

## “WHAT’S GREAT IN 598”

Diablo 598 is a community Toastmasters Club that meets every Thursday 7 PM at Denny’s Restaurant, 1313 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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### District Director Installs Officers



District 57 Director **Diane Pleuss**, DTM, officiated at the installation of club officers for the term of January to June, 2019. From left to right: **Destinee Cooper**, President; **Irving Joe**, VP-Ed; **Diane Pleuss**, District 57 Director; **Rose Falgout**, VP-PR; **Ashley Harkness**, Secretary.

Diane Pleuss presented, “The In’s and Out’s of Open Houses.” One of her ideas was to have guests answer one question on a 3x5” card: “What are you most proud of?” Then, have the Toastmaster ask the group to guess who wrote that? The guest will answer and tell us about it. Great idea!

### Diablo Prepares for Open House

**OPEN HOUSE**

**JOIN US!**  
**February 28, 2019**

**Find Out How Toastmasters Can Help You!**

Attend and Learn:

- Public Speaking
- Communication
- Leadership
- Support and Friendly Environment
- Networking

*Guest Speaker - Presenting Pathways*  
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Open house at Denny’s, 1313 Willow Pass Road, Concord, 7-9 PM. (925-577-4924)

### **A Look Back in Time: Promotion Candidate Fires Up the Meeting** ---*Ashley Harkness*



Reggie Williams, San Jose Fire Department.

In 2014, Reggie Williams was a Fire Captain on the San Jose Fire Department. Reggie was constantly on the news being interviewed about fires his organization fights. He joined Diablo to improve his public speaking. Clearly, Reggie already had a lot of excellent communication skills.

In the coming months, he would be taking oral boards for the position of Fire Battalion Chief. He asked Diablo for help.

On March 20, 2014, a two hour special event was held in place of the regular Diablo 598 meeting. We set up to simulate a "Fire Department Oral Board." Reggie sat ready to be grilled with questions.

The panel was made up of club members. Reggie had given us a list of questions that might be asked. We added a few to spice things up. The questions were intense and

impromptu. Talk about your "Real, Live Table Topic" session, this was it!

Reggie easily handled all questions with skill and aplomb. He thanked the group for this support. We thanked him for giving us a chance to help him in his career.

The session was recorded and given to Reggie to review later.

Several weeks later, we learned that in a long field of candidates, Reggie had been placed as **NUMBER 1!**

Months later, Reggie stopped by with his new white Battalion Chief hat to thank Diablo for all of the help we gave him.

Congratulations, Reggie. Our hopes go with you as you move up in the Fire Fighting Organization!

### **YOUR "ARTICLE" HELP NEEDED**

Our newsletter needs your support. We, the membership, must support the editor with input for the newsletter.

We are looking for a team of people to help on a regular basis. Please contact Ashley Harkness to contribute articles or information.

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