

“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>July 19, 2008 – D57 Exec. Committee Mtg. Orinda Community Center August 2, 2008 – 598 Summer Party</p>
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Aaron Garten joined the club on June 19, 2008. Welcome **Aaron** and help him get off to a fast start with his Toastmasters adventure.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS DIABLO TOASTMASTERS

By Alice Tsai

Former Diablo 598 President and D57 Immediate Past Lt. Governor of Education and Training, **Ashley Harkness**, became the 2008-2009 District 57 Governor on July 1, 2008. Governor **Harkness**, attended our meeting on July 3, 2008 and presented us with the banner ribbon recognizing Diablo 598 as the **HOME CLUB OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**. This is special recognition because there are only about 78 clubs in the entire world with this distinction.

Ashley joined Diablo 598 in 1999 and has served in many positions within the club. Over the years, he has expanded his responsibilities to the District and is already working hard to achieve his vision for this year, "**Fulfilling the Promise.**" Ashley's passion and drive to help every member get the most out of their Toastmasters experience and to expand the district is immediately evident upon hearing him speak. We are proud to have Ashley as a member and see him grow and expand in his role as District Governor. He will need our assistance from time to time, and we will be glad to step up and help.

After the ribbon presentation, **Governor Harkness** installed the club officers for the July 1 thru December 31, 2008 term.

DISTINGUISHED CLUB PLAN

July 1st started the 2008 – 2009 DCP year. It's time for us to set our communication and leadership goals for the next 12 months.

DCP Chair, **Louis Stifter**, has developed an Educational Goal Indication sheet for members to consider in setting their goals for the coming year. This document will be

circulated during the next few meetings for you to indicate your goals.

President **Alice Tsai** and her Executive Committee will use this information in planning our programs for the coming year.

Your accomplishments benefit not only our club but also District 57 because while Toastmasters International sets club goals via the DCP, it also sets district level goals for educational achievement and club building. Your efforts have significant impact: personal, club, district, and ultimately upon the worldwide organization.

MEMBERSHIP BUILDING

The **Beat the Clock Membership Contest** ended June 30, 2008. We registered only four new members toward the goal of five. Therefore, we do not qualify for recognition or prizes. Let's do better next time.

The next membership building event is the **Smedley Award**. It begins on August 1st and runs through September 30th. If the club registers 5 new, dual, or reinstated members we receive a banner ribbon and a selection from the educational series offered by Toastmasters International.

There is also individual recognition! On the membership application there is a section where the new, dual, or reinstated member sponsor is identified. Always complete this section! Toastmasters International records this information and if you sponsor five new members you receive a unique pin for your efforts. Sponsor ten (10) members and you receive a Silver Star pin. Sponsor 15 new members and you receive an official TM necktie or scarf.

The new members recruited are counted toward our DCP goals.

Remember - **you**, the members, are the membership program. Invite all those you know who could benefit from our program.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR ME?

July 1st is the start of a new Toastmasters year. This is a time for new goals and new opportunities. Have you ever wondered, "What's next for me?"

Some of our members have asked themselves that question and found new opportunities in leadership. Most recently, one of our past Presidents, **Ron Jue**, stepped up to take the Area 23 Governor role. Congratulations **Ron!**

You too can find a place to work in D57. There are plenty of jobs available. Ask our District Governor, **Ashley Harkness**, where you can serve.

SPEAK AT ANOTHER CLUB

Division B Governor, **Carie Featherstone**, announced there are advanced speaking opportunities at the AdPro Toastmasters Club. This club meets on Monday evenings at Aegis on Clayton Road in Concord. See **Governor Featherstone** for further details.

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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