



DIABLO 598 Club Newsletter

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598 in the Virtual World 2020

Diablo #598 is a supportive, enthusiastic club as well as committed to leveling up in our Toastmasters skills to make an impact in our respective lives and careers.

We have moved to an online virtual format along with many other clubs due to the global pandemic. The club has adjusted well in continuing to provide the setting and tools for our members and guests. It's amazing how we have been able to translate the program on video, all the while continuing to grow as better communicators and presenters.

We hope everyone, including family and friends are staying safe during the Shelter in Place.

We are a growing club and continue to implement Educational activities to help members achieve their goals and progress in our Education Program Pathways as well as solid PR activities to attract new members.

Summer will soon be upon us so that we can enjoy the California sunshine and upcoming virtual events and leadership opportunities beyond the club.

We always welcome guests at our weekly meetings. JOIN US soon to find out how Toastmasters can help you achieve and succeed!

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The Many Benefits of Toastmasters

Benefit defined: an advantage or profit. Toastmasters pays in dividends for years to come, starting from your very first visit and / or official meeting as a member. How? Because we learn skills and change in ways that intangible but are definitely felt, seen and heard in our lives. The Toastmasters program consisting of structured meeting formats consisting of specific roles to refine presentation, speaking, listening and evaluation skills as well as our world-renowned Educational Program – Pathways. When we consistently participate in both the benefits are numerous, enjoyable and matter because they involve different aspects of personal and professional growth. It all takes practice, practice, practice,... discipline, dedication, supportive members and a whole lotta' humor and laughs.



598 in action



Ashley Harkness & Marina San Miguel, Networking and socializing opportunities

With Toastmasters, the learning never stops. TI

WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE



Cecil Manduriao, Constructive Feedback and awards

The Many Benefits of Toastmasters, Cont'ed.



Improve your public speaking skills



Gain self-confidence and self-awareness



Practice writing speeches and presenting in a group setting



Gain a competitive advantage in the workplace



Enjoy unlimited personal growth



Maximize your potential



Build leadership skills



Work on networking in a small and supportive environment



Receive regular and constructive feedback from peers with similar interests as you



Access to the Pathways learning experience, which is an education program that allows you to leverage over 300 practical workplace skills, including:

- » Interview preparation
- » Online meeting management
- » Leadership development
- » Project management
- » Conflict resolution

The Benefits of Toastmasters Membership

Build a Better You

Are you looking for a fun way to improve your communication and build skills to help in your career? Toastmasters allows you to engage with people who share similar interests to you in a supportive and comfortable setting,

Here's just a few of the many benefits you'll see as a Toastmaster.

To learn more, visit:

www.toastmasters.org/About-Us



*Tyler Vivian,
Division competition*

Websites:

diablotoastmasters.org

d57tm.org

www.toastmasters.org

MEMBER RECOGNITION

TYLER VIVIAN
2ND Place Winner, 5/15
District 57 Evaluation
Contest



ASHLEY HARKNESS
Presenter, 5/18
District 57 Master Class:
Putting Humor into your
Speeches



Life Beyond the Club

Have you ever been curious about what opportunities exist within Toastmasters beyond the club level? Many Toastmasters are aware that Toastmasters is a worldwide organization, but are sometimes unaware of how they can get involved beyond participating in club meetings. This article will review the basic structure of Toastmasters, District Leadership, and annual events including speech contests that provide members with further opportunities to grow their leadership and communication skills.

Toastmasters International Structure

Toastmasters International divides all clubs into Districts. There are currently 120+ Districts worldwide (and counting). Diablo 598 is a member of District 57, which includes most of the East Bay, Marin County, Sonoma County, and the rest of the north coast up to Eureka. Each District is then split into Divisions. There are nine divisions in District 57, and we are a part of Division B. The Divisions are then broken into Areas geographically, with each Area containing 4-6 clubs. Diablo 598 is part of Area B17, with five other clubs in the Concord/Pleasant Hill area.

District Leadership

There are leadership opportunities within Toastmasters beyond the Club level. Each Area and Division are governed by an Area Director and Division Director, respectively. It is the responsibility of these leaders to support and grow the clubs within their jurisdiction and organize events such as speech contests. At the head of each District is the "District Trio," the District Director, Program Quality Director, and Club Growth Director. These three are in charge of all District operations. The District Trio and Division Directors are elected by the membership annually, while the Area Directors are appointed by the District Trio. If you are interested in getting involved in district leadership, reach out to the Area Director to find out what opportunities exist.

Speech Contests

One of the most exhilarating events a Toastmasters member can participate in is the annual speech contests. Toastmasters International offers five potential speech contests: International Speech, Humorous Speech, Table Topics, Speech Evaluation, and Tall Tales. All Districts conduct the International Speech Contest annually, which culminates in the World Championship of Public Speaking at the International Convention.



Destinee Cooper,
Toastmaster for the evening

“Develop real-world, transferable skills in many different areas through Pathways—communication, leadership, management, strategic planning, service to others, public speaking and more.” – TI

Life Beyond the Club, Cont’ed.

Speech Contests, Cont’ed.

Additional contests can be executed at the discretion of the District leadership and will culminate at the District level. This past year, District 57 chose to hold the International Speech Contest and the Speech Evaluation Contest. Diablo 598’s own Tyler Vivian competed in the Speech Evaluation Contest, finishing in second place at the District level.

Training Events

Each year, District 57 offers a wide variety of training events that are open to all interested members. Past events include Train the Trainer sessions, How to Use Humor Effectively, and How to Present Virtually (among others). The annual District Conference combines training sessions, keynote speakers, and the District-level speech contests. Additionally, each year Toastmasters International hosts an International Convention somewhere in the world. The District 57 Convention and International Convention were both cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions, but aspects of each are available virtually. The 2021 International Convention is slated to take place in Paris, the site originally designated for the 2020 convention. For a full list of District 57 events, please visit the District website www.d57tm.org.

Choose a Pathway to Fit Your Personality

When you joined Toastmasters we promised you a supportive environment and an Educational Program that included structure for your progress in your communication skills. Now that you’ve joined or are considering another Pathway, you want to consider who you are and what your goals are in Toastmasters. From there you can start reviewing the Pathway options to consider which one is a good fit to start your Toastmasters journey.

.Some may be:

- Are you in sales?
- Do you enjoy stories?
- Are you focused on a promotion and want to gain leadership skills?
- Do you need help with presenting organizational skills?
- How are you wanting to utilize your Toastmasters skills?
- Does your team at work need communication help?
- Are there any other subjects and / or topics that interest you?

PATHWAY RECOGNITION

COMING SOON!

We will be listing member’s achievements, in level progression, for the previous two months.

Level up and grow!



Choose a Pathway, Cont'ed.

Then when you login to Pathways via Base Camp there is an online assessment to help you decide which path is right for you. You will simplify this process since you've already given some thought to your goals and personality! You'll find the right fit so that you stay engaged with this flexible and interactive method of learning and at the same time transfer these skills immediately to the real world. We know you will be amazed at the results once you begin and progress in your Pathway. Feel free to ask your mentor or any one of the Club Officers any questions or guidance with logging in and beginning the Pathway process. See you at the podium for your Ice Breaker!

For a full list of the 11 Pathways & more info:

- www.toastmasters.org/pathways-overview

Member Profile: James Dunbar

After being a guest at a few different clubs, I decided to join Diablo #598 to improve my communication, public speaking and leadership skills. The club has been very welcoming and friendly while at the same time helpful in pushing me to progress towards my communication goals.

Having a background in fitness and sales, I knew how important clear communication and effective speaking was to personal and career success. Be it in a one on one, group or leadership role, I felt like I had room for improvement. Toastmasters was an accessible and practical way to do so. So far, it's been an excellent experience and I look forward to the continued growth and development. I'm thankful for the support already and that to come.



*James Dunbar,
Member Profile*

Message from the President

Year in Review... 2019-2020 was a roller coaster of a year for Diablo 598, but there is a lot to be proud of. We gained six new, dynamic members who will all be key to the club's future. There were countless Ice Breakers, creative Table Topics sessions, and interactive trainings to keep the club meetings lively. Two members earned their Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award, the highest award in Toastmasters.

When a global pandemic hit, it did not interrupt our club's energy, instead we were resilient and able to adjust to meeting online. One silver lining to holding online meetings was it allowed us to bring back some past members who had been unable to attend in person.

There is a reason Diablo 598 has been around since 1948 and will continue to be around for years to come. Stand up, be great, as members of Diablo 598!



*Tyler Vivian,
Diablo 598 Club President*

**WHERE LEADERS
ARE MADE**

*The mission of a
Toastmasters club is to
provide a supportive
and positive learning
experience in which
members are
empowered to develop
communication and
leadership skills,
resulting in greater self-
confidence and
personal growth.*

New Members and Anniversaries

NEW MEMBERS:

Elena Dunbar	12/2019
James Dunbar	12/2019
Tara Scheuer	2/2020

And we know there are more on their way!

If you are reading this newsletter and not a member... your name could be listed here! Ask an Executive Committee member about joining today.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Cecil Manduriao	5/2019
Will Manduriao	5/2019

Upcoming Events

Get involved, stay inspired, and have fun! At the club, district and international levels.

Club Officer Induction	TBD
<i>Club Guest Trainer, Lisa Fairchild</i>	<i>June 4</i>
Club Year End Celebration	June 25
District Executive Council Meeting	June 25
District Master Classes*	June 1, 13, 15, 29
*see d57tm.org for details	
District Toastmasters Leadership Institute	July 25

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