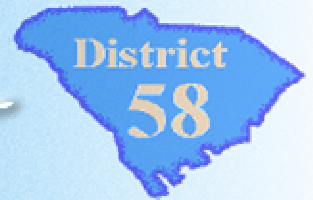




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We want your ideas!

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:

D58PRO@toastmasters-d58.org

Transitions

Continuity in District 58 Growth and Excellence!

Our District is poised to complete its third year of being distinguished (President's Distinguished, 2005-6; Distinguished, 2006-7). We are just five clubs and 13 members short of becoming distinguished. Each member of the 2008-2009 team is working diligently to make this dream a reality. Hooray for all our hardworking District Educational Council leaders, led by Douglas Wilson, DTM, District Governor.

Let us briefly review our achievements using the SMART (specifically measurable, attainable, realistic and timely) goals for attaining the distinguished status: As this is being written we have 2 Divisions, 12 Areas and 32 Clubs who have already reached distinguished or better status. Congratulations on your success!

Planning SMART was evident in the last DEC meeting of the year on Saturday, June 21, 2008, when the out-going DEC discussed their achievements, challenges and shared creative ideas for improvement. Transitions can be challenging if we do not anticipate events and plan for them.

At 1 PM, the gavel went down signaling the beginning of training of new set of district leaders headed by District Governor Elect Patricia Gann. The outgoing officers of the DEC of 2006-8 wish our successors the best of opportunities and achievements for themselves, for their clubs, areas, divisions and above all for District 58. Be the light. Learn, Lead and Pass it on!

-Subbi Mathur,DTM 2008-2009 PRO



Calendar of Upcoming Events

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June 1- June 30	Beat the Clock Membership Contest
July 19	Summer TLI, Palmetto GBA Columbia, SC
August 13- 16	Toastmasters Int'l Conference Calgary, Alberta, Canada
October 17 - 18	District 58 Fall Conference & Speech Contest Hilton Garden Inn, Charleston



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From the District Governor



WOW!! It's hard to believe that this Toastmasters year is almost over.

What a phenomenal year we have experienced! Record turnouts at both training rounds. Exceeding our Competent Communicator (CC) goal by over 50% and our Advanced Communicator (AC) goal by almost 100% (as of this writing on June 29), with more still being submitted. We even exceeded our membership goal even though we are still three Clubs short of our Club goal. Outstanding!!! And yet another District 58 Region 8 International Speech Champion – Congratulations Henry Flowers!! The fourth time in six years. Awesome!!

You all have shown me and the world that you have embraced the >>**LIGHT**<< of Toastmasters and shared it with others. There has been an incredible growth spurt these last two months as clubs reach for Distinguished Club status, or higher. And we welcomed new siblings – Met-Life Greenville – Blue Ridge Babblers (Spartanburg) – Verizon Wireless 1 (Columbia) and Health Speakers (Charleston). Twins from EMA Charleston will be delivered any minute, and there are several other confirmed pregnancies. We are growing at an incredible rate.

I thank you so much for your continued enthusiasm, support and caring for our Toastmasters family. I hope you continue to show that support for the wonderful ladies who assume the helm of our ship on July 1 and continue to **BE the >>LIGHT<< for Toastmasters** to help them guide it on a successful journey to safe harbor in 2008-2009.

A Deeply grateful -Douglas Wilson, DTM, 2007-2008 District 58 Governor

From the District Governor Elect



Congratulations fellow Toastmasters! We have exceeded our Education Goals for Competent and Advanced Communicators. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to your goals. It has been a great year. You have shown that you truly are the Light for Toastmasters and the District. It will be my privilege to serve as your District Governor in the coming year.

I look forward to working with you next year as we pursue our dream of becoming a "Presidents Distinguished District". I know what you are thinking. That sounds like a really Big Dream! It is. But I know that we can accomplish it by working together. Our theme next year is "LEARN LEAD PASS IT ON". **LEARN** – Everything you can from Toastmasters. **LEAD** – by example **PASS IT ON** – pass on your enthusiasm to others, inviting others to join, so they may reap the benefits of the Toastmasters program.

Our District Trio; LGET Lamanda Gaskins DTM, LGM Vida Jennings DTM, and I have planned many exciting and innovative programs for our District. We look forward to telling you about them. **"The stars exist so that we may know how high our dreams may soar!"** A rising star is part of our District Pin. You are the rising stars of Toastmasters and our District.

Patricia C. Gann, DTM 2008-2009 District 58 Governor



Toastmasters in the News

Henry Flowers, IV is scheduled to appear on the WACH FOX morning show to discuss his recent win in Atlanta, GA. If you live in the Columbia area tune in on Jul 1st at 7:40am.

Hartsville Toastmasters help Miss Hartsville prepare for Miss SC pageant featured online at www.hvtd.com

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.

Region VIII Victory

Henry Flowers, IV Wins International Speech Title

Henry, a Chapin, SC resident, captured Region VIII's top honors with a speech titled "My First Time." He is a member of Richland 2500 Toastmasters which meets twice a month in Columbia, SC. Henry will travel to Calgary, Alberta, Canada to vie for the title of "World Champion of Public Speaking" during the 77th annual International Convention August 13^t to 16th.



Henry is pictured with District Governor Elect Pat Gann. Join Henry and Pat at the International Conventional. Registration and additional information are available online in the members section of our International Website. Visit www.toastmasters.org/Members/MemberExperience/Conferences/Convention.aspx for more details.

Taking Care of Business: Part III

June is a month to take care of business. You might be wondering what kind of business? As a club you probably have elected your new leadership team. The important piece of business that follows elections is submitting the updated officer list to World Headquarters. To receive credit for next year's Distinguished Club Plan the list needs to be submitted by **June 30th**.

If you had not done so previously please remember to forward International Proxies to the address pre-printed on the card. It is important to have the proxies voted by you personally or the District Governor. If you attend the International Conference, you can request the District Governor return your ballot to you vote to vote.

Summer Leadership Institute

The Summer Toastmasters Leadership Institute is right around the corner. Has your club been talking about it? If you are an incoming officer, you will receive training on your position. Remember, attending officer training is an important part of building a successful year.

Toastmasters Leadership Institute is NOT just for officers! We will recognize the District's 2007-2008 accomplishments, learn how to be better Toastmasters, meet new friends and kick off the 2008-2009 membership year. Sending a minimum of four officers will count towards your 2008-2009 Distinguished Club Plan.

For just \$12 and a few hours of your time, you will find workshops that will appeal to officers and non-officers alike. Join us on July 19th for day of education, training and of course FUN! A full schedule and registration are available on the D58 website (<http://www.toastmasters-d58.org/training.htm>).

The Last Word

My how time flies. It seems like just yesterday I was designing my first issue. I have enjoyed serving as editor of this publication and look forward to continued service with the district. Thank you for all your feedback this year. We worked hard to provide you with news you can use.

Vida A. Jennings, DTM 2007-2008 PRO