



District 47 Toastmasters District Governor's Newsletter April 2003



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"Seize the Key to Success"

Plan Now to Attend the Spring District 47 Conference



District 47 will be holding its Spring Conference, "Seize the Key to Success" on May 16 – 18, 2003 at the Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs. The registration flyer is available on the District 47 website: www.toastmastersd47.org

Our Conference Co-Chairs Lynda Miller and Jeanine Sutherland are putting the finishing touches on a medieval themed conference, which will keep you mesmerized.

Our action-packed weekend will start by **"Seizing the Keys to the Kingdom"** with our Friday night opening ceremonies (bring your Club banner to participate in the banner procession), dinner and Table Topics contest. Watch and learn as the 9 Table Topics contestants vie for the District 47 title. We will also enjoy the comedy routine of Darren LaCroix, the 2001 World Champion of Public Speaking. Darren will also be presenting a general session on Saturday afternoon, **"OUCH! How I went from Chump to Champ."**

You won't want to oversleep on Saturday morning. Our District 47 Lt. Governor Education and Training Margaret Wan has been putting together an exceptional program of workshops to help you **"Unlock the Possibilities."** The following is a list of some of the workshops you will have the opportunity to attend:

- ***Building a Better You by Building a Better Club***
- ***Collaborate! Learning the Win-win Process for any Encounter***
- ***Effective Business Meetings***
- ***The 4 Keys of Sales Success***

- ***Evaluate to Motivate: A Toastmasters Skill for Everyday Life***
- ***From Free to Fee***
- ***Speaking for Success***
- ***Stepping Out Of Your Comfort Zone***

You even have a chance to present a manual speech at our speaker showcase – speaking slots are limited – you must sign up in advance. For more details about the workshops, see the conference registration flyer. Additional workshops are being finalized and will be posted on the District 47 website as the details become available.

Join us for lunch on Saturday, when we recognize as our Communication and Leadership recipient. The Communication and Leadership award is presented to a non-Toastmaster, who supports the communication and leadership principles that we strive for as Toastmasters.

On Saturday afternoon, witness the election of the District 47 leaders for 2003-2004 at our District Council meeting. Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Education are voting members of the District Council. If the President and VPE cannot attend, they should sign a District Proxy appointing a Club member who is attending the conference as the delegate. Proxy holders at the District Conference must be a paid member of the Club and can only represent one Club – even if a member of multiple Clubs. Turn in your proxies at the Credentials Desk in the registration area on Saturday morning at the conference to receive your ballots.

You are invited to the **Grand Ball** on Saturday evening, featuring the International Speech competition, the installation of our newly elected District Officers for 2003-2004, recognition of our newest Distinguished Toastmasters and more.

The District 47 Spring Conference is the place to be the weekend of May 16 – 18!



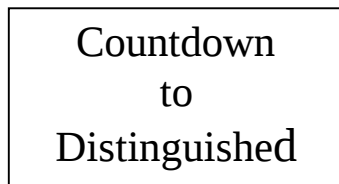
Show us the Money!

If you have not already paid your dues to your Club, now is the time to do it. To remain a member in good standing, you must pay dues each April and October to your Club and your Club must send in the dues to Toastmasters International.

Clubs are required to submit semi-annual dues by April 1, to Toastmasters International. Toastmasters International must receive the payment, member list and semi-annual report form by April 10 to be considered timely paid.

Club Officers, if your Club has not already sent in your dues, send them priority (overnight) so that you will get credit towards part of Distinguished Club Program goal #10.

If your Club has members who paid their dues after the Club dues were submitted to Toastmasters International, send them in with either a new member application noting reinstatement or a letter asking for the member to be reinstated.



Don't let time slip away from you. With only **three months** left in the Toastmaster year, it is time to start the countdown to being **Distinguished!** Countdown the 10 Distinguished Club Goals – how many more do you need to achieve? Two CTMs? One ATM? How many more members do you need to have a membership of 20 members or a net increase of 5 members from the beginning of the year? Don't be disappointed when June 30 arrives – plan now to be Distinguished!



Nominating Committee Results

The District 47 Nominating Committee met on March 29 to interview the candidates for District Governor, Lt. Governor Education & Training, Lt. Governor Marketing, and Division Governors. The following is a list of the nominated candidates by office in alphabetical order:

District Governor:
Jim Ocque, DTM
Margaret Wan, DTM

Lt. Governor Education & Training:
William LeClere, DTM

Lt. Governor Marketing:
Pat Abeling, DTM
Godfrey Springer, DTM

Division B Governor:
Loretta Sandy, ATMS

Division C Governor:
Wayne Fogel, ATMS

Division D Governor:
Maura Merkal, CTM/CL

Division G Governor:
Herschel Abrams, DTM

Division I Governor:
Cyprian Gibson, ATMS

Anyone who was not nominated and wishes to run for District Office can be nominated from the floor during the District Council meeting. Contact our Nominating Committee Chair Cathy Epler, DTM, IPDG, if you plan to run. She will give you paperwork, which must be completed prior to the elections.

Last Year: Top 10 Club Newsletter Contest

If you want to be included in the last club newsletter contest before it is discontinued, be sure to submit three issues of your newsletter to WHQ by the April 25, 2003, deadline. Failure to include a cover letter will result in disqualification.

Proxies are Coming The official Toastmasters International proxy certificate were mailed to Club Presidents of record on March 31. These are the proxies for the Regional and International Conventions.