

Palmetto Toastmaster

District 58, Region VIII, Toastmasters International

Fall Conference, October 18-19, 2002

The District 58 Fall Conference will be held in the Holiday Inn-Augusta Road, Greenville, South Carolina, Friday and Saturday, October 18-19, 2002.

The District urges you to take advantage of the Early Registration which will save you 20% off the Registrations fees. Toastmasters should be aware that our Conference is the same weekend as Clemson's University Homecoming and rooms in the Greenville area will be at a premium.

For Early Registration Discount Rates, Registration must be

postmarked by October 11, 2002.

The Hotel Reservation Deadline is September 27, 2002.

Toastmasters International President Gavin Blakey, DTM, and his wife Bea Duffield, ATM, are attending as guests of the District. President Blakey will deliver the keynote address during the District Council Meeting, noon Saturday of the Conference. Later in the afternoon, during the Educational Sessions, Gavin will present a session on the road to Distinguished.

Joining our International

President as our keynote presenters will be District 37's Larry Tucker and Jay Nodine.

Larry Tucker was the 1999 Region VIII International Speech Contest Winner and he finished 3rd in this years competition.

Jay Nodine is a past International Director and has won the Humorous Speech Contest at the Regional level.



District 58
Striving to go beyond
Distinguished in 2002/2003

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District 58's Web Site: www.toastmasters-d58.org

It is the goal of the District to use the Internet and email as the major way of communicating with our Members now and in the future. All of our publications and notifications will be sent electronically to Club Officers for whom we have e-mail address and to

Members who have requested to be on our distribution list. At the same time information is distributed throughout the District, the same information will be made available to our District Webmaster Tom Humphries. Tom will place it on the District web

site just as soon as his schedule allows.

Members who desire a printed copy should seek such from an Officer in their Home Club.

This method of distribution will save D-58 in excess of \$4,000 yearly.

Keynote Speaker Larry Tucker

District 58 Fall Conference Education Session 1 features the 2000 Region VIII International Speech Contest Winner, Larry Tucker. The session is scheduled for 10:50 a.m., Saturday, October 19th.

Toastmaster Tucker will present on the topic, *How to Win the International Speech Contest*. Later, during the Education Sessions scheduled for 3:30–4:30 p.m., Mr. Tucker will present, *What I Learned Along the Way – A Workshop on the International Speech Contest*.

District 58 is fortunate to have someone so talented who is willing to share with us such useful information.

Larry is currently a high school guidance counselor with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System.

He is a native of Brooklyn, New York, and moved to North Carolina in 1975 to attend Saint Augustine College in Raleigh. He earned a Masters degree in Career Counseling at North Carolina Central University, Durham. Our presenter is a former disc jockey, career counselor, and an educational consultant with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.



Toastmaster
Larry Tucker

Recognizing the importance of effective public speaking skills, Larry joined the Seekers Toastmasters Club of Raleigh in 1994. In 1997, Larry relocated to Charlotte and joined the Horner's Nest Club where he is still a member.

Larry competed in the 2000 World Championship of Public Speaking in Miami, Florida. Larry's ultimate goal is to take his counseling skills to the podium and become a nationally known motivational speaker.

Who Are the Top Recruiters in District 58?

In Toastmasters Year 2001/2002, District 58 had forty-six Toastmasters who personally recruited three or more members. The District had fifteen Toastmasters who were responsible for recruiting five or more members. Three Toastmasters recruited ten or more Toastmasters, and one Toastmaster recruited 15 or more new Members. In fact, our top recruiter signed up forty-four new members. Who were

our Top Recruiters? Toastmasters with five or more new members: Glenn Vaught (5), Eileen Jago (5), Leslie Hughes (5), Bob Beam (5), Ellen Reid (6), Herman Robinson (6), Mike Conk-

lin (5), Gary Wheeler (5), Mikhail Agrest (9), Rachel Harjes (7), Cat Angus (6), Ron Castellucci (5), Fred Broughton (6), Billy Baer (5) and Lamont Deter (6).

Those recruiting ten or more: Bill Arnold (13), Fred Malone (10), and Douglas Wilson (11).

The Top recruiter in District 58 was Bill May (44).

The way you recruit a new members is to extend your hand of Toastmasters friendship and ask them to attend a meeting with you.

Keynote Speaker Jay Nodine

Jay Nodine has been a Toastmaster for more than thirty years. He has earned Toastmasters International highest award, *Distinguished Toastmaster*. As a member of the Gold Mine Club in Concord, Jay served as District Governor for North Carolina (District 37), and as an International Director from Region VIII. In 1995, Jay received a Presidential Citation for his dedication and commitment to Toastmasters.

Jay, a retired Purchasing Manager, and his wife Willie reside in Kannapolis,

North Carolina. It must be noted, though, that Jay hails from Inman, South Carolina.

Distinguished Toastmaster Nodine has taken top honors in both the District and Regional Humorous Speech Contest. He has also won the District 37 Tall Tale Contest. He is a frequent presenter before civic and business groups throughout the southeast. Our keynote presenter has

presented at numerous Regional and



Jay Nodine, DTM

District Conferences. Jay feels that what success he has had at the lectern comes from his philosophy of life, *"If you're not having fun, you're not doing it right."*

Jay's keynote address will be at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, and he will present an Educational Session that afternoon at 2:15 p.m.

Keynote Speaker International President Gavin Blakey

Toastmasters International President Gavin Blakey, DTM, will be the keynote speaker during the District Council meeting, Saturday, October 19.

President Blakey and his wife Bea Duffield, ATM, are the guests of District 58, and both will attend the conference from start to finish. The Blakey's hail from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. Distinguished Toastmaster Blakey has been an active Toastmaster for twenty years, and he firmly believes that good communication skills are essential to success in life. He says that the skills he gained in Toastmasters have far exceeded his expectations and have

significantly benefited his career, personal life, and advancement in Toastmasters. "Our organization helps people to reach their full potential," says Blakey. Our President is a principal engineer with the City of Brisbane, the largest local authority in Australia. He also provides communication training for Australia's elite athletes.

Gavin, who used to dread public speaking, says that fear led to increased



International President
Gavin Blakey, DTM

self-confidence, which in turn spurred him on to conquer other obstacles. "Toastmasters is full of people who have achieved results beyond their wildest dreams," he says. "We help people gain the skills and confidence to be the best they can be whatever they choose to do." As a result, Blakey's motto is, "Toastmasters: Bringing Out the Best In People!"

Toastmasters who know Gavin will tell you D-58 is fortunate to have him and wife Bea as our guests.

2001/2002 Distinguished Club Program (DCP)

The Distinguished Club Program (DCP) monitors and measures club's achievements in two critical areas for club success—Educational Awards and Membership. Clubs that actively participate in the DCP benchmark their performance against others and share in the successes of all.

In Toastmasters Year 2001/2002, District 58 had eleven Distinguished Clubs, nine Select Distinguished Clubs, and 20 President's Distinguished

Clubs. Unfortunately, forty-seven Clubs did not receive any recognition.

The twenty President's Distinguished Clubs: #48 Speaking Out at the Y,

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

Every Club participating in the DCP

**Every Club striving for President's
Distinguished**

**Congratulations to all of
District 58 Distinguished Clubs**

#913 Rapid Fire, #1005 Daybreak, #2070 Palmetto, #2298 Palmetto Mastercrafters, #2555 Ahold, #2653 Spartan Speakers, #4513 Downtown Charleston, #5497 College of Charleston, #6203 Two Notch, #6299 Trolley Talkers, #7199 Fast Trackers, #7267 DOT, #7735 Saturday AM, #7785 Fluor Daniel, #7960 Allaboard, #7259 Next Step, #9475 Greater Greenwood, #9596 State Record, and #9829 USMC.

Pre-Conference Seminar, Friday, October 18th

Your District 58 Fall Conference Committee has arranged for an added value to those who take advantage of the Early Discount Conference Registration. Toastmasters who register early for the Full Conference discounted fee of \$100.00 (Full fee is \$125.00) are eligible to attend the Pre-Conference Seminar, *From Speaker to Trainer*, at no additional cost. Understand, though, seating is limited and will be on a first registered

basis for the thirty Toastmasters who send their registration form and fee.

Rachel Harjes is the selected presenter. Those who attended her session at Toastmasters Leadership Institute, July 20th, know what a talented and gifted presenter she is. Do not miss



Rachel Harjes, DTM

out on this 4 1/2 hour seminar that is one of Toastmaster International's Success Communication Programs. Participants will discover the five steps involved in preparing and presenting a training program.

Hotel Reservation Deadline is September 27th

GREENVILLE I-85@AUGUSTA ROAD
 4295 Augusta Road
 I-85 @ Exit #46
 GREENVILLE, SC 29605
 UNITED STATES

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 Fax: 1-864-299-6066
 E-Mail: Holiday185@Worldnet.ATT.net

Check-In Time: 3:00 PM
 Check-Out Time: 12:00 PM

Room Rate: \$79.00 plus tax

NOTE: This is Clemson University Homecoming weekend. Make your reservations. Rooms will be at a premium this weekend in the Upstate.

Each of the hotel 153 deluxe guest rooms and suites feature data ports, iron and ironing boards, two telephones, coffee maker, remote control 25" cable TV's, in-room movies, voice mail, and Sony Playstation.



The Fhinney Walker's Pub is where Governor Will May will lead his entourage for nightly dancing to live entertainment. Join Will and dance, or just be a spectator.

Our meetings and meals will take place on the first floor in The Augusta Ballroom. The ballroom will be broken into separate rooms for educational sessions and are designated Donaldson Room A & B,

Pendleton Room, and Rutherford Room.

The District Hospitality Room will be open nightly at the conclusion of programming and is located in Rooms 230/232.

For those who have family members traveling with them who are not attending the conference, the hotel is just minutes away from fine shopping, numerous restaurants, Donaldson Center Industrial Park, Palmetto Exposition Center, Matrix Industrial Park, Bi-Lo Center, Clemson, Furman, and Wofford College, and the Peace Center for the Performing Arts. Downtown Greenville is worth a trip just to stroll the main street.

The District 58 Conference Committee selected this property because of its deserved reputation for fine food and gracious service. General Manager Bob MacPherson, Assistant General Manager Bobbie Mercer, and Director of Catering Deborah Hord will strive to make our stay positive and memorable

D-58 Fall Conference Registration Form

20% Off



Special Offer

Early Registration postmarked by October 11, 2002 earns a 20% discount for Registration and meals. Additionally, the first thirty fees and registration forms received by the District receive an added value of being registered for the Pre-Conference Seminar.

Sign up for:	Price	Full	Sat. Only	Ed & Lunch	Ed & Dinner
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration	\$20	X	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Conference Seminar		X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mastercrafters Dinner Meeting	\$35	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast/Evaluation Contest	\$15	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch/District Council Meeting	\$20	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner/Humorous Speech Contest	\$35	X	X		X
Total:		\$125	\$90	\$40	\$55
20% Early Registration Discount		(\$25)	(\$18)	(\$ 8)	(\$11)
Total Due with Early Discount:		\$100	\$72	\$32	\$44

Vegetarian Meals Requested

Name (Please Print) _____

Address _____

Make Check Payable to:

D-58 Toastmasters

Send Check & Completed Registration form to:

Bill May
 175 Foster Street
 Cowpens, SC 29330

Phone # & E-mail Address _____

Your Club Number _____

District 58, Region VIII, Toastmasters



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With Regrets We Announce

Each District in Toastmasters International participates in the Distinguished District Program (DDP). Points are assigned in four areas called Critical Success Factors (CSF). The CSF's are: 1) CTMs, 2) ATMs, 3) Membership (called per caps), and 4) Net Growth (New Clubs). All Districts who meet their goal in the four CSFs are Distinguished Districts. Additional points are earned for exceeding the benchmark with the top six Districts point wise being President's Distinguished, and the next six Districts being Select Distinguished.

While Year 2001/2002 was a remarkable year with many positive achievements for District 58, the fact is, we failed to meet the standard for membership by 30 members.

Our challenge is to move forward with our sights set on going beyond Distinguished all the way to President's Distinguished and the number one District in the world!

Let's Roll District 58!

How is Your Club Doing on its Quest to Earn a Smedley Award

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 now know 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.

Goals # 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 help 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.



Dr. Ralph Smedley

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.