



District 47 Toastmasters District Governor's Newsletter November 1, 2002



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District 47 Fall Conference Report

If you were not in Jacksonville for the District 47 Fall Conference, you missed out on a great weekend of Toastmaster activities! We started the weekend on Friday night with the Evaluation Contest. Our contestants evaluated a presentation by Tricia Hopkins, a Toastmaster visiting us from Georgia. Tricia entertained us with her aspirations of becoming a professional seamstress. The first place winner was Monica Wollford from Division C. Coming in second place was Caren Neile from Division D. Rounding out the top 3 was Joel Verlin from Division G.

Saturday morning was highlighted by educational workshops the following topics: "One Hour of Power," "Thirteen Things Your Uncle Floyd Never Told You About Public Speaking," "Powerful Persuasion," "Motivate your Team," "The Magic of Mentoring," "Mountain Movers," "Setting Ablaze Your Presentation," "Training the Trainer," and a joint presentation by our International Directors on building membership.

Immediate Past District Governor Cathy Epler recognized the Division and Area Governors and other Toastmasters who contributed to District 47 achieving Distinguished District last year. She issued Governor's citations to Joel Verlin, Pat Abeling, Paul Greenberg, Wayne Fogel, Jim Miller, and Margaret Wan. At lunch Cathy we carried on the District 47 tradition of roasting the Immediate Past District Governor.

The Saturday evening banquet was highlighted by the recognition of 18 Toastmasters who achieved the Distinguished Toastmaster designation since the last conference. The new DTMs in attendance received a DTM medallion from District Governor, Eileen Sarris in a special "DTM Walk." We then laughed the night away with the Humorous Speech Contest. In first place was Tom Kemper from Division C with a hysterical speech about working with a personal trainer. Coming in second was David Prince from Division A, entertaining us with his affliction. James Bussey from Division E finished third, convincing us that aging is "not so bad!"

We had many first timers in attendance. To make sure they met other Toastmasters from around the District, we had a contest to see which first timer could get the most Toastmasters' signatures. Congratulations to Johnny Thomas from Division E who won the first timer's contest!

Thank you to everyone who worked to make the conference a success:

LGET – Margaret Wan

Conference Co-Chairs Bill & Sandy LeClere

Programs – Holly Walker

Goody Bags and Raffles – Division A

Registration – Division B and Pat Abeling

Bookstore – Division C

Saturday night decorations – Division D

Sergeant-At-Arms – Division E – especially

Troy Gelinas

Facilitators for the workshops – Division F

Friday night decorations – Division G

Saturday roast decorations – Division H

Hospitality – Division I

Also a big thanks to our Contestmasters, Roastmasters, test speaker, judges, Chief Judges, timers, counters and everyone else who filled a role during our conference!



Where Are Those Pesky Per Caps?

What are pesky per caps? Per Caps are the semi-annual dues payments required to be submitted to Toastmasters International on October 1 and April 1. The Pesky ones are the ones that have not been turned into Toastmasters International. We still have about 30 Clubs that have not submitted the October per caps as of November 1. Check to see if your Club is one of them at the following link:

www.toastmasters.org/dreports/tar040/TAR40047.txt

How Did the Wise Old Owl Get So Wise?



Training of course. Club Officers are required to attend training between December 1 and February 28 for the Club to get credit toward the Distinguished Club Program. We will be handling Club Officer training differently this round. We will have one "District" Planet Toastmasters on January 4, 2002 at the Darden Training facility in Orlando. Each Division will also be holding a Planet Toastmasters. The agendas will be the same at each one. Registration information will be published soon on the District 47 website.

Non-officers are also encouraged to attend. We will have workshops to improve speaking and leadership skills in addition to the Club Officer roles.

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Club Officer Elections

If your Club has semi-annual Officer terms, has your Club elected the Officers for January 1, 2003-June 30, 2003? By electing Officers in November, they new Officers will be able to shadow the current officers. This will result in a smooth transition in January.

Club Officer Lists are required to be submitted to Toastmasters International by December 30, 2002 for Distinguished Club Credit.



Calling all Past Officers

Have you served a term as a Club Officer? If so, have you achieved the Competent Leader (CL) designation? To achieve the CL designation, you must have served at least a 6 month term as a Club officer, attended Club Officer training, assisted with the preparation of a Club success plan (setting goals for the term), and presented 2 modules from either the Leadership Excellence Series or the Successful Club Series. These modules are scripted presentations, most of which can be presented in 5 – 7 minutes.

If you have not received your CL, what are you waiting for?

Mark your calendars for the District 47 Spring Conference May 16-18, 2003 in Orlando, Florida.