

## “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:

<p><b>Dec. 6, 2008 – Early Bird Officers Training</b> <b>San Leandro Lucky’s 8:30 – 10:30 AM</b></p> <p><b>Dec. 13, 2008 – Early Bird Officers Training</b> <b>San Leandro Lucky’s 1:00 – 2:00 PM</b></p>
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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Jerry Horton** joined the club on October 17, 2008. Make sure you meet **Jerry** and help him get started in the Toastmasters adventure. During his Ice-breaker, we learned that **Jerry** is an expert angler.

**Tom Henley** joined the club on November 11, 2008. Greet **Tom** and get him off to a successful start with his Toastmasters journey.

**Dave Nunley**, a former member, has come in from the cold. Dave rejoined the club on November 13, 2008. Welcome back **Dave**. We’ve waited two years for Dave’s Ice-breaker. Welcome back, **Dave**.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Louis Stifter who qualified for his Advanced Leader–Bronze Award on October 27.

### TOASTMASTER OF THE YEAR



It doesn't get any better than this!  
Congratulations, **Carol!**

### DCP STATUS

To date, we have accomplished 4 of the 10 goals in the Distinguished Club Plan. Our new officers will be trained in December or January, completing the 5<sup>th</sup> goal; we will induct two new members soon, leaving us

in need of one new member for the 6<sup>th</sup> goal (there are rumors that that member has been secured); and then we need to complete 3 CCs and 2ACs for the last 4 goals. We appear to be in good shape to maintain our status as a President's Distinguished Club by completing all 10 goals by June 30, 2009. Keep making those manual speeches.

## **COLIN SCOTT WINS HUMOROUS CONTEST!!!**

**Colin Scott** won the Division B Humorous Speech Contest with his "Flight of Fancy."

Division B Governor, **Carie Featherstone**, held the Evaluation and Humorous Speech Contests for her Division on October 21 at the Contra Costa Water District Center.

This was one of the best-attended events ever and it featured the champions from all six areas in Division B. The competition was fierce, but Area 6 Champion, Colin Scott handled it well and walked off with the trophy.

There were sixty-six, yes, 66, attendees including International Director Tevis Thompson, D57 Lt. Governors Gary Wong and Dave Orris, Area Governors **Louis Stifter** (6), **Rosa Lynn Adams** (7), Lee Woods (17), Carolyn Gwin (21), **Ron Jue** (23), David Parks (27), & **Alice Tsai** (12).

Thanks to **Howard Adams** for his target speech, *Boats, Boats, Boats*.

**Colin** tested his skills again on November 15 at the District 57 championship. This contest was held as part of the Fall Conference at Laney College in Oakland.

## **FALL CONFERENCE REPORT**

*By Alice Tsai*

The conference kicked off with the winner of 2000 World Champion of Public Speaking as keynote speaker, Ed Tate,

who is known for his "energizing, entertaining and educational" style of speaking. He had the crowd up on its feet, entertaining us and sharing his tips on constructing winning speeches.

The contests showcased some talented speakers from all over District 57. In the evaluation contest, the target speaker talked about the "Post-Election Blues" and was unfazed when an alarm clock went off in the middle of his speech. Interestingly, only one of the evaluation contestants mentioned this and he ended up winning the contest. Mike Daley representing Division F took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the evaluation contest.

In the humorous speech contest, the competition was fierce. The first contestant talked about her "Girls' Night Out With a Twist" which was the girls going to a rowdy Raiders game. Another talked about her obsession with the "ahs and ums". Diablo's Colin Scott gave his hilarious "A Flight of Fancy" about flying the unfriendly skies and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

During the awards recognition period, immediate past District Governor, Tyree Johnson, presented awards to the 2007-2008 district officers. He also presented special recognition awards for "Area Governor of the Year", "Division Governor of the Year", "Toastmaster of the Year". Our very own, Carol Sturman, received the prestigious "Toastmaster of the Year" award for her tireless efforts in running the bookstore, co-chairing the Spring conference, and other outstanding service to the district. Please give our contest winners and our Toastmaster of the Year special congratulations.

I had the opportunity to work on the conference committees this year and I really feel a sense of camaraderie with my fellow Toastmasters. It gave me the opportunity to meet other toastmasters

from around the District and it also gave me the insight to the complexity of putting together such a huge event. Our own **Ashley Harkness**, District 57 Governor, presided at the business meeting. **Bill Woolfolk** was Parliamentarian. **Pat Welsh** was the First Timer's session chair. **Lou Stifter** took charge of the Credentials Committee, which counts quorum and majority prior to the business meeting. **Carol Sturman** ran the bookstore with the help from **John Peterson, Ron Jue, Carie Featherstone** and me. I helped put together the conference program. If you didn't attend the conference this time, I would encourage you to try to come to the next one. If not for the workshops, you definitely have to see the contests. The contests alone are worth the price of admission.

Conference attendance was about 250. The event was educational and it was fun.

## 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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