



Low Country Club News



Dare to be Great!

A Newsletter For the Low Country Toastmasters, By the Low Country Toastmasters!

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From my Cluttered Desk to Yours!

This is Your Newsletter. The aim is to inform, entertain and offer a point-counter point forum, when necessary, for important Low Country TM issues.

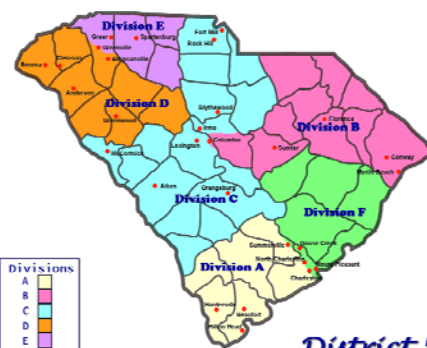
You ARE the Low Country Toastmasters. Send me (mathurs@musc.edu; 843-556-5966) your tidbits, success stories, tips on helping clubs that are teetering and issues that you have an opinion on. I am sure you have many.

The Division Governors have the right to accept or decline the contributions.

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Who are the Low Country Toastmasters ?

The Low Country Toastmasters are the members of Divisions A and F (areas white and green in the map). This edition of Low Country Newsletter will introduce the various Toastmaster clubs and their Areas in Divisions A and F.



District 58

Map showing the Divisions in District 58

Division A: Governor Patricia Henley, DTM (843-818-3028; pronernah@hotmail.com)

(Includes Charleston, Beaufort, Berkeley, Colleton, Dorchester, and Jasper Counties, including Hilton Head)



Area 11: Governor
Jennifer Shambrook, ACG, CL (AL Qualified)
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- 5497 College of Charleston TM
- 1005 Daybreak Club
- 4513 Downtown Charleston TM
- 3734 Bee Successors Club
- 1214 MUSC Club



Area 12: Governor Theresa P. Dinius, ATM-G (843-762-0035; jjdinius@bellsouth.net)

- 3170 Dolphin Club
- 601452 El Cid Toastdaws TM
- 8292 Low Country Officers Club
- 7017 Monday Munchers



Area 13: Governor Subbi P. Mathur, ACG, CL (843-556-5966; mathurs@musc.edu)

- 7960 Allaboard Club
- 792982 Bridgeview TM Club
- 649 Cooper River Orators
- 719448 The A Team Club



Area 14: Governor Ervin G. Sebastian, ATM-S (843-379-3793; grow@stepuptoit.com)

- 607838 Bluffton Speech Achievers Club
- 2525 Beaufort Club
- 7199 Fast Trackers Club

Division F: Governor John A. Mallon, DTM (843-871-2304; mallona@bellsouth.net)

(Includes the Charleston, North Charleston, Goose Creek)



Area 61: Governor Anne Atchison, ATM-G (atchisonann@aol.com)

- 7166 Greenwave Gabbers TM
- 2091 Redbank Club
- 8627 Spawar System Center Club
- 6299 Trolley Talkers Club
- 596233 YMCA Yakkers TM



Area 62: Governor Henrietta Woodward ATM-S (hjward226@aol.com)

- 5953 Charleston Classics TM
- 8788 Coastmasters Club
- 8351 NAVFAC Eagles TM Club
- 683145 Quoizel Quackers TM Trident Tek Talkers Club



Area 63: Governor Brian Richards, ATM-G (brianrichards@comcast.net)

- 4575 Blackband Club
- 7227 Daniel Island TM Club
- 2575 Mt. Pleasant TM
- 7783 Pleasant Speakers TM
- 888485 TRC TM Club

Toastmasters, you make us proud!

Bobby Jonte, our Low country toastmaster, was the winner in the District 58 Humorous Speech Competition

(shown below with Fred Broughton DTM and Margaret Wan DTM).



What motivates the President and Executive officer of the Bank of Greeleyville, and a director of South-eastern Bancorp to jump on stage and belt out a rib-splitting story? That story won the first prize in the District 58 humorous speech competition, 2006.

Winning comes naturally to Bobby. This was the second time he won the District 58 speech contest (winner, 2001). He also won the Table Topics contest for District 58 in 2002. Bobby served as an Area 12 governor in 1988.

He won the Close-up magic contest at the S.C. Association of Magicians convention in 2000 and was voted Magician of the year for Ring 106 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians in 2000.

Bobby published his first book "It's the Same old Lie" with his son Robert, and writes a column "The Mt. Hope Scrolls" for the Kingstree News. He has had several articles published in national aviation magazines.

As a pilot for more than 35 years, he has taught more than 100 people to fly. He has flown more than 15,000 flight hours and has flown acrobatic displays from South Carolina to Texas. He currently flies a North American AT-6 (World War II trainer). Bobby is a licensed auctioneer and a Lay Speaker in the Methodist Church. He has presented to more than 900 audiences. Bobby lives in Greeleyville with his wife Beth (of 32 years) and his sons Robert and Thomas.

Best of luck, Bobby, for the Region 8 contest! You make us Proud!

The Quoizel Quackers celebrate member achievement and Holidays

The Quoizel Quackers, a Corporate Club in Goose Creek SC, has recently had their members **Carolyn Bird** and **Regina Ruopoli** receiving their Competent Communicator awards from Toastmasters International. They also had a special themed meeting and luncheon prior to Christmas. Each member of the Quoizel Quackers played secret Santa. Each member randomly opened a gift and had to speak about the gift for one to three minutes. Gifts ranged from serious to very strange, and the result was an extremely funny and interesting meeting.

Carolyn Bird holding her CC pin, Maria Brennan, TMOD and Marion Miller, President



Regina Ruopoli, CC in action



Reported by: John Kauth, ATM-B, CL

TRC Toastmasters, roaring along!

TRC meets at noon every Wednesday. Three to 9 members are sure to attend the meeting. The agenda is full for EVERY meeting. Area 12 Governor and a member, **Theresa Dinius, ACG, CL** reports: "Even though we are young, we are sincere in our efforts. Seven of our members have given over 4 speeches in the basic manual and one member is working on his 7th speech. Four of our members are half way through the newest Competent Leader manual. Recently TRC Toastmasters "manned" a booth at the TRC annual craft fair and gave out brochures about TRC Toastmasters, attracting a major interest from the visitors. If you are in the neighborhood of Webster University come on by and visit us!!!"

Kesha Wall, Tammy Simpo, Patricia Henley, Darla Rice (President), Mark Royal, (VPE)



International Scientific Presenters Toastmasters Club makes its debut

What do two retired MUSC Faculty members Drs. **Subbi and Rajesh Mathur**, Assistant Dean for Postdoctoral Affairs Dr. **Edward L. Krug**, and the Director of International programs and Services **Rebeca Mueller** have in common? These four musketeers are determined to mold the graduate students, post-doctoral research fellows and the junior faculty of the MUSC into the best international scientific presenters and become true leaders in their fields. **International Scientific Presenters Toastmasters club** is committed to improving the communication and leadership skills of the budding scientists of MUSC.

The first meeting of ISP was held on December 7, 2006 and was attended by the District 58 Governor **Fred Broughton, DTM**, Division A Governor **Patricia Henley, DTM**, ISP sponsors, and the graduate students and postdoctoral fellows of MUSC.

The ISP will meet at 12 noon on Friday, January 12, 2007, followed by meeting at noon every Thursday beginning January 18, 2007 at the Harper Student Wellness Center, 45 Courtenay Drive, Charleston.



Bing Wang, Peko Tsuji, Christine

Walters, Fred Broughton, DTM, Mr. Srinivas, Edward L. Krug, CC, CL, and Patricia Henley, DTM,



Fred Broughton, DTM, Edward L. Krug, CC, CL, Rebeca Mueller, and Patricia Henley, DTM

Our Division A Governor Patricia Henley gets inducted into DTM



Division A gets recognized for its achievement:

Division A garnered a special award from the Lieutenant Governor for Marketing, Sharon Reshni during our District 58 Fall Conference for completing 94% of their membership dues collection.

Future District and Regional Meetings: Plan to Attend!

District 58 Spring Conference: April 14-15, 2007 Details to follow.

Region VIII Conference: June 15-16, 2007 (Education sessions,

Friday Fun night, International

Speech Contest and Awards Banquet), Greenville Marriott, Greenville, SC. Do not miss this exciting and fun-filled conference!

Toastmasters Leadership Institute: Mark your Calendars

Divisions B and C: January 13, 2007, Columbia, SC;

Divisions D&E: February 10, 2007, Greenville, SC

Divisions A&F: February 3, 2007, Charleston, SC

Divisions B and C: January 13, 2007, Columbia, SC

All information for the upcoming TLI in the Midlands is now on the District Website.

Registration can be done by email directly to **Douglas Wilson, DTM** (dwwilsondtm@earthlink.com, by mail or online.

Low Country Leadership Clubs

Low Country toastmasters, did you know that we have two officers' clubs focused on improving the quality of our Toastmaster clubs?

Low Country Officers' Club and A Team, meet at 8:30 AM every second Saturday at West of Ashley Ryan's Steakhouse and Grill.

Our immediate Past District 58 Governor Cat Angus, DTM, presented a historical perspective for both clubs in her email to Patricia Henley, DTM, Division A Governor:

Thanks for asking what I know about LOCO and A Team. Let me just cover the purpose of the two clubs from my experience. I have been a guest/guest speaker at both clubs in the last few years back and I am knowledgeable about how things occurred, how the clubs came into

being, and their purposes.

Historically, LOCO (Low Country Officers Club) was chartered in 2002 as a mirror club to Officers Club (a club established in 1992 in the midlands) specifically as a club to help educate and train leaders. A club has also just been established (spring, 2006) in the upstate for the same purpose.

The **mission of the LOCO** originally was **two fold**. The first goal was to help the officers of the clubs in the Divisions learn and grow and become better leaders. This is an educational focus, such as learning the responsibilities of the offices, tricks and techniques to make the job easier, and to learn other things as well, such as the need for and appropriate use of parliamentary procedure, by-laws, etc. This focus extends beyond the club...and includes helping Area and Division leaders become better trained. **This is strictly an educational focus, and as such, allows the clubs to sponsor an officer to membership in LOCO FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.** The member then brings the knowledge back to his/her home club to increase the effectiveness of the club and sharing the light so to speak. The **second goal** of the LOCO was again, educational. Not everyone who comes to LOCO will be an officer. Some are members who are aspiring to do more, who want to move beyond the club, who want to be leaders. Here is where they learn those skills.

The **A-Team** was founded by Fred Malone when I was Lt. Gov. of Marketing following a club I chartered in the Midlands called UGOS. The A-Team is an advanced

club and the sole function of A-Team was to **promote new clubs**. They were to form the core of the demo teams that were going to go out and help the Low Country grow. Since most of the people who do this are the officers and the dedicated leaders, the A-Team actually was done as an offshoot of LOCO, chartered by having the LOCO members join.

The purposes of these two clubs should NOT overlap. A-Team is not educational in the same way as LOCO. **It should be a place for clubs with problems to come to learn how to fix the problems and build membership.** This is NOT the same as training people to be officers.

Either can be a training ground . LOCO is educational for officers and A-Team should be trouble shooters and club builders. Both clubs can encourage the rest of the Low Country clubs to sponsor a member to the club with the purpose of becoming educated and helping the club. However, the clubs' missions do not overlap and the meetings may have some purpose in occurring back to back, but as we have already learned from the challenges we had with a few clubs, when you start meeting together instead of each club sustaining its own mission, eventually you come to a crisis where you will either split or lose one or both clubs. I highly recommend that these clubs move forward with their original purpose and do a little PR work through out the two divisions to motivate new members to the clubs

. The purposes for which they were established were worthwhile and very positive. That said, however, it is up

to the clubs and their boards if they want to change the "flavor" and purpose for which these clubs were founded.

I hope that this "historical" perspective will help. Feel free to relay the information to the boards and membership of both clubs..”

Patricia Henley, Division A Governor defines the goals: “The goal for both clubs is to develop, nurture and support new leadership - passing on the baton; by sharing strengths, skills, experiences acquired in communication and leadership, for example, show/ demonstrate positive ways to perform club officer duties – delegating tasks, spearheading initiatives, fostering dynamic meetings, effective speech competitors, speech development, Please give this some thought; come up with ideas or helpful questions, suggestions - together we make a difference. I will touch basis with each of you, shortly. Thank you.”

Dare to be Great! Because, Toastmasters are Simply Amazing!!”

If your club is doing a wonderful job, such as keeping up the members’ attendance, and achieving distinguished club goals, please share your ideas with us during these meetings of the LOCO and A Team

If you are having problems, please share them with them. Volunteer to speak about toastmaster club related topics.

Directives from the District 58 to the Low Country Club members

Understand the Leadership Training Institute and club officer accountability Requires two four-

hour sessions for at least four officers each time.

Teach the VP's how and what to do in their respective roles – V.P. for Public relations, are called upon by our District Governor for a Low country Newsletter representing ANY achievement by our members whether that be in TM or another forum.

We also need to address new officers and the criteria and qualities sought. Indeed, need to "unearth" those who may have aspirations to serve on District Educational Council (DEC), or need to consider it.

The above captioned subjects are proposed as themes for November, December and January. A-Team and LOCO meetings.

We are asked to explore and develop ways to support and nurture clubs experiencing dwindling memberships. Such clubs will need assistance to return to a level of vitality of a thriving and sustainable club.

Who will be the members of the LOCO and A team? Any interested member of the Low country clubs. Division A and F Governors, Area Governors, Presidents and officers of all clubs—in short,

Encourage your officers and members to join both the clubs.

**From the District 58 Website:
Tips to improve Club Membership:
Conduct the Speech craft Program
Speech craft is Your Club's #1 Membership Building Tool!**

Speech craft is a program designed to teach non-members public speaking skills. Experienced members of your

Club present the fundamentals of public speaking in the atmosphere of a Toastmasters club meeting. Speech craft brings prospective new members into your club to see, first-hand, what Toastmasters is all about. It is a great way to promote your club in your community or company..

Speech craft also benefits the members of your club. The program gives club members new opportunities to exercise their communication and leadership abilities. The program also enhances club programming, which in turn increases interest and attendance among all members.

How the Program Works

Speech craft can be presented as an integral part of your club meeting or as a seminar-style program presented outside of the club, at a different location and time. It can be conducted in four, six, or eight sessions.

Presenting the program within the club provides participants with a sample of the Toastmasters club experience, making it easier for them to become members at the conclusion of the program. The Speech craft program need not disturb the usual club programming. Instead, a portion of each of the eight meetings is devoted to Speech craft. It is suggested an extra 30 minutes be added to the club meeting. Trimming the business portion of the meeting can also yield extra time .

Conducting the program outside of the club has advantages, too. More participants can be accommodated because more time is available. You can conduct the program for a particular group, civic club, or company at the group's location. Also, a Speech craft program outside the club often leads to the formation of a new Toastmasters club.

How To Get Started

The Speech craft starting kit (Catalog No. 205) is available from World Headquarters and contains materials for up to five participants. Additional materials may be ordered separately.

Number of Participants

If Speech craft is presented within the club, five to 10 participants are needed. For programs presented outside the club, more participants can easily be accommodated.

Turning Prospects into New Members

Speech craft participants are prospective new members for your club. They will join your club if they are impressed by the club and can see the benefits they will receive from their experience. Impress participants and help them benefit by conducting the best program possible. Make them feel welcome. Finally, before the last session, ask participants to join the club. You may be able to combine Speech craft graduation with a new member induction ceremony.

Speech craft has several benefits. Participants become a part of your club meetings. They come to know and enjoy the club's fellowship while gaining confidence and training in their communication skills. Many of our members indicate they joined their club because they participated in a Speech craft program. Clubs that conduct a Speech craft program at least once each year have few membership problems.

Struggling Clubs: Help is not far away

Please make an effort to contact the Division A Governor Patricia Henley DTM or Division F Governor John Mallon so that you can attend the meetings of the A team and get group.

support and practical ideas to succeed **If this does not work**, contact Club Coach Coordinator Vida Jennings at vida.jennings@worldnet.att.net.

United we Stand, Divided we Fall!

A concerted effort is being made to communicate with the representatives of all our Division A and F toastmaster clubs (Low Country Clubs). Many of our clubs are not doing as well as they ought to in terms of membership or achieving their educational goals. Please make an effort and join the leadership of the LOCO and A Team. Values are educational as well as offering devices to heal your ailing club.

These clubs provide you with a forum to mingle and get cross pollinated with progressive and creative ideas. You go back to your club invigorated and ready for action.

A leader looks beyond him/ her, foregoing his/her ego, unselfishly focusing on the betterment of fellow toastmasters. It is this kind of service leadership that has brought District 58 to be on the pinnacle of the toastmaster world.

Let us promise that we shall stand behind our fearless leaders, suppressing divisive elements and device ways of improving club atmosphere, meeting programs and the membership.

Officers, remember:

To promptly enter all the educational awards and paid dues on the Toastmaster International website.

Send four officers to be trained in February.

Plan for the Speech Contests.