

“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.



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:

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| March 20, 2008 – Area 6 Table Topics and International Speech Contests |
| April 19, 2008 598 Awards Banquet |
| May 10, 2008 – D57 Spring Conference |

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Where are our new members? Have you asked your friends and coworkers to visit our club? We need to grow the club! So ...

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

The *Talk Up Toastmasters* membership contest began 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. How many of us have asked our March guests?

SPEECH CONTEST RESULTS!

The club held our Table Topics and International Speech Contests on February 21. Responding to the topic: *When I*

become President ..., **Ron Jue** came away with the first place trophy and will **Pat Welsh** finished in second place.

In the International Speech Contest, **Carie Featherstone** took top honors for her effort with “*Say, Say Oh Playmate*” and **Pat Welsh** was Runner –up with her speech, “*Set In Stone*”.

Congratulations to all our winners. **Ron** and **Carie** will represent 598 in the Area 6 Competitions on March 6 and **Pat** will be standing by just in case of a loss of voice by one of our champions.



Salute our 598 Speech Contest Champions

MORE AWARDS EARNED

Congratulations to **Carie Featherstone** who put us over the top in the DCP by earning another CC award. Way to go, **Carie!**

Louis Stifter helped a little by registering another CC award and CL award.

CONFERENCE STAFF

Pat Welsh and **Carol Sturman** have agreed to co-chair the D57 Spring Conference. This job is a tremendous amount of work and our leadership will need your help to be successful. Consider volunteering for a role on the conference committee. This is a good opportunity to not only serve at a higher level, but also to learn more about how the district operates.

DUES PAYMENTS DUE

If you haven't paid your dues yet, do so as soon as possible so that our club remains strong and you continue to realize the benefits of membership in the Diablo Toastmasters Club. Those of us who have not paid by April 1st become ineligible to participate in club activities. We want all our members to participate so get your checks to Treasurer **Rosa Lynn Adams** as soon as possible.

AWARDS BANQUET UPDATE

Our Awards Banquet Chairman, **Ron Jue**, has found a location for our next awards banquet. Grissini's Trattoria Restaurant in the Concord Hilton has a banquet room that was discovered at a recent Post Toasties gathering.

Pat Welsh distributed a questionnaire and the club has decided to have our banquet on April 19th. More information to follow.

DCP STATUS

As of March 1, 2008, 598 is a President's Distinguished Club because we have completed nine goals in the Distinguished Club Program. This is the eighth year in a row that we have achieved our standard of excellence. Congratulations!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Those are the facts -- I can't fake it: If you want the news, ya gotta make it!

Happy Toastmastering! *Editor*

HAVE A STORY? HAVE AN IDEA?

The editor invites our members to share their Toastmasters story with their peers. To be considered for publication, articles must be well written, must be related to Toastmasters activities, and submitted in *Word* format. The editor reserves the right to accept or reject all submissions.

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