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Leaders Make It Possible, Too!

*Mary Comfort, ATM-B/CL
Spring Conference Chair*

“*Leaders Make It Possible!*” is the theme of the District 28 Spring 2007 Conference, scheduled for April 20-21, 2007, at the Westin Southfield.

Toastmasters is about working together to succeed. Leaders work with members to map out strategies and dodge obstacles to lead our clubs and individual members to success. Like good leaders, Toastmasters are decision-makers, quick-thinkers, and top coaches.

Your creative leadership style is welcome at the Spring Conference! Perhaps you have a specific position in mind to complement or challenge your skills. The Conference Team is ready to help make your experience an enjoyable one. As your Spring Conference Chair, I assure you a weekend full of education and recreation. Here are some highlights:

FRIDAY: District-level Evaluation Contest followed by "Game Night" featuring casino games, board games, and cards. Games may be played with "chips" to gamble or keep for chances to win fabulous prizes!

SATURDAY: Educational workshops and opportunities

abound! After lunch we welcome WDIV-TV's weather guru, Chuck Gaidica, the Communication & Leadership Award Recipient. Forecast: fun! Heavily charming with no chance of boredom! Then, elect your 2007-08 district officers and celebrate with a Cookie Break! The district-level International Speech Contest rounds out the day, but stay for the District Governor's Banquet and dance the night away!

Questions? Items to donate? An hour or two to volunteer? Email me at mary@sinda-comfort.com or call (586) 759-4937 in the evening; (313) 579-2100 ext. 169 during the day. We look forward to seeing you there!

Credit Card Option Available

An on-line payment option will again be available for spring conference registration. A modest surcharge will cover the cost of offering this service. Note: Due to cost considerations, this option will not be available at the conference itself.

(See page 4 for details regarding the District Council Meeting and the special reception for Distinguished Clubs.)

The Dues are Due

Club dues are “due” on April 1, so please encourage your club members to pay their dues, and PLEASE submit them to TI asap. Dues payments may be submitted on-line after March 8, or via mail or fax.

Club Officer Elections

It's almost time to elect club officers for 2007-2008! TI requires elections be held at the first meeting in May for clubs electing annually or semiannually.

Also, don't forget to submit your updated officer list to TI headquarters via www.toastmasters.org (Club Business section). Clubs must submit this list to TI no later than June 30, 2007, to receive credit in the Distinguished Club Program. These newly elected officers should plan to attend Club Officer Training in the summer and next fall!

IT'S SPEECH CONTEST SEASON

*Karen Holland, DTM
District 28 Lt. Governor of Education & Training*

As of press time, the Area Contests for Spring 2007 are in full swing. Area contest dates and fliers are listed on www.d28toastmasters.org, under the Contests section.

This season's speech contest categories are Evaluation and International Speech.

Division Contests are ready to go. Most have registration at 6 p.m., contest at 7 p.m., with a nominal fee at the door except as noted:

March 24 – Divisions A and B, First Presbyterian Church (Betty's Church), E 2nd St & Elm St., Perrysburg, OH. Division A at 9 a.m., Division B at 11:45 a.m. Cost: \$3 door fee. \$3 for lunch between A&B. Option: \$8 for A, B and lunch.

March 26 – Division F. Fellowship Chapel (auditorium), 7707 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI. 6:00 p.m. registration, 6:45 p.m. contest.

March 27 – Division C. Washtenaw Community College, Liberal Arts & Crane Building, 4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, MI.

March 29 – Division G. Unity Church of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI. 5:45 p.m. registration & dinner, 6:30 p.m. contest.

March 30 – Division E. St. John's Hospital, Oakland Education Center, Lower Level, 27351 Dequindre, Madison Hts., MI.

April 2 – Division D. Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd, Oak Park (S/ 10 Mile & W/ Coolidge Hwy). 6 p.m. registration, 6:30 p.m. contest.

The division-level winners will advance to the District-level contests, to be held at the District 28 Spring 2007 Conference, April 20-21, 2007, at the Westin Southfield in Southfield, Michigan.

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."

Still have questions regarding how to run a speech contest? Contact the LGET at: LGET@D28.toastmasters.org

Questions regarding contest judging issues? Contact the District Chief Judge, Dulce Renaud, DTM, PDG, at dulced28@yahoo.com, or by calling (h) 586.759.4285. Please leave a message if there's no answer, and she'll return the call asap.

It's A Bird...It's a Plane...It's a Toastmasters Billboard!

*Kevin Olmstead, DTM
District 28 Public Relations Officer*

District 28 is proud to announce that we have ramped up our publicity efforts to include billboard advertising. We purchased pre-designed billboard papers from District 40, and through the generosity of CBS Outdoors, a billboard company servicing the Wayne/Oakland/Macomb county area, two public service announcement (PSA) billboards were posted on March 2. As they are free, they might be up for only a short time, until the company gets paying clients for those spaces. The signs are located in:

- Pontiac, on South Blvd., west of Woodward
- Warren, on Grossbeck north of 9 Mile

We will continue to work to have other billboards posted around District 28 in the near future!



Many thanks to Mary Comfort for standing in the cold to get this photo of the billboard in Warren, MI!

Now More than Ever

Todd Brockdorf, DTM
District 28 Governor



You read it everyday in the headlines – Pfizer Moving Out of Michigan, Ford/DaimlerChrysler/GM Offering Buyouts, Michigan to Raise Taxes – it's doom and gloom for our region. When people are faced with difficult job situations, only Toastmasters offers low-cost skill development to corporations and employees. Now more than ever is our organization relevant and needed.

As you know, today's companies are trying to do more with less and it is common to hear that employers think involvement in Toastmasters distracts from a job. But, smart organizations know that investing one to one and a half hours of time per week in a Toastmaster meeting can actually improve productivity through more efficient corporate meetings, better communication and

listening skills, and idea generation opportunities with those outside of their immediate work group.

Members in community clubs receive similar benefits that can be brought to the workforce.

Even in these challenging times, the Hi-Nooners club at General Dynamics-Land Systems still has a packed house for their meetings at noon. Executive management at Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment (OHM) in Livonia recognizes the benefits that our program brings to their employees and actively supports the club. And at Quicken Loans, also in Livonia, membership has increased with 15 new members to date.

Whether you are looking for a new position or are the sole survivor on your work island, Toastmasters is relevant now more than ever.

Springtime Renewal!

Vicki Brannon, ATM-B/CL
District 28 Lt. Governor of Marketing

Spring for me is a form of renewal. Days will soon be getting warmer (and longer), the grass will become a vibrant spring green, and our yards will become a profusion of color signaling the incoming renewing life-cycle. It is also a renewal for our fellow Toastmasters. Club Treasurers it is time to COLLECT THOSE DUES!

The current fee structure is:

Dues: \$27, payable to TI every six months*
New Member Fee: \$20
New Club Charter Fee: \$125
Club Reinstatement Fee: \$162

* Plus the collection of any club dues, if applicable.

Dues are "due" to TI by April 1, 2007, and may be paid on-line at www.toastmasters.org, or by fax or "snail mail."

Treasurers, the magic number is SIX! (TI requires that the first batch of dues payments cover a minimum of six members.) Once you have

collected the dues from at least SIX members of your club, PLEASE submit those payments before the April 1 deadline. But don't stop there! Submit the remaining members' dues to TI as soon as you receive them.

For more information about the dues structure, and to learn how to update your club by-laws to reflect the change in dues, please consult the FAQ sheet developed by TI and posted to:
<https://www.toastmasters.org/upload/media/DuesIncreaseFAQ.pdf>

Club by-laws include a section on dues (Section III). A sample copy of the standard club by-laws is available at:
<http://www.toastmasters.org/pdfs/210c.pdf>

If you have any questions or concerns about collecting dues for your club, please talk to your Area Governor, or contact your LGM at lgm@d28toastmasters.org

District Council Meeting

Todd Brockdorf, DTM
District 28 Governor

A business meeting known as the District Council Meeting is held at each District Conference. The next meeting will be on Saturday, April 21. In advance of the meeting, the District sends credential/proxy forms to each Club President and Vice President-Education for use in case either, or both, cannot attend. The form will also be posted to the d28toastmasters.org Resources section.

If one or both of these officers cannot attend the District Council meeting, another active member of that club may cast one or both of that club's votes. If only the President or only the VP-Education can attend, then no proxy is necessary for the one in attendance to carry both votes.

Ballots are issued at the Credentials Desk during the conference. The Credentials Chair has a list of Club Presidents and VP-Education. Club members acting as representatives should bring the completed proxy form (or a signed letter or email from the President or VP-Education) to present in exchange for their ballot. A club may NOT give its proxy to non-club members.

Why Vote?

The District Council will be electing 2007-2008 District officers, approve the district audit and realignment, and adopt the budget. Your club's vote is important!

Special DCP Reception

On Saturday, April 21, 2007, District 28 will host a special reception for all members of clubs that have earned Distinguished Club or higher status (5+ points in the Distinguished Club Program for 2006-2007). 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 early April.

Importance of the DCP to Club Quality

The Distinguished Club Program (DCP) is a measurement which indicates the health and basic functioning of a Toastmasters club. If members are giving manual speeches, leaders are being trained and help guide the club, membership is vibrant and growing, and administration tasks such as officer lists and dues are submitted on time, then it is easy to be a Distinguished Club.

When guests enter your Toastmasters meeting, they are not only determining if your club is a good fit for them, but if the Toastmasters program is a good fit for them. Using the DCP as your measuring stick will help give guests an accurate representation of our life-changing organization.

Please Save These Dates

Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

June 1-2, 2007

Region VI Conference - Rochester, NY
(Registration form and flier in this issue)

August 15-18, 2007

International Convention - Phoenix, AZ, USA
(More information in next issue!)

November 2-3, 2007

District 28 Fall 2007 Conference – Toledo, OH

Future International Conventions:

August 13-16, 2008

TELUS Convention Centre - Calgary, Alberta, Canada

August 12-15, 2009

MGM Grand at Foxwoods - Mashantucket, CT

Proxies (The Big Blue Envelope)

According to Mr. Webster, a “proxy” is a document that gives a person the authority to act for another. In Toastmasters, that translates to the power to vote on behalf of a club at a District Council meeting, and at the business meetings held at Regional and International conventions. A club’s vote is very important, as it is a means of making a club’s “voice” heard in a very official way.

At the District Level:

A business meeting known as the District Council is held at each District Conference. (In District 28, it’s always on Saturday afternoon.) At least two weeks in advance, the District sends credential/proxy forms to each club president and vice president-education for use in case either, or both, cannot attend. The form may be included in the district’s newsletter or in a mailing announcing the meeting.

Each club gets two votes, one for the president and one for the v.p.-education. If one or both of these officers cannot attend the District Council meeting, another active member of that club may cast one or both of that club’s votes. If only the president or only the v.p.-education can attend, then no proxy is necessary for the one in attendance to carry both votes.

According to the *District Leadership Handbook*, “District officers as described in the District Administrative Bylaws have one vote. If a district officer also is his or her club’s representative, three votes may be cast. All other members are limited to two votes. This means even if a member belongs to more than one club, he or she can cast only two votes. If that member is also a district officer, he or she can cast only three votes.”

Ballots are issued at the Credentials Desk during the conference. The Credentials Chair has a list of club presidents and v.p.-education. Club members acting as representatives should bring the completed proxy form (or a signed letter from the president or v.p.-education) to present in exchange for their ballot. A club may NOT give its proxy to non-club members.

At the District Council meeting, a quorum must be present to conduct business. A quorum is one third

of all possible club representatives. Without a quorum, the District Council cannot elect district officers, confirm appointments, approve proposals, adopt budgets, etc. Your club’s vote is important!

At the Regional Level:

A business meeting is held at each regional conference, during which representatives to the International Board of Directors are nominated. Each club is once again allocated two votes. (The “extra” district officer votes do not apply at Regional or International.)

According to the *District Leadership Handbook*, “Toastmasters International sends official credentials or proxy certificates for regional and international meetings to each club president of record in March. Clubs can use their proxies in two ways. If a club member will attend the regional conference, the president or secretary should sign the form marked with “R” and give it to the member to present at the meeting in exchange for ballots. If no one will attend from the club, check section 2 to name the district governor as the club’s proxy to cast its two votes, and give the card to the district governor.” The district governor will exchange these proxies for ballots at Regional.

Clubs are the voting body of Toastmasters International – YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

At the International Level:

The Annual Business Meeting is held during the International Convention in August. Each club is again allocated two votes. The proxy form for International (marked “A”) works much like the Regional form. If a club member will attend, he or she needs to bring the signed form to the International Conference. If no one will attend from the club, the proxy should be filled in, signed, and mailed to the district governor, who will exchange these proxies for votes at International.

TI proxies are sent in March to club presidents, in LIGHT BLUE envelopes. If your club loses or misplaces its proxy, a replacement can be requested from TI headquarters. Be sure to include the name and address of your club president. Please remember only one duplicate proxy can be sent to each club.

Club Officer Training Results

*Karen Holland, DTM
District 28 Lt. Governor of Education & Training*

Club Officer Training is an excellent way to gain knowledge regarding important leadership skills, and is one of the most important things an individual can do to help those whom they are leading.

After three district-conducted Club Officer Training sessions in January and February, 60 clubs in the district have succeeded in having at least four officers trained. Five clubs had perfect attendance, with ALL their officers trained. *Special kudos to these clubs: Fremont, Great Eastern, Laff Out Loud, Optimistic Orators and Success Builders.*

The next round of Club Officer Training, for officers serving during the 2007-2008 Toastmaster year, will be held in June-July. Details will be announced as arrangements are made.

Research has proven that Toastmasters clubs that send their officers to club officer training are statistically FAR MORE likely to be successful. The odds of your club being successful, and of your members getting the most out of their Toastmasters experience, are much greater if your officers are trained. PLEASE don't let these opportunities to learn and to improve your leadership skills go to waste!

Interested in serving as a member of the District 28 team in 2007-2008?

Leadership opportunities exist in numerous areas.

***Contact the District Governor at
DG@D28Toastmasters.org for more information!***

Ad Reservation Form - District 28 - Spring 2007 Conference Program

Your Name _____ Phone # _____ Email _____

All ads within the program are black ink on white paper. Please choose one of the following:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page \$100 - 8.5x11 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 Page \$25 - 4.25x5.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 Page \$50 - 8.5x5.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1/8 Page \$15 - 4.25x2.75 |
- Back Cover \$250 - Full-color, full-page! Premium advertising spot - only one available, so reserve today!**

DEADLINE: APRIL 9, 2007

Please make cash, check, or money order payable to "District 28 Toastmasters." Mail with this form to: Mary Comfort, 3516 Dolores, Warren MI 48091. Include non-returnable ad copy and artwork or email to mary@sinda-comfort.com.

Mary will design the ad for you or cut & paste from your PDF document. Questions? Get answers at (586) 759-4937.

Area Governor Visits

Area Governors are currently conducting their second round of official club visits. Like last time, each visit will include the completion of the "Area Report of Club Visit Form" with the club officers. Your responses are very important, as they help the District Leadership Team with future planning!

Welcome to the District!

The Toast of Masco Toastmasters (#953235) chartered on November 2, 2006. The company, located at Masco Corporation in Taylor, MI, is in Division G, Area 15. The Club Sponsors are Patrick Brannon, CTM, and Y. S. Kim, DTM. The Club Mentors are Jennie Blessing, ATM-B and Vera Johnson, ATM-G/CL.

Reasons for Being a Toastmaster

Jeff Heinfing, DTM
Area 25 Governor

Toastmasters come from all walks of life. The list is endless, as are the reasons why a person joins or stays in Toastmasters. One common point between all Toastmasters is that an unmet need is being fulfilled. However, once that need is fulfilled, what then?

The reason I joined Toastmasters is not the reason I have stayed in Toastmasters for over ten years. I originally joined because my work reports were twenty pages long, plus attachments. I could hear the Boss snoring whenever he tried to read one of my reports. He finally just decided to sign off on them, and if my customers had any questions or concerns, they could go directly to me. In January 1996, one of my customers rewrote one of my reports, cutting it down to ten pages, including the attachments. I asked myself, "How can I write the way I talk?" Then I discovered a Toastmasters club at work. Within three months, my reports shrank. My need was fulfilled.

My boss helped me discover other unmet needs. He asked, "Jeff, does Toastmasters have anything for leadership?" When I said they have officer positions, he encouraged me to become a Club Officer. I became club Secretary, then club President, then an Area Governor for the District.

Today, I am still finding unmet needs that Toastmasters can fulfill. How about you?

Perhaps YOU have an unmet need that is currently being fulfilled by Toastmasters. Perhaps your previously unmet needs have been fulfilled and

you're asking yourself, "Why should I remain in Toastmasters?" The answer is simple. As long as you're alive, you will always have unmet needs. Fulfilling those needs can be as basic as eating when you're hungry, changing the door locks to feel safer or going to Services to feel connected. Others are more challenging, like joining a social group that makes you feel connected, or accomplishing tasks that fulfill your needs for self-esteem and personal accomplishment. However, when you meet those needs, the sense of accomplishment you feel afterwards can be priceless.

As I wrote at the beginning of this article, Toastmasters come from all walks of life. The list is endless. So are the reasons why a person joins or stays in Toastmasters. Below is a sample list of reasons, in no particular order. Maybe it will help uncover an unmet need in YOU with which Toastmasters can help.

1. I need to get out of the house.
2. I need a willing audience.
3. I need someone to follow my lead.
4. I need to practice public speaking to follow-up the expensive class my company sent me to.
5. I need some new goals in life.
6. I need to overcome my utter dread of public speaking.
7. I need to demonstrate leadership skills to get a promotion.
8. I need some new ideas for speaking and leadership.
9. I need new joke material.
10. I need to stop depopulating the rainforest.

The Cornerstone goes Electronic

You are reading *The Cornerstone*, the official newsletter for our District. As such, it is the only communication that the District has directly with every member within our District, as we give YOU 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* is very expensive. It costs us roughly \$1100 to print and mail just one edition out to each of the roughly 1800 members of our District. To better utilize our

resources, the District has 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.

If you would prefer to receive your issues of *The Cornerstone* in paper form, please let us know by sending an e-mail to PRO@d28toastmasters.org or by sending a note to the Cornerstone Editor. We will then happily put you on the list to receive a mailed or hand-delivered copy of the newsletter.

Reflections on Marketing for District 28

*Vicki Brannon, ATM-B/CL
District 28 Lt. Governor of Marketing*

There is more to marketing than selling. For those of you that recently sat in on Club Officer Training, you have heard some of the "wisdom" I am going to share. However, it never hurts to have an occasional reminder of why we are even here.

I truly believe that the first and most important aspect of marketing is a deep-down belief in your product. If it has the quality that you would expect from any product that you personally would purchase, it makes it so much easier to sell – which brings us to *our* "product."

In order to sell quality clubs to our perspective members, we have to make them quality clubs *before* the guests ever walk through our door. Some of you have heard us talk about honoring the brand. Are you and your club members honoring the Toastmaster brand? Do you follow an agenda so that there are no last-minute surprises at your meeting? Do you greet your members warmly as they arrive at your meeting? Does your meeting start on time? Is your timer trained so that he or she can keep the breaks timely? Do you give your members, new members, and prospective members the "warm fuzzies" when they come through the door?

If you answered yes to all of the above questions, congratulations! You are marketing your product VERY well. If you answered no to any of them, take a closer look at the atmosphere and temperament of your club. As you well know, word spreads like wild fire if only one person is unhappy. It only takes one unpleasant

experience for a lot of people to change their minds because perception becomes truth so therefore ALL Toastmaster clubs must be *that* way.

Clubs: Congratulations go to our newest club to charter in District 28 – The Toast of Masco in Division G, Area 15. The club's sponsors are Pat Brannon and Y.S. Kim and the mentors are Vera Johnson and Jennie Blessing. This club is off to a wonderful healthy start – GREAT JOB ALL!

Dues: April 1st is JUST around the corner. PLEASE PLEASE get your dues into TI so that your clubs can get credit for all of those deserving DCP awards that come from the hard work of a well-oiled organization.

Contests: Don't forget "Snowflakes Abound" is running from January 1 through March 31, 2007. Your clubs win based on the largest percentage of growth for your category, i.e. 12 or fewer members, 13-19 members, and > 20 members.

In closing, I have a question for you...can someone tell me where time goes? I've heard it said many times that as we get older, time moves faster. As I go kicking and screaming into the next chapter of my life, I am struck by the truth in that statement! Time flies when you are having fun (and even when your not ☺) and Ladies and Gentlemen, I am having a ball!

Membership Building Contests

Vicki Brannon, ATM-B/CL
District 28 Lt. Governor of Marketing

Snowflakes Abound – District 28 Contest

As we know, there are no two snowflakes alike, but scoop them up and watch them work together to create the perfect snowman. So it goes with our membership, there are no two members alike. But, together we can grow our clubs and create successes beyond our wildest imaginations.

This winter's membership building contest runs January 1 – March 31, and will have three winners. Three winners will be chosen based on the highest percentage in membership growth for clubs in good standing with:

- 12 or fewer members
- 13-20 members
- greater than charter strength

If you have any questions about these contests, please contact Vicki Brannon, your Lt. Governor of Marketing at LGM@d28toastmasters.org

Annual Membership Program – TI Contest

This program runs July 1 – June 30, and acknowledges individuals who have sponsored five, 10, 15 or more members (new, dual or reinstated) during the program. Prizes include:

<i>Find Your Voice. Serve Your World.</i> Pin	5 members
Gold Star pin	10 members
Toastmasters necktie or scarf	15 members

*For more information on the Annual Membership Program and other TI-sponsored membership building contests, visit the TI web site:
<https://www.toastmasters.org/fupload/media/1620%20-%20Simply%20Amazing.pdf>*

Communication and Leadership Contests

Karen Holland, DTM
District 28 Lt. Governor of Education & Training

Manual Leadership - D28 Leadership Award Contest

Leadership is not automatic. It requires practice. It requires training. There's even a manual!

All members can practice their individual leadership skills by completing projects from the new Competent Leader manual. Club officers can also work on their leadership skills by attending club officer training and by serving their clubs, and can earn either a Competent Leader (old or new version) or an Advanced Leader-Bronze award. By serving the clubs of District 28 as a District Officer, members can work toward earning an Advanced Leader-Silver award.

“Manual Leadership” runs January 1 – March 30, 2007, and will recognize individuals who earn leadership awards, including:

- Competent Leader (the “old” or “new” version)
- Advanced Leader-Bronze
- Advanced Leader-Silver

For both contests, winners will receive gift certificates redeemable for merchandise from the TI catalogue.

PROJECT X - D28 Education Award Contest

There are TEN projects in the “basic” Competent Communication manual. Completing two advanced manuals (TEN projects) is required to earn an advanced communication award, such as an AC-Bronze, AC-Silver, or AC-Gold.

PROJECT X is designed to recognize and reward members who complete and submit communication awards to TI between January 1 – March 31, 2007, including:

- Competent Communicator
- Advanced Communicator-Bronze
- Advanced Communicator-Silver
- Advanced Communicator-Gold

For more information on the either of these contests, visit the District 28 web site: www.d28toastmasters.org.

If you have any questions about these contests, please contact Karen Holland, your Lt. Governor of Education & Training at LGET@d28toastmasters.org



District 28

2007 Spring Conference

April 20-21, 2007
Southfield, MI



LEADERS MAKE IT POSSIBLE!

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Toastmaster Designation (ex: AC-B/CL) _____ -OR- Are you a GUEST of a Toastmaster? ()

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ E-mail _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____

Club Name/Number _____ Area/Division _____

Is this your first District Conference? () No () Yes Current club officer? () No () Yes _____

Conference Choices	Description	Cost (US \$)	Your Total
Full package	All Workshops, Evaluation Contest, International Speech Contest, all meals including a FULL Saturday Breakfast Buffet and Friday Fun Night entertainment	\$99 (\$109 after 3/23/07)	
Friday Evening	Evaluation Contest, Dinner and Friday Fun Night <i>(casual attire suggested)</i>	\$25	
Friday (contest only)	Evaluation Contest	\$15	
Saturday (all day, with meals)	All Workshops, International Speech Contest, FULL Breakfast Buffet, Lunch, Cookie Break and Dinner	\$85	
Saturday (all day, without meals)	All Educational Sessions and International Speech Contest	\$35	
Saturday (a.m.)	Morning Workshops, Breakfast Buffet and Lunch	\$45	
Saturday (p.m.)	Lunch, Afternoon Workshops, Cookie Break, International Speech Contest	\$45	
Saturday (lunch only)	Luncheon and Luncheon Keynote Speaker	\$25	
Saturday (dinner only)	District Governor's Banquet <i>(semi-formal attire suggested)</i>	\$40	
Saturday (contest only)	International Speech Contest	\$15	

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS/CHEQUES/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: DISTRICT 28 TOASTMASTERS

Payment Method: () Check () Money Order Check/MO Number _____ Total Cost \$ _____

DON'T FORGET TO MAKE YOUR MEAL SELECTIONS! *(Please circle your choices.)*

Lunch	Dinner
Chicken -or- Oven Slow Roasted -or- Stuffed Shells Piccata Pork Loin (vegetarian)	Grilled Chicken -or- Oven Baked -or- Fettucine Alfredo & Fettucine Whitefish (vegetarian)

Please let us know if you have any special dietary restrictions.

Mail Registrations by April 9 to:

Jason Schumacher, Registration Chair
c/o 2 Northwick Court, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
(cell) 734-646-7058, jasonschumacher@eml.cc

(NOTE: Additional charges may apply for on-site registrations)

For more information, contact:

Mary Comfort, Conference Chair
9-5 M-F 313-579-2100 x169; (H) 586-759-4937
Email mary@sinda-comfort.com

Hotel Information:

The Westin Southfield

1500 Town Center, Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 827-4000 or 1-800-WESTIN-1

Mention "Toastmasters" for special room rate of \$86 (double or king). **The Toastmasters rate is good through 3/30/07.**



Region VI Toastmasters – 2007 Conference
Rochester, NY
June 1-2, 2007

Last Name _____ First Name _____
 TM Designation: CTM/CC ATM ATMB/ACB ATMS/ACS ATMG/ACG DTM None
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____ Zip Code/Postal Code _____
 Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Email: _____
 Club Name & Number: _____ District # _____
 Current Club/District Office _____ First Regional Conference?
 Are you a guest? Past District Governor? Past International Director? Incoming District Officer?
 Would You Like Registration Desk Sergeant-at-Arms Workshop Activator Judge Invocation Toast
 To Volunteer to Help:

Conference Choices	Meals	\$ Before 05/22/07	\$ After 05/22/07	Total
Full conference package	(6)	185 US 228 CDN	205US 250CDN	
All Friday only	(3)	100 US 126 CDN	120US 150CDN	
Friday or Saturday workshops only	(0)	30 US 44 CDN	30 US 44 CDN	
Friday and Saturday workshops/contest only	(0)	50 US 68 CDN	50 US 68 CDN	
Friday Lunch/Workshops only	(1)	55 US 74 CDN	75 US 97 CDN	
Friday Fun Night only	(1)	45 US 62 CDN	65 US 85 CDN	
All Saturday only	(3)	120 US 155 CDN	140 US 179 CDN	
Saturday Lunch/ workshops/Contest only	(1)	62 US 82 CDN	82 US 105 CDN	
Saturday banquet only	(1)	55 US 74 CDN	75 US 97 CDN	
* One form per person		GRAND TOTAL		

Conference Registration

Mail to:
 Al Turol, DTM, Registration
 119 Filon Avenue
 Rochester, NY 14622-1905

Make checks payable to:

Region VI-District 65 Toastmasters

All registrations must be **RECEIVED by May 22, 2007**
 Meals and admittance to events cannot be guaranteed after that date.
Onsite registration allowed (U.S. Funds only), but meals and admittance are not guaranteed.

SELECT MEAL CHOICE: _____ (Friday dinner and Friday/Saturday *full* breakfasts are buffet style, no choice required)
 Friday lunch _____ Turkey Club Croissant _____ Chicken Caesar Salad _____ Caesar Salad
 Saturday lunch _____ Penne Pasta w/Chicken _____ Penne Pasta
 Saturday dinner _____ NY Strip _____ Herb Crusted Chicken _____ Vegetarian Wellington

Special dietary restrictions: _____

Hotel Information

\$115 (U.S.) room rate - Mention **TOASTMASTERS!**
 This rate is guaranteed until May 18, 2007

Hyatt Regency Rochester Hotel (<http://rochester.hyatt.com>)
 125 East Main Street
 Rochester, NY 14604
 (Phone: 585 546-1234; Fax: 585 546-6777)





Region VI Toastmasters – 2007 Conference
 Rochester, NY
 June 1-2, 2007

SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 31	Friday, June 1	Saturday, June 2
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Registration	7:30 a.m. Registration Opens	7:30 a.m. Registration Opens
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Reception	7:30 Breakfast	7:30 Breakfast
	8:00 Opening Ceremonies/ Keynote Presentation	8:00 Keynote Presentation
	8:45 Workshops	8:45 Workshops
	9:45 Workshops	9:45 Workshops (PRO/Treasurers Training)
	10:45 Workshops	10:45 Workshops (PRO/Treasurers Training)
	Noon Lunch	Noon Lunch
	1:45 Workshops	1:45 General Session
	2:45 Workshops	3:00 Workshops
	4:00 <i>"Toastmasters and You!"</i>	3:00 Contestants & Contest Officials briefing
	5:00 Candidates Forum	4:00 Business Meeting
	7:00 Fun Night	5:00 International Speech Contest
		6:30 Attitude Adjustment
		7:00 Banquet

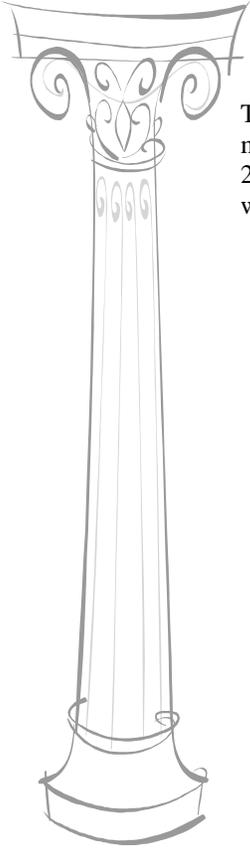
Meet International President Johnny Uy, DTM

Meet 1999 World Champion of Public Speaking Craig Valentine, DTM

Visit the Region VI website (regionvi.freetoasthost.us) for more details.

Questions about the conference, contact:

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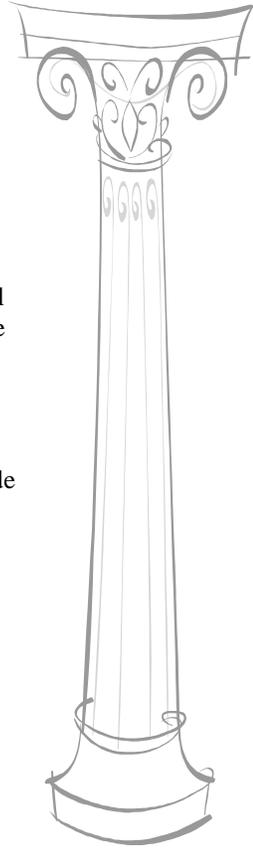
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