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Fall Conference Recap

*Sheryl Kubiak, DTM
Past District Governor*

Friday - Table Topics Contest

Toastmaster Sam Christian, CC, asked this question of each contest: "Suppose you had the opportunity to travel the solar system in perfect safety. What planet would you visit and why?"

Congratulations to the winners:

- 1st Place: John Salalila
- 2nd Place: Wendy Yuille
- 3rd Place: Julie Goll

Friday Fun Night

Nick Tsirlis and Sahaja Reddy and their team put on a fun Friday night. We played three games:

- "Operator" - One representative from each table went up front, listened to a LONG sentence, then returned to their table and whispered it to the person to their right, who whispered it to the next person and so on around the table. The group closest to the original sentence won that "round". It was amazing how poorly some of us did!
- "Paper Tower" - Each table received a stack of paper, and were to build the tallest structure out of that paper that they could. Some folded, some "wadded". At the end of the allotted time, the table with the tallest structure won (which just happened to be MY table).
- "\$25,000 Pyramid" - One person gave clues, the "panel" guessed the word.

There was also a group who found a spot to play euchre after Friday Fun Night and after the Saturday banquet.

Saturday - Opening Session

District 28 Public Relations Officer Wellington Hepburn, DTM was the Toastmaster at the opening session. The Mayor of the City of Toledo issued a proclamation notifying all citizens it was Toastmaster Day. Past International Director and Distinguished Toastmaster, Gary Mull visiting us from District 40 (he's from the Dayton OH area), was the Keynote Speaker. His topic was "Learn from the Heart & Achieve Greatness Together" during which we explored our Emotional Intelligence (EIQ).

Saturday - Workshops

Regular workshop presenters included: Mark Emmanuel, ACB/ALB; Marius Jooste, ATMB/CL; Danielle Delonge; Arlene Rahm-Scherf, DTM and Jason Schumacher, DTM (team); Susan Stillman, ACB/ALB; Sylvia Schultz, CC/CL; Cliff Suttle, DTM; Diane Bowden, CC; Wellington Hepburn, DTM; and Kitty Brandal ACB/CL and Tom Burwell, ACS/ALB (team).

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Fall Conference Recap!

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Saturday - Luncheon

Lt. Governor of Marketing, Ida Vance, DTM, was the Toastmaster for this session.

District 28 presented the Communication & Leadership (C&L) Award Richard A. Paat, MD - Chairman of medical missions for the Special Commission on Education and Relief of the Filipino Association of Toledo. The C&L Award is presented to a non-Toastmaster who exemplifies the skills of an excellent communicator and leader. Dr. Paat's acceptance presentation included a description of the relief efforts he has led; his slideshow of victims from hurricanes and earthquakes brought home his message.

The luncheon concluded with the Hall of Fame ceremony. Please see the list below for the special award winners.

Saturday - Business Meeting

The District Council, which is comprised of each club's president and vice-president of education (or their proxies) and each District Officer, acted on business put before them by District Governor Vera Johnson. Approval of Minutes, Budget, Year-End

Audit, Officer Vacancies and Appointments, and other matters were brought before the Council.

Saturday - Cookie Break

Newly appointed Cookie Monster and newly designated Distinguished Toastmaster, Mary Comfort, saved the day by making sure everyone got ONLY 2 cookies.

Saturday - District Humorous Speech Contest

Congratulations to the winners:

1st Place: LaShon Bowers, "High Hopes"

2nd Place: John Salalila - "It'll be Okay"

3rd Place: Ray Metz, "Silly Little Things"

Saturday – District Governor’s Banquet

The banquet Toastmaster was Lt. Governor of Education & Training, Heather Lane, DTM.

I enjoyed it. We actually had people stay and dance afterward!

Feedback

Conference Attendees are invited to share their comments through an on-line survey. Go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JXSVJFB>

DISTRICT 28 HALL OF FAME

The following special awards were announced at this year's Hall of Fame ceremony, held at the Fall 2010 District 28 Conference:

- Chris Hiller Award: # 916890 Brasscraft Toastmasters (100% increase)
- Harold Eastman Award: RSB Toastmasters, # 849467 (37 new members)
- Area Governor of the Year: Maureen Hurley, DTM, Area 43 – and –
- Area Governor of the Year: Andy Lyke, ATMB/CL, Area 1
- Division Governor of the Year: Wellington Hepburn, DTM, Division I
- Toastmaster of the Year: Lori Harris, CC/ALB
- Unsung Hero: Kevin P. Olmstead, DTM, PDG

Winter TLIs – Coming Soon!

Heather Lane, DTM

Lt. Governor for Education and Training

It's January, and that means that it's time for the second round of club officer training! If you're a club officer (or want to become one), whether you took office in July or January, you should try to attend one of the Toastmasters Leadership Institute sessions to get tips on how to do your job better. In addition, getting FOUR officers trained at this session will complete the training goal for the Distinguished Club Program. The Saturday morning sessions (8 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. sessions) will be at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's CASL Building (January 15, 2011) and at The Source, 1301 Monroe Street in Toledo, OH (January 22, 2011). A training session will also be held at ChathamKent Ethanol, 275 Bloomfield Road in Chatham, Ontario on Thursday, January 13, 2011, from 6-9:30 pm.

Further details will be announced via the *Rollingstone* and other e-mail blasts.

Dues Renewals – What About Your Unpaid Members?

Club dues were "due" on October 1, but often we have a few members whose renewals were not submitted. Maybe they missed several meetings, or didn't bring their checkbook, or the Treasurer just forgot about it after submitting the rest of the club's dues.

Please take a few minutes to review the club's roster (available in the "Conduct Club Business" section of the TI website). If you have unrenewed members, find out why. If it was an oversight, just get the payment in to HQ asap. The list may also include individuals whom you know have left the club for various reasons. For any members whose status is unknown, we are asking that you speak with them and encourage their continued membership.

If a member isn't planning to renew, find out why. If the member has moved, offer to help him or her find a new club. If they say they have decided to drop out, politely ask for the reason. There might be a problem that you can fix so that the member returns. Or, at least, you can deal with the problem to prevent future departures.

NOTE: On December 2, TI headquarters sent out an e-mail entitled "Your Toastmasters Membership" to all Toastmasters whose dues in one or more clubs has lapsed. We recommend that you mention this when you contact your lapsed members.

Web Site Improvements on the Way

Toastmasters International HQ

Toastmasters International will upgrade its Web site over the holiday season (December 16, 2010 - January 3, 2011). This action will result in a number of benefits for members, including improved online content and a greater ability to track education awards.

To accommodate this upgrade, the Toastmasters online store will be inactive from 11:359 p.m. PST, Dec 15 through 5 a.m. PST, Jan 3, 2011. The same will be true for the club and district business sections. In addition, members will not be able to update the "My Profile" section during this time.

Because members won't have access to the Club Officer list during this period, we are extending the deadline for Club Officer submissions to Jan 14, 2011.

Greetings from the District Governor

Vera Johnson, DTM
District 28 Governor



Fellow Toastmasters,

Happy New Year!!! May 2011 bring you much joy, happiness and fulfillment of your personal dreams and aspirations.

Each of us joined Toastmasters for a reason. I hope that for whatever reason you joined, you are getting what you want.. If you are **not**, please reach out to someone. We can only “**Achieve Greatness Together**” if we help each other out and work together!

We are here to serve and help you grow and accomplish whatever you desire!. Toastmasters is in the business of “changing people’s lives” and helping you achieve whatever you aspire to achieve!

I can’t believe that half of the Toastmaster year is already over! We have accomplished a lot, but we still have a lot more to do! **Thank you** for all that you have done and are going to do to help you reach your personal goals and make your clubs the best they can be!

My goals for the rest of the year are simple. I would like to see each club healthy and happy by doing what they need to do to give their members what they want.

Most healthy clubs work toward increasing membership so that there are always members around to share in the responsibility of fulfilling club roles so that they grow in leadership. Also, club members give honor, respect and guidance to members that are trying to further themselves through the Toastmaster’s educational program by accomplishing Competent Communicator, Advanced Communicator and Competent Leader Achievements.

I want to pause and thank you, again, for the tremendous work you’ve done and let you know how grateful and proud I am to work with all of you. As 2011 begins, I’m more confident than ever that we have the greatest members, the right aspirations, the strongest capabilities—and the momentum to help us “**Achieve Greatness Together**”!

Let’s make it our Toastmaster’s 2011 New Year’s Resolution to “**Achieve Greatness Together**” by helping each other and working together to achieve our personal goals through increase membership, educational and leadership achievements.

My best to all of you in 2011,

Vera Johnson, DTM
District Governor

2010-2011 in District 28—The Story So Far

Kevin Olmstead, DTM
Past District Governor and Area 13 Governor

As a District team, we have achieved great things in the first half of the Toastmasters year. We’ve chartered EIGHT new clubs, and generated three Distinguished Toastmaster awards. We’re over two-thirds toward the Toastmasters-set goal of 46 Advanced Communicator awards, and we’re nearly half-way toward our goals for member payments

and Competent Communicators awards, with a little under half the year left to get there.

We still have some work to do meet all our District, Division, Area, and Club goals---but by working together, I know District 28 will come through with flying colors!

Spring Into Action! – Spring D28 Conference

Karen Holland, DTM

Past District Governor and Spring Conference Chair

As we all adjust to the shorter days and colder weather, think positive thoughts that spring eventually follows winter, and will bring with it the next Toastmasters district conference! The Spring Conference will be held at The Westin Southfield Detroit Hotel in Southfield, MI on May 6-7, 2011. The conference committees are already being created, and will soon be hard at work planning a great conference.

The theme of the conference will be **“Spring Into Action!”** Each of us is in charge of our lives and the direction it takes. What is the next goal you are striving to achieve? If your goal is to reach out and volunteer, we would love to have you help make the Spring Conference a success by volunteering your time and/or talents. If your goal is to stretch your presentation skills, think about leading one of the workshops.

If your goal is to win a free conference package, we can help you with that one as well. We will be holding two pre-registration drawings for those who

attend and pre-register at any of these Toastmasters Leadership Institute sessions: Chatham Kent Ethanol (January 13, evening session), UM-Dearborn (January 15, AM session), and at The Source in Toledo, OH (January 22, AM session).

For a deposit of \$20 (which goes toward your registration fee), you will be entered into a drawing to win a full conference package FREE. The cost of the conference package is \$100 but the benefits you gain are truly priceless.

I invite each one of you to take an active step ahead and register for the Spring Conference, May 6-7, 2011. To submit a workshop presentation, please contact LGET Heather Lane at hdltoast@gmail.com.

To volunteer to help, please contact conference chair Karen Holland, DTM, PDG at kholland@umd.umich.edu.

Wanted: Leaders!

Dulce Renaud, DTM

District 28 Past District Governor

At the Spring District Council Meeting during the Spring Conference, club leaders will have the opportunity to select our next District Executive Leadership Team and the Division Governors.

If you have ever desired to serve as the District Governor, Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training, Lieutenant Governor of Marketing, or as one of the eight Division Governors, you should make your candidacy known to me in my role as Nominating Committee Chair.

Nomination forms will be available in January and interviews with the Nominating Committee will be conducted starting in early February. Those not

receiving a nomination from the Nominating Committee, provided that the candidate meets all requirements for office, as outlined by Toastmasters International, may choose to run from the floor during the Spring District Council Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2011, at the Westin Southfield in Southfield, Michigan.

Look for additional material to be posted to the d28toastmasters.org website as well as emails from the District Executive Leadership Team and announcements from your Area Governors. In the meantime, if you have questions, feel free to contact me at babyrenaud@yahoo.com or call at (h) 586-759-4285.

Plan Ahead for Speech Contests!

The Spring 2011 District 28 Speech Contest Season is here! Contests this season include the International Speech and Evaluation competitions. Clubs should be planning contests in Evaluation and International Speech to occur in January or February.

The contests will culminate in the District Finals at the Spring Conference in May, with the winner in the International Speech contest advancing to the semi-final competition in August in Las Vegas, just prior to the World Championship of Public Speaking at the International Convention. If you

For details on how to conduct a speech contest and helpful hints to ensure success, please review the handouts attached to the District 28 website under “Resources/Education.”

If your club does not already have copies, the 2011 Contest Rulebook (#1171) is available from the TI store at www.toastmasters.org, or via download from <http://www.toastmasters.org/rulebook.aspx>

Questions regarding how to run a speech contest? Questions regarding contest judging issues? Contact the LGET at: hdltoast@gmail.com.

need guidance in setting up your club contests, contact your Area Governor or Heather Lane, District Lt. Governor of Education and Training.

The schedule for individual area and division-level contests will be posted to the Contests section of the District website (www.d28toastmasters.org) as they are scheduled.

NOTE: Make sure to utilize the 2011 version of the Speech Contest Rules. One copy of these rules is sent to each club president of record. Rules are also posted to the TI website, under <http://www.toastmasters.org/rulebook.aspx>

The basic schedule is as follows:

Level	No earlier than	No later than
Club Contests	January 1, 2011	February 28, 2011
Area Contests	March 1, 2011	March 31, 2011
Division Contests	April 1, 2011	April 21, 2011
Level	Date	Location
District 28 Evaluation Contest	Friday, May 6, 2011	Westin Southfield
District 28 International Speech Contest	Saturday, May 7, 2011	Westin Southfield

Area Governor Visits – Round Two

Area Governors will soon be scheduling the second round of club visits. Each visit will include the completion of the “Area Report of Club Visit Form” with the club officers. A pdf of the form is available at <https://ecommerce.toastmasters.org/ecommerce/tim>

[ssnet_new/timssnet/district/documents/1471-AreaRepClubVisit.pdf](https://www.toastmasters.org/ssnet_new/timssnet/district/documents/1471-AreaRepClubVisit.pdf)

Your responses are very important, as they help the District Leadership Team with future planning!

Club Officer Elections

Does your club elect officers TWICE a year? If so, now is the time do to so. Afterwards, don't forget to submit your updated officer list to TI headquarters via the Club Business section of www.toastmasters.org/Members.aspx. Clubs that elect semi-annually must submit this officer list to TI no later than January 14, 2011, in order to receive credit in the Distinguished Club Program. Also, please make sure that these newly elected officers attend Club Officer Training.

Cornerstone Ideas?

If you have a story idea or comment you would like to share, please email Cornerstone Editor Sharon Westwood at:

sharonlwestwood@gmail.com

Welcome to the District!

RGIS Toastmasters (#1519429) chartered on July 30, 2010. This corporate club meets in Auburn Hills, Michigan, and is assigned to Division D, Area 16. The Club Sponsor is Martin Johnson, CC/CL. The Club Mentor is also Martin Johnson, CC/CL.

Detroit Diesel Toastmasters (#1526192) chartered on September 30, 2010. This corporate club meets in Detroit and is assigned to Division F, Area 27. The Club Sponsor is Vera Johnson, DTM. The Club Mentors are Dan Walker, CC, and Lawan Dixon, ACB.

Wadsworth Center Toastmasters (#1540838) chartered on September 29, 2010. This community club meets at the Fellowship Chapel in Detroit and is assigned to Division H, Area 38. The Club Sponsor is Ida Vance, DTM. The Club Mentor is Berline Brown, CTM.

Michigan Works (#1520683) – chartered on October 25, 2010. The community club, located in Livonia, Michigan, is designed for Michigan Works clientele, and is assigned to Division G, Area 31. The Club Sponsors are Vera Johnson, DTM and Carlyle Carvalho, ACG/ALB. Club Mentors are Amy Abboud, ACS/ALB and Karen Bulmanski, ACS. The Sponsoring Club is West Side Professionals.

RCB Toastmasters (#1308870) – chartered on October 25, 2010. The corporate club, located in Dearborn, Michigan, is located at Regent Ford in Dearborn and is assigned to Division H, Area 36. Club Sponsors are Stephanie Coleman, DTM and Steve Alexander, CC. Club Mentors are Gurunath Vemulakonda, ACS, ALB and Karen Stornant. The Sponsoring Club is iTalk.

SpeakEasy Toastmasters of Shelby Township (#1263602) – chartered on October 29, 2010. The community club is assigned to Division E, Area 21. The Club Sponsors are Joyce Wiazowski, ACB, ALB and Ida Vance, DTM.

Tech Town Toastmasters (#1519420) chartered on November 29, 2010. This community club in Detroit and is assigned to Division F, Area 28. The Club Sponsor is Ida Vance, DTM. The Club Mentors are Ida Vance, DTM and Allen M. Siverls, ACB, ALB.

Sterling Speakers (#1270297) chartered on December 10, 2010. This community club in Sterling Heights, MI, is assigned to Division E, Area 22. The Club Sponsors are Thomas Schlack and Ida Vance, DTM, and the Club Mentor is Paul Anderson, DTM.

Special DCP Reception

On Saturday, May 7, 2011, District 28 will host a special reception for all members of clubs that have earned Distinguished Club or higher status (5+ points, and meet the membership requirements in the Distinguished Club Program for 2010-2011).

This FREE, by-invitation-only reception will be held at the District Conference, prior to the District

Governor's banquet. Attendance at the rest of the conference is encouraged, of course, but not required.

Further details will be announced via e-mail and on the District 28 website (www.d28toastmasters.org). Invitations will be mailed to eligible clubs in mid-April.

Membership Building Contest Results

Let's Build It, Together! District 28 Contest

This District 28 membership-building contest is divided into three categories:

- **Clubs** with a base membership on July 1, 2010, of **12 members or fewer:** Of these clubs, the club with the most new members added between July 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010, wins a prize (\$15 in gift certificates for the District 28 Bookstore). All other clubs in this category that add at least ONE new member during this time will be put in a second chance drawing for a \$10 gift certificate.
- **Clubs** with a base membership on July 1, 2010 of **13-19 members.** Same rule as above, except at least TWO new members for the second chance drawing.
- **Clubs** with a base membership on July 1, 2010 of **20 or more members:** Same rule as above, except at least THREE new members for the second chance drawing.
- All prizes are awarded to the clubs.

Congratulations to:

12 and Under Category

- Winner: Toastmasters By the River, 10 adds (\$15 Certificate)
- Collegiate Winner: Michigan (23 adds) (\$15 Certificate)
- 2nd Chance Winner: First Center (\$10 Certificate)

13-19 Category

- Co-winners: Toledo Club and Walsh-Novu , 7 adds each (\$15 Certificate each)
- 2nd Chance Winner: Masco (\$10 Certificate)

20+ Category

- Co-winners: Washtenaw and Windsor, 15 adds each (\$15 Certificate each)
- Collegiate Winner: RSB (23 adds) (\$15 Certificate)
- 2nd Chance Winner: Union Gas (\$10 Certificate)

The Smedley Award Results – TI Contest

Named for TI's founder, Dr. Ralph C. Smedley, this program recognizes clubs that add five or more new members during the months of August and September, 2010. Congratulations to:

RSB Toastmasters	15
Michigan Toastmasters	10
Odette School of Business Toastmasters	6
Windsor Toastmasters	6
Toastmasters at Walsh College-Novu	5

Don't forget TI's Membership Building Contests:

The Annual Membership contest recognizes individual members that sponsor 5, 10, 15 or more new Toastmasters during the period of July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. Prizes vary according to award levels.

Talk Up Toastmasters – TI Contest

Add five new, dual or reinstated members to your roster between February 1 and March 31 to receive a special Talk up Toastmasters! ribbon to display on your club's banner. In addition to the ribbon, qualifying clubs will also earn a special discount code for 10% off their next club order from the TI store.

For more information on the Annual Membership Program, Talk Up Toastmasters, and other TI-sponsored membership building contests, visit the TI web site:

<http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/MembershipBuilding/MembershipContests.aspx>

Membership Building Contests – Round II

The next round of membership building contests for District 28 will cover communication and leadership awards submitted during the months of January - March 2011. The format for these contests will remain the same, as will the prizes.

Watch your e-mail for reminders regarding these contests! For more information, contact LGM Ida Vance, DTM.

Education and Leadership Contest Results

Choose to Improve!

District 28 Contest

Members who submitted a CC or an AC (any type) to World Headquarters between July 1 and December 31, 2010 were entered into random drawings with a 1-in-10 chance of winning a gift certificate to the District 28 bookstore. Congratulations to:



CC (8):

Michael Briggs, Dearborn Dynamic
Cayetano Garcia, Bosch
Ilka Handshaw, Westland
David Haslam, Dearborn Dynamic
NanHee Shin, Powertalkers
Christine Simancik, Momentum
Therese Symons, Anthony Wayne
John White, Powertalkers

AC-Bronze (2):

Larry Castleberry, The Toast of Dearborn
Chiquita McKenzie, Powertalkers

AC-Silver (2):

Tom Burwell, Zenobia Speakeasy
Louise Stallaert, Chatham-Kent

AC-Gold (1):

Mary Comfort, Unity IV

Let's Go, Team!

District 28 Contest

Members who submitted a CL or an AL (either type) to World Headquarters between July 1 and December 31, 2010 were entered into random drawings with a 1-in-10 chance of winning a gift certificate to the District 28 bookstore. Congratulations to:



CL (4):

Marilyn Albee, Laff Out Loud
Weijia Shen, Ann Arbor Toastmasters &
Friends
Sylvia Winborn, Powertalkers
Kenny Wong, Unity IV

AL-Bronze (2):

Lynn Fitzsimmons, Windsor
Prasad Gangisetty, Top of Troy

AL-Silver (1):

Sean Forrester, Westgate

Communication and Leadership Contests – Round II

The next round of educational contests for District 28 will cover communication and leadership awards submitted during the months of January - June, 2011. The format for these contests will remain the same, as will the prizes.

Watch your e-mail for reminders regarding these contests! For more information, contact LGET Heather Lane, DTM.

It's an Important Number

By Karen Holland, DTM
Past District Governor

When you get a check-up, someone in the doctor's office always takes your temperature, right? That's one way to check if you're healthy. It's not the only way, but it's an important number.

In much the same way, Toastmasters has a means of taking a club's temperature. It's called the Distinguished Club Program, or DCP. The DCP is a 10-point scale of checking club health. It's not the only way, but it is an important number.

Some Toastmasters think that DCP points don't matter to their club, but there are many ways in which they can. For example, past DCP recognition can be leveraged as an excellent marketing tool. Imagine that you're a first-time guest to a club meeting. Let's presume that you're greeted warmly and the meeting roles are explained so you can follow along, but you're still not sure about joining, until ... you look down at the printed agenda and see written across the top:

*President's Distinguished Club
(8 years in a row!)*

Then you think "Wow! That's impressive. They really know what they're doing. I think I've found my club!"

The DCP can also be a good way to encourage procrastinators and encourage teamwork. Imagine it is late March. Your club is two points short of being Distinguished, so you do a presentation on the DCP, making sure to get manual credit. As a result, "Chris" and "Carl" both agree to get those couple remaining speeches done for their Competent Communication awards before June 30, and the club votes to conduct an Open House to get from 16 to 20 members. Great! You've just acted as a leader, encouraged two members to push a little harder on their individual goals to become better

speakers, and inspired the whole group to work together as a team. Awesome!

The DCP runs July 1 – June 30 each year, and these are the ten goals:

1. Two CC awards
2. Two more CC awards
3. One ACB, ACS or ACG award
4. One more ACB, ACS or ACG award
5. One CL, ALB, ALS or DTM award
6. One more CL, ALB, ALS or DTM award
7. Four new members
8. Four more new members
9. Minimum of four club officers trained during each of two training periods
10. One membership dues renewal report and one club officer list submitted on time

There's one more requirement. To receive recognition in the DCP, a club must have at year-end (June 30) :

- At least 20 members - OR
- A net growth of at least five new members (compared to the membership level on July 1)

Recognition levels:

Achieve 5-6 goals*	Distinguished Club
Achieve 7-8 goals*	Select Distinguished Club
Achieve 9-10 goals*	President's Distinguished Club

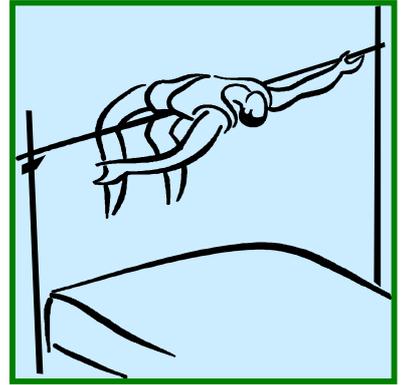
(*and meet or exceed the "20/net 5" requirement, of course.)

For more information on the Distinguished Club Program, talk to your Area Governor or go to the TI website, www.toastmasters.org/Members.aspx and use the search engine for the appropriate link.

So what's your club's temperature this year?



Spring Into Action!



Toastmasters International District 28 – Spring 2011 Conference

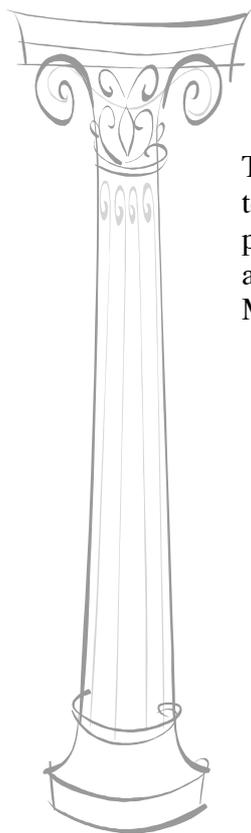
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Westin Hotel – Southfield/Detroit**

**Featuring Randy Harvey
2004 World Champion of Public Speaking**

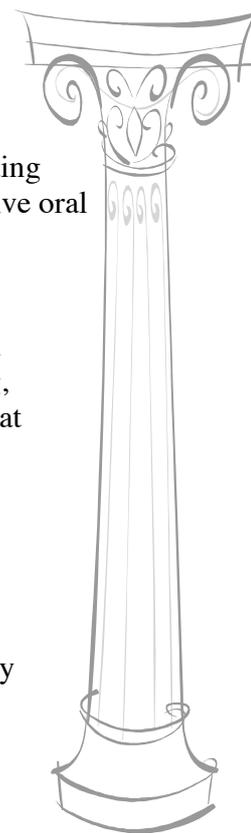
**Workshop presenters along the theme of
“Spring Into Action!” are being sought.**

**Interested in registering OR helping at the conference?
Interested in being a
Workshop Presenter?**

**Contact:
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Through its member Clubs, Toastmasters International helps men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening and thinking – vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of mankind.

It is basic to this mission that Toastmasters International continually expand its worldwide network of Clubs, thereby offering ever-greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from its programs.

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The Cornerstone goes Electronic

You are reading *The Cornerstone*, the official quarterly newsletter for our District. We strive to provide important information about upcoming contests, officer training, conferences, and educational award opportunities.

We are committed to continuing to provide this crucial information link to our members. However, printing and mailing *The Cornerstone* was very expensive, so in 2007 the District converted publication to a primarily electronic format, with a PDF posted on the District website, www.d28toastmasters.org. We do realize that some of our members have older computer systems or no computer at all, and so have limited or no access to the Internet. Others simply prefer to receive a printed copy of the newsletter.

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