

# Palmetto Toastmasters

## District 58, Region VIII, Toastmasters International

### Toastmasters: Bringing Out the Best in People

The Bible says, "Without a vision, the people perish." And, we might add, life gets complicated.

You've, no doubt, heard that Bible quotation before. For a related story, turn to Numbers 13. God sent Moses to deliver the Israelites from captivity in Egypt. Now Moses wasn't excited about the idea but agreed, with God's help, to lead His people into the Promised Land. A well-orchestrated escape plan worked beautifully, and as the people approached the Promised Land, spies were sent ahead to check out the situation. One man from each of the twelve tribes was chosen for

the scouting expedition.

The Israelites anxiously awaited their return with a report. The scouting summary prompted chaos. Ten spies saw giants who would crush them like grasshoppers. Jacob and Caleb, on the other hand, saw a land "flowing with milk and honey." "Let's do it," they encouraged. "You're crazy," said the others. The majority won, and because of their fear, the people died in the wilderness—except two. Joshua and Caleb entered the Promised Land.

God had already promised the Israelites safe entry. Yet, with a guaranteed

vision clearly before them, the Israelites chose to follow their self-imposed limitations. How sad! Such opportunities are also overlooked today because people lack the faith and determination to pursue a vision.

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In People!**



District 58  
A District flowing with milk  
and honey

### District 58's 2002/2003 Points of Emphasis

#### Point of Emphasis #1

Every Club in District 58 participating actively in the Distinguished Club Program (DCP)

#### Point of Emphasis #2

Every Club in District 58 striving to go beyond

Distinguished in the DCP

#### Point of Emphasis #3

Every Member achieving an educational goal before June 30, 2003.

#### Point of Emphasis #4

Every Member striving to go beyond Competent

Toastmaster (CTM)

#### Point of Emphasis #5

Every Member working towards becoming a Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM).

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#### Special points of interest:

- Recognition
- DCP
- Club Officer Training (TLI)
- Membership
- Mission

# District 58 2001/2002 Division Governor of the Year

District 58 Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) (Club Office Training), was held on Saturday, July 20, 2002 at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina. During this event Immediate Past District Governor and Distinguished Toastmaster Geneva Anderson announced her selection for the District 58 2001/2002 Division Governor of the Year—Distinguished Toastmaster Fred Malone, 2001/2002 Division A Governor and 2002/2003 District 58 Lieutenant Governor Marketing.

Fred Malone's Toastmasters'

accomplishments are numerous. Governor Anderson told of just a few to establish Fred's credentials as the recipient of the recognition.

Fred has been a member of Toastmasters for slightly more than two years. In this time he has served as President of his Home Club, a President's Distinguished Club; has completed the requirements for his Distinguished Toastmasters recognition, and helped start five new Toastmasters Clubs

in Division A. His Division was one of only two Division to achieve President's

Distinguished Division this past year. Those who know Fred see in him the future of District 58. Fred doesn't get involved unless there is reason to believe success can be achieved. His vision is to see District 58 as a President Distinguished Division throughout the four years he will serve as a District Officer.



Distinguished Toastmaster Fred Malone

## How Do You Write a Great Speech?

Asking, "How do you write a great speech?" is certain to elicit good answers from every person asked. Here is Robert Cockburn's, DTM, Candidate for International Director, thoughts:

"To write a great speech you must:

1. Determine what you want the audience to do upon hearing your speech. This is your conclusion.
2. Decide why the audience should

listen to you in the first place. This is your introduction.

3. Prove this to the audience. This is the body of your speech."

**Delivering a great speech is the stuff that dreams are made of. But first, you have to ensure it challenges the audience to do something.**

"Merely to make a speech is not enough. The speech must mean something, lead to something, stir up someone to do or attempt something. Every speech should be directed to the accomplishment of some definite purpose. No one needs to waste time on unimportant themes."

*Dr. Ralph Smedley*

## District 58 2001/2002 Co-Area Governor of the Year

Focused, forward thinking, dedicated, organized, are all adjectives that describe the District 58 2001/2002 Co-Area Governor of the Year, Advanced Toastmasters-Bronze Dorothy Cobb. Dorothy and her co-recipient Mikhail Agrest, set a torrid pace throughout the year encouraging the clubs in their Areas to go beyond Distinguished and reach for President's Distinguished Club recognition. Both recipients are President's Distinguished

Areas Governors of the only two Areas (out of seventeen Areas) to be so recognized.

Dorothy lead seven clubs of which her home club, Ahold, was President's Distinguished, two clubs were Select Distinguished, and one club Distinguished. Addi-



Ahold Toastmasters Club's Dorothy Cobb with Joanne Alderman

tionally, she is a sponsor of District 58 newest Toastmasters Club, The Streamers Toastmasters Club #2947.

Governor Anderson remarked that Dorothy was truly surprised to be selected.

And Dorothy didn't believe she had done enough.

## District 58 2001/2002 Toastmaster of the Year

Catherine "Cat" Angus, Advanced Toastmasters-Bronze, Competent Leader, is Past District Governor Geneva Anderson's Toastmaster of the Year.

Cat was the President of the DOT Toastmasters #7267. DOT achieved the designation of President's Distinguished in only their first full year of meeting. Additionally, Cat completed three educational goals, Competent Toastmaster, Competent Leader, and Advanced Toastmaster-Bronze. She was the winner of the Division C International Speech Contest and of the Humorous

Speech Contest. She was responsible for the recruitment of many Toastmasters. This Toastmasters' Year she is serving as an Assistant Area Governor for Area 33 and is in the process of helping start a New Toastmasters Club in Columbia.

The Toastmasters of the Year award is awarded to a Toastmaster who is not a top District



Governor Anderson with Cat

officer, Division Governor, or Area Governor, but who makes a significant contribution to the goals and mission of the District.

Cat Angus is the type of Toastmaster any District Governor would wish for. Cat doesn't understand that something can't be done! You go, gall!

Go Cat, go.

## Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI)

Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) is the recommended method for providing Club Office Training. TLI was conducted in Columbia, Saturday, July 20th for 216 Toastmasters representing 256 Club Offices. Many Clubs in District 58 have now placed themselves in excellent position to achieve beyond Distinguished in the Distinguished Club Program

The task of providing meaningful Club Officer Training now shifts from the District wide training provided through the TLI to the District Governors (DG). The DG's have already estab-

lished their dates and are securing sites. You should check daily on the District 58 website for the day/time/location for the training session that meets your schedule. It isn't necessary for you to attend only in your Division. You can register and attend in any Division in any Toastmasters District. Just make sure the Training Chairman notifies District 58 at [wcdk@charter.net](mailto:wcdk@charter.net) of your participation.

**Goal #9 in the DCP — Minimum of four club officers trained during each of two training periods**

**(July/August and January/February)**

## District 58 2001/2002 Co-Area Governor of the Year

Focused, forward thinking, dedicated, inquisitive, are all adjectives that describe the District 58 2001/2002 Co-Area Governor of the Year, Advanced Toastmaster-Gold Mikhail Agrest. Mikhail, and his co-recipient Dorothy Cobb, engaged in a sizzling pace throughout the year stimulating the clubs in their Areas to go beyond Distinguished and to seek recognition as a President's Distinguished Club. Both recipients are President's

Distinguished Area Governors of the only two Areas to be so designated (out of seventeen Areas to be so recognized)

Mikhail lead eight clubs, of which his Home Club, College of Charleston, and two other clubs, were President's Distinguished, one club was Select Distinguished, and three clubs were



College of Charleston's Mikhail Agrest

Distinguished. The only club not garnering Distinguished recognition was the new club Mikhail helped start at the Medical College of South Carolina.

Governor Anderson said about Mikhail that he was truly a man of his word who delivered on his promise!

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### The Mission of a Toastmasters Club

The mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop and practice communication and leadership skills, which in turn fosters self-confidence and personal growth

Isn't Toastmasters a program we should share with family, friends, and colleague?



## Smedley Award August 1– September 30

Ralph Smedley and a few men met in the Santa Ana, California, YMCA and conducted the first meeting of what would eventually evolve into what we know today as Toastmasters. One person initiated a program that would go on to affect millions of people. In his honor, can your Club add five new members between August 1 and September 30? By doing so, you'll qualify to receive a Smedley Award ribbon for display on your Club's banner.

Membership application must be received at World Headquarters between August 1 and September 30. Each member's "join date" as listed on the application must be no

later than September.

New, dual, and reinstated members count for credit; transfer and charter members do not.

Goal # 7 and #8 in the Distinguished Club Program (DCP) are met when eight new members join your club during the year. The Smedley Award program is designed to assist your club get off to a tremendous start in attracting those who can energize your club. There isn't a Toastmasters Club in

the world, let alone District 58, who would not benefit from the addition of eight new members.



The critical ingredient in recruiting new members is getting started. It's as simple as that. A lot of Members have ideas, but there are few who decide to do something about them now. Not tomorrow. Not next week. Today! Pick up the phone and call someone about Toastmasters.