



DIABLO 598 Club Newsletter

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598 Summer & Fall 2020... Zooming Along

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At Diablo 598 our nickname is 5-9-GREAT! We strive to be just that and more... Our meetings continue to be lively, interactive and a learning experience for all members.

We are excited to present an Open House tonite, July 30. What a treat it will be to meet potential members and show them what Toastmasters is all about – overcoming the #1 fear of Public Speaking, in addition to success, networking, communication and more.

Also our club made big news in the District!! We won the District 57 Club Newsletter Contest held earlier this summer! Yay!! to us and our efforts to keep our standards high in all areas of the club. Plus, a big 'Thank you' to the District for presenting the competition.

We continue to create and grow our mentorship program. Mentors and mentees be sure and keep communication going offline for the benefit of both of you and the club.

The first of two TLI's was offered in June and the second is planned for August 15, 2020. Members have been encouraged to attend this District event to experience Toastmasters beyond the club and garner more knowledge for success.

We appreciate our members and encourage everyone to participate at all levels so that we continue to be 5-9-GREAT!

Dress for (Virtual) Success!

In this virtual age, many people are finding that they are no longer having to "dress up" for work. While there is nothing wrong with the more casual culture that comes with a virtual environment, how can one still look good - even online? Here are a few tips I've picked up throughout the contest season:

- 1 Check the colors of your clothing on video. How colors come through on video can be different than in real life. Additionally, you will want to make sure there is a contrast with the background of your space. Avoid clashing patterns, and if you are using a virtual background avoid wearing anything green.



*Clothes/Appearance:
A very important
aspect of
Public Speaking*



Consider the occasion & audience when choosing your outfit

Use these tips to make sure you fully nail the presentation!



**CLUB NEWSLETTER
CONTEST
SUMMER 2020**



**WINNER:
Diablo #598
Toastmasters**

WE WON!!!!

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Dress for (Virtual) Success!, Cont'ed.

- 2 Don't forget pants! Make sure everything that could possibly be seen on camera is appropriately dressed. There are plenty of memes of people dressed for online meetings with a suit and tie on top and basketball shorts (or less!) on bottom. As long as you are abundantly sure that your bottom half won't show, go for it! Otherwise, dust off the pants, belt, and shoes.
- 3 Check your lighting and camera angles. The most ideal lighting situation is to have a powerful light source behind your camera facing you. Avoid lights behind you or to your side. If you are using natural lighting, make sure to check the lighting of the room at that particular time of day. In regards to camera angles, the higher the better! The most flattering angle is to have your camera above eye-level, pointed down at you.

While it is not essential to dress up for every single virtual presentation, there are times when you will still need to look your best on camera. Use these tips to make sure you fully nail the presentation!

Newsletters to Inform, Motivate, Entertain and Engage

We gather at Toastmasters to practice our Leadership and Communication skills in the form of spoken presentations. These skills open doors of opportunity and growth! But did you ever consider that the beginning of the Toastmasters process actually begins with a thought and a pen! We've heard the saying 'The Pen is Mightier than the Sword' and for us at Toastmasters it's so true. Unless, of course, the Sword is a prop (wink, wink). To sum it up, our speech starts with putting pen to paper and organizing a well written speech with an opening middle and an end that conveys a specific message.

On that note, our Newsletter is another way we Toastmasters keep our communication skills up to par. The Newsletter begins and ends with the written word and communicates a message in a different way. At 598 we have a long history of newsletter editors, editions and articles written by many members over the years. We offer the latest news, feature articles, club and member recognition and a bit about what's happening beyond the club.

WE WON! In June our very own Diablo #598 was announced as the First Place Winner of the District 57 Club Newsletter Contest! Thank you to the District for presenting the contest.

We encourage all members to consider and say 'Yes' to this additional opportunity to hone your skills. Offer to write an article, proof the newsletter or contribute in some other way... ideas, images, etc.



What's Great at Diablo 598?

*"The written word is...
much different than the
presentation skills we
learn."*



**TOASTMASTER 2019-2020
YEAR END MEMBER
RECOGNITION**

TYLER VIVIAN
*ACG Advanced
Communicator Gold &
DTM Distinguished
Toastmaster*

IRVING JOE
*LD1 Leadership
Development Path*

ASHLEY HARKNESS
*EH1 Engaging Humor
Path*

CONTEST RESULTS

TYLER VIVIAN
*Speech Evaluation
Contest
1st Place – Area B17
1st Place – Division B
2nd Place – District 57*

**...MORE RECOGNITION
on pages 4-5...**

Newsletters to Inform, Motivate, Entertain and Engage, Cont'ed.

The written word is an interesting and effective medium to spread news & ideas and is much different than the presentation skills we learn. Together they are a combination for true success on many more levels.

We hope you have enjoyed the previous newsletters and enjoy the many more to come. Who knows, maybe we will see your name in the Contributors section! Say 'Yes' and see your self transformed, yet again, in another positive way by using the written word!

Helping you Down the Path in Pathways

Pathways is relatively new in Toastmasters, as a changed format to the Educational Program. Three sections on the Toastmasters International web site that would be very beneficial to new and continuing members are 'Go to Base Camp,' 'Pathways Updates,' and 'The Navigator.'

Visit toastmasters.org, see navigation bar and click on 'Pathways', an additional sub-menu will appear:

1. Learn more
2. Start Page
3. FAQ
4. Choose a path
5. Go to Base Camp
6. Pathways Updates
7. The Navigator
8. Accessible materials

(5) 'Go to Base Camp' - Base Camp is your online gateway to the Pathways learning experience - similar to beginning a trek up a mountain in an expedition. In Toastmasters our Base Camp is where educational materials are accessed including interactive projects and detailed instructions. Also available are tools to track progress, view, store evaluations, connect with members and more.

(6) 'Pathways Updates' - Return often as updated information and tools are added all the time, as well as changes are made to improve the Pathways experience.

(7) 'The Navigator' - A highly recommended choice as an introductory resource for all members is The Navigator. Here everything is available to become acquainted with the Toastmasters organization and community.



Pathways Educational Program:
A proven method for success in
Public Speaking

*“It’s all in the name –
The Navigator – To help
you set your course
from where you are to
where you would like to
go in Toastmasters.”*



Celebrating our Club and
members

PATHWAY RECOGNITION

COMING SOON!

Level up and grow!

Helping you Down the Path in Pathways, Cont’ed.

“The Navigator is filled with essential information about the Toastmasters journey. Use it to help you begin your journey and support your progress. Whether you are just embarking on your journey or are a seasoned Toastmaster, The Navigator can answer your questions and guide you along the way. Base Camp also features resources to help guide you, including videos, quizzes, interactive activities and more.” - TI

More information and Additional Resources within the choices on the Navigator page:

- Welcome to Toastmasters
- Your Toastmasters Club
- Speeches and Evaluations
- Pathways Learning Experience
- Expand Your Journey

It’s all in the name – The Navigator – To help you set your course from where you are to where you would like to go in Toastmasters. Any questions please see your mentor or one of the members of the Executive Committee for help.

More Recognition – Toastmasters Year 2019-2020

Congratulations to new and returning members for all of our accomplishments! It’s fun to stop and look back at where our efforts brought us, in addition to the benefits we get from attending our weekly meetings.

A VERY SPECIAL Congratulations to Tyler Vivian who achieved his DTM! The Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award represents the highest level of educational achievement in Toastmasters. It’s basically the Academy Awards of Toastmasters and takes a considerable amount of time, energy and dedication to achieve. So Tyler... Here’s to you... Cheers!

Ice Breakers (Introductory Speech):

- Elaina Dunbar
- James Dunbar
- Rose Falgout
- Will Manduraio
- Tyler Vivian

Welcome new members:

- Stephanie Betancourt
- Elaina Dunbar
- James Dunbar
- Kalli Mejia
- Tara Scheuer
- Gerardo Segovia

More Recognition – Toastmasters Year 2019-2020, Cont’ed.

Thank you to the Executive Committee:

- President: Tyler Vivian
- VP - Education: Irving Joe
- VP - Public Relations: Rose Falgout
- Treasurer: Will Manduraio
- Sergeant at Arms: Don Niemeyer

Enjoy your efforts you earned them! As we start a new Toastmaster year, we encourage our members to set goals, connect with your mentor, implement a strategy, and shoot for the moon.

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.

Member Profile: Donald Niemeyer

Welcome to Toastmasters “598.” My name is Donald Niemeyer and I am honored to be your Sergeant-at-Arms. I have always been an outgoing guy but noticed that I began avoiding public speaking opportunities by delegating that responsibility. Currently, I am retired and looking to improve my latter years with better speaking skills. I have come to understand that I am not alone, and that public speaking is one of the top fears that people encounter.

I learned leadership skills as a United States Marine and am now enhancing those abilities. Thanks to 598 for helping me along the “Pathways program.” We’re “Zooming” now and enjoying another avenue of communication. When this virtual meeting platform stops, join us live at Denny’s on Willow Pass Road in Concord, CA.



*Donald Niemeyer,
Member Profile*

Message from the President

A new (Toastmasters) year brings new opportunities for Diablo 598! The past year didn’t quite end the way we wanted, but there is still a lot to celebrate and a lot to build on. The club saw new members, multiple educational awards (including a DTM!), an award-winning newsletter, and successful representation in Area, Division, and District Contests. We have adapted well to the new virtual environment and have already had guests attending our meetings (one of whom has already joined - Welcome Tom!). Ashley’s Pathways trainings have been tremendously valuable, and I encourage all members to dive in fully to the Pathways Program. The future of Diablo 598 is bright!



*Tyler Vivian,
Diablo 598 Club President*

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New Members and Anniversaries

NEW MEMBERS:

Thomas Gutshall 7/2020

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:

Becca Wood 6/2019

Destinee Cooper 8/2013

Donald Niemeyer 10/2018

AUGUST 2020

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Upcoming Events

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

Club Open House July 30

District Executive Committee Meeting Aug 1

District Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) Aug 15

District Executive Committee Meeting Sept 5

District 57 Fall Business Meeting Sept 15

District Executive Committee Meeting Oct 3

For more details about District events visit: d57tm.org

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