stand behind a lectern." Gracie's presence behind our Toastmasters lectern will be missed by many.

Make Sure Your Club Gets to Vote Assign Your Proxy for District Executive Council

by Linda Posey, CTM



While we'd love to have 100% attendance of all club officers at the District 56 Fall Conference, we know that sometimes stuff happens to keep people from attending. It's important that every club have at least one representative present at the district executive council business meeting. Important district business will be conducted, and your club has two votes in any decision that is made.

However, those votes must be cast by the club president and vice president education – or the club members carrying the proxies of those officers.

If you are your club's president or vice president education and you can't attend the conference, be sure to assign your proxy to a club member in good standing. (Even if you're planning to attend, you might want to assign a proxy just in case a last-minute family or business emergency keeps you from being there.)

Only the written proxy forms in your packet from TI or the forms below will be recognized. You may copy the forms, but your signature must be original. Be sure your club's voice is heard at the district business meeting – assign your proxy today.



**District 56 Toastmasters
Fall 2004 Conference**
November 6, 2004, Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Fountain of Praise Church
13535 South Post Oak Road — Houston, TX 77045

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Contact: Marcia Hudgens, DTM
Conference Chairperson
281-493-0620 or E-mail: wildrose@hal-pc.org

Proxy Forms for District 56 Business Meeting

Proxy

District 56 Toastmasters Business Meeting November 6, 2004

I hereby authorize

a member in good standing of
Toastmasters Club number _____,

to cast my vote at the District 56 Toastmasters

Business Meeting in Houston, Texas on November 6, 2004.

Signed by:

Club President

This proxy is for one vote only.

You, as Club President, may designate, in writing, any other member of your club to vote in your place at the District 56 Toastmasters Business Meeting. Each club is entitled to two votes. One Toastmaster from your club may carry both proxies - yours and the one from the Vice President Education. District Officers entitled to one vote may cast a maximum of 3 votes. All other Toastmasters are limited to a maximum of 2 votes. Reproduction of this form is acceptable. Signature must not be reproduced.

A printed copy of an email from you designating a proxy is also permitted.

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District 56 Toastmasters Business Meeting November 6, 2004

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Business Meeting in Houston, Texas on November 6, 2004.

Signed by:

Club Vice President Education

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October
Division Contests
Humorous Speech and Tall Tales

November
Nov. 6, Saturday, 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
District 56 Fall Conference
The Fountain of Praise Church

Club Officer Elections for next 6 months

December
Club Officer Training

January
Makeup Officer Training
Prepare for International Speech Contest
and Evaluation Contest

February
Club Contests
International Speech and Evaluation



The Mission of the District

The Mission of the District is to enhance the performance and extend the networks of Clubs, thereby offering greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters educational program by:

- Focusing on the critical success factors as specified by the District educational goals and membership goals.
- Insuring that each Club effectively fulfills its responsibilities to its members.
- Providing effective training and leadership development opportunities for Club and District officers.