

# District 58 Speakers Bureau

## **Become a District 58 Speakers' Bureau Member!**

Have you ever dreamed of speaking to people and inspiring them to reach their goals? Are you ready to speak before large groups in professional and community settings? Do you have a great motivational speech or keynote address ready to present? Do you want to be a paid professional speaker and just need a little guidance to reach your goal?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the District 58 Speakers Bureau is the place for you. Our Bureau is actively searching for speakers and trainers to represent our District in a very effective way. We also want to help you reach your goals! Even though you will not be paid, we can help prepare you for paid speaking engagements. As an active Speakers Bureau member, you will have the opportunity to participate in meetings designed to prepare you to present to groups outside of the Toastmasters organization. You will also learn to develop great speech materials and a speaker's biography. Speakers Bureau members may be featured in the District 58 Speakers Bureau Directory or on our web site where visitors can select a speaker for their upcoming event.

Many speaking opportunities exist not only to present your topical speeches, but also to serve as masters of ceremonies or keynote speakers, speech contest judges, class reunion conductors, parade announcers, or facilitators or participants of any "offbeat" programs.

## **How to Sign Up**

If you are member of District 58 Toastmasters and would like to speak for a group outside of Toastmasters here in South Carolina please contact the District 58 Speakers Bureau Chair, Valerie Brooks-Madden: [vdb20@charter.net](mailto:vdb20@charter.net)

## District 58 Speakers Bureau Terms

**You** are a current Toastmasters member in good standing of a club that is in good standing. Your dues are paid.

**You** have completed at least 6 speeches from the Competent Communicator manual OR have “paid” professional speaking experience.

**You** agree to NOT accept any form of payment (other than reimbursement of expenses or a donation in the form of a check addressed to District 58 Toastmasters) for speaking engagements directly received through the D58 web site where you will be introduced as or considered to be a representative of Toastmasters.

**If you** accept a speaking engagement, you agree to make that opportunity your top priority for the scheduled date. Even in the case of an emergency, you will make every effort to contact other members of the D58 Speakers Bureau to find a substitute speaker immediately.

**You** alone are responsible for making contact with the booking company or organization for any postponement or cancellation of any speaking engagements, and to advise the District 58 Speakers' Bureau Chair of such postponement or cancellation prior to the event.

**You** agree to provide the D58 Speakers Bureau Chair with written notice (by e-mail) of the date, location, time and contact for each speaking engagement booked directly with you as a result of the Bureau. The contact link for the Speakers Bureau Chair will be featured on the D58 web site.

**You** agree to demonstrate professionalism and courtesy in all aspects of the planning and presentation process for speaking engagements.

**You** agree to show up on-time to all speaking engagements and to dress appropriately.

**You** agree to mention Toastmasters somewhere in your presentation, if appropriate, and direct audiences to the D58 Toastmasters web site for more information whenever possible.

**You** agree to keep your contact information current by notifying the Bureau Chairman of any changes through the links provided on the D58 site.

**You** understand that District 58 and the D58 Speakers' Bureau cannot guarantee that you will get a speaking opportunity through this system.

**You** agree to grant the D58 Speakers' Bureau Executive Committee the complete authority to approve or reject your application for inclusion. In the event of rejection, you will be notified of specific reasons for disapproval.

**You** agree to grant the D58 Speakers' Bureau Executive Committee the complete authority to terminate your membership if you are in violation of any of these terms.