

“WHAT’S GREAT IN 598”

The Diablo Toastmasters Club is a community Toastmasters Club that meets every Thursday at 7 PM in the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord, CA.

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The mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

<p>February 7, 2008 – 598 Debate February 21, 2008 – 598 Table Topics and International Speech Contests April, 2008 - 598 Awards Banquet</p>

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Denise Kalm joined the club on January 3, 2008. Denise was sponsored by **Steven, “Shags”, Shagrin**. If you haven’t met **Denise** yet, introduce yourself and help her get off to a good start with the program.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

On January 3, 2008, Area 6 Governor, **Victoria Bianco**, installed our new officers for the term from January 1, 2008 until June 30, 2008.

President	Howard Adams
VP Education	John Peterson
VP Membership	Pat Welsh
VP PR	Louis Stifter
Secretary	Barbara Valdriz
Treasurer	Rosa Lynn Adams
Sgt @ Arms	Bill Woolfolk

Your new officers need your help and support to help keep our club strong in the coming term.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Our membership stands at 33. We need to grow our club!

Remember – We have a VP-Membership, but we, the members, are the membership program. It’s the face-to-face encounters that get the guests in the door and those guests turned into members. How about each of us setting a goal of asking one potential member to visit our club in February? Let’s see what happens.

The **Talk Up Toastmasters** membership contest starts on February 1st and runs through March 31st. Each club that adds 5 new members during that time will receive a selection from the Successful Club Series, Better Speaker series, or the Leadership Excellence series of educational programs. This contest could work well for us if we each invite one guest.

TOASTMASTERS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE A SUCCESS

District 57 Lt. Governor – Education and Training, **Ashley Harkness**, reports that the results of the Winter TLI were better than expected with over 200 club officers in attendance.

During the general session, the main auditorium was filled beyond capacity with the standing room only overflow crowd spilling in to the adjoining classrooms.

As usual, 598 led the way with no less than 11 of our members attending. All seven of our officers were trained qualifying us for not only DCP goal 9, but also for the District 57 277 award.

Carol Sturman operated the bookstore and sold approximately \$500 worth of training materials. **Carie Featherstone** did a terrific job running the registration desk. **Ron Jue** trained Presidents. **Pat Welsh** trained VPs-Education and **Louis Stifter** trained some of the VPPRs.

Note that those players are all past presidents of the Diablo 598.

DCP STATUS

As of January 15, 2007, 598 is a Select Distinguished Club because we have completed eight goals: 2 CCs; 1 ACB; 1 more ACB; 1 CL; 1 ALB, 4 new members, officers training, and our administrative information.

We have until June 30, 2008 to deliver 2 more CCs or 4 new members to complete the nine goals required for President's Distinguished Club status.

THE GREAT DEBATE

VP – Education, **John Peterson**, reports that the debate teams have selected their topic using the N+3 method.

The teams will debate the topic:

Resolved: *The United States Constitution should be amended to eliminate the Electoral College System and provide for choosing the President by nationwide popular vote.*

The team captains selected their respective team position by coin toss.

Louis Stifter and Mary Bloxham, will argue the Affirmative position.

Carie Featherstone and Earl Ansley will argue the Negative position.

The debate is scheduled for February 7, 2008 during the prepared speaking part of our regular meeting. We have invited all members from all clubs in District 57 via their Division Governors.

Preliminary reports are that we will see some guests at this event.

AWARDS BANQUET UPDATE

Our Awards Banquet Chairman, **Ron Jue**, has found a location for our next awards banquet. The restaurant in the Concord Hilton has a banquet room that was discovered at a recent Post Toasties gathering. An April date for the event has been proposed.

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