

“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:

Apr. ??, 2007 – 598 Awards Banquet
Apr. 19, 2007 – Division B Speech Contests
May 12, 2007– District Spring Conference

DCP STATUS

Toastmasters International has credited the Diablo Toasters Club with completion of 6 of the 10 goals in the Distinguished Club Program. This means that 598 is a Distinguished Club, but we still need four (4) CC Awards and any combination of two (2) CLs, ALs, or DTMs to maintain our standard of excellence in being recognized as a President’s Distinguished Club for the seventh consecutive year.

Keep working on your CTM/CC manual speeches, help your club mates complete their goals, and keep our club the premier club in District 57!

DISTRICT 57 CONFERENCE

The membership of District 57 will assemble en masse at Diablo Valley College on Saturday, May 12, 2007 for their annual spring conference.

The conference will feature the District 57 business meeting. Our representatives, **Ron** and **Spencer**, will help elect officers to serve the district during the 2006 – 2007 term.

There will be a keynote address; lectures to benefit toastmasters of all levels; the District 57 Bookstore will be open; GOOD FOOD; and the big event – the annual Impromptu and International Speech Contests!

Register on–line at the D57 website and come on out for the best educational value in the Bay Area. See ya there!

NEW MEMBERS

During the past three months the club has had the good fortune to welcome about 11 new members! Phenomenal!

To all our new members – **WELCOME!**

If you haven’t meet all our new members – get out there and say hello. Let’s make our new members feel at home and help them start their Toastmasters adventure. This could be your opportunity to make a new friend and perhaps even become a mentor to a member new to the program.

SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS

Steven Shagrin and **Rhonda Cooper** played to an SRO crowd on March 15 at the Area 6 / Area 17 Impromptu and International Speech contests.

14 Diablo 598 members helped jam the Concord Police Station meeting room for the event.

Shags took the runner-up position in the Impromptu contest with his response to, "The secret of success is ..." and **Rhonda** won the International Speech contest with her speech, **WOOSHKA!**

Rhonda will represent 598 at the Division B contests on April 19, 2007.

Congratulations to our winners!

YOUR DUES AT WORK

What, you may ask, does Toastmasters International do with the dues money we send them. Some of the important uses of the money are:

1. Salaries for our Chief Executive Officer and her staff of about 75 who serve us at World Headquarters.
2. Publishing and mailing the monthly "Toastmaster" magazine.
3. Establishing a "Reserve Account" for each of approximately 76 districts.

The Reserve Account is money set aside as operating funds for each district. Out of each dues payment, a percentage is placed in this account on a per capita basis. After meeting administrative guidelines, our district governor and the district treasurer may withdraw funds to pay for district expenses such as club building, promotions, and executive travel.

In order to remain in good standing with Toastmasters International, clubs must submit their dues no later than April 1st and October 1st of each year.

The semiannual dues for membership in the Diablo Toastmasters Club are \$39.00. Of this amount, \$27.00 is remitted to WHQ and \$12.00 is retained for club expenses.

We want **all** our members to continue enjoying the benefits of Toastmasters membership; however, those of us who have not paid their dues as of April 1st will no longer be members in good standing and will not be eligible to participate in club activities.

Please take immediate action and mail your dues checks in the amount of \$39.00 to our club Treasurer, **Howie Bogard**.

598 Factoid:

In April, the Diablo Toastmasters Club will celebrate the 59 anniversary of founding!

PRESIDENT OF THE TERM

District 57 Governor, Abe Ghanbari, DTM will soon call for nominations for President of the Term; but don't wait! Nominations can be submitted at any time. The current nominations will be for the term that ended December 31, 2006.

Now is our opportunity to recognize our Immediate Past President, **Carie Featherstone**, for the fine work she did in leading our club during her presidency.

Nominating forms are available on the District 57 website. Members are not required to answer all the questions, but remember that quantity does count so the more of us that submit nominations, the better the chance of winning.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Toastmasters new and experienced – have you ever wondered how District 57 works? Have you ever considered how we manage to operate with 2500 members and 120 clubs? The best way to learn these things is to step up to the plate, raise your hand,

and accept the challenge of volunteering for a district leadership position. Some jobs are very small and some are very large, but they all need to be done! There are opportunities available for all members, whatever their schedules allow.

YOU can have an impact on how District 57 operates! **YOU** can directly contribute to the success of District 57! **YOU** can feel the satisfaction of helping move District 57 forward!

To identify a District leadership position that might work for you, check out the District 57 website.

OR

Contact District 57 Lt. Governor-Education and Training, **Tyree Johnson**. He will help you find the right position.

OR

Discuss potential opportunities with District 57 Lt. Governor – Marketing, **Ashley Harkness** and/or District 57 Secretary, **Carie Featherstone**. **Ashley** or **Carie** might be sitting right next to you.

With your help, District 57 can be great!
Just like **Diablo Toastmasters 5 – 9 – 8!**

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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