

District 56 Spring Conference

May 13-14, 2005



**“It’s a Small World —
a Beautiful World”**

Northwest Forest
Conference Center

**12715 Telge Road
Cypress, TX 77429
281-256-4174**

Home of the Houston Alamo



Thanks to our Toastmasters members for their generosity in sharing their photographs: Ola Joseph, DTM, Cynthia St. Dennis, DTM, Eli Wu, Richard Lehman, DTM, and Shirley Gilbuena, DTM.

Opening Ceremonies Friday, May 13, 2005



District Governor Max Rasquinha opens the Spring Conference.



Chaplain Doris Brooks offers blessing. Left to right: Cynthia St. Dennis, Division L Governor; Patty Mayeux, Division P Governor; Shannon Brown-Taylor, Conference Co-chair; Greg Hennig, Conference Chair; Pamela McCown, Lt. Governor Marketing; Nancy Starr-Cassidy, Region III International Director; Allen Prescott, Lt. Governor Education and Training; Doris Brooks, Chaplain; and Max Rasquinha, District 56 Governor.



Miles D'Angelo Pierre, 6, gives 5-minute presentation.



Taylor Breedlove, 8, sings a beautiful song.

Communication & Leadership Award Reverend Remus Wright and Minister Mia Wright



Above: Communication and Leadership Award is presented to Reverend Remus Wright and Minister Mia Wright by Nancy Starr-Cassidy and Max Rasquinha.



Reverend Remus Wright speaks to the audience.



Minister Mia Wright speaks to the audience.

Evaluation Contest



District 55 Governor Harry Truman (above) was the test speaker for the Evaluation Contest. Contestants left to right: Mark Nemeth, Louis A. Cioletti, Paul T. Bukowski, Connie Barnaba, Scott R. Adams, John Martin, and Toastmaster Dotti Visosky.



Youth Leadersip & Awards

Mago Johnson, DTM

Four members of the Youth Leadership group demonstrated their skills with two members presenting prepared speeches and two answering table topics questions. Pictured on the left as they are leaving the Houston Alamo with trophies and medals of honor are, left to right: Stephanie Yang, Eli Wu, Dennis Yang, Mr. Manashi, Leslie Kao, and Billy Manashi.

The Youth Leadership Program is headed by Mago Johnson with Connie Barnaba assisting.



Connie Barnaba, CTM

Communication & Leadership Award

F.C. "Bud" Hadfield
"Founder and Chairman — ICED"



District Governor Max Rasquinha presents the Communication and Leadership Award to Bud Hadfield.



International Director Nancy Starr-Cassidy bestows medal of honor upon Bud Hadfield as Max looks on.



Bud Hadfield accepts C&L Award and lauds Toastmasters for the good work they do. He welcomed Toastmasters members to his beautiful facility.

International Speech Contest

Saturday, May 14, 2005



Contestants Left to Right: Bill Murray, Louis Roesch, Jatika Manigault, Barbara Shareef, Scott Adams, Julian Franklin, and Toastmaster Stephen Kane.

**Recognitions & Awards Gala
Saturday, May 14, 2005**

**Communication & Leadership Award
Mazen I. Snobar
"President of Aramco — Houston"**



Ambreen Hooda presented keynote speech.



The Gala was held in the Town Hall shown above.



Region III International Director Nancy Starr-Cassidy presents Mazen I. Snobar the Communication and Leadership Award while Max acknowledges Mr. Snobar's many achievements.

Evaluation Contest



Scott Adams, winner

International Speech Contest



Scott Adams, winner



Mark Nemeth, 1st runner up



Bill Murray, 1st runner up



John Martin, 2nd runner up



Jatika Manigault, 2nd runner up

**DTM Recognition Parade
Saturday, May 14, 2005**



As of the date of the Spring Conference, District 56 has had seventeen DTM completions this term (listed below), according to John Martin, District DTM Mentor 2004-2005. As each of the new DTMs present marched onto the stage, they were congratulated by Region III International Director Nancy Starr-Cassidy.

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| 1. Tina Tate | 6. Mary M. Spain | 11. Fernando Turegano | 16. Margaret E. Henck |
| 2. Brij Srivastava | 7. John Martin | 12. Pamela McCown | 17. Magoe Johnson |
| 3. Jill Rowlands | 8. Eddie Merla | 13. Ola Joseph | |
| 4. Cynthia St. Dennis | 9. Richard Lehman | 14. Allen Prescott | |
| 5. Carla Pope | 10. Shirley Gilbuena | 15. Tim DeRosa | |

BEST NEWSLETTER CONTEST



Left to right: Michiko Iwasaki for Medically Speaking Toastmasters, *The Larynx*, 1st Runner Up; Jocelyn Williams for Talking Heads Toastmasters, *Talking Heads Monthly*, Winner; and Kimberly Muesse for Aon-Houston Toastmasters Club, *The 932 Review*, 2nd RunnerUp. Shirley Gilbuena accepts an Award of Appreciation for Design and Printing the Agendas. All were presented by Region III International Director Nancy Starr-Cassidy.

OUTSTANDING TOASTMASTER



Outstanding Toastmaster of the Year for exemplary work carried out throughout the term in the best interest of the entire District 56. Left to right: 1st runner up, John Martin; Jill Rowlands, Winner; International Director Nancy Starr-Cassidy; and 2nd runner up, John Moffitt.

SUZY GORMLEY AWARD



This award honors someone who performs extraordinary service in spite of physical difficulties. Left to right: Dan Gormley; Shirley Gilbuena, recipient. Presented by International Director Nancy Starr-Cassidy.

BERT MANN SPIRIT OF SUCCESS AWARD



The Bert Mann Spirit of Success Award is given to Jim Arnold for his ongoing prison ministry work, 2004-2005.

DAVID ABEL STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE AWARD



The David Abel Standard of Excellence Award is given to Margaret Henck for her excellent service during the 2004-2005 District 56 term.

Gift To District 56



Jill Rowlands presents a \$2000 check she received as a grant for volunteerism from ExxonMobil. (See article in this issue of *Forum 56* on page 5.)



Max congratulates District 56 new officers elect.



Nancy Starr-Cassidy awards Greg Hennig Conference Chair, and Shannon Brown-Taylor, Conference Co-Chair, for their exemplary service.

**Meals in the Log Inn
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Greg Hennig, CTM/CL,
Spring Conference Chair



Shannon Brown-Taylor,
ATM-B/CL, Spring Conference
Co-Chair



District Governor Elect 2005-2006 Allen Prescott and First
Lady Elect Betsy Prescott dining at the Log Inn.

**ARK FAMILY CHURCH
CONROE, TEXAS
May 15, 2005**



This wooden wall hanging was given to Region III International Director Nancy Starr-Cassidy by District 56. It was designed and built by Stephen Kane, ATM-B/CL.



Pastor Randy Blanton presents a short sermon in the Log Inn. All in attendance received an uplifting message along with a breakfast of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuitgravy, coffee, and juice.

OPEN AIR BOOKSTORE



Richard Ruchhoeft, ATM-B/CL and Kent Harris, ATM-B, are mind the bookstore while Connie Barnaba and Harrold Henck shop.

CREDENTIALS SIGN-IN



Past District Governor Pat London and Past International Director John Smelser work at the credentials table to determine a quorum for the business meeting.



Gwen Plauché, on the keyboard, and Miriam Clark performed a trilogy of hymns. Gwen is a member of Conroe Speaks Toastmasters Club.