



"It's a small world — a beautiful world"

Forum 56

MESSAGE FROM MAX Rewards of Leadership

by Max E. Rasquinha, DTM, District 56 Governor



Appreciation, our theme of the month, is a fitting tribute to our past district governors. These men and women know the inner joy of being a district governor and cherish the pleasure of providing service to thousands of members within District 56 and beyond.

To be a district governor in an environment filled with leaders from many backgrounds and cultures is a humbling experience. As you communicate with and respect one another, it is obvious that you learn from one another and build a bond of friendship. Life is a process of learning.

The district governor's job is surrounded by many responsibilities, responsibilities that include frequent travel to many clubs, new and old, bringing contact with many situations that add to your knowledge and experience.

Monitoring the educational and leadership growth of each club is dear to the heart of a district governor. Each Toastmaster is a leader in his or her own way, but as we get to know one another better, our combined leadership strength grows exponentially. There is so much to learn.

Our frequent interactions with other Toastmaster leaders are important and valuable. We strive to be better leaders because we are committed to making this "small world — a beautiful world."

The duties and responsibilities of a district governor stretch far beyond a twelve-month period. These duties include guiding

and inspiring future district governors. The expertise, guidance, and help I received from many past district governors is more than I can express in this short space.

Many past district governors have left behind golden footprints with golden memories in our district. My associations with past district governors are unique and special. Because each one is different, our respect for each other is special. This advantage makes our involvement as Toastmasters ever more precious and rewarding.

Our Toastmasters journey is a never-ending process of positive feelings. These feelings enable us to realize that we have done our best in life.

The month of March is dedicated to our past District 56 Governors. On behalf of nearly 140 clubs with more than 3000 members, I say "Thank You" to each of our past district governors for their numerous contributions to our district. May the good Lord reward you with good health and happiness for your dedication to and love for District 56. May you witness the fruits of your hard work for many years to come.

Max E. Rasquinha, DTM
District 56 Governor



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Theme of the Month: "APPRECIATION"



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Message from Lt. Governor Education & Training

District Goals Are in Sight

by Allen Prescott, DTM



District 56 has four main goals it must achieve to be a Distinguished District: club growth, membership growth, new ATMs, and new CTMs. My task as Lieutenant Governor Education and Training is to ensure that we meet our ATM and CTM goals.

I am proud to announce that we have exceeded our ATM goal of 59 ATMs by June 30, 2005. As of March 17, 2005, Toastmasters International reports that our District has 64 ATMs. Yea!

Our CTM goal is 206 CTMs by June 30, 2005. As of March 17, 2005, Toastmasters International reports that our District has 165 CTMs. That means we only need 41 more CTMs to reach our goal. I know those CTMs are out there. Let's keep pushing; let's keep those CTMs coming in.

Here are some suggestions to make sure District 56 meets and exceeds our CTM goal:

- Ask your club president about your club's success plan (the Distinguished Club Program).
 - Does your club have a success plan?
 - Does your club proudly display its club success plan at each meeting?
 - Has your club targeted at least four individuals to receive their CTM before June 30, 2005?
- Everyone needs to support those individuals who have been targeted to receive their CTM before June 30.
 - Give those members priority on the schedule to deliver their speeches.

- Encourage and cheer on those individuals.
 - Assign a mentor or offer speech topic suggestions.
- Earning your Competent Toastmasters award is a major milestone in Toastmasters. Many members around the world quit before earning their CTM. If someone in your club is about to give up, remind them of the benefits of earning the CTM.
- Earning your CTM means that you have delivered 10 speeches and have learned the following: how to organize your speeches, how to use gestures, how to use your voice for variety, how to persuade your audience, how to use props, and many other speech techniques.
 - After you earn your CTM, you get a nice certificate from Toastmasters.
 - You can also choose to have Toastmasters International send a letter to your employer stating that you have completed this major milestone.

According to the TI online report as of March 17, these clubs have already earned 4 or more CTMs:

- ◆ Daybreakers — 7 CTMs
- ◆ Baker Hughes Speakeasy — 5 CTMs
- ◆ Houston Uptown Professional Singles — 5 CTMs
- ◆ Diamond — 5 CTMs
- ◆ Talk of the Town — 5 CTMs
- ◆ Talking Bull — 5 CTMs
- ◆ Hewitt Headliners — 4 CTMs
- ◆ Post Oak — 4 CTMs
- ◆ JPMC Corporate Communicators — 4 CTMs
- ◆ Houston Dow Center — 4 CTMs

Congratulations to all and keep working on those CTMs!

Message from Lt. Governor Marketing

Keep Your Club in Good Standing

by Pamela McCown, DTM



"You can change without growing, but you cannot grow without changing. Focus on the growth, and change becomes the good news." _ Unknown

THE GOOD NEWS
IS...District 56 is changing and growing!

With the help of many District 56 sponsors, mentors, area governors, and division governors and a cast of other District 56 Toastmasters, we have chartered 10 new clubs since July 1, 2004. Six provisional clubs are expected to

charter by the beginning of April. Several other clubs are ready to hold demo or charter meetings in the near future.

With all these new clubs, it is very important that we remember the members of the existing clubs. April dues renewals are very important. To keep your club in good standing, you must send in the renewals for at least 6 members by the end of March.

Why is it important to remain a club in good standing?

This is very important to clubs with members participating in spring speech contests at the division and district levels. A member may pay his individual dues

and believe he is a member in good standing. However, if the club did not submit renewal payments for 6 or more members on time, then the contestant is disqualified because he is not a member of a club in good standing.

We encourage club treasurers to submit dues payments online for 6 people before the end of March. The online dues renewal option is the best way to ensure that your payment is credited in a timely manner.

If you need assistance, please contact me or any other member of the District staff. We will be glad to help you with membership renewals.

Thank You for the Memories

by Marcia Hudgens, DTM, DDG 2001-2002



What an honor you bestowed upon me in May 2001, when you voted me to serve as District 56 Governor. When I initially joined Toastmasters, I never dreamed that people would depend on me to lead 2000 members. Yet people encouraged and believed in me. Toastmasters is truly a supportive organization.

My knowledge, confidence, and spirit certainly came from God and my many mentors (you know who you are). I had the best years continuing to learn both about Toastmasters and about myself. The greatest experiences came when I met new members and witnessed new clubs blooming, gaining confidence, learning, and then sharing their experience and growth.

I encourage everyone to remain in Toastmasters and savor the full benefits. The district officers are committed to offering quality education sessions. Take advantage of them. TI world headquarters offers this organization to us for a minute cost, yet we reap an unsurpassable amount of leadership, speaking, and listening skills. What other organization will give you these skills for only \$3 to \$20 (some clubs include a meal in their dues) a month?

I have enjoyed "Rising to the Occasion" and taking the opportunity to meet your needs in a professional and quality manner. I have come to realize that this is "A Small World" and we are in a beautiful world as long as we work to "Change Lives, One at a Time." Now is the time to walk your talk, and keep making this a beautiful world.

Grow Your Club with the Dynamic Duo

by Ralph Wallace, DTM, Past District Governor of District 23



Is your club out of shape? Below charter membership?

You need two super-heros! Yes, your club will grow with the super powers of the dynamic duo.

Your vice president membership and vice president public relations are the people to call. You need to grow your

club, but you need the special powers of these important club leaders.

See how these two powerful leaders make things happen for your club. After just one session, you can go back to your club and with some dedicated effort, all the members of your club will say – "Up in the air, it's a bird, it's a plane, no it's our new, soaring club membership." See how the team comes together for your club.

Ralph Wallace is a Past District Governor of District 23, which includes

New Mexico and El Paso County, Texas. He has been a Toastmaster for 14 years. A recipient of the Toastmasters Presidential Citation and 3-time District 23 Toastmaster of the Year, he has earned 5 DTMs and 20 CTMs, including one CTM in Spanish. He was the 2004 Region III Host District Conference Chair. Ralph is currently a candidate for International Director for Region III. He and his wife Brenda, a speech language pathologist, have been married for 28 years and live in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Toastmaster Speaks to Worldwide Corporate Sites

by Trace Scrivner, CTM, Area P-2 Governor

Kim Payne joined the ExxonMobil Baytown Toastmasters club in April 2004, to improve her speaking skills primarily for work. In January 2005, her supervisor asked her to give a 45-minute presentation to her work group about a training class she had recently attended. She did such a great job, her supervisor asked her to give a 15-minute version of the presentation to the chief information officer (CIO). At the end of that presentation, the CIO asked Kim to present her information one more time – simultaneously to all of the company sites worldwide via teleconference.



Kim is VPPR for the Exxon-Mobil Baytown Toastmasters club and is currently working on her CTM.

At her next Toastmasters meeting, Kim told the club about her success and asked if she could practice her presentation. Thrilled at the good news, the club members not only allowed her to practice her presentation, but also provided a group evaluation.

During the teleconference, Kim truly delivered an "international speech." Her presentation provided her the high visibility she had been looking for, not to mention a well deserved bonus.

Congratulations, Kim!

Show Your Support

by Diane Niño, CTM/CL, District 56 Public Relations Officer

How do you show your fellow Toastmasters your appreciation?

- Do you pay them compliments?
- Do you shower them with applause?
- Do you give them gifts?

No matter how you choose to express your appreciation for your fellow club members, the most important point is that you make the effort to demonstrate appreciation.

As Toastmasters, we seek to polish our communication and leadership skills as we work through speech manuals and conduct meetings. Every time we receive applause or individual feedback from our fellow club members, we realize our efforts are appreciated. In turn, we must offer others the same courtesy with our applause and feedback.

During March and April, some club members are challenging their Toastmasters skills by competing in the Evaluation and International Speech Contests. What better way to show your



fellow Toastmasters how much you appreciate their efforts than by supporting their endeavors and attending an area or division contest?

Attending a single contest outside your own club environment will give you a chance to meet Toastmasters from other parts of the district. You will get to experience new voices and hear new interpretations that may inspire you to take on a new challenge.

Be sure to search the District 56 website at www.toastmasters-d56.org and look at the calendar of events in the Members Area. You will find information about the upcoming contests being held in each area and division. Find a time and place that appeals to you and show your fellow Toastmasters that you appreciate their efforts toward becoming better communicators.

D56 Highlights March 2005

- ▶ Judges are needed for the division and district contests. Contact Steven Siegel, ATM-S/CL, acting district chief judge, to volunteer.
- ▶ The District 56 Spring Conference is scheduled for May 13-14. Register early to take advantage of reduced rates. (See page 8.)
- ▶ The nominating committee chairperson, John Smeltser, DTM, has presented the slate of candidates for District 56 executive officers 2005-2006. (See page 8.)
- ▶ Brian Tracy's sales seminar is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2005, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Park Plaza Reliant Center. District 56 is requested to provide 15 volunteers to assist with the seminar. Contact Max Rasquinha, DTM.
- ▶ Jill Rowlands, DTM, Distinguished Club Program Chairperson, is monitoring our DCP.

Vice Admiral Visits Post Oak Persuaders

by Perry A. Ruthven, President, Post Oak Persuaders

In January 2005, the National Speakers Bureau me looking for a civic organization to add to Chief of Naval Reserve Force Vice Admiral John Cotton's speaking engagements. The only requirement was an early morning time. With a 6:50 a.m. start time, Post Oak Persuaders fit the bill.

On March 3, Post Oak Persuaders hosted a visit by Vice Admiral Cotton. The members and guests were treated to an informative and patriotic presentation. Along with an overview of the Navy's strategy for monitoring the world's conflicts, the Vice Admiral emphasized the individual's importance in shifting the current climate of terrorism in which we live. His sobering message that the armed forces mission is to excel at "away games" in order to avoid "home games."

Post Oak Persuaders' Army veteran and ATM Bronze candidate, Aaron Pof-



Chief of Naval Reserve Force Vice Admiral John Cotton speaks to Post Oak Persuaders.

fenberger, served as Toastmaster and led a well organized program. Highlights included a one-minute toast by the multi-talented Richard Kummins and an exquisite warm welcome by our distinguished District 56 Governor Max Rasquinha.

A special delivery of Starbucks coffee and Shipley doughnuts rounded out an event enjoyed by all.

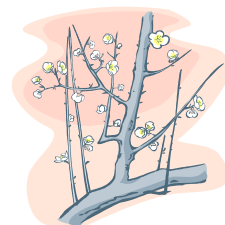
Obituary



Our thoughts and prayers go to the family and friends of Linda Stone, 50, who passed away February 19, 2005, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Linda was a member of the Toast to a

Cure Toastmasters Club.

Donations may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Houston Affiliate at www.komen-houston.org/ or by mail at 2425 Fountainview, Suite 210, Houston, TX 77057.



Habits of Highly Effective Toastmasters

by Jocelyn V. Williams, ATM-B/CL, Area N-20 Governor



Most of you are probably familiar with Dr. Stephen Covey's *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, the book that became the blueprint for personal development. All of us would agree that Toastmasters offers much value to members. Continue reading to discover some sure-fire ways to get the most out of your Toastmasters membership.

Habit 1: Attend TM Meetings

It's been said many times that "the more you put into something, the more you get out of it." This is certainly true of Toastmasters. Make it a point to attend meetings on a regular basis, even when you're not scheduled to speak. You can provide a service by handling a role other than that of speaker. A combination of roles makes for a successful Toastmasters meeting. What if you're not filling a meeting role? Then consider it as an opportunity to develop your impromptu speaking skills or listening and evaluation skills. Your fellow Toastmasters will thrive on your constructive feedback.

Habit 2: Actively Participate in Club Programs

Your club could not exist without you. Foster it. Cultivate it. Care for it. Your active participation matters. I can't count how many times fellow Toastmasters have shared stories about how their volunteer time has benefited them. Your active participation helps you strengthen your communication and leadership skills, and positively impact others' lives.

Habit 3: Set Short- and Long-Term Educational Goals

What do you hope to achieve in Toastmasters? What do you see yourself accomplishing in 6-12 months? Discuss your goals with the club VPE and help organize club meetings. You won't accomplish much without setting measurable goals, taking consistent steps, and tracking your progress. The time to begin is now. Circumstances change; opportunities come and go. Do what you can with the time available. Your Toastmaster accom-

plishments boost your self-confidence, encourage fellow members, and help your club achieve Distinguished status.

Habit 4: Talk About Toastmasters

Sharing your experiences helps to publicize the organization. Discuss the benefits of Toastmasters membership. How has Toastmasters impacted your personal and professional development? Nothing can be more convincing than talking about how Toastmasters brought you from point A to point B.

Habit 5: Share Your Ideas

Each member brings a wealth of talent and experience to the organization. Share your ideas with your fellow Toastmasters. Have you organized a successful meeting or recognition program? What worked well for you? How did you accomplish your Toastmasters goals? Publicize your ideas and tips in your club newsletter or on your club website. Write an article for *Forum 56*, the monthly newsletter of District 56, or submit information for the D56 website.

Habit 6: Support the Club, Area, and Division Contests

Contests are fun learning opportunities. As a contestant, you'll have the opportunity to fine-tune your presentation skills. If you aren't a contestant, I guarantee that you'll add to your skill set by serving as a contest official or contest coordinator. If you're not a contestant or official, you can still be in the audience. Audience members have an important role too. They support the contestants and learn from them at the same time.

Habit 7: Attend Toastmasters Conferences

District, regional, and international conferences offer the opportunity to expand your horizons beyond your club. You move from smaller, more focused club meetings to larger gatherings with more topics. The sheer scope of these conferences guarantees that you will make valuable contacts with fellow Toastmasters (from all over the world at the International Conference) and learn something new.

New Club Members Needed: A Few Simple Ideas

by Kimberly J. Muesse, ATM-S/CL, Area M-32 Governor



Need some quick ideas to find new members? Try a few of these tried and true favorites.

- Create a club website and keep it up dated; revitalize it occasionally.
- Post flyers about your meetings on bulletin boards (library, community center, grocery store, lunch room, copy center).
- Place ads in local FREE papers or neighborhood newsletters.
- Post notices in community clubhouses.
- Conduct the Toastmasters Speechcraft program.
- Wear your Toastmasters pins every day.
- Order your own Toastmasters business cards.
- Corporate club: Have club information announcing meetings and other events put in new hire and transferee welcome packets, and if possible, in pay envelopes.
- Corporate club: Hold an open house at a time different than regular meetings.
- Corporate club: Place posters or placards in lobbies; put information or magazines in cafeterias, break rooms, etc.
- Corporate club: Write an article for the company newsletter.
- Make guest packets full of Toastmaster information available at meetings. It's an easy way to convert a guest to a member.

The Challenge of Club Membership

by John R. Moffitt, DTM, Immediate Past District 56 Governor



Probably the largest continuing problem for District 56 Toastmasters clubs is membership. Clubs have a way of attracting new members, but equally effective mechanisms send members away. People move due to normal career change, feel they have achieved the goal that originally got them to join, or become burned out by boring meetings or fellow members whose company they no longer enjoy. Clubs may start out with a burst of members numbering as many as 100, and then the process of losing people begins. Some clubs get down to 5-8 members and no longer have what they feel is the necessary energy to have good meetings that members and visitors enjoy.

My Toastmasters leadership experience has taught me two very important things:

1. Whether your club is a new club experiencing a serious membership drop or an older club down to less than 12 members through burnout, the problem is the same. Your club is not applying basic Toastmasters principles.
2. There is really no club membership problem that cannot be solved when club leadership applies the basic Toastmasters principles that built our worldwide organization. You need to either find that leader or become that leader.

I frequently seek out Toastmasters clubs with “hopeless” difficulties for the opportunity to share ideas that we used in District 56 to pull us out of a decline and turn us into a powerhouse district. During my LGM year I worked with two clubs that were down to about 5 members. The clubs were going to quit. Instead, people pulled together to solve each club’s problems and both were President’s Distinguished Clubs during my LGET and DG terms. Both clubs will be President’s Distinguished again this year. That’s three successful consecutive years after deciding to not quit. Rebuilding troubled clubs is not rocket science; it’s simply the application of basic Toastmasters principles.

I belong to four Toastmasters clubs. Each of these clubs achieved 10 out of 10 points in becoming President’s Distinguished for 2003-2004 during my DG term. I freely share the ideas used to achieve these results. One way that I do this is to try and raise the energy wherever I speak. Sometimes our District 56 energy showed up in surprising statistics. For example, from 1997 to 2004, District 56 was the only Region III district where the percentage of distinguished clubs (or better) climbed above 63 percent, and where the average number of CTMs per club climbed above 2.6 (based on the number of clubs at start of term).

You raise club energy and make meetings more attractive by following the Toastmasters plan:

1. Find, train, and build good club leaders. Help these leaders understand how the DCP measures their effectiveness in serving their customers, the club members who elected them.
2. Show your club how to have enthusiastic meetings. Make sure there is an idea-sharing mechanism built into your district, division, and area. Make sure that all clubs understand the importance of raising the energy. Raise the energy in your district, one club at a time.
3. Good evaluations build a club into a strong organization where members grow and are able to take advantage of specialized knowledge and experience. Bad evaluations kill clubs. Stress good evaluations in many ways and constantly provide training in this important skill. Help club members know what to do with bad evaluations and bad evaluators.

You can think of the membership solution as a one-two punch, a right followed by a left hook. The right jab is simply following the program, training your club officers, giving manual speeches and giving lots of recognition to your members. The left hook comes when you feel some difficulties coming on. You tackle difficult membership problems by finding a way to make your meetings fun and exciting for members and visitors. I see this done on a weekly basis.

Diversity Can Be the Key

by Tim DeRosa, DTM, Division N Assistant Governor

Westhollow Toastmasters is a closed club meeting at Shell’s Westhollow Technology Center. Recent reorganization within the company has led Westhollow Toastmasters to re-tool its membership growth strategy. The new strategy calls for closer relationships with local management, emphasizing how the club can advance Shell’s goals for the personal and professional development of its employees at a significant cost savings over tradi-

tional short-term trainings.

In addition, club officers recognized that Shell is proud of its efforts to diversify and develop the workforce via both technical and communications training. Since the club is even more diversified than the overall Westhollow staff, club leadership (led by VP-Membership Bing Li) made a proactive effort to ensure that Shell’s local diversity manager knew the benefits of our weekly training in presen-

tation, leadership, and listening skills. She agreed that the club benefits the site and has invited the club to speak at a management meeting.

This opportunity will give Westhollow Toastmasters a chance to emphasize to the managers that Toastmasters can provide them with the tools to strengthen their staff, while meeting their own diversity goals.

Gala for Lark Doley's Last Visit



Region III International Director Lark Doley received a warm welcome upon her arrival at Sharpstown Community Center on February 25, 2005. This gala event was a charter ceremony for **Dance and Toast Masters** and **What Are We Talking About** Toastmasters clubs, as well as a thank you and farewell to Lark. This was her final visit to District 56 before her term as Regional Director ends on June 30, 2005. The event was hosted by Dance and Toast Masters club.



Lark entered the room on a golden carpet. A delicious meal was provided by Luthers. The evening was a mix of dancing, singing, charter presentations, toasting and roasting of Lark, and many special recognitions of district staff from District Governor Max Rasquinha.



Youth Leadership Program Teaches Communication Skills and Boosts Self-Confidence

by Labrigida Patterson, ATM-B/CL, Area O-10 Governor

As a TM leader for the Youth Leadership Program, I've witnessed the tremendous benefits of the program. A group of 25 students in grades 8-12 that meets on Saturdays at the Chinese Community Center have provided several interesting moments.

From day one, it was obvious that every student was a scholar. However, speaking in front of their peers was something completely different, but the students were willing to learn.

One of the most memorable moments was the first ice breakers. Each student started by giving their name, then

discussing school schedules from first period through the last class of the day. You could tell this was the longest four minutes of their lives, and they could not wait for the speech to end.

Another unforgettable moment was when one student stood before the group to answer a table topics question. Instead, she began beating her head against the lectern.

By day six, everyone was well into the second round of speeches. Although they were not entirely comfortable, they were more relaxed and confident. The student who had beaten her head against

the lectern was delivering constructive evaluations like a pro. Speeches became centered around students' personal aspirations and concerns for the future.

The students have insight that most adults take for granted. This insight goes beyond their scholastic achievements, and shines on their individual characters and level of integrity.

We plan to complete the program on Saturday, April 2. However, the students may vote to continue for two additional Saturdays.



SPRING CONFERENCE SNEAK PREVIEW

Nominating committee chairman John Smelser, DTM has announced the following candidates for the 2005-2006 term. Election of district officers will take place at the business meeting during the Spring Conference.

- District Governor – Allen Prescott
- Lt. Governor Education & Training – Pamela McCown
- Lt. Governor Marketing – Cynthia St. Dennis
- Division L Governor – Kasmira Sutaria
- Division M Governor – Clarence Magee
- Division N Governor – Stephen Siegel
– Jocelyn Williams
- Division O Governor – Shawn Lacagnina
- Division P Governor – Richard Lehman
– Jeannie Pullen
- Division Q Governor – Richard Kummins

In the April issue of *Forum 56* each nominated candidate will have the opportunity to present their credentials and a photo.

Spring 2005 District 56 Conference May 13-14 at the "Houston Alamo"

Northwest Forest Conference Center
12715 Telge Road, Cypress, TX 77429

- International Speech Contest
- Evaluation Contest
- Business Meeting/Election of New District Officers
- Educational Sessions
- Three prepaid Meals with Full Registration

REGISTRATION FORM

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Achievement Level: TM, CTM, ATM-B, ATM-S, ATM-G,
CL, AL, DTM

Your Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Your Club Name/No: _____

Are you a Club Officer? Position? _____

Volunteer to Help? yes no First Conference ? yes no

FULL REGISTRATION:

_____ \$99.00 March 1 - April 30

Mail check and registration form to:

Mary Elizabeth Marx
2515 Knippa Road
La Grange, TX 78945



Make check payable to: District 56 Toastmasters

Region III and International Conference

PROXIES

Mailed to Club Presidents

Club presidents should anticipate receiving a large white envelope from Toastmasters International world headquarters. The mailing contains stiff cardboard ballots (proxy forms) for the upcoming Region III and International business meetings.

These forms must be completed and returned to the district governor or John Martin (281-558-9900 or andmore@alief.com).

Our proxies represent the votes of the district in all important matters affecting the clubs. Only if all proxies are returned will District 56's voice be fully heard at the regional and international levels.

For more information, contact John Martin (281-558-9900 or andmore@alief.com)



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APRIL

Division Contests

International Speech and Evaluation

MAY

May 13-14—Spring 2005 Conference

District Speech Contests

International Speech and Evaluation

Election of Club Officers

JUNE

June 5—Area & Division Governor Training

June 11—TLI/Club Officer Training

June 24-25—Region III Conference

Regional Speech Contest

International Speech

June 30—Club Officers List to WHQ

JULY

July 16—TLI/Club Officer Training

July 31—District Executive Committee

Meeting

District Staff Meeting (TBD)



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.