

# The Cornerstone



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Southeast Michigan, Northwest Ohio, and Southwest Ontario*

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## **From Possibility to Reality**

“Leaders Make It Possible!” was the theme of District 28’s Spring 2007 Conference. The mission of the leaders was not only possible, it was accomplished! Many thanks to Spring Conference Chair Mary Comfort, ATM-B/CL, and her team for all their hard work.

The turnout was even higher than expected. The District was honored by the visit of International Director Gary Mull, DTM, who spoke to the audience about the “Leadership Secrets of Captain Bligh.” All the educational workshops on Saturday were excellent and well-attended. The District Council meeting was the smoothest in recent memory. (It even ended on time!) Friday Fun Night’s laid back Game Night allowed the “kid in us” to play, and the next evening, DJ Tommy Ray encouraged the “young at heart” to dance.

Congratulations to those who were elected to District officer positions for 2007-2008, and to the contestants and winners of the District-level Evaluation and International Speech contests. The results for both are outlined elsewhere in this issue.

At Saturday’s lunch, we were delighted to present the District 28 Communication & Leadership Award to Mr. Chuck Gaidica, Chief Meteorologist for WDIV-TV (Channel 4 in Detroit) and co-host of radio station 100.3 WNIC’s Breakfast Club. We were thrilled that WDIV sent a news crew to cover the award presentation and his remarks. A report was broadcast on that evening’s 11 p.m. news, and

Mr. Gaidica showed off his C&L plaque during the 5 p.m. news broadcast the following Monday. Great publicity for our organization!

For those who attended any or all of the conference: Thank you! If you didn’t: You missed a really good one. The good news is that there’s another one being planned. Please mark your calendar for the Fall 2007 District 28 Conference, scheduled for Friday-Saturday, November 2-3, 2007, at the Park Inn, Toledo, Ohio.



Communication & Leadership Award recipient  
Chuck Gaidica with District Governor Todd  
Brockdorf *(photo by David Haslam, CC)*

## Club Officer Elections

It's 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](http://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!

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## Congratulations, Speech Contest Winners

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

The finals of the District 28 Evaluation and International Speech contests were held at the Spring Conference during the weekend of April 20, 21, 2007.

Congratulations to:

District 28 Evaluation Contest:  
1st Place - Cliff Suttle (Optimistic Orators)  
2nd Place - Stephanie Coleman (iTalk Toastmasters)  
3rd Place - Sheryl Blessing (Advanced Articulators)

District 28 International Speech Contest:  
1st Place - Jeff Hampton (Birmingham Toastmasters)  
2nd Place - Cliff Suttle (Optimistic Orators)  
3rd Place - Regina Burge (DTE Energy Speech Masters)

**Good luck to Jeff Hampton as he moves on to compete at the Region VI International Speech contest on Saturday, June 2, 2007, at the Region VI Conference in Rochester, NY.**

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## We are Family

*Todd Brockdorf, DTM*  
*District 28 Governor*



When thinking of priorities, there are two things that come before Toastmasters in my world – family and work, in that order. As you have probably figured out by now, even a high-ranking district officer receives the same monetary reward as a club officer – nothing. Therefore, paying work needs to take precedence over non-paying volunteer work.

But it is family that I want to address today.

Through my years in this organization, family and Toastmasters have become intertwined; not in a literal sense, like some of our members, but in a figurative sense. After a while, Toastmasters starts to become like your family. Sometimes you love 'em, sometimes you hate 'em. You get in tiffs and you learn to forgive. There is sibling rivalry and large family gatherings where we rehash stories of

the past. And sometimes, all you have to tell is the punch line and the crowd all laughs.

Being a long standing member in Toastmasters helps you build friendships that you would not have otherwise had. You meet people from very diverse backgrounds. Our district make up consists of Detroiters, Canadians, college students, rural Ohioans, professionals and suburbanites. I could never be prouder to say that I have Canadian brothers, a rural Ohio grandmother (or two), Detroit sisters, a professional mom and dad (or two), suburban aunts and uncles, and college cousins. What a funky, messed up family.

Thanks for the memories and the opportunity to serve you as your District Governor. It has been an honor and pleasure. As Sister Sledge sang, "We are family."

# May is Open House Month!

*Todd Brockdorf, DTM  
District 28 Governor*

Do you know The Secret? No, not that secret; the other one. Have you heard that the Executive Leadership Team (aka Todd, Karen, and Vicki) are announcing that May is DISTRICT 28 OPEN HOUSE MONTH!!! Yes, that's right. The month of May has been declared open house month for the ENTIRE district. That means that ALL clubs are encouraged to hold at least one Open House or Lunch and Learn during the month of May, designed to attract new members to the club.

So let's cut to the chase...what's in it for you? For community or specialty clubs that hold an Open House or for corporate clubs that hold a Lunch and Learn during the month of May, and sign up 3 new members, their club name will be entered into a drawing. The winner of the drawing will receive

pizza delivered by your Executive Leadership Team. For those clubs meeting in the morning or at a restaurant, there will be a comparable prize.

Area and Division Governors who have the most participation in their respective Areas or Divisions are also eligible for prizes.

Where can I find additional information? Another excellent question. Visit the D28 website ([d28toastmasters.org](http://d28toastmasters.org)) -> Resources -> Open House/Lunch and Learn Resource Package. Contest details, official entry forms, a press release, and tips for a successful event are all posted there.

Additional questions? Send me an email or call me.

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## Sandbagging

Sandbagging (n): Holding back for the next Toastmasters administrative year.

It's OK if you have done it in the past, as long as you have since changed your ways. If you ever told a new member that you'd process his or her application on July 1, even though they signed up in early June, it's OK. If you decided to submit a member's CC award "next year" because your club doesn't need it right now, it's OK.

But that all stops now! We're talking about "sandbagging," a term often used by quota-bearing sales representatives who hold back reporting some of their excess sales until the next month so that they can start further ahead. But, the term is applicable to us, too, as Toastmasters. "Sandbagging" sets a bad example. If a family member was capable of acing a test, would you tell

him or her to just answer enough questions to pass the test? Of course not! You'd encourage them to do their very best. Would you encourage your club members to "achieve mediocrity" in their speeches? Of course not! Toastmasters is all about learning, encouraging, and growing.

We are entering the final stretch of the 2006-2007 Toastmasters year. Even though your club may have met its membership goals, our District still has a ways to go. Although your club may have met its educational goals, your Area Governor might need that extra CC to help your Area become Distinguished.

The bottom line is this: Do not hold back membership applications or educational or leadership awards. Another Toastmaster may be counting on you.

# District Council Meeting Results

*Todd Brockdorf, DTM  
District 28 Governor*

We are pleased to announce the results of the District 28 Officer elections. For terms running July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008, the following Toastmasters will lead our District:

District Governor - Karen Holland, DTM  
Lt. Gov. Education & Training - Kevin Olmstead, DTM  
Lt. Gov. Marketing - Nancy Zychowicz, ATM-S/CL

Division A Governor - Mukhles Rahman, DTM  
Division B Governor - Gayle Lawson, ATM-S  
Division C Governor - Stephen Gorham, ATM-B/CL  
Division D Governor - Robert Russell, ATM-B

Division E Governor - Paul Anderson, DTM  
Division F Governor - Gerald Molnar, DTM  
Division G Governor - Vera Johnson, ATM-G/CL

Recent Appointments for 2007-2008:

Public Relations Officer – Marcella Fedrigo, CC  
Secretary – Mayna Schumacher, ATM-B/CL  
Treasurer – Jason Schumacher, CTM/CL  
Sergeant At Arms – Frank Cooper, ATM-G/CL

Area Governor appointments are still being made and will be announced in the near future.

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## Help Wanted: District Leaders!

*Karen Holland, DTM  
Lt. Governor of Education and Training*

Just as your home Toastmasters club members work together to improve their communication and leadership skills, the District 28 Executive Committee and the associated subcommittees work together to help the District and its member clubs. While some District leaders are elected (see the District elections article elsewhere in this issue), MANY positions are appointed. This includes Area Governors, Marketing Team members, and committee chairs. We're putting out the sign: HELP WANTED!

If you want to help extend the benefits of Toastmasters to new areas and organizations, or are skilled in finance, or want to organize and plan a District Conference, we want YOU! If you have other skills or talents that you would like to share, we are interested. There are many opportunities for you.

Serving on the District Executive Committee offers many rewards. Membership on the DEC affords the opportunity to see Toastmasters from a "different angle" than most members see. You have the chance to work closely with the District Leadership Team and help to set the direction of the District. You will have opportunities to develop leadership and communication skills in new situations, which leads to increased self-confidence and a strong sense of accomplishment, seeing your goals and objectives met. Many positions are eligible for district officer credit, and/or are perfectly suited for use as a High Performance Leadership Project. (Both of these go toward an Advanced Leader-Silver award.)

If you are interesting in participating in this worthwhile opportunity, and want to show your appreciation for the organization, please contact District Governor-Elect Karen Holland at [LGET@d28toastmasters.org](mailto:LGET@d28toastmasters.org) or 313-593-5330.

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

***Leadership opportunities exist in numerous areas.***

***Contact the District Governor-Elect***

***at [LGET@d28toastmasters.org](mailto:LGET@d28toastmasters.org)***

***for more information!***

# Club Elections and Club Officer Training

Karen Holland, DTM  
Lt. Governor of Education & Training

All Toastmasters clubs are expected to elect club officers at the first meeting in May. We hope that your club has held, or will shortly be holding, club officer elections. As soon as your club's elections are held, please submit the list of incoming officers to TI headquarters via the Club Business section of the web site ([www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org)), or by mail.

After that, then what? Of course, the answer is: "Arrange to attend Club Officer Training!" Why? Because:

- A. It's part of my job as a club officer
- B. I will learn about being a club officer, running contests, and upcoming District and International events
- C. There will be food (including EGGS), and
- D. Kevin (the incoming Lt. Governor of Education & Training) is kindly asking ALL incoming club officers to attend.

Please plan to attend one of the following Club Officer Training sessions, scheduled for:

- **Saturday, June 16, 2007, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn** in the Social Sciences Building. A map and driving directions are at: [http://www.umd.umich.edu/maps\\_directions/](http://www.umd.umich.edu/maps_directions/)
- **Saturday, June 23, 2007, at Owens Community College (Toledo campus)** in the Audio/Visual

Building. A map and driving directions are at: [https://www.owens.edu/about\\_owens/maps.html](https://www.owens.edu/about_owens/maps.html)

For both sessions, the Registration Desk opens at 8:00 AM, the program begins at 8:30 AM, and we'll wrap up about 12:30 PM. Please arrive on time and please stay for the entire program. It will be well worth it. Also, it's FREE!

FYI:

1. We will have a fully-stocked District Bookstore at each event. First come, first served, so bring your checkbook or cash.
2. ALL club officers are expected to attend training, but non-officers are welcome as well.
3. Even if you've been an officer before, and attended training in the past, PLEASE attend again. There's always more to learn! Besides, more experienced officers can be a valuable "font of information" for the newer ones.
4. In addition to the specialized training for each club officer role, general sessions will include valuable information that all club members need to know, including: membership building and retention, effective evaluation techniques, club speech contests, help for struggling clubs, and much, much more!

We hope to see you there!

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## 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  
(Lots of information about the convention is available in the April issue of the *Toastmaster* magazine!)

### 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) –

*Important Notice: Due to a computer error by TI, the return address pre-printed on the proxies is not that of the current District Governor. PLEASE correct the address and mail your signed proxies ASAP to:*

*Mr. Todd Brockdorf, DTM  
1522 Oakfield Drive  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108*

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 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.

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## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

# Membership Building Contest Results

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

## Snowflakes Abound – District 28 Contest

Like snowflakes, no two Toastmasters members are alike. Put together, snowflakes can build snowmen. Together, members can work together to grow our clubs and create successes beyond our wildest imaginations.

This winter's membership building contest ran January 1 – March 31. Winners in three categories were chosen based on the highest percentage in membership growth for clubs in good standing. Congratulations to:

- ≤ 12 members: First Place: Toastmasters @ One O-I  
Second Place: Westland Easy Talkers  
Third Place: Oak Park Toastmasters
- 13-20 members: First Place: Toastaholics  
Second Place: Great Lakes Real Orators  
Third Place: Great Eastern Toastmasters
- ≥ 20 members: First Place: Washtenaw Toastmasters  
Second Place: Michigan Toastmasters  
Third Place: Barton Malow Co. Club

## Talk Up Toastmasters! – TI Contest

Congratulations to the following clubs, who added 5 or more members during February 1- March 31:

- Speakers Corner/ LTU Toastmasters - 8 members
- Washtenaw Toastmasters - 7 members
- Dearborn Dynamic Toastmasters - 5 members
- Michigan Toastmasters – 5 members
- Toledo Club – 5 members

Each of these clubs will receive a special ribbon from Toastmasters International, as well as a free educational module from the *Better Speaker, Successful Club, or Leadership Excellence Series*.

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>

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# Communication and Leadership Contest Results

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! The "Manual Leadership" contest ran January 1 – March 30, 2007. Members who completed leadership awards during these dates were entered into a random drawing. Congratulations to the following members, who each won a \$15 TI gift certificate:

### Competent Leader (the "old" or "new" version):

- Al Albee, Laff Out Loud
- G. Jane Hibbard, Simply Speaking
- Jennifer Heinfling, Northern
- Paniker Anilkumar Krishna, Ford Toastmasters
- Larisa Makuch, Tecumseh
- Jeff Matheny, Canton Communicators
- Chiquita McKenzie, Powertalkers

### Advanced Leader-Bronze:

- Marilyn Albee, Laff Out Loud
- Larisa Makuch, Tecumseh

### Advanced Leader-Silver:

- Jeff Heinfling, Optimistic Orators

## 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. A random drawing of members who earned communication awards between January 1 – March 31, 2007, was held. Congratulations to the following members, who each won a \$15 TI gift certificate:

### Competent Communicator:

- Paul Bandli, 1st Center Speak Easy
- Andrew Berriz, Michigan Toastmasters
- Jeanetta Gordon, Unity IV
- Bonnie Hilberer, Canton Communicators
- Bill Moylan, Great Lakes Real Orators
- Ivory Williams, Powertalkers

### Advanced Communicator-Bronze:

- Jeff Hampton, Birmingham
- Bill Roberts, Shores

### Advanced Communicator-Silver:

- Dulce Renaud, Northern

### Advanced Communicator-Gold:

- Frank Cooper, Dearborn Dynamic

## **Congratulations, Mildred!**

Mildred C. Matlock, Ph.D., Chief Operating Officer at Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan (also ATM-G/CL and Area 29 Governor for District 28) received of the Homer D. Strong Award presented by the Wayne State University Alumni Association

at its First Annual Spring Alumni Awards Gala on May 3. Dr. Matlock was one of four distinguished WSU alumni to be honored at the gala for exemplifying WSU's spirit of excellence and service to the community.

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## **New Club Officer Kits**

According to Toastmasters International Headquarters, 2007-2008 club officer kits (the ones with the handbooks for each of the club officers, entitled "When You Are the President" and so

forth) will be mailed out to all clubs by May 25. Current club presidents, watch your mail, and please forward these materials to the incoming club presidents as soon as possible.

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## **Somebody Has To Do It!**

*Bonnie Hilberer, DTM*

It's been said that the number one fear in Americans is public speaking and the second is death. So is it safe to say that you'd rather be in the casket than delivering the eulogy? For many of us, pre-Toastmaster Days, that would have been a true statement.

Delivering eulogies is not quite what I had in mind when I joined Toastmasters in January 1999. My original goal was to become a paid professional speaker in the field of grief. Several years later I convinced myself that there really wasn't much of a market in that field and gave up the idea. How wrong I was! Not just that there was no market, but that I had given up my dream! The market – guaranteed! The dream – doable – somebody has to do it!

Last fall, I received special training as a Certified Funeral Celebrant and a few weeks ago had the opportunity to utilize my Toastmaster skills to perform a life celebration, a story about a gentleman I had never met, but brought to life with words. The eulogy met the family's needs, fulfilled my emotional rewards and met financial gratification. The first Celebrant Convention, being held this May 2007, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma is providing me with another paid opportunity to speak

professionally. I have been asked to provide a 1 ½ hour program about public speaking.

If you belong to a speaking organization, someone may ask you one day to provide special words at the funeral of a favorite aunt or special friend. Before you panic! Remember: 1) practice time is limited, so notes are acceptable. 2) if you knew the person well, speak from the heart; if you didn't know them, find out a few personal things, 3) incorporate kind thoughts – the internet is a great friend and motivational or inspiring poems work well, and 4) if all else fails, you know how to reach me.

If you truly want to strengthen your mind and grow through Toastmasters, then I challenge each of you to open the door when opportunity knocks and follow the path that lies before you. Stepping out of the box ("the casket") is the only way you too can fulfill your dreams and goals. Fellow Toastmasters, NEVER give up your hopes, your dreams, or your goals – because somebody has to do it – whatever it may be – so why not let it be you!

Bonnie D. Hilberer, DTM  
Canton Communicators Toastmasters, #788368  
VP of Membership  
h) 734-994-0569  
c) 734-646-2237

DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THIS EXCITING EVENT:

# A Special Toastmasters Presentation

## “Excelling with Table Topics”

*Speaking Your Way to Prestige and Trophies*

Hosted by  
Saturday Sunrisers Toastmasters Club

*Special Guest Speaker, Cliff Suttle*

A Professional Speaker, College Speech Professor,  
and Two Time District Table Topics Champion!  
([www.CliffSuttle.com](http://www.CliffSuttle.com))



**Thursday**  
**May 17, 2007**

Registration: 6:00 pm



Workshop: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
(Food and beverages will be served)

Who should attend? Anyone looking to improve their impromptu speaking skills. Anyone interested in winning the Table Topic Contests. Anyone from District 28, other Districts, Non-Toastmasters and Guests are WELCOME.

[Unity Church of Livonia](#)  
28660 Five Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48154  
(Located between Middlebelt & Inkster)

Cost: \$2

RSVP Saturday Sunrisers VP, PR  
John Bohn

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**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 <b>or</b> Saturday workshops only	(0)	30 US 44 CDN	30 US 44 CDN	
Friday <b>and</b> 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	
<b>* One form per person</b>		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		

**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.**

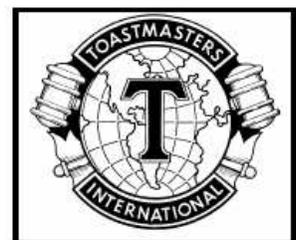
**SELECT MEAL CHOICE:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Friday dinner and Friday/Saturday *full* breakfasts are buffet style, no choice required)  
 Friday lunch \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey Club Croissant \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Caesar Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Caesar Salad  
 Saturday lunch \_\_\_\_\_ Penne Pasta w/Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Penne Pasta  
 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**

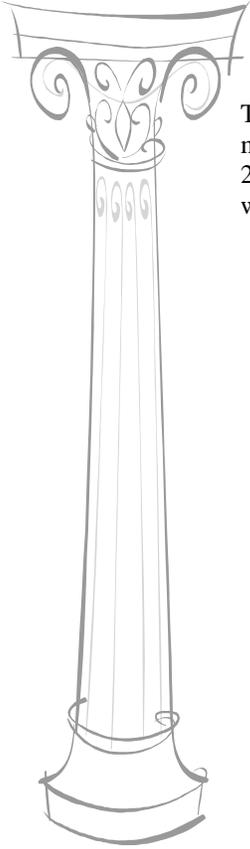
**Meet 1999 World Champion of Public Speaking Craig Valentine, DTM**

Visit the Region VI website ([regionvi.freetoasthost.us](http://regionvi.freetoasthost.us)) for more details.

Questions about the conference, contact:

Gordon Penniston @ 585 654-7375 or email him @ [tostmstr@frontiernet.net](mailto:tostmstr@frontiernet.net)

**Good luck to Jeff Hampton as he moves on to compete at the Region VI International Speech contest on Saturday, June 2, 2007, at the Region VI Conference in Rochester, NY!**



## Cornerstone Staff and Publishing Information

The Cornerstone is an information tool for members and the general public of District 28. Comments and ideas are always welcome. Mail them to:

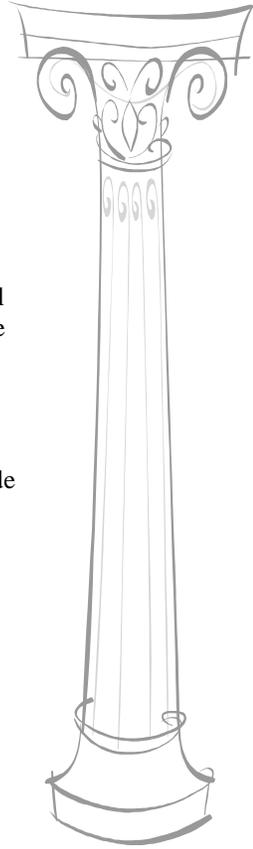
Joni Dewan  
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