



District 47 Toastmasters District Governor's Newsletter June 2003



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District 47 Toastmasters,

As I prepare my last District Governor's Newsletter, I can't help but think how fast this year has gone and how far we have come! We have been truly "*Unlocking the Possibilities*" for ourselves, our Clubs and for District 47.

Through May 31, the Toastmasters in District 47 have earned:

- 608 Competent Toastmaster awards
- 264 Advanced Toastmaster awards
- 197 Competent Leader awards
- 28 Advanced Leader awards
- 28 Distinguished Toastmaster awards

Through May 15, we have 37 Distinguished Clubs, 39 Select Distinguished Clubs and 32 President's Distinguished Clubs. **AND** we are not finished yet! Many Clubs just need one or two members to complete their educational awards or to enroll a few members to reach Distinguished. There is still time – don't give up yet!

We have been chartering new Clubs – to date, we have added 23 Clubs to our District 47 family and several more new additions are expected before June 30!

This year has been one of the most exciting years for me. Besides getting married in July, buying a house and moving in January and surviving another tax season, serving as your District Governor has been a very rewarding experience. I have more about learned about leadership, delegation, and management than I could have imagined. I have also had the opportunity to meet many enthusiastic and dedicated Toastmasters and make new friends from Florida, Bahamas and around the world.

Thank you all for your support, encouragement and dedication this year!

Eileen



District 47 Officers For 2003-2004 Elected

During the District 47 Spring Conference, the District Council met and elected the District Officers for 2003-2004. Congratulations to our incoming District Officers, who will take office on July 1!

District Governor Elect:

Margaret Wan, DTM

Lt. Governor Education & Training Elect:

Jim Ocque, DTM

Lt. Governor Marketing Elect:

Godfrey Springer, DTM

Division A Governor Elect:

Coleman Stokes, DTM

Division B Governor Elect:

Loretta Sandy, ATMS

Division C Governor Elect:

Wayne Fogel, ATMS

Division D Governor Elect:

Maura Merkal, CTM/CL

Division E Governor Elect:

Vernon Love, ATMG

Division F Governor Elect:

Donna Spencer, ATMB

Division G Governor Elect:

Claire Knafla, ATMG

Division H Governor Elect:

Michael Robinson, ATMS

Division I Governor Elect:

Cyprian Gibson, ATMS

Division J Governor Elect:

Eleanor McCoy, CTM/CL

Our incoming District Governor Margaret Wan is currently appointing the District Public Relations Officer, Secretary, Treasurer and Area Governors for 2003-2004.



District 47 Spring Conference

A special “Thanks!” to our Conference Chair Jeanine Sutherland and all of the Conference Committees, who put countless hours into planning and coordinating the conference. We had a very successful and enjoyable conference as attendees were immersed in a medieval theme and “Seized the Keys to the Kingdom.”

We had one of the best groups of workshop presenters I have seen at a District Conference. Our attendees had the opportunity to learn ways to improve their speaking, their Clubs and even their professional lives. Thank you to all of our presenters!

We had two outstanding contests during the Conference – the International Speech Contest and the Table Topics Contest. Congratulations to our winners!

International Speech:

First Place – Damien Miller

Second Place – Elliot Wilcox

Third Place – Mark Hayes

Table Topics:

First Place – Bobby Dolan

Second Place – Demekas Foster

Third Place – Gina Carol

The attendance was excellent and unfortunately, we reached the maximum room capacity and had to turn away Toastmasters trying to register at the door. Make sure to pre-register for future conferences, so that this does not happen again. Guarantees must be given to the hotels a week prior to the conference. After that, it is nearly impossible to switch rooms at the hotel to be able to accommodate large numbers additional attendees or add significant numbers to our meal counts.



PLANET TOASTMASTERS

The District will be sponsoring 3 Planet Toastmasters sessions in June and July. These sessions will include workshops for Club Officers to get credit as being trained for the Distinguished Club Program credit (at least 4 Club officers must be trained each six months) as well as general Toastmaster workshops applicable to any Toastmaster.

The dates for the Planet Toastmasters are: June 14 in Orlando, July 12 in Tampa and July 19 in Ft. Lauderdale. For the sessions in Orlando and Tampa, we will have a special guest presenter – David Brooks, the 2000 World Champion of Public Speaking. He will be giving a workshop during the lunch. We are working on having another World Champion presenting at the Planet Toastmasters in Ft. Lauderdale.

The registration flyer for the Planet Toastmasters in Orlando is available on the District 47 website: www.toastmastersd47.org. Keep checking the District 47 website for updates and the registration flyers for Tampa and Ft. Lauderdale. They will be posted as soon as the locations are finalized.

If you are in the Orlando area or if you plan to arrive on Friday night for the Saturday June 14 Planet Toastmasters, consider attending a free workshop David Brooks will be presenting at UCF: **Successfully Speaking: How to Speak With Humor, Substance, and Style.**

When: Friday, June 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: **Computer Science Building Room 101**

Cost: None. This is a free event.

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Don't Be Disappointed!

Don't be disappointed when June 30 arrives. Keep working to build membership in your Club, so that your Club ends the year with 20 or more members (or a net increase of 5 members if the Club started the year with less than 20 members). The Beat the Clock membership program is running from May 1 through June 30. Toastmasters International will recognize Clubs that enroll 5 or more new members between May 1 and June 30 with one module of the Club's choice from the Successful Club, Better Speaker or Leadership Excellence Series sets.

Toastmasters International receives an enormous amount of paperwork at the end of June. Submit your educational achievements as early as possible!

Plan to Attend the Regional and International Conventions

This year's Region 8 Conference will be held Jun 20-21 at the Sheraton Airport Plaza Hotel in Charlotte, North Carolina. The weekend will be full of educational workshops and the opportunity to network with Toastmasters from the 8 Districts in the Southeast United States. Come and cheer on our District International Speech Contest winner, Damien Miller, as he vies for a chance to compete at the International Convention for the title World Champion of Public Speaking!

You won't want to miss out on the International Convention August 20-23 in Atlanta, Georgia. Witness the World Championship of Public Speaking, attend outstanding workshops and meet Toastmasters from around the world!

Send Me Your Regional and International Proxies!



If no one from your Club is going to attend the Regional and/or International Conventions, please mail the proxies as soon as possible. My address is on the back of the proxy cards. The proxies are cream-colored postcards, which were mailed by Toastmasters International to Club Presidents on March 31. I will be leaving for the Regional Conference on June 19, so I will need them by June 18 to be able to represent your Club. I will post a spreadsheet on the District website showing which Clubs' proxies I have received (www.toastmastersd47.org). If you are a Club President and do not remember receiving the proxies, one duplicate set can be requested. However, you first need to make sure that Toastmasters International has you listed as the Club President with the correct address.

These proxies are your Club's voice in the administration of the Toastmasters organization. These votes will elect our International Directors and Top International Officers as well.

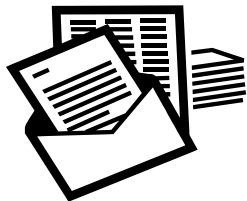
ALERT: Comedy University

WHQ has received several complaints from members about an e-mail they received from Comedy University. Comedy University took contact information from our ["Find a Club"](#) section and contacted clubs, asking them for membership information so they could "verify a discount." This is not an authorized activity. Toastmasters International has asked Comedy University to cease and desist contacting our members. Please do not share any member information with anyone outside the Toastmasters organization.

Attention Club and District Officers: e-Newsletters are Coming!

Later this year, *District Newsletter* and *TIPS*, which are published by Toastmasters International, will be available only in an electronic format. Toastmasters International is going to save some trees and send these newsletters via e-mail (and continue to post them on the Web site.)

- To ensure that you receive these newsletters, send Toastmasters International your e-mail address. This will be "opt-in" acknowledgement that you wish to receive these newsletters. You can do this at the following website link: www.toastmasters.org/eNews.asp
- Your e-mail address will be kept private and used only for Toastmasters International business.



Club Officer Lists Due before June 30, 2003

If your Officer list is not received by Toastmasters International before June 30, 2003, the Club will not receive credit towards the Distinguished Club Program goal #10 for the **2003-2004**.

A copy of the list can be mailed or faxed to Toastmasters International or completed online at the following link: www.toastmasters.org under member quicklinks – Club Officer Report Form. Be sure to check the box that it is a **new list** and not a change.



Policy Changes Taking Effect July 1, 2003

Club Specialist Program/Club Coach Program

The Club Specialist Program for Clubs with less than 10 members will be discontinued. The new Club Coach Program will have the objective of helping struggling Clubs become Distinguished Clubs. If you are currently serving as a Club Specialist, you will be given the opportunity to modify the assignment and be a Club Coaches. Those currently serving as Club Specialists will be eligible for Club Coach Credit if the Club currently being helped achieves Distinguished by June 30, 2003.

Phoenix Award Program

The Phoenix Award for Clubs with low membership building their membership to 20 will be discontinued.



Mark Your Calendars

June 14 – Planet Toastmasters – Orlando

June 20-21 Region 8 Conference—Charlotte NC

June 27–28 – Area and Division Governor Training – Orlando

July 12 – Planet Toastmasters – Tampa area

July 19 – Planet Toastmasters – Ft. Lauderdale Area

August 16 – First District Executive Committee Meeting – Orlando

August 20-23 – International Convention – Atlanta

August – September – Smedly Award period