

District 54 Dispatch

May 2010



SAY "YES!"

by Erika Arnhart, Spring Conference Chair

"Setting Your Potential Free," the District 54 spring conference, is now a part of our history. And, as I think those of you who were in attendance would agree, it was a terrific success!

Every aspect of the event, from the speech and evaluation contests (way to go, Hayward!) to the educational sessions and our keynote speaker, Dr.

Donald Grady, met or exceeded expectations. All of us will remember Carl Cannon, our C&L Award recipient, and his amazingly inspirational message – and never think about the phrase "Lockdown!" the same way! I can still hear his booming voice as I think back to the Saturday evening banquet. Cherished memories that I will take with me forever.



Erika Arnhart, Spring Conference Chair, happy with a successful spring conference.



Hayward Suggs, winner of the District 54 evaluation and international speech contests.



Carl Cannon, C&L Award recipient, inspires us and young people alike to stay out of trouble and avoid "Lockdown!"



Dr. Donald Grady, NIU Police Chief, greets Del Calderini before his keynote address on "potential," full of strong lessons about his experience creating a successful multi-ethnic police force in Serbia. Wow!

But as wonderful as the conference experience was for me, what I will treasure more is the journey I took with my conference team and my High Performance Leadership (HPL) guidance committee. Never in my wildest imagination did I think that I would have a chance to lead such an effort. After a year's worth of planning, I am humbled by the lessons I have learned and inspired by the possi-



Lyndon Rich whips the troops into shape before the parade of banners.

bilities that lay before me. I have untapped skills and abilities that I never knew existed and I will be forever grateful to our District Governor, Aloysia Mitchell, and Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training (and District Governor-Elect), Martie Ogborn, for having the foresight to see me as



Aloysia Mitchell, District 54 Governor, addresses the district.



Bruce Murdoch received his DTM award at the spring conference.

being capable to take on this task – and then taking the initiative to ask me to do it! Never have I been so happy that I said "Yes" when asked to tackle a challenge that scared and overwhelmed me. I will always remember this experience when that opportunity presents itself again.

When you feel like saying "No" to something that is being asked of you, sometimes it's good to explore and challenge that feeling. Saying "Yes" just might be the beginning to something truly exceptional.

While Toastmasters is about developing and perfecting public speaking and other communication skills, it is also about so much more. Toastmasters is about building better communicators and leaders. It can help you grow and change in ways that you had only dreamed of, but like so many things in life, you will get out of Toastmasters what you put into it. I have learned this first hand – and am so happy I did. Go outside your comfort zone and say "Yes!" Trust me – you will be better for it!



Martie Ogborn, District Governor-Elect, celebrates with the district.



Conference photos at picasaweb.google.com/ToastmastersD54.

FINISHING WELL

by Martie Ogborn, Lt. Gov. Education and Training

Is your slate of officers in place for the new year? How close is your club to reaching distinction? Hopefully every club member will have a chance to reach their educational goals before the end of June. How about an awards celebration for your club's accomplishments?



Reminder

- * Report New Club Officers to TI before the end of June to achieve the first Distinguished Club Program goal for next year.
- * Club Officer Training will be offered at three TLIs in July. Training at least 4 club officers will help achieve another goal. Plan to have all 7 of your Club Officers Trained

Let your Club Members Know

Any District 54 Toastmaster who earns a CC in May or June will be entered into a drawing for one of two WooHoo Bears.

Club Officers: The New Club Leadership Kits Are Coming!

In May and June, all Toastmasters clubs will receive the new Club Leadership Kit. It will be mailed to the current club president, who will then be responsible for giving it to the 2010-2011 club president.

Plan a Club Officer Executive Meeting to Transition Roles Important Notice: Proxies are Coming – by e-mail!

Your club's vote is needed! On May 14, proxies for the Annual Business Meeting at the International Convention were emailed or mailed to the club presidents. Fellow Toastmaster, Reg Gress, is the official leader of the Proxy Posse. He can help you with this process. His goal and mine is for the District to be able to cast 100% of our votes on August 14.

It's Guaranteed:

If the club officers help the club members be successful in their goals, the club will be successful and if clubs are successful, District 54 will be successful. Win – Win for everyone, WooHoo!

DISTRICT 54 CALENDAR

- June 12: DEC meeting
- June 19: Storytelling Picnic, [Le Roy Oaks Forest Preserve](#)
- June 26: From Speaker to Trainer, [DeKalb Goodwill](#)
- July 10: TLI South, Bloomington, IL
- July 17: TLI West, Moline, IL
- July 31: TLI North, [Delnor Hospital](#)

DISTRICT 54 CONTEST WINNER

Hayward Suggs, a member of the Lincoln-way Toastmasters Club in Frankfort, Illinois, won the District 54 international speech contest on April 17 with his speech entitled, "Magic, Ghosts, and the Boogie Man." Hayward also won the District 54 evaluation content on April 16.

Congratulations, Hayward!

NO MORE PAPER PROXIES

by Aloysia Mitchell, District Governor

In the past, in preparation for the annual business meeting at the Toastmasters international convention, all club presidents would receive a proxy form to be submitted at credentials during the International Convention. Beginning this year, in an effort to simplify the process, reduce costs and minimize the environmental impact, printed proxy forms will no longer be mailed to each club president. Instead, Toastmasters International will send the official proxy notification for the Toastmasters International annual business meeting to club presidents via e-mail. Using the Toastmasters web site, clubs can determine electronically who will carry their votes:



- The club can send a delegate to the meeting.
- The club may assign the proxy to the 2010 -2011 district governor.
- They may also assign another active member.

If a club assigns the district governor as its delegate, the district governor in office at the time of the international convention will be able to cast the club's votes at the annual business meeting.

Here is where District 54 stands (as of May 28, 2010).

District Goal	Actual to date	Year's goal	Needs more	Percent complete	Rank in world	Percentile in world	Rank in region
Paid clubs	73	77	4	94.8%	56	32.1%	7
Mem payments	3021	3082	61	98.0%	23	72.8%	3
CC awards	100	105	5	95.2%	42	49.4%	7
AC awards	40	30	Met!	133.3%	51	38.3%	6
Leadership awards	73	71	Met!	102.8%	33	60.5%	6

2010–2011 LEADERSHIP TEAM

by Sean Harrison, PR Officer

I recently asked each of the incoming District 54 leaders, **What is your vision for your role in the coming year?** (Offices listed are incoming offices.)



Martie Ogborn, District Governor

My vision for District 54 is for everyone to be positive enthusiasts encouraging each other to achieve their dreams and reach their goals as effective communicators and leaders, for everyone to cheer on and support club officers so they know and can make a significant difference in the lives of their club members, and for everyone to share in a spirit of fun and friendship and open up the opportunities of Toastmasters to all.



Dan Kyburz, Lieutenant Governor Education & Training

My vision as lieutenant governor of education and training is to (1) Make every member aware of the vast array of educational opportunities available to them through the Toastmasters educational program. (2) Encourage members to set their goals high and lead by example. Encourage each district officer to earn the triple crown award and each member to earn one communication and/or leadership award in the 2010-2011 year. (3) Have fun-filled educational programs to encourage attendance at club meetings and district events.



Bonnie Tippey, Lieutenant Governor Marketing

As the District 54 lieutenant governor marketing, I see myself as an enthusiastic supporter of all Toastmasters as they work towards achieving their personal leadership and communication goals, helping each club to be strong and to meet their goals and spreading the word about Toastmasters so that everyone everywhere can participate in this wondrous opportunity to learn how to be a leader and to communicate effectively.



Terry Guinn, Public Relations Officer

Vision: District 54 gone VIRAL through the use of social media, the new “word-of-mouth.” Friend me up!

Goals for the coming year:

- Help corporate clubs develop a marketing plan and create awareness & alternatives for their circumstances.
- Provide and train on, tools for all clubs to get involved in social media, especially Facebook and blogging.
- Develop a public relations web page for District 54.
- Create a better understanding of what going viral means and how to embrace it.



Stacey Hinterlong, Secretary

I would like to be as diligent as possible so that the whole district can stay informed with what is going on.



Andrew Kerr, Treasurer

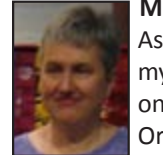
As District 54 treasurer, my vision is to improve the overall member experience by prudently managing the district’s finances with an eye to take full advantage of membership building opportunities ensuring that the district not only has an ever growing number of toastmasters, but also a solid financial footing for years to come.



Joseph Wilhelmi and Ken Kocher, Sgts-at-Arms

Joseph: “Train the next sgt-at-arms in full.”

Ken: “Be on time and not forget the banners!”



Maryann Riechelt, Parliamentarian

As District 54 Parliamentarian for 2010-2011 my vision is to keep the ship that is District 54 on an even keel according to Robert’s Rules of Order.



Vince Treague, Division A Governor

My mission is to build on the success of the past years in growing Division A and building upon the leadership. Division A is blessed with an abundance of DTMs and several past district governors and past international directors. My role is to provide direction and assist as needed.



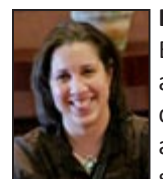
Bobby Dillard, Division B Governor

My vision is to lead Division B to create an experience that inspires them to greater accomplishment and confidence in their lives and attracts others to want to share in that experience.



Nicole Shake, Division C Governor

My vision for Division C is to have all clubs be armed with the knowledge and tools they need to achieve Distinguished Status.



Erika Arnhart, Division D Governor

Erika is passionate about using her skills and abilities to their fullest and helping others do the same. In this way, she believes we all learn and grow together and will be the strongest District we can be! Erika is excited about this upcoming year, using the Distinguished Club Program as a guide to help each member within Division D accomplish their goals and unearth new skills and talents we never knew existed. It’s going to be a great year in Division D and District 54!



Bruce Murdoch, Division E Governor

I envision 100% of the clubs in Division E achieving a high standard of excellence, providing state-of-the-art leadership and communication training to their members. Every club can and must achieve at least Distinguished Club status. I plan to coordinate with and assist the three Area Governors to help ensure that this vision of excellence is realized.

Toastmaster District 54 – Division A
Cordially Invites You and Your Family to Our

2nd Annual Storytelling Picnic

Come share stories, food and fun!



June 19, 2010

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Please R.S.V.P. by June 17th to
LuAnn Larson at
luann.larson@newellco.com or
call (815) 505-9906
*Also indicate if you would like to
tell a story. (Approx: 6-8 mins)**

**Location: Leroy Oakes Forest
Preserve – Shelter #1
37W370 Dean St., St. Charles, IL
See reverse side for map of
Leroy Oakes**

Advanced Expressives Toastmaster Club presents:

The Success Communication Series Program



FROM SPEAKER TO TRAINER



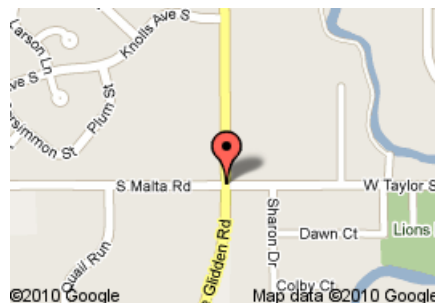
The “From Speaker to Trainer” module is a 4.5 hour interactive session that will discuss the five major steps in preparing and presenting an effective training program.

The session will provide participants the opportunity to develop and practice these five steps.

As a Toastmaster, you have learned the basics of public speaking from your manual projects. This session is an opportunity to learn how to take your communications skills to the next level as a trainer. The session is recommended for anyone that would like to present at TLI’s, Conferences, at work, or in the community.

The session will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at:

**Dekalb Goodwill
1037 S. Annie Glidden Rd.
Dekalb, IL 60115**



**Facilitators: Vince Treague, DTM & LuAnn Larson,
ACS, ALB**

Session cost: \$15 payable at the door if pre-registration is received via email at luann.larson@newellco.com by Thursday, June 24th. \$20 if registering after June 24th.

**Registration & Check-in begins at 12:30am
The session begins at 1pm and will wrap up by 5:30pm.**

Come early and attend the Advanced Expressives Toastmaster meeting from 9am-11:00am!