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## Spring Conference was Spectacular!

The Spring Conference was a phenomenal event. Hats off to Carolyn Wilson and Lee Montgomery who served as conference co-chairs. They established a wonderful team and created a successful plan. If you were not in Greenville you missed a treat. Ed Tate had the group using gestures to reinforce learning points. Lee Holliday differentiated between leadership and management. Later in the afternoon, Lee shared proposed changes in the Toastmasters governance system that will be placed before the membership for a vote in 2009.

During our District business meeting officers were elected for the 2008-2009 membership year. Congratulations to Patricia Gann who will serve the members of District 58 as District Governor. Visit our website for a complete listing of 2008-2009 elected officer positions. Other conference highlights include our Table Topics and International Speech Contests. Chakisse Newton is the 2008 District Table Topics Champion. Henry Flowers, IV is our International Speech Champion. Henry will continue in his quest to become the next World Champion of Public Speaking when he competes at the Region VIII Conference in Atlanta, GA in June.

During the day there were several interactive educational sessions. The membership heard from two International Director Candidates and managed to squeeze in some FUN! From the Build-A-Tale Contest sponsored by Palmetto Mastercrafters on Friday night until the Breakfast with Ed on Sunday conference participants were on a Toastmasters High. The conference team executed a spectacular conference and has primed the palate for the Fall. Charleston don't drop the ball 'cause you're next!

## The Measure of Success

### Distinguished Club Plan

How do you know you are succeeding? What is the measure of a successful club? Project Management teaches us that we should use SMART goals. Our goals need to be **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ttainable, **R**ealistic, and **T**imely. The Distinguish Club Plan (DCP) gives us exactly that. We know SPECIFICALLY how many Competent Communicators (CCs) or Advanced Communicator awards we need. Completing a manual is a MEASURABLE goal. We know when we have completed the task. To give ten speeches is an ATTAINABLE and REALISTIC goal. And setting a goal for the Toastmasters year, July 1 – June 30, is TIMELY.

Teaching our club members about the Distinguished Club Plan, not only helps our club, but it helps each member set SMART goals for themselves. As we watch our members reach their goals and aspirations, we as a club benefit.

Do the SMART thing, dust off the DCP and talk about it in your club today.

## **Palmetto Toastmaster**

is the newsletter for District 58 (the state of South Carolina). The newsletter will be published quarterly, at a minimum.

If you have information you would like to submit to **Palmetto Toastmaster**, please contact the editors.

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## International Proxies:



Club presidents recently received proxy votes for Regional/International voting. **REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PROXIES SHOULD BE SIGNED AND SENT TO THE ADDRESS ON THE PROXY, THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR.** If you attend the Regional or International Conferences, you can request that during the Regional/International Business meeting, the District Governor give your ballot to you vote to vote. It is imperative to have the proxies voted by you personally or the District Governor.

## From the District Governor



What an incredible year this has been for Toastmasters in South Carolina.

We kicked off this year with record breaking attendance at our Summer Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) and a great round of make-up training to have the largest number of trained members ever recorded. Then we had a super round of Contests and our "BE the LIGHT for Toastmasters" Fall Conference. Who will forget the coral accompaniment to our Humorous Speech Contest!!

Winter TLI also set some records for attendance, and the Spring Conference in Greenville was one of the most memorable we have had, with a good attendance and lots of fun and learning.

Now there are less than two months left in our Toastmasters year, and we still have lots of work to do in order for our Clubs to be successful. Many Clubs are in need of membership growth to achieve recognition for Distinguished Club, Select Distinguished Club or even President's Distinguished Club status.

Here is where you, the member come in. We need your help. I have been writing and speaking all year about the wonderful light that shines in you and how it acts as a guide for others, to show them a new path to a better, more confident life and experience through Toastmasters. Many of the Club lights in our District are burning on a low setting. We ask you to pledge to tell others about your growth and experience in Toastmasters and invite them to your Club meeting, so that they will enroll in our program and see the light for themselves. By doing this we turn the switch on our Club Lights from Low to Medium to High.

The increased membership will bring more enthusiasm to our Club meetings, enrich our lives with stories of new experiences, and help us achieve our goals toward Distinguished Clubs. It will also change the life of everyone who is touched by the Toastmasters LIGHT.

If you will pledge to bring a new member into your club between now and June 30, please email me at [dwwilsondtm@earthlink.net](mailto:dwwilsondtm@earthlink.net) to let me know of your commitment. And when you DO enroll a new member, email me to let me share in your accomplishment. Together we can make our Clubs stronger, which will radiate a brilliant light throughout our organization. Our Attitude of Excellence will be the spark which will "BE the >>LIGHT<< for all Toastmasters" throughout South Carolina and the World.

Will you help us to BEAT THE CLOCK???

Douglas Wilson, DTM, District 58 Governor

## We want your ideas!

Do you have an idea for an article? Do you have great club news? Has someone in your club been honored at work or in the community?

Please submit your ideas, suggestions and remarks to:

District 58 PRO  
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## Toastmasters in the News

**Karen Basso, DTM** was featured on the local NBC affiliate as "A Person to Count On." Karen was recognized for her volunteer efforts with Sistercare. Karen was nominated for this community award by fellow toastmaster **Lamanda Gaskins, DTM**.

(We want to put your name in lights too, send your notable accomplishments to the editor.)

## Brag Board

Congratulations to **Rajesh Mathur, Marie-Louise Moreto** and **Charles Schuster** District 58's newest Distinguished Toastmasters.

Special recognition to **Subbi Mathur** who earned her second DTM.

### NEW CLUBS!

*We Welcome These New Clubs:*  
Club 112811 –MetLife Greenville  
Toastmasters-Division E

Club 1154856 – Blue Ridge  
Blabblers-Division E

Club 1160365 –Verizon Wireless  
1-Division C

## From the Lt. Governor of Education & Training



Oh No! It's the middle of May and there is only a month left in the Toastmaster year and I still have to give four more speeches to complete this manual. How am I going to get them all in before the end of the year? We have full agendas for the next several meetings.

Don't panic, there are still ways of getting this done.

For example; if your club has a large number of members and has difficulty accommodating all those who want to speak at meetings, the club may occasionally conduct a special meeting devoted entirely to presenting prepared speeches. However, any meeting held for the sole purpose of giving manual speeches must adhere to the following:

- Each speech should be prepared carefully to allow the speaker to focus on the project's objectives.
- All speeches must receive both written and verbal evaluations.
- Each Toastmaster is limited to one speech at any meeting for credit toward any CC or AC award.

The only reason such meetings may be held is to help the individual member improve speaking skills, and they may be organized only by a club.

You also should be aware that all speeches from the *Competent Communication* manual must be given within a club environment, with the exception that up to two projects may be presented outside of the club environment with advance approval from the vice president education. When giving speeches from the manual, members shall strive to meet the objectives of each project, including time limits. Members must receive both written and verbal evaluations for all speeches. Up to two projects from each *Advanced Communication Series* manual may be given outside of a club environment, again with advance approval from your VPE.

To answer another question about the old Competent Leader (CL) award, the June 30th deadline is only to get credit for the Old CL, no other awards. Members who have earned the Old CL can still use that credit towards the next award anytime after the deadline is over. Just be sure the Old CL is awarded by the deadline.

Looking forward to seeing all those educational achievements posted before the end of the TI year. Because you all truly are the Light!

...Patricia Gann, DTM, LGET

## From the Lieutenant Governor of Marketing



WHY DID WE JOIN TOASTMASTERS? Most members joined because someone invited them to a meeting or maybe their boss suggested they join. What about you? Think of what Toastmasters has done for you. Think of the people you know who could benefit from joining Toastmasters.

Make a list, speak with each one, and invite them to your club meeting to see for themselves. Use your "bragging rights." Give them the opportunity you have! If each member brings one guest to club meetings and invites them to join – we will not only meet but exceed our membership goals!! New members bring new ideas, different experiences and enthusiasm to club meetings.

May 1 – June 30 is Toastmasters International BEAT THE CLOCK contest. Remember that it isn't just about finishing a speech on time; it's about finishing this year with a bang!

I urge you to do your very best – if each of us brings just one new member this assures District 58 will meet – its 2008 membership goals!! Your ARE ...the LIGHT for Toastmasters.

... Patricia Henley, DTM, Lt. Gov. Marketing

**Your Newly Elected  
2008-2008  
District Officers**

**District Governor:**  
Patricia Gann, DTM

**Lt. Governor of Education  
and Training:**  
Patricia Henley, DTM  
Lamanda Gaskins, DTM

**Lt. Governor of Marketing:**  
Vida A. Jennings, DTM

**Division A Governor:**

**Division B Governor:**  
De'Nitra Reese, ACS, CL

**Division C Governor:**  
Randy Baxter, ACS, CL

**Division D Governor:**  
Herlane Edwards, ACS, CL

**Division E Governor:**  
Jennifer Dawson, ATM, AL

**Division F Governor:**  
John Kauth, ACS, CL

**We will feature information  
about the new officers in  
the next edition of the  
Palmetto Toastmaster.**

**Register Today for Region VIII Conference**

Registration is now available for the Region VIII Conference. Rise to Stellar Success will be in Atlanta, GA June 19-21 for more details visit [www.region8tm.org](http://www.region8tm.org).

**Save the Date! Leadership Institute is Coming!**

Mark your calendars the Summer Toastmasters Leadership Institute will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup> at Palmetto GBA, Columbia SC. Toastmasters Leadership Institute is NOT just for officers! This day is set aside to recognize the District's accomplishments and to learn how to be a better Toastmaster. And, yes, if you are an officer, it means training to learn how to be a better officer. Watch the website and email for registration forms.

For a mere \$12 and a few hours of your time, you will find workshops that will appeal to officers and non-officers alike. A full schedule and registration form will be posted on the D58 website (<http://www.toastmasters-d58.org/training.htm>) soon.

**2008 International Convention**

**August 13-16, 2008**

**Come to the 77th Annual Toastmasters International Convention!**

Now is the time to begin preparing for this summer's International Convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. See fabulous speakers, learn about public speaking and leadership from the best, root for your favorite speaker at the World Championship of Public Speaking and have a great time in beautiful Calgary.

Visit [www.toastmasters.org/Members/MemberExperience/Conferences/Convention.aspx](http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/MemberExperience/Conferences/Convention.aspx) for information on the International Convention, lodging, travel and legal requirements for visiting Canada.

**District 58 Mission**

The mission of District 58 is to enhance the performance and extend the network of clubs, thereby offering greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters educational program by focusing on the critical success factors as specified by the district educational and membership goals, by insuring that each club effectively fulfills its responsibilities to its members, and by providing effective training and leadership opportunities for club and district officers.

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

May 1 – June 30	<b>Beat the Clock</b> Membership Contest
June 19-21	Region VIII Conference, Atlanta, GA
July 19th	Toastmasters Leadership Institute (Officers Training)
August 13-16	Toastmasters Int'l Conference Calgary, Alberta, Canada
October 17 – 18	District 58 Fall Conference & Speech Contest Hilton Garden, Charleston

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## Beat the Clock May 1 - June 30

### Toastmasters International Membership Drive

Make earning the Beat the Clock award a club goal and formulate a contest in your club to motivate every member to get involved. You can be as creative as your mind can conceive – Go for it! Have fun and when you throw down the proverbial gauntlet – play to win!!

The BEAT THE CLOCK membership drive is from May 1 to June 30. Add 5 new, dual or re-instated members to the club during this period and receive an item from the Better Speaker Series, The Successful Club Series or the Leadership Excellence Series. And get credit toward the Distinguished Club goals, to boot!



Here's what my home club did: formed two (2) teams: The Mariners – donned white Sailor hats, white "T-shirts", navy bottoms; The Patriots – anything and everything RWB at each meeting. The team bringing the most guests and/or members won a terrific prize = backyard cookout prepared and served by the losing team.

- Membership applications and member payments for those who join between May 1 and June 30, must be postmarked no later than June 30 and received at World Headquarters no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time on July 7th.
- Online applications must be received no later than June 30. Each member's "join date" as listed on the application must be no later than June 30.
- Transfer and charter members do not count for credit in this contest.
- There is no need to apply for this award. Your club is automatically entered when the first new member application is received in May.

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## And the Winner Is ....Membership Challenge Results

I would like to congratulate those clubs who won our 90% renewal contest. The first 20 Clubs that renewed with 90% or better retention won a \$10 gift certificate to the Toastmasters Catalog.

- Douglas Wilson, DTM, DG

Club #	Club Name	Date	Percent	Club #	Club Name	Date	Percent
1128111	MetLife Greenville	2/12/08	100%	3734	Bee Successors	3/24/08	93%
964	Greenville	3/07/08	111%	1154856	Blue Ridge Babblers	3/24/08	100%
1393	Columbia	3/07/08	108%	6299	Trolley Talkers	3/26/08	91%
6916	PRO Speakers	3/10/08	100%	7048	Colonial	3/26/08	100%
2124	Sunrise	3/13/08	90%	7276	Power'ful	3/27/08	100%
1365	Liberty	3/14/08	92%	2040	Rock Hill	3/28/08	92%
913	Rapid Fire	3/20/08	96%	607838	Bluffton Speech Achievers	3/28/08	117%
601991	Rapid Fire II Moonlighters	3/20/08	91%	888485	TRC	3/28/08	91%
834874	Rapid Fire III Weekend Warriors	3/20/08	93%	979673	Fort Mill Stagecoaches	3/28/08	114%
1214	MUSC	3/24/08	100%	4639	Golden Strip	3/30/08	90%

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## More Ways to Win

### District 58 Challenges

#### **Club Challenge:**

Each month we recognize a Club that excels in one of two areas – Membership & Education. The Club with the most new members (not renewed or dual) in a calendar month will receive bumper stickers or business card cases to share with their members. The Club with the most Educational awards in any month will receive their choice of 'Word of the Day' vocabulary card sets or Table Topics Card sets from Toastmasters International. Or the Club may choose a \$10.00 gift certificate to the Toastmasters International product store to purchase other materials for its members.

#### **New Club Challenge:**

To each NEW Club chartered between May 1 & June 30 the District will award **Club Officers** registration for the July Kickoff TLI (Maximum 7). That means that each Charter Club Officer will get their new Toastmasters year off to a good start by attending Toastmasters Leadership Institute on us!!

**Earn individual recruiting recognition from Toastmasters International!** By sponsoring 5, 10 or 15 new members (in a Toastmasters year) the individual participants in your Club's contest automatically earn recognition from Toastmasters International! A special lapel pin (redesigned annually) is given to those who sponsor five members. For sponsoring 10 members, an exclusive gold star pin is awarded. A Toastmasters tie or ascot scarf is the reward for those sponsoring 15 or more members.

#### **Don't Forget the Beat the Clock Challenge:**

Each Club that recruits five (5) new members in the months of May and June will receive (from WHQ) a ribbon to put on your Club Banner and an Education module for your Club resource library. Based on the awards report from WHQ, this apparently includes newly chartered Clubs in the month of May and June!!

And District 58 will award a \$10 gift certificate to any Club that sponsors 5 new members in either May or June (must be in one month) or \$20 for a total of 10 or more for the May/June period. There isn't a Club in this District that could not benefit from 5 or 10 new members. What a spark of excitement going into the new year!!!

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## Going Beyond the Club

Many times when we hear the phrase going beyond the club we think about speech competition. A number of us think about district leadership opportunities such as being an Area Governor, Division Governor or serving in the Top 3. While these are ways of serving Toastmasters beyond the club, few Toastmasters are aware of the ways Toastmasters can serve the community.

Kitty Howard and Gloria Coleman recently shared their knowledge and skills gained through Toastmasters with the students of the Olympia Learning Academy in Columbia, SC. The students' motto: "Whatever my mind can conceive and believe, I will achieve." With committed participants and support from Saturday AM, Kitty and Gloria were able to successfully conduct a Youth Leadership Program for STAR academy students.

The Youth Leadership program is typically completed over a period of eight weeks. Each session lasts approximately one to two hours. Sessions follow a format similar to a regular Toastmasters Meeting. Topics covered include: impromptu speaking, organizing a speech, effective listening and using gestures. Participants incur no expense as the program is provided as community service by the sponsoring club. For more information on conducting a Youth Leadership program on the web visit [http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/MemberExperience/SatellitePrograms\\_1/YouthLeadership.aspx](http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/MemberExperience/SatellitePrograms_1/YouthLeadership.aspx)

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# District 58 Honor Roll

Educational Awards Earned From January 1<sup>st</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>

## Competent Communicator

719448 Agrest, Mikhail M.  
981611 Alderman, Eliza P.  
5953 Archibald, Sudie D  
5903 Aun, Polly Ann  
974737 Bairwa, Narendra K.  
1355 Berry, Diana P.  
922056 Bowers, Tony  
2406 Brennan, Revira E  
8292 Buckley, Patricia E  
826312 Burnley, Bryan  
5548 Bussey-McRant, Sandra  
7199 Carnes, Jason W.  
5540 Carson, Chad  
7735 Coleman, Gloria R.  
5903 Connelly, Marie Allison  
7017 Crawford, Tami L.  
913 Cruz, Katie  
3170 Dinius, Theresa P.  
6426 Dobson, Tracie Lynnette  
2406 Farley, Louise  
885186 Fernandez, Austin  
6426 Floyd, Tim  
885186 Frazier, Gary Dean  
8788 Free, James Lewis Atticus  
666346 Frost, Taranda Michelle  
7081 Harjes, Rachel F.  
6529 HESS, MARK L  
2307 Hill, Linda M.  
1005 Huddleston, Robert J.  
5497 Huddleston, Robert J.  
2947 Jago, Eileen P  
7150 Leigh, Heather  
964 Leonard, Ronald P.  
48 Lewis, Rosa Lee  
719448 Mathur, Rajesh S.  
1214 Mathur, Rajesh S.  
719448 Mathur, Subbi P.  
3734 Mathur, Subbi P.  
601991 Mcdaris, Clyde  
979673 McRae, Taiwo  
4035 Morgan, Arlene  
8788 O'Shields, Steven  
974737 Pacchion, Alejandra M  
6426 Reese, De'Nitra  
7017 Reynolds, Tanyeka M  
9475 Scott, Jon C.  
1252 Selzer, Jacob Morgan  
5548 Smalls, Wilson Edward

## Competent Communicator (cont.)

8788 Sprayberry, Jodie C.  
607838 Stark, Mary Lou  
2406 Swartz, Katherine Marie  
6529 Thompkins, Lisa B.  
964 Tyner, George T.  
902537 Varnish, Pamela  
1355 Wall, William Buxton  
2500 Wallace, Ned E.  
4575 Ward, Michael  
981611 Watts, Larry Howell  
835401 Whitener, Kasie  
601991 Widener, Jerry  
4848 Wilson, Douglas W.  
6183 Wilson, Douglas W.  
2298 Wilson, Douglas W.  
9596 Zaba, Brad M.

## Advanced Communicator Bronze

1393 Go, Imelda C  
2575 Harper, Jeanette  
7735 Hill, Patricia P.  
5497 Ivery, Kenneth Donell  
5903 Medina, Alfredo Amos  
7017 Moseley, Tarsha L  
7199 Patterson, Robert  
1005 Robinson, Herman R.  
7017 Senthikummar, Senthil  
792982 Shows, Kendall  
7735 Shuler, LaVerne  
818 Swede, Sharon T.  
48 Szafron, Brennan

## Advanced Communicator Silver

3170 Bangle, Peggy  
601991 Byrd, Curtis  
1946 Jones, Bobby H.  
5548 Thomas, Minnie P

## Advanced Communicator Gold

2070 Anderson, Geneva R.  
3170 Bangle, Peggy  
9596 Deter, Lamont D.  
719448 Mathur, Subbi P.  
601991 Miller, Andrew N.  
3170 Schuster, Charles E.

### Old Competent Leader

1355 Adams, Betty A.  
2964 Baukman, Robert E  
792982 Blevins, Andrew  
7048 Carpenter, James D.  
8814 Daniel, Angela D.  
922056 Davis, Vicent C.  
7785 De Macedo, Magali  
2575 Harper, James R.  
2575 Harper, Jeanette  
8814 Jackson, Lettie P.  
981611 Martin, Wanda M.  
3734 Mathur, Subbi P.  
922056 McDuffie, Damon D.  
48 Moore, Rosemary A.  
964 Pitchala, Venkat R.  
2555 Qureshi, Nasir Ali  
3734 Shambrook, Jennifer F  
7785 Shober, Tracy  
964 Tyner, George T.  
4472 Tyner, George T.  
929635 Tyner, George T.  
2500 Wallace, Ned E.  
772402 Wilson, Douglas W.  
6183 Wilson, Douglas W.  
4848 Wilson, Douglas W.  
9596 Zaba, Brad M.

### Competent Leader

7735 Armstead, Michael Lee  
601991 Butler, Alva  
913 Cruz, Katie  
5548 Markwood, James H  
913 Powell, Betty  
7960 Walters, Jeffrey W

### Advanced Leader Bronze

3644 Barnett, Doris  
3644 Barnett, Robert F.  
601991 Byrd, Curtis  
3960 Hill, Patricia P.  
5548 Hyder, Sandra  
5548 Markwood, James H  
888485 Nettles Edwards, Darla

### Advanced Leader Silver

1214 Mathur, Rajesh S.  
1214 Moreto, Marie-Louise  
3170 Schuster, Charles E.

### Leadership Excellence

3170 Bangle, Peggy  
1214 Mathur, Rajesh S.  
7960 Mathur, Subbi P.  
1214 Moreto, Marie-Louise

### Distinguished Toastmaster

1214 Mathur, Rajesh S.  
1214 Mathur, Subbi P.  
1214 Moreto, Marie-Louise  
3170 Schuster, Charles E.

*Congratulations on your hard work! We are PROUD of you!*

