

“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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New term officers please attend upcoming TLI Officer Make-up training, if you missed the one in December of 2010. Please refer to www.57toastmasters.org for more details.



MEMBER AND MEMBERSHIP NEWS

THANK YOU

to all of our outgoing Officers for their great contributions as leaders of our club...

President- Carie Featherstone
VP of Education - Jerry Horton
VP of Membership- Hua Wang
VP of Public Relations - Dilek Alkaya
Secretary – Denise Kalm
Treasurer- Rosa Lynn Adams
Sergeant at Arms – Jeffrey De Salles

GOOD LUCK & SUCCESS

to the new term officers, who began their duties as of Jan 1, 2011

President- Carie Featherstone
VP of Education – Dilek Alkaya
VP of Membership- Hua Wang
VP of Public Relations – John Peterson
Secretary – Denise Kalm
Treasurer- Rosa Lynn Adams
Sergeant at Arms – Allison McDonald



Congratulations

CC, CL, ALB Dilek ALKAYA
ACS, ALB Denise KALM



Looking for Committee Chair to define and support the continuation of the Contest rules for the D598 member Attendance Award.... This can be a great CL project# 6 role. If you are willing to chair and/or be on the committee please let our Club President Carie Featherstone know.



Special event- Fall Celebration meeting Committee Colene Cobb has volunteered to chair the event this year. Please let her know if you are interested in joining her committee. This is a replacement for the former Summer BBQ.



December TM meetings topics: Wish Lists, 2010 Memoirs, Winter Holidays with Holiday Gift Exchange, Resolved.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Please invite your friends and colleagues who are interested in learning more about our club to our meeting and direct them to our club email address, Diablo598TMClub@yahoo.com Our Exec Committee will get back to them with information and answers.

Meeting Role Signups...Help our VP of Education. Sign-UP for your club meeting roles at least three weeks in advance & mark your absent dates as soon as you know them, in our calendar @ <http://toastmasters.peoriadesignweb.com/cgi-bin/diablo/agenda>

SMILE YOU ARE ON CAMERA

All of our Club Speeches and Evaluations have been video/audio recorded and available at

<http://www.flipshare.com/Login.aspx> since Dec 2009, so that speakers can see, for themselves, where they have progressed and most need improvement. Please contact Ms. Dilek Alkaya for login/password, copy of your recordings or with any other questions.

WHO'S WHO

TERESA RICCOBUONO

Teresa has been a member of Diablo 598 since April of 2009. During her membership, she has been a strong supporting member of the PR committee and 2010 Speech Evaluation Contest runner up winner who represented D598 at Area B6 contest.

When Teresa was a youngster, joining Toastmasters was a long time goal for her, as her mom was involved in the organization and her grandmother received a medal for her dramatic reading skill. Teresa travels across the country doing presentations for her consulting business. She had no doubt being part of an experienced group like Toastmasters would help improve her presentations skills. To which Toastmaster club to join was the only question in her mind...Through a referral from a long time Toastmaster friend, Teresa attended Diablo 598 meeting as a guest and immediately decided this was the TM club for her.

Joining Toastmasters not only helped her in improving her presentations skills, it also prepared her well for television shows– three appearances in 2010, more than she has expected but very pleasantly received.

She is in the process of completing her Competent Communication requirements and is over halfway through her Competent Leadership manual. A new and exciting role for her is participation at Mentorship program as a mentor. She will be mentoring a new member, Jason Lai as he embarks on his Toastmaster journey.

“What I enjoy most about our club is the diversity – diversity of age, background and mother country – as well as the wonderfully supportive environment in which to learn and grow.”

Teresa encourages anyone that is curious about Toastmasters to “attend a meeting (preferably a Diablo 598 meeting) to see for yourself if it is something for you”.

WHO'S WHO



The spotlight is on Pat Welsh, a longtime member of Diablo 598. Pat first joined the club in June of 1996 and has been a regular ever since.

She has held every club office (except Sergeant at Arms), was our Area Governor, has taught several times at Toastmasters Leadership Institute, presented at the District Conference, and has been a speech contest judge at the Region One Conference. She earned her DTM in October of 2005 and has (we think) eight CCs under her belt!

Two of Pat's fondest Toastmasters memories are of co-chairing the District 57 Spring Conference with Carol Sturman (another D598 long time member) in 2008, and of making it to the District contest finals in the following year. Says Pat of the conference: "Chairing the conference was absolutely exhilarating – a lot of effort, the chance to work with an incredibly talented group of fellow Toastmasters, and a great feeling of accomplishment (and exhaustion) at the end of the day."

Pat is a frequent contest participant at our club, and has won the Club and occasionally the Area level contests. In spring of 2009, she surprised herself by winning the Division B contest in BOTH the Table Topics and International Speech contests. Her speech, "The Last Impression" was a reminder to live your life the way in which you want to be remembered. Pat loves Diablo 598 and says that sometimes she "has to pinch herself to make sure this club is real – it's that good. We have such a mix of

experienced and beginning speakers, people of varying ages, ethnicity, and cultural background, men and women – no wonder we are known throughout the District."

Pat works as a Regional Safety Officer at Cardno ENTRIX, an environmental consulting firm located in Concord. A lot of her energy during 2010 went to supporting her employer's efforts at the BP Gulf of Mexico oil spill. The company hired more than 500 temporary employees for this assignment and Pat was right in the middle of ensuring they were properly certified and physically cleared for the work. This caused her to miss quite a few meetings this year, and she's looking forward to a much more peaceful 2011 so we should be seeing more of her this year.

DON'T DELAY...

"The greatest risk in life is never taking one"

Author Unknown

"The value of a person resides in what s/he gives and not in what s/he is capable of receiving."

Albert Einstein

"No person was ever honored for what s/he received. S/he was honored for what s/he gave."

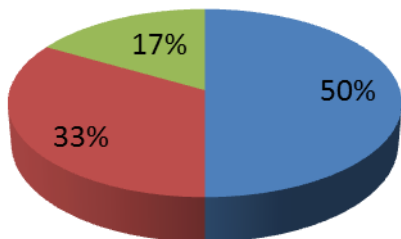
Calvin Coolidge

Diablo 598 Facts & Statistics

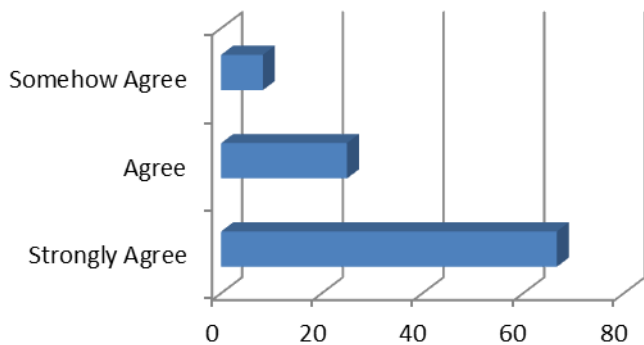
What makes D598 great?

Meeting Participation

■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ Somehow Agree



Involvement/support to other members (%)



(Ref. Analysis of Sept 2010 D598 Member Survey Data by D Alkaya, VP PR)

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Greetings Fellow Toastmasters,

This month Who's Who section features Teresa Riccobuono and Pat Welsh. Thank you Teresa and Pat for your participation on this and for your great support to all D598 initiatives.

This newsletter marks my 6th edition as VP PR. Very special thanks to my VP PR team and all D598 members for great support, enthusiasm, participation at the meetings which all made my first year at D598 and TM Journey so rich, rewarding, priceless gift learning and growth experience.

6C's I started my VP PR term with, i.e. Communication, Collaboration, Contribution to Celebrate our experiences, achievements and overcome Challenges, with hidden 6th C Colleagues, i.e. you all at D598 TM club enabled me kept motivated, keep on going, creating new ways of involvement and publishing materials. You all also have contributed to my C's as I obtained my first CC, CL and ALB. That brought Cheers to me...which adds to 7th C which I have overseen... The Cheerful, Constructive and supportive meeting environment kept me coming back to almost all of our meetings. I learnt from everyone attending the meetings and also discovered /learnt my strengths and weaknesses (no need for further details like in which proportion?!... One thing for sure, there is no end to learning and practicing) every time I attended our meetings.



This is also a  as I will pass the Golden Quill to our upcoming VP of PR for Jan- July 2011 John Peterson.

Although the Golden Quill will pass to our new VP PR, please don't forget our D598 club needs are still the same...

For those of you who long to be a journalist, now is your chance! Diablo 598 is STILL accepting applications for reporters! Apply now!

If you are looking for *food for thought* for articles to be published in our future Newsletters: consider writing your toastmaster club experiences, fun & unforgettable moments, TM experience stories, any historical data/statistics about our club, etc are all welcome! Please don't forget we all make the future histories, if you have news/fun stories to share now why delay it!

For those of you who long to be a video producer, now is your chance! I need your help to finalize our club advertisement/introduction video campaign. Share your brief, fun, great stories about your experiences at our club! Even a few sentences will make a difference.

Please help/support our coming VP PR by any means you can to achieve his professional/personal growth toastmaster goals.



as VP of Education effective Jan 1 2011, I hope you will also extend your help/support to me at my new role as VP of Education so that we can all achieve our professional/personal goals through Toastmaster education program.

Happy, rewarding Toastmastering!

Dilek Alkaya CC, CL, ALB

Quotes from the Editor Emeritus

"Every toastmaster meeting you attend/participate is a priceless gift you give to y/ourselves!" 07/01/2010

Dilek Alkaya VP PR July-Dec 2010

"Those are the facts -- I can't fake it: If you want the news, ya gotta make it!" **Louis J Stifter** VP PR 1906-2009

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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