

Area Governors, please circulate this to your Clubs.

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1. Question for September: What's the latest buzz regarding our Toastmasters Membership Dues?
Find the answer somewhere below ...

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2. Ready, Set, Grow! by Jack Mackey DTM, District 22 Governor 2005-6

Ready. Are you proud of your club? Is it ready now for CNN to show up and broadcast your meeting to the world as an example of Toastmasters finest? To grow your club, you've got to hold great meetings - high energy, fun and well-organized to deliver great educational value. If you are not holding those kinds of meetings, call your Area Governor for some fresh ideas!

Set. But let's assume that your club IS "ready for prime-time." Then get set. Set up everything you need to make it easy and natural for visitors to become members. A Visitor's Kit with a Membership Application enclosed is a good start! Have the Sergeant-at-Arms and the VPs of Education, Membership and PR create an eye-catching display as part of the set up for every meeting. Include lots of Toastmasters manuals and color brochures and a catalog and your Member Progress Chart and your Distinguished Club Plan. That creates excitement and generates questions and conversation.

Grow. So now you're Ready. You're Set. Time to Grow! Ask every club member to invite a colleague, friend or acquaintance to come to a meeting in September. Imagine if each member did that! So how can you as Club Officers make that happen? ASK your members to do it! And then lead by example and make sure every Officer invites at least one guest first. That's why you're called leaders - because you get out in front and model the way. You go first! Embrace the Challenge: Distinguished by December!

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3. Want to Join the X-Team? by Lynda Tuttle ATM-B, District 22 Lieutenant Governor Marketing

There are many wonderful ways that clubs can reach out as a team to build membership in their own Club as well as others. One of the first things TM members of a Club can do is to sign up for the X-Team. Not only does this gain you experience outside of your club, but you will receive a blue ribbon! Make sure you give your contact information and name to your Area Governor if you are signing up to be an X-Team member. The X-Team members are Toastmasters who are willing to be called upon to participate in Open Houses, Demo Meetings, and to help out with speeches to inspire other club members in your area. Participation should be organized through your Area Governor. If you have need of an X-Team member to help out with any of these activities, contact your Area Governor or Division Governor and reach out. The District will help with up to 15 dollars worth of refreshments for any of these activities until the funding has been depleted, so reach out right away when you see a Club in need of motivation and inspiration to build its membership before the District funding for this has been depleted. The red and blue ribbon tools on our District 22 web site will give you many fantastic ideas on membership building techniques and new club building market strategies. Remember, members by September and distinguished by December! Let's work as a team in District 22 and reach out past our own corner of the TM world to build

membership for other clubs in your area. With everyone's help we can have a strong and healthy district. When you help others with their clubs you will receive so much in return. For more information on the X-Team and blue ribbon techniques for building new clubs and red ribbons for growing established clubs membership see the TM web site: <http://www.toastmasters22.org/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=9>

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4. Speech Contests – It Could be For YOU! by Evie Curtis, Area L2 Governor and Club President of Masters Toastmasters Club

You probably joined Toastmasters because you either wanted to improve your speaking skills or someone twisted your arm – hard. I joined Toastmasters to learn how to tell a joke without blowing the punch line. Over these past years, I've learned to tell a joke. Then I discovered my problem lay in the fact I couldn't remember the joke! Toastmasters hasn't solve that problem but what I've learned through Toastmasters has had a big impact.

My second speech for Toastmasters was competing in a speech competition – what I considered a “no-brainer.” I didn't win the contest but I learned so much, so fast! I became a better speaker by getting out of my comfort zone and realizing how much I didn't know.

Not every club stretches its members. You might be the kind of person that is happy with being comfortable. Then again, you might be the member that wants a little challenge. You may need stretching past the boundaries created by your club. Have you reached that place where you really don't prepare or practice for speeches in front of your club? You need a challenge not a new club.

What about an opportunity to speak before an audience who has never seen you before and can't fire you? Perhaps you've been hoping for a more honest evaluation of your speeches. Maybe you're ready to learn some new techniques, some new tricks that other speakers could teach you. I have just the opportunity for you! It's speech contest time!

You can participate in contests in three ways: as a contestant, as an observer or cheerleader, or as a volunteer – get trained as a judge! Learning how you will be judged and how the ballots are counted is great experience for a speaker. It gives you a leg up! How about agreeing to be a target speaker in an evaluation contest? You will receive the most amazing feedback from the contestants. Timers and counters are always needed. Want to meet lots of people? Volunteer for the registration table.

Contests are held twice a year. The Evaluation and International Speech contests are in the Fall. The Humorous Speech and Table Topics contests are in the Spring. The levels include Club, Area, Division and District. By way of example, the Area L2 Contest is on September 24th (Professionally Speaking, Bootstraps, Fountain Head, Parkside Fed, and Fed Masters). If you win the Area L2 contest, the next contest is the Division L contest on Oct. 15th. If you win there, the District 22 competition is November 5th.

I bet YOU are ready for a challenge, a little push past your comfort zone, an opportunity to learn something new. Consider representing your club in the upcoming speech contest. I bet some of your fellow club members will be there to support you and cheer you on – all the way to fame and fortune.

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5. Why did they join, why do they stay and how has Toastmasters helped them???

1. Why did you join Toastmasters?
2. Why do you maintain your Toastmasters membership?
3. How has Toastmasters furthered your career/community role?

Answers from Jennifer Johnson DTM, Past International Director:

1. To enhance my personal and professional communications skills.
2. I believe working towards perfection is a lifelong journey and Toastmasters provide the programs and means to bring out the best in anyone willing to spend the time helping others and self. In addition to enhancing communications and leadership, the club, district, regional and international participation strengthens our relationship building skills. With over 211,000 members in 91 countries, we always have a friendly workshop to attend for enhancement
3. Extemporaneous speaking. Many of my fellow Toastmasters, friends and family know that I will talk to anyone. However, Toastmasters provides a good foundation where we create a 1-2 minute talk with an opening, body and conclusion. This empowerment has proven to be very beneficial in my business meetings, service on two community Boards of Directors, church and other volunteer endeavors.

Answers from Larry Wilson CTM, Division K Governor 2005-2006:

- 1. To learn how to better present my classes on "How to Get Started in Genealogy".
- 2. To keep improving, to obtain DTM and because it is fun.
- 3. Known as "Mr. Toastmasters" at my company. Gained confidence to speak to community groups on various topics.

Answers from Chris Woolway ATM-B CL, Division L Governor 2005-2006:

- 1. To become a better speaker and presenter, as well as to meet and learn from others attempting to develop their speaking and presenting skills.
- 2. I enjoy honing my skills, but most importantly, as a division governor, to assist others in developing their leadership skills.
- 3. In my career at Johnson & Johnson, have been requested by senior management to present, on several occasions, key initiatives or proposals to vital internal and external decision-making groups or individuals. In the community, Toastmasters has given me the confidence to teach a variety of topics to diverse community groups.

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Answer to Question:

As of October 1, dues to TI are \$27 semi-annually.
 Last time dues were raised was 1992.
 This was democratically discussed and voted upon at the Business Meeting during the 2005 TI Convention.
 77% of votes were in favor.

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6. Toastmasters Tip For New Toastmasters And New Officers

TIP #2. Toastmasters International Website is www.toastmasters.org. From the website you can: order supplies, submit renewal dues, submit new members, update the list of club officers, club roster list, apply for any of the educational or leadership awards, and change personal information for a member. All of those functions require the club number and club password. To find the club password, click the "forgot password" and enter the information requested. It will ask for your membership number which can be found on the address label of your Toastmasters Magazine. Other information available on the Toastmasters International website include the latest reports of the Distinguished Club Program by club within the district. (For the full list of TOP TEN TIPS FOR NEW TOASTMASTERS AND NEW OFFICERS, go to www.toastmasters22.org)

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7. Distinguished Dates (September 15 = 289 days left of the 2005-2006 TI year)

SEPTEMBER 2005

Clubs having Semi-Annual Officer Elections in December form Nominating Committee now
 Areas and Divisions conduct Speech Contests, TBA
 Division Council meetings, TBD 30 - End Smedley award challenge

OCTOBER 2005

01 - DEADLINE for Club semi-annual reports/ dues to arrive at TI
 Area Govs submit Club Visit forms to District Governor, Jack Mackey
 Areas and Divs conduct Speech Contests, TBD

NB ADDRESS CORRECTION !!!

Oct 20 - Deadline to RSVP to Larry Wilson at ltm@gbronline.com if you plan to attend the Division K Contests to be held on Oct 22 at Bayer Animal Health, **12707** Shawnee Mission Parkway (63rd St), Corner of Shawnee Mission Parkway and Long Street.

NOVEMBER 2005

4-5 - Fall Conference - Mark you calendars NOW for Great Speakers, Great Educational Sessions and Great FUN at the Holiday Inn of Olathe (151st & I35th), Don't miss this one!- including District Council meetings, Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests Finals. Registration Forms can be found at <http://www.toastmasters22.org/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=33>

DECEMBER 2005

Clubs with Semi-Annual Officer Elections hold elections and report results to both TI and District Gov
 Clubs review and refine goals towards Distinguished Club Program status

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8. Club Movers & Shakers - Members by September—District 22 Update

Big Blue Bags 8 New Members in just 60 days! 54 clubs added members in the first 60 days!

Congratulations to Big Blue Toastmasters! They added 8 new members since July 1 and that means they also completed goals #7 and #8 in the Distinguished Club Plan. Great job!

KCI Toastmasters added 7 members. SMART Masters got 6 new members. Wow!

THREE CLUBS got 5 members: Catpoint, Downtown and Emerald City. Springfield and Top Box Toasters both signed up 4 new members. Out of 99 total clubs, 54 clubs added 122 members in the last 60 days (Hey, you other 45 clubs in D22, jump on in!). You may check your Club's progress at <http://www.toastmasters.org/creports.asp>

Division/Area/Club Number -Club Name -Members ADDED to date August 31, 2005

A1-1279 -Beechmasters +2
A1-3990 -Boeing Achievers +3
A2-4989 -Wichita Downtown +2
A2-9177 -Excellent +1
A2-9975 -Colleagues of Wisdom +1
A3-193 -Haworth-Wichita +1
A3-1543 -West Wichita +1
A3-3710 -Semi Pro +3
A3-6297 -Via Christi +1

K1-1928 -Early Bird +1
K1-4843 -GE ERC +1
K2-458 -Farmers Insurance +1
K2-3737 -Network Masters +2
K2-8825 -Masters +1
K3-1948 -SMART Masters +6* Achieved DCP Goal #7
K3-2321 -Talking Heads +2
K4-3066 -Olathe Sunrise Speakers +2
K4-3373 -Catpoint +5* Achieved DCP Goal #7
K4-585113 -Big Blue +8** Achieved both DCP Goals # 7 and #8

L1-3123 -KCI Toastmasters +7* Achieved DCP Goal #7
L2-2863 -Bootstraps +3
L2-8591 -Professionally Speaking +3
L2-9311 -Parkside Feds +1
L4-3808 -Northern Nights +2
L4-4750 -Spirit of Liberty +2
L4-793002 -Cerner Power Speaker +3
L5-99 -Downtown +5* Achieved DCP Goal #7
L5-630 -Grand Toastmasters +1
L5-2405 -Hospital Hill Warriors +1
L5-6257 -Talk of the Block +3
L5-7812 -Temple Toastmasters +1
L6-8302 -Talk of the Town +1
L6-625236 -Don't Stop Talking@DST +1
L6-636238 -DST TNT +1
L6-636291 -Top Box Toasters +4* Achieved DCP Goal #7
L6-691098 -Central Exchange +1

S1-518 -Agmasters +1
S1-1379 -Toastmasters Unlimited +2
S1-701857 -Unity Village +2
S2-1335 -One Main Club +2
S2-3860 -Stateliners +3
S2-4664 -Plaza +2
S3-527 -Springfield +4* Achieved DCP Goal #7
S3-2199 -Tri-Lakes +1
S3-735666 -Greater Joplin +3
S4-5664 -Quemasters +3
S4-7728 -Resourcemastrs +1

S4-9715 -Emerald City +5* Achieved DCP Goal #7

S5-643420 -Transmasters +1

S5-643915 -Yes We Can Toast +2

T2-361 -Heartland +2

T2-2210 -Meadowlark +1

T2-2804 -Unity +1

T3-2570 -Manhattan +2

AUGUST 31, 2005 TOTAL TO DATE = 122 / 10.2%

FULL YEAR TOTAL GOAL = 1200 / 100%

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9. Movers & Shakers

Check for Educational Registrations at <http://www.toastmasters.org/dperform.asp>

Member-Club No.-Division Area-Award-Date- Club Name-Location

Bryant, Leon W.-5317-S 1-CTM-8/1/2005-Lee's Summitt Toastmasters Club-Lees Summit

Dean, Fauna-8302-L 6-CL-9/7/2005-Talk of the Town Club-Kansas City

Duckworth, Terry J.-1543-A 3-ATMB-8/8/2005-West Wichita Toastmasters Club-Wichita

Farlow, Nick J.-3990-A 1-CL-8/11/2005-Boeing Achievers Club-Wichita

Gridley, Steven W-3990-A 1-CL-8/19/2005-Boeing Achievers Club-Wichita

Hilliard, Patricia A.-518-S 1-DTM-8/1/2005-Agmasters Club-Kansas City

Lai, Chuen-Huey-6297-A 3-CTM-8/21/2005-Via Christi Club-Wichita

Maduska, John R.-2301-T 1-ATMB-8/10/2005-Leavenworth Club-Leavenworth

McCurley, William Dale-99-L 5-LDREXC-9/1/2005-Downtown Club-Kansas City

Melin, Jonathan Paul-3990-A 1-ATMG-8/1/2005-Boeing Achievers Club-Wichita

Mulroy, John-643915-S 5-CTM-9/8/2005-Yes We Can Toast Club-Overland Park

Shinogle, Linda M.-3710-A 3-CL-8/26/2005-Semi Pro Toastmasters Club-Wichita

Stewart, Barbara Ann-518-S 1-CTM-8/9/2005-Agmasters Club-Kansas City

Sutton, Linda-1009-K 2-CTM-8/4/2005-Suburban Club-Overland Park

Wilson, Larry M.-625236-L 6-ATMB-9/12/2005-Don't Stop Talking at DST Club-Kansas City

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10. You're Invited!

Have any comments regarding this bulletin? Have anything to contribute?

Please contact the Bulletin Editor, Larna Anderson Beebe DTM d22bulletin@yahoo.com by October 10, 2005.

Theme for next month is "Come Together".

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