

District 22-Winner-2004 Toastmasters Excellence in Leadership Award
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Announcements, Recognition, Reminders, Tips from District 22

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Be a Winner !

by Pamela Turner, DTM

Are you an enthusiastic, experienced Toastmaster who has served as a Club Officer and earned at least a CTM? If so, being a Club Sponsor or Club Mentor would be a winning proposition for you!

For many of us, building something brings great satisfaction. Helping a group of people work through the organizing and decision making necessary to build a new Toastmasters Club is exciting. If this sounds good to you, being a Club Sponsor would be a great opportunity.

Watching the members of a new Toastmasters Club grow in their skills and confidence as communicators and leaders is wonderful, especially if you are their Club Mentor! Knowing that you have encouraged and advised them along the way is gratifying.

Here are some ways you will win if you serve as a Club Sponsor or Club Mentor. You will:

- develop your leadership skills.
- earn the gratitude of the new Club members.
- experience the satisfaction of leaving a legacy.
- earn credit toward the Advanced Leader award.

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Are you thinking you'd like a bit more information before volunteering for this opportunity? We have placed a summary of the Club Sponsor and Club Mentor positions on our website. Look on the Leadership Opportunity page of www.toastmasters22.org.

Select the document links for "Club Mentor" and/or "Club Sponsor."

Our Lieutenant Governor, Marketing, **RW Thompson** anticipates new clubs in Overland Park, Lenexa, Raytown, and North Kansas City. Are you ready to volunteer? Let RW know that you are ready to be a winner. You can reach him at 816-513-1205 or RW_Thompson@kcmo.org.



Exciting and Different Ideas for Table Topics

by Jack Mackey, DTM, LGET

I just came from a **Top Box Toasters** club meeting that featured a Table Topics session that I have never seen in my 25 years in Toastmasters.

The Table Topics Master of the meeting, **Cassie Lotz**, has only been a member for about a year. But rookie or not, her session had people smiling, laughing and cheering!

When I congratulated her on such an original idea, she told me, "Actually I was trying to think up something original and creative, but I was drawing a blank. So I searched the web for 'table topics ideas.'" There she found hundreds of entries with thousands of great ideas. To spice up your club's programming, I recommend you go to Google and do the same.

Here is the Table Topics session idea that Cassie got from <http://www.sherrin.com/TableTopics.pdf>: To prepare, write different "accomplishments" on pieces of paper (fastest toilet paper role changer, best TV remote control switcher, etc.). A speaker draws a slip of paper and must present the award to another member. That member must then get up and "accept" the award. Just two "awards" will give four members a chance to speak.

For more fun and stimulating Table Topics ideas, attend the EXTREME TABLE TOPICS session at the upcoming Spring Conference on Friday night, May 13th. Be sure to register for the conference if you haven't already. Forms are on the Conference Info page of www.toastmasters22.org.

The Parade of Banners - and Photos !

by Peggy Lynn, ATMB/CL, D22 PR Officer

The Olympics has its Parade of Flags and Toastmasters have their Parade of Banners. Similar, but due to the non-profit organizational nature of Toastmasters, of course, the Parade of Banners doesn't have quite as much commercial hype as the Olympics one. Nevertheless, District 22 is full of pride and clubs willing to show it.

For the upcoming Spring Conference at the KCI Expo Center, District 22 invites all clubs into the Parade of Banners on Saturday, **May 14**. This kicks off the day at **8:30am**. Where do clubs get banners? Clubs usually purchase banners through TI's online store but there are a few clubs that have created their own. Whichever way a club chooses, the banner is the perfect spot to display the club's accomplishments. At the Conference, we will see many awarded ribbons attached to the banners and we'll all just have to look closely to determine how many different ones exist!

Clubs select a member to march with their banner during the conference's opening ceremony. Certainly the honored selectee needs to arrive early enough to get the banner prepared for this festive event.

District 22 has a new method of displaying photos and several from the 2004 Fall Conference in Wichita depict a glimpse at the parade and banner displays. Check out the **D22 Photo Gallery** page of our website www.toastmasters22.org for the albums link and more details on submitting photos. Or go directly to <http://photos.yahoo.com/d22toastpics> and check out the albums titled "2004 Fall Conference - Wichita." Then, get ready to parade! For those bannerless clubs - plan for the next conference. Show District 22 pride in accomplishments!

Ribbon Stats

District 22 thanks those who have contributed to the continuing Communication and Leadership development of others by serving as Member Sponsors, Member Mentors, and members of the X-Team supporting newly forming clubs. You are the D22 Ribbon Recipients. You've earned a Red Ribbon for sponsoring a new Toastmaster, a White Ribbon for serving as a mentor to a new Toastmaster, or a Blue Ribbon for serving as a member of the District X-team. Some of you have even earned all three ribbons! If you've earned a ribbon, be sure we have your name listed on the Ribbon Recipient list on the

Recognition page of our website:
www.toastmasters22.org.

We have designed the ribbons to fit nicely on a Toastmasters badge available from the Toastmasters catalog. To get your ribbons, have your Club President contact the Area Governor for your club.

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| So far this year, the Ribbon | T | 03 |
| Recipients who have reported | A | 05 |
| their awards are from these | L | 26 |
| Divisions. | K | 07 |
| | S | 38 |

2005/06 Nominees for District Office

by Suzanne Conaway, DTM, IPDG

As Chairperson of the D22 Nominating Committee, it is my pleasure to announce the following nominees for district office 2005/06.

- District Governor, **Jack Mackey**, DTM. Many of you already know Jack Mackey from his years as LGM and LGET. Jack is a bundle of energy and commitment to Toastmasters. As LGM, Jack received the Excellence in Marketing award from Toastmasters International. He has started 10 new clubs in his years as a Toastmaster. He is also on track to receive the Excellence in Education award this year. Jack has the rare gift of seeing the big picture while focusing on individuals. Jack Mackey will be working towards President's Distinguished District - one Toastmaster at a time.
- Lt.Gov.Educ.&Trng, **Diana Kovac**, DTM. Diana is one of those Super Toasters that not only does her job well, but she's willing to jump in and help wherever needed. As Area Governor of S4, she jumped in and arranged contests for Division K when Janet Clark passed away. Many people would have said, "That's not even my Division," not Diana. She saw a need and filled

it. This attitude helped her become Area Governor of the Year in 2002-2003 and Division Governor of the year in 2003-2004.

- Lt.Gov.Mktg., **Lynda Tuttle**, ATMB/CL. Lynda Tuttle is not one to wait for her title to become official. She's already starting a club in McPherson, KS and has several more good leads in Division A. Lynda is a stalwart of Division A. She has been Conference Chair, Area Governor and Division Governor. Like Diana, she's a "fill in wherever necessary" type of person. When serving as Area A1 Governor, the Division A Governor stepped down for health reasons. Lynda filled in admirably as Division A Governor and also kept up all her duties as Area Governor as well.

Nominees for Division Governors are:

- Division T, **Jason Schulz**
- Division A, **Mike Tuttle**
- Division L, **Chris Woolway**
- Division K, **Larry Wilson**
- Division S, **Annette Rude**

Of course, we will also take nominations for qualified candidates from the floor per page 17 of the District Leadership Manual.

Area Governors Corner

Club Membership Renewals

Call or email each Club President in your Area to verify that they have submitted club dues.

Area Speech Contest

Conduct Area International Speech and Table Topics Contest.

Joplin's Charter Party

On November 28, 2004, Greater Joplin Toastmasters Club conducted its first meeting. They received their charter as club 735666 on February 4, 2005. They held a charter party on April 05. The club extends special thanks to the following people for making the charter party a huge success: **Dick Higgins**, Club Sponsor and Sgt. at Arms; **RW Thompson**, D22 Lt. Gov. Marketing; **Mark Williams**, Club President; **Jim Pashia**, Club VP Education; **Jake Shaefer**, VPPR; **Carol Daily** and **Erica Pefferman** of Zimmer Radio Group; and **Diane Higgins**, Club Secretary.

Club Visits

Review each club's progress on DCP goals prior to making your visit. Take some Red, White, and Blue ribbons with you in case club members have earned ribbons since your last visit. Submit your Club visit reports no later than April 30th.

For snapshots from the charter party, visit the Photo Gallery page of www.toastmasters22.org.

The club boasts 34 active members from word of mouth alone. They now have a PR plan in place including: two television spots, radio spots, and a demo meeting on May 2 at the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce. Keep an eye on Joplin for continued growth!

Newly Forming Clubs

Grain Valley Toastmasters

Thursdays, 7:30pm-8:30pm
Community of Christ Church
32901 East Pink Hill Road
Grain Valley, MO
Contact: **Duane Porter**
816-210-4314
duaneporter@yahoo.com



McPherson Toastmasters

Wednesdays, 4:30pm
Hospira Building
1776 N. Centennial Dr.
McPherson, KS
Contact: **Charlotte Pinkall**
620-245-6215
charlotte.pinkall@hospira.com

Club Officer April Checklists

- ___ **All Officers:** Review your Club Success plan. How's your progress toward Distinguished status so far?
- ___ **All Officers:** Put plans in place to have a smooth transition from your officer term to that of the person who will follow you.
- ___ **Club VP Membership and VPPR:** Work with the officer team to continue membership building so your club has at least 20 members.

- ___ **Club President:** Conduct a Club Executive Committee meeting.
- ___ **Club President:** Make arrangements for Club Officer elections in early May.
- ___ **Club President:** Receive proxies for the Regional and International business meetings. These will come from Toastmasters headquarters. You'll need to sign these forms and mail them to the D22 Governor noted on the forms.

District Council Agenda-Voting Items

On May 14 at the District Conference, we will conduct a District Council meeting. There are several items that require a vote.

Club Presidents, Club VPs Education, and members of the District Executive Committee each have a vote. Club Presidents and Club VPs Education may send a Club member with their proxy. Come prepared to vote. Here are the items on the agenda upon which you will be voting.

- Approval of District Officers' recommendations to fill any vacancies for appointed positions.
- Adoption of changes of alignment for clubs within Areas / Divisions.
- Election of District 22 Officers for 2005/06. (The Nominating Committee will give their report and there will be an opportunity for nominations from the floor.)
- Acceptance or decline of the District 44 proposal for changing the boundaries of District 22.