

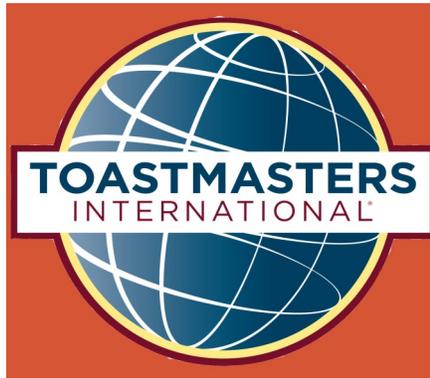
“WHAT’S GREAT IN 598”

The Diablo Toastmasters Club is a community Toastmasters Club that meets every Thursday at 7 PM at Denny’s Restaurant, 1313 Willow Pass Rd., Concord, CA.

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DISTRICT 57 FALL CONFERENCE

Put this on your calendar! The District 57 Fall Conference is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th at the San Ramon Conference Center, 3301 Crow Canyon Rd, San Ramon. This is where the winners of the Humorous Speech and Evaluation contests from all eight Divisions within the District will compete for the D57 Championship. For all you new members of our club, *please* do yourself a favor and attend this conference! You’ll really see what Toastmasters can do for you if you work at it!!

Early-Bird registration for the conference is available on the District’s website, www.d57th.org, for only \$85 through October 9th, so sign up now!

CONCORD CHAMBER EVENTS

See the last page for presently-scheduled events at the Concord Chamber of Commerce, especially the Women’s Networking Lunch, Business After Hours Mixer, and the Bay Area Beer and Slider Event. Unfortunately, this month’s Yo-Pro’s event had not been scheduled at press time.

WELCOME!

Welcome to our new member:

Alisha McLean

Please support Alisha in every way you can on her Toastmasters journey!

Rose Falgout Sweeps Both Club Speech Contest Events

Long-time member and current VP of Public Relations Rose Falgout scored a double-header (or did a double-take?) at the club’s Humorous Speech & Evaluation Contest on September 14th, by winning both events! First, she won the speech contest with her rendition of “Feeling Good From My Head to My Toes,” where the toes turned out to be — tomatoes! This rendition brought down the house with a wide variety of props that were unveiled progressively through the presentation, with the tomatoes making their appearance as the grand finale to roars of surprised laughter!

The target speaker for the evaluation contest was former Division B Director Dave Eglinsdoerfer, DTM, who offered



“What’s Your Plan,” a talk on successful approaches to retirement planning. And again Rose prevailed, this time against

long (long) time member John Peterson, both of whom are pictured at left.

After the contest, Rose told your reporter how much she enjoyed the challenge of the event, and strongly encouraged club members, especially newer members, to enter next Spring’s International Speech and Table Topics contest. “It’s a challenge, but well worth it” she said!

WHO'S WHO



**Karl
Newlin**

Karl was born in Kärkla, Estonia, moving to the United States at the age of 10. In the US, he grew up in Lodi, California, which is known for its great wines. At a young age, he was involved in sports, playing basketball for a local AAU program and at the Junior Varsity level in High School. Today Karl is still pretty active, always trying to make time to get his daily run in. As a hobby, he loves tinkering on the computer, and having pretty much grown up with the internet he has a pretty good grasp of the technology. This has led to a career in the tech field, doing Online Marketing for startups.

Karl's other passion is travel and the outdoors. Having visited his grandparents every year in Estonia, he has been all over Europe, from Portugal to Finland with his favorite place being Southern France, specifically Nice. The weather, the beaches, and the relaxing atmosphere are all characteristics that have made it a great draw. Someday, he'd love to move back and retire in a small town on the Mediterranean.

Besides travel, business has always been an interest for Karl. He is a nerd when it comes to marketing and loves to read the classics. For his career, online marketing involves salesmanship, psychology, and technology, covering all the areas he is passionate about. When he isn't busy at his 9 to 5 job, he's working on something akin to it on the side.

Karl joined Diablo 598 to improve his communication, public speaking, and leadership skills. His experience at the club has been great for him, and it doesn't hurt that the leadership of the organization has made it a fun and inviting atmosphere! Welcome, Karl!!



IRVING'S COLUMN

By Irving Joe

The Fall season is upon us, and we're entering the last quarter of the calendar year. I know that we had high expectations when the clock struck midnight ending last year and entering this one. As we rang in 2017 we were filled with the excitement of losing weight, dreams of making millions, or even completing some of our Toastmasters goals! This is the time of the year when I reflect on the things I've accomplished and the things I haven't. There are too many of the latter, so....do I give up, or do I try harder to reach more of my goals before the end of 2017? I'm always wondering if our club members have set Toastmasters goals for themselves? If not, work with your mentor to do this!

I thank our VP of Education (Ashley Harkness) for pre-assigning members to roles or a speech for our meetings. This is to make the meetings run more smoothly, and give everyone a chance to participate in a role every week. Be sure to check the on-line agenda each week, note what your assignment is for the coming meeting, and confirm to the Toastmaster that you'll fill it or if you'll be absent. This is vital to the success of every meeting!

I hope that no one feels they're being pushed, but with a little encouragement we can all succeed. It's ultimately up to us to step up to the challenge, and our plan should be to always be working on completing a Toastmasters manual or a Pathway track — with a goal to complete two every year!

My goals at Diablo Toastmasters 598 are to grow our membership and to provide a positive environment for people to develop their speaking skills. I truly believe that we have the right positive environment, and that we are growing.

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OCTOBER EVENTS



10/6 First Friday Coffee

8:00 AM—9:00 AM
Sam's Club
1225 Concord Ave, Concord
Chamber Members—FREE
Prospective Members—\$10

10/12 Women's Networking Lunch:

Speaker, Kit Ohlman, Central
Contra Costa Sanitary District
11:45 AM—1:00 PM
2280 Diamond Blvd., Suite 200
Chamber Members—\$10
Prospective Members—\$25

10/17 Member Orientation

8:30 AM—9:30 AM
Concord Chamber
2280 Diamond Blvd., Suite 200
Concord
FREE

10/17 Government Committee Meeting

4:00 PM
Concord Chamber Office
2280 Diamond Blvd., Suite 200
Concord

10/19 Business After Hours Mixer

5:00 PM—7:00 PM
Hilton Concord
1970 Diamond Blvd,
Concord, CA 94520
Members—FREE
Prospective Members—\$20

11/4 Bay Area Beer and Slider Fest

1:00 PM—4:00 PM
Clarion Hotel
1050 Burnett Ave.
Concord, CA 94520

Chamber Membership Offers:

- Monthly Mixers
- Committees
- Trade Shows
- Issue & Candidate Forums
- Connections with other Business Owners
- Learning Series
- Ribbon Cuttings
- Young Professionals Group

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9/15/17

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