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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.

Fall District 58 Conference

Oct 16-18 2009

This year's Fall District 58 Conference will be held in beautiful Spartanburg, SC with special guest Toastmasters International President, Gary Schmidt, DTM. The conference will be a great time to learn, network, and hear about the future of Toastmasters International. The Fall Conference also includes a chance to laugh with fellow Toastmasters at the humorous speech contest! Register using the registration form in this newsletter or online before October 4 for the Early Bird Special and payment plan. Help show what makes District 58 GREAT!

From the Desk of the District Governor



Can you believe that it's September already? The kids are back in school, Area Governors are making visits, Contests are in full swing, and the goals of your Club's DCP are already being realized!

Have you had some Guests and asked them to join? How about your educational goals? Have you done a manual speech lately and did you have your manuals available?

This is the time of year to check the pulse on your Club. Are there things that can be improved? Do you need help with them? If you have 12 or fewer members, talk to our Lt. Governor Marketing Subbi Mathur about a Coach! Want to know how to get those Educational goals realized? Talk to our Lt. Governor Education and Training Vida Jennings! Want to charter a Club? Talk to us about that too! We're in great shape right now, but it's the perfect time of the year to push for those early goals!

The Fall also means Conference time! This year's Fall Conference, our International President Gary Schmidt is visiting us from Oregon! It's the first time in 8 years we've been visited by an International President and it'll also be the last time for the next 14 years. So come on out and meet the man who leads this fabulous organization! His favorite movie is Star Wars, so our theme for Friday night will be; yep you guessed it, Star Wars! We'll also be roasting our Immediate Past District Governor, Pat Gann! That same weekend will also be the 85th Anniversary of the creation of Toastmasters International. So it's a weekend you don't want to miss! Take a look at the enclosed registration form, and the new payment plan we've developed. Come on out and see why District 58 is:

The Link to your Future and to the World!

Lamanda Gaskins, DTM

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TI Website
www.toastmasters.org

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d58.org](http://www.toastmasters-d58.org)

From the Lt. Governor of Education and Training



Toastmasters: “*Confidence, Leadership, Service*” is International President Gary Schmidt’s 2009-2010 theme.

My fellow Toastmasters, during your personal journey in our organization have you gained confidence? What are you now willing and able to do today that you would never have considered IYLBT (in your life before toastmasters)?

What leadership skills have you gained since joining? How are you applying those skills in other areas of your life? Are you leading more efficient meetings for other organizations? Are you conducting better coaching or performance review sessions with your staff? Toastmasters has made a difference.

What service are you providing to others? Has our organization allowed you to serve as a club or district officer? Have you ever considered serving in a leadership role? Perhaps you are interested in short term service opportunities like spearheading an area or division speech contest or volunteering for a conference or TLI committee. You can make a difference for other Toastmasters.

Where ever you are on your personal journey, in Toastmasters there is an opportunity for continued growth. Keep sight of your personal goals and contribute to your club’s success. Remember six of the ten Distinguished Club Program goals are accomplished by members reaching educational milestones. What will you achieve between now and the fall conference? Join Gary and I in Spartanburg to celebrate your milestones.

Vida A. Jennings, DTM

From the Lt. Governor of Marketing



Butterflies are in formation! District 58 continues rejuvenating and growing into a beautiful butterfly! Heartiest congratulations to:

The Florence Toastmasters, Club # 1916, chartered in 1956, and celebrating its 53rd year, with great aplomb and coverage in the local newspaper! Downtown Charleston Club #4513, celebrating 21st year of its existence, with a big party!

Area Governors, be on the alert for clubs with membership at or below 12. Visit and encourage them to request a club coach. Six clubs have their club coaches and are well on their way to being distinguished! Two more are on the works. If your club membership is at or below 12 you are eligible to request a club coach. Email me ASAP and I shall match your club with an able and enthusiastic club coach.

District 58 is currently pursuing 9 strong leads for new toastmasters clubs and more are in the works! Vida Jennings has chartered one club; the Dorn Toastmasters. By the end of the month District 58 will have four more chartered clubs! We need sponsors and mentors for new clubs. Enthusiastic toastmasters currently working towards advanced educational goals, email me if you are interested in volunteering to be a club coaches!

I am proud to be your LGM. Preservation, Persistence and Preparation. Let us do it! Our Mantra will be “No Club left behind” and “One new club per Area”! Can we do it? Yes, we can! Together, we shall improve District 58 until we are the best District in the world, a beautiful butterfly delighting everyone with its colors! Let’s keep the communication flow going so our District keeps growing and each one of us grows into our leadership potential. Rev it up, fellow Toastmasters! Big Hugs to all of you! Let us link together and have fun networking!

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Speaker's Bureau

District 58 needs your help doing what Toastmasters do best...SPEAKING!

The District 58 Speakers Bureau is looking for enthusiastic Toastmaster in good standing with their club and have completed at least 6 manual speeches.

Members on the Speakers Bureau gain valuable experience by speaking at a variety of outside organizations, publicizing Toastmasters, and helping other people and organizations!

Once an organization has contacted the District, the Speakers Bureau Chair will match a member to an organization. The member then follows up with the organization to arrange logistics.

While the Member cannot receive direct payment their speeches can count for an educational award credit.

If you are interested in joining the Speakers Bureau go to the District 58 website for an application form or contact the Speakers Bureau Chair, Karen Basso, DTM.

The Under-Appreciated Table Topics

Everyone has had an unexpected moment with the boss on the elevator or at the water cooler. Everyone has been put on the spot with a random question. Those who are prepared, or who are gifted impromptu speakers, took the metaphorical ball and scored. The rest of us...uh... fumbled our way through the encounter.

After fumbling my way through a couple key encounters, I joined Toastmasters for the most under-appreciated portion of a club meeting; Table Topics. I love to be chosen for Table Topics and frequently volunteer for the most difficult question. In my line of work it is imperative that I be able to speak, about any given subject, at any given time. Table Topics gives me a chance to improve my impromptu speaking skills in a safe environment.

I have learned a couple key tricks during Table Topics and at work:

1. Walk slowly to the lectern and collect your thoughts.
2. At a minimum, acknowledge the highest ranking person in the room. Not only is this polite, it gives you a few extra seconds to think!
3. You learned about opening, body, and closing from your Competent Communicator manual. Use them to organize your thoughts and your speech!
4. Start your speech by restating the question or topic.
5. Use the rule of 3. If you can't think of 3 subtopics the Problem, Solution, Action model works. The Past, Present, and Future also offer a quick and logical break down of a subject.
6. If you don't know anything about the subject, don't panic! Just take the subject, leap to another subject and, using the rule of 3, speak about the new subject.
7. Leave yourself time for a graceful closing by restating the question or topic.

I think Table Topics are one of the most valuable, and under-appreciated, tools Toastmaster's uses. The next time you are in a social setting notice how many times you use impromptu speaking skills. Then, the next time your club has Table Topics, raise your hand.

Amber D. Goodman, TM

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District Business Meeting During the Fall Conference

The District Business Meeting will be held during the Fall Conference at 1:45 PM on Saturday, October 17th at the Summit Pointe Conference Center.

Agenda items including the District Budget. Club Presidents, Vice Presidents of Education, and District Executive Council members are the required voting delegates. If delegates are not able to attend the Conference, they may send a proxy. Members can carry a maximum of two votes, with the exception of District Executive Council members who may carry a maximum of three.

The proxy forms will be emailed to the delegates by the District 58 Governor Lamanda Gaskins DTM before the Conference.

Membership Building Ideas

1. Challenge each member to bring at least one guest to a meeting.
2. Have club business cards printed with the club information. Ask members to hand them out to potential members.
3. Ensure that every guest receives a follow-up phone call and/or note.
4. Have at least one meeting each quarter that is dedicated to educational speeches.
5. Celebrate the accomplishments of your members. Make your club a place that members want to come to share their successes.
6. Don't lose members after they achieve their Competent Communicator. Make sure members are aware of the outstanding advanced manuals and encourage them to continue on the Toastmasters journey.
7. Develop a club Web site. Check out www.freetoasthost.org.
8. Make a list of the best things about your club. Distribute the list to club members so that they can use them as selling points when recruiting new members.
9. Conduct a Speechcraft. Contact your Lt-Governor Marketing for more information.
10. Contact local business and vocational schools. Ask to do a presentation regarding communication skills and how valuable they are in the job market. Have Toastmasters club information available to pass out and encourage students to attend a meeting.
11. Ask local businesses if you may leave Toastmasters brochures/ magazines in their waiting area. Make sure you have a phone number or email address on each brochure or magazine. Ask if they will allow your club to post a flyer or have a counter display.
12. Give your local library and/or bookstore copies of the Toastmasters magazine, brochures, or club flyer.
13. Place an ad in the local newspaper. Many newspapers will print notices about community events for free.
14. Send press releases to local media on all special events, awards, contests, and honors.
15. If you meet in a public place (i.e. restaurant), have a sign that announcing your club meeting time and date. This technique is used by Lions, Rotary, and Kiwanis clubs.

Ideas for Corporate Clubs

1. Ask HR to include a flyer about the club in the new employee orientation packet.
2. Place an ad in your company newsletter.
3. Ask HR to insert a flyer about the club with the payroll checks.
4. Post a notice on your company electronic bulletin board about upcoming events.
5. Inquire about the possibility of club members earning continuing education credit.

Pam Christopher, DTM
International Director, Region VIII



2009 Fall Conference Registration Form

October 16-18, 2009

Summit Pointe Conference Center Spartanburg, SC

You may email this registration form to: orders@toastmasters-d58.org

Make checks payable to **District 58 Toastmasters.**

Conference fees may be paid at the door OR mailed (check or money order) to:

Vida A. Jennings, DTM P.O.Box 90002 Columbia, SC 29029

Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

E Mail: _____ Education/Leadership Designation _____

This is my First Conference [] I was invited by: _____

SPECIAL OFFER

	Received by 10/4	Received after 10/4	# of people	Totals
Full Conference Package: Includes registration and all meals Friday and Saturday <i>(does not include Post-Conference Sunday Breakfast Event)</i>	Best Value \$100.00	Best Value \$120.00		
A La Carte Choices				
Registration Required	\$20.00	\$25.00		
Friday Dinner	\$30.00	\$35.00		
Saturday Networking Buffet Breakfast	\$10.00	\$12.00		
Saturday Lunch	\$15.00	\$18.00		
Saturday Dinner	\$35.00	\$40.00		
Post Conference Sunday Breakfast Event featuring Gary Schmidt <i>(not included in Package Deal)</i>	\$25.00	\$35.00		
			Event Total	

**No meals without prior registration. No Refunds after October 7th*

Please mark your meal selections below.

Friday Dinner

Choice #1 Herb Grilled Chicken [] **Choice #2** Roast Loin of Pork []

Choice #3 Vegetable Lasagna []

Saturday Lunch

Choice #1 Traditional Club Sandwich [] **Choice #2** Chicken Salad Sandwich []

Choice #3 Vegetarian Wrap []

Saturday Dinner

Choice #1 Prime Rib [] **Choice #2** Cranberry Almond Chicken [] **Choice #3** Lemon Baked Salmon [] **Choice**

#4 Grilled Portabella Mushroom with Rice and Stir Fried Vegetables []

Hotel reservations must be made by September 19th to receive the \$105/night Toastmasters Rate

Reserve your room by calling the Hampton Inn & Suites at 864-699-2222 or 1-877-477-0477 today!

Additional conference details available online visit: www.toastmasters-d58.orgconf/fallconf.shtml



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District 58 Proxy Form

Credential or Proxy Certificate District Council Meeting – 10/17/09

At the district council business meeting, each club president and vice president education in attendance is entitled to one vote. However, if either or both officers cannot attend, they may designate, in writing, any other active member of their club to act as proxy or proxies for their club. (Use form below.) No other proxies are valid at this meeting – per Article X, Paragraph (d) of the District Administrative Bylaws.

In the event one of these officers does not attend the meeting and has not designated, in writing, an active member of the club to act as his or her proxy, the officer or proxy holder in attendance is deemed to hold the proxy of the other, and may therefore cast two votes at the meeting. This assures that every club is represented by two votes.

In addition, each district officer, including area governors, in attendance is entitled to one vote. Only district executive committee members carrying both credential or proxy certificates from their club are allowed three votes. All other members are limited to a maximum of two votes each.

(Date _____) Credential or Proxy Certificate

[Must be submitted to Credentials Desk to obtain ballot(s)] Certificate No.

Club name (print) _____

Club No. _____

Your name (print) _____

Officer Position: _____

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND

Club president and vice president education only

Indicate your duly authorized proxy below (must be an active member of your club):

Name (print) _____

Date _____

Dear Toastie,

Everyone at my club is making a big hullaballo about the Fall Conference. They're all going and are trying to get me to go. Between work and family I'm a busy person, and I'm broke!

Is going to the Conference really worth my time and money?

Bah Hum Bug, TM

Dear BHB,

Yes, absolutely the Fall Conference is worth your time and money! The Conference is a chance to meet different Toastmasters from across the State. It is also a chance to learn. The International President Gary Schmidt will be visiting us. District 58 will have a chance to hear, from our illustrious leader, what the future will bring for Toastmaster's International (TI).

The Fall Conference is also a chance to hear the humorous speech and speech evaluation contestants. In today's economy, we can all use a little laughter!

Toastie

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In Brief

Fall Conference

Special Guest:
International President Gary Schmidt, DTM

October 16 - October 18, 2009

Get your payment in before October 4
to enjoy the Early Bird Special

Hampton Inn & Suites
Summit Pointe

801 Spartan Blvd
Spartanburg, SC 29301
Phone: 864-699-2222
Toll Free 877-477-0477

District 58 is still looking for sponsors for the Fall Conference. This is a great way to advertise to a great group of people: Toastmasters!

See the website for details.

District 58 Calendar

The District 58 Calendar is filling up with great information. Check it out at:

<http://www.toastmasters-d58.org/district/calendar.shtml>



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