



Low Country Club News



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

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From my Cluttered Editor's Desk to Yours!

- You DID IT! Division A is 100% compliant in membership renewal
- Make sure that all your members are paid for and you have added new members
- Congratulations, Area 11 Governor Kenneth D. Ivery, Area 12 Governor, Patricia Buckley, Area 13 Governor Rajesh S. Mathur and Area 63 Governor Tracy Brokes for completing all

their club visits!

- Area Governors and Club Presidents: Did you know of the learning opportunity offered by our leadership clubs, The LOCO and the A team? Attend these meetings at 8:30 AM on the second Saturdays of every month at Ryan's Steakhouse, 829. Saint Andrews Boulevard, Charleston. Toastmasters
- Leadership Institute for Divisions A and F: February 2, 2008. Mark your calendars. Subbi P. Mathur, DTM, Division A Governor; 843-556-5966; mathurs@musc.edu

Our Low Country Toastmasters soar high!

- Heartiest Congratulations to Andrew Davis, CC, a member of Cooper River Orators, Area 13 Division A, for winning the **Second Prize in District 58 Humorous Speech Contest.**
- Heartiest Congratulations, Peggy Bangle, ACS, CL, a member of The Dolphins Toastmasters, Area 12, Division A, for winning the **third prize in the District 58 Speech Evaluation Contest.**

Heartiest Congratulations to James

Clifford of Division F for being a contestant at the District 58 Humorous Speech contest.



District 58 Humorous Speech Contest Second Place Winner, **Andrew Davis** (center) flanked by **Douglas Wilson, DTM**, District 58 Governor and **Margaret Wan DTM**, International Director



District 58 Speech Evaluation Contest Third Place Winner, **Peggy Bangle** (center).

Low Country Toastmasters get the Bragging Rights: Three of Four currently inducted Distinguished Toastmasters are from the Low country

Theresa Dinius, DTM (Former Area 12 Governor and Member, The Dolphins), **Subbi P. Mathur, DTM** (Division A Governor; MUSC

Toastmasters) and **Jennifer Shambrook, DTM** (former Area 11 Governor, MUSC Toastmasters) were inducted into the company of a long line of DTMs during the Fall Conference held on October 20 in Myrtle Beach, SC



Theresa Dinius, DTM, flanked by **Patricia Henley, DTM** and **Margaret Wan, DTM**



Subbi P. Mathur, DTM, flanked by **Douglas W. Wilson, DTM** and **Margaret Wan**



Jennifer Shambrook, DTM, receiving the award from **Douglas W. Wilson, DTM**

Chakisse Newton, DTM, winner of the District 58 Humorous Speech Contest, 2007, was the fourth DTM who was inducted that night. Here are the happy Lady DTMs!



District 58 Fall Conference October 20-21 at Myrtle Beach, SC, highly successful!

District 58 Fall Conference, with its speech evaluation and humorous speech contests and DTM induction and exciting leadership and presentation sessions, was awesome. Wish more of you were present at the conference.

Did you know that you did not have to purchase lunches and dinners to attend the contests and other events? You can register for the Conference and attend all sessions, without eating during the sessions.

Dates to Keep:

Divisions A and F

- **The Leadership Training Institute, Divisions A and F** (we do not have a central TLI in winter as we do in September: this is the only chance you have if you do not want to travel to Columbia or Greenville/Spartanburg): **9:30 AM, Saturday, February 2, 2008 at the Bond Hall, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29401.** Please send four or more of officers to complete getting the one goal for distinguished club award

Please register online at the district 58 website (<http://www.toastmasters-d58.org>). Registration and payments will be made online through the district 58 website. For further information, please contact Subbi P. Mathur, DTM, Division A Governor at mathurs@musc.edu, or John Kauth, ACS, CL at johnkauth@mindspring.com.

- **International Speech and Table Topics Contests** for the Areas and Divisions will be held starting February, 2008. The dates are: **Division A and F Contests: 9:30 AM, Saturday, March 29, 2008** at the MUSC Harper Student Wellness Center Auditorium, 45 Courtenay Drive, Charleston, SC 29425. Please contact Subbi P. Mathur, DTM at mathurs@musc.edu and John Kauth, ACS, CL at johnkauth@mindspring.com. **Area 13 (Division A) Contests: 9:30 AM, Saturday, March 22, 2008**, at the MUSC Harper Student Wellness Center Auditorium, 45 Courtenay Drive, Charleston, SC 29425. Please contact Rajesh S. Mathur, ACG, CL at mathurrs@musc.edu; *Start holding your club and area contests in January and February. Area Governors, please be ahead of the game and decide on the dates and venues for your Area contests and communicate with your club officers. This is important. We have promising and talented speakers and have a chance to have a Mega Winner in the world. LET US DO IT!*

District 58 Spring Conference: April 18-20, 2008, Hilton Hotel, Greenville South Carolina. Please visit our District 58 website for details or Patricia Gann, DTM,

our Lt. Governor for Education and Training at pgann@comporium.net for further information.

- **District 58 Fall Conference: October 17-19, 2008** in Charleston, SC. Hurray! The venue will be announced later. Those of you who have inside information on hotels to hold this exciting event, please contact Subbi P. Mathur, DTM, mathurs@musc.edu or 843-556-5966. Thanks.
- **Other TLIs in District 58:**
January 26th Div B&C
February 9th Div D&E

Future Toastmasters International Meetings

2008

August 13-16; The TELUS Convention Centre, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

2009

August 12-15; MGM Grand at Foxwoods, Mashantucket, Connecticut

2010

August 11-14: Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

2011

August 17-20; Bally's Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada

Verify that you have submitted all your members' educational awards online or fax.

Divisions A and F International Speech and Table Topics Contests, March 29, 2008

Get ready at the individual and club level to hold contests for International Speech and Table Topics. Contestants, please start preparing your talks from now on. Club V.P.s for Education, please start scheduling

your club contests by January so that you are ready to send your contestants to the Area Contests. Alternatively, you can choose your representatives for contesting at the Area level. Areas, however, have to hold a contest in order to send contestants at the Division level. Area Governors, please make sure to hold your Area Contests in February so that your winners are ready to compete in the Divisions A and F contests at 9:30 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at the MUSC Harper Student Wellness

Speak up Toastmasters day September 29, 2007 was a huge success

Our Membership Campaign for all the Toastmaster clubs in the low country of both divisions A and F, held at 10 AM on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at the Citadel Mall, Charleston, was great. WE HAD VOLUNTEERS FROM 17 OF 33 CLUBS TO HELP IN THIS EVENT. The speeches were awesome and more importantly, the toastmasters from different clubs got to meet and got to know each other. The Parade of banners was awesome.

Count Down to June 30, 2008: Start NOW!

- Recruit as many members as possible and pay their dues online ASAP
- Find out from your graced members why they are graced and what they would like to see your club do
- Collect the dues from your graced members and pay them online
- Make sure you have four CCs, 2 ACs and 2 CLs/ALs?DTMs to snag President's distinguished club status for your club.

- Elect your officers before June 30 (annual) and enter them online before June 30 to gain one goal.
- Compare your list of club achievements with that of the Toastmasters
- Go to <http://www.toastmasters.org> to the District Performance Reports and check the number of distinguished club goals that your club has achieved so far.
- You need to have 20 members or a net growth of 5 members to be eligible for a distinguished club status. Enrich your clubs with new members and fresh ideas.

Let us work hard and get District 58 to be on the top of all the districts in the world

Excerpt from Charleston Post and Courier:

MUSC Toastmasters share skills

Thursday, September 20, 2007

The MUSC Toastmasters Club was founded in 2002 to promote communication and leadership skills in a mutually supportive and positive learning environment. MUSC Toastmasters Club is known for its commitment to the community and has won the President's Distinguished Award, the highest toastmaster award to a club, each year since it was founded, including this year. It is the only toastmaster club among 33 clubs in the Lowcountry to retain the award this year.

Marlena Davis, vice president for education of MUSC Toastmasters, recently won the Area 11 Humorous Speech contest (five clubs participating) and is proceeding to Division A contest Oct. 6, 2007 (*Up date: Marlena Davis won the second*

prize in division A humorous speech contest). The MUSC Toastmasters Club has continued the tradition of giving back to the community by developing a Marketable Skills for Career Development and Leadership Workshop for nonprofit organizations presented last year by **Subbi P. Mathur, Ph.D., DTM**, professor emeritus of MUSC, along with the MUSC Toastmasters Club President **Rajesh S. Mathur, Ph.D., ACG, CL**, and **Marie Louise Moreto, ACG, CL**.

The goals of the program are to share the knowledge and leadership skills acquired as toastmasters with those less fortunate, thus enriching their lives, and to provide a template for nonprofit organizations for organizing marketable skills workshops. The focus of this year's presentation is creating a workshop for enhancing presentation skills. This program will be presented in collaboration with South Carolina Association of Volunteer Organizations and is titled "Facets of Communication: The Art of Effective Communication." The event will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Midlands Center in Columbia.

The same group of MUSC Toastmasters also will participate in the Low Country Association of Volunteer Organizations during the fall workshop titled: "Tool Box for the Volunteer Manager" at 9 a.m. Oct. 11 at the Lonnie Hamilton III Public Services Building, 4045, Bridge View Drive, North Charleston, Room B 339 (EOC room).

For information on MUSC Toastmasters, contact Subbi P. Mathur at mathurs@musc.edu or 556-5966

You can publish stories about your club's accomplishments in Post and courier:

If your club members have bragging rights to a wonderful achievement, you can brag about it in a single page submission to:

yournews@postandcourier.com

There were 24 stories on Low country toastmasters submitted by us that got published. Just go ahead and try.

Dolphins (#5170) celebrate their 40th Anniversary

The Dolphins celebrated their 40th anniversary on November 4 at the Drayton Hall. Heartiest Congratulations, Dolphins!

A Special LOCO and A Team Event, Saturday December 8, 2007; Don't miss

"A BluePrint to Calgary, Alberta, Canada!!!" will be the theme for a special LOCO/A Team event under the direction of our Lt. Governor for Marketing, Patricia Henley, DTM. All our Low country Division and Area Governors, club Presidents, officers and members are cordially invited to attend and participate in a group discussion on matters very relevant to the health of our low country toastmaster clubs. Division and Area Governors of the low country will contribute to the discussion.

The meeting will be held at 8:30 AM on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at Ryan's Family Steakhouse and Grill, 829 St. Andrew's Boulevard, Charleston, S.C. 29407.

Heartiest Congratulations to Patricia Henley, DTM for being appointed a Magistrate for South Carolina by Governor Mark Sanford. Hurray!

