



Toasts from District 63

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WE MISSED YOU!

What a conference!!! We had fantastic fun, superb speakers, and excellent education sessions. If you didn't get to attend, please know that we missed seeing you there and being able to network with you. Also, let us know what we might change to entice you to attend the conference in the spring. Don is already working on another outstanding program and we want you to share in the conference experience.

For those of you who were unable to attend, let me share with you a little of the information that Byron Embry shared with us with respect to our work in Toastmasters (even though I can't begin to meet the storytelling talent of Mr. Embry). It really is surprising what a person can glean from the simplest of childhood stories. Take, for example, the story of "Jack and Jill." This story, according to Byron, shares a picture of true commitment. Jack had a vision, and Jill was committed to that vision. She worked hard to accompany him up the hill. When they reached the top of the hill, Jack noted the way down would be easier. He decided he could make it without Jill, but as he started on the downside, he slipped and fell. Regardless of the inconvenience she might experience, Jill followed him down to be sure he was alright. She remained committed to Jack and his vision even when it was not convenient for her. Many of us will stay with something as long as the way is not too busy or too tough, but when we are faced with adversity or inconvenience, we don't seem to be able to find a way to follow through. The moral of this story is that commitment isn't always convenient...in fact, it probably seldom is.

During his breakfast session on Saturday, Byron shared the story of the "Three Little Pigs" as it relates to our character. The material we use in building our character is critical to our being able to maintain that character during our toughest moments, particularly when we find



**2011-2012
District Governor
Andrea Burnette**

ourselves under attack by others...which, by the way, is more often than we might think.

These lessons are important for us as we serve in Toastmasters. We are here for each other and should be committed to success for ourselves and other members as we work through the program year before us. What can you do to make this the best year ever for us all?

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*Lt. Governor Education
and Training
Don Bittick, DTM*

Fall Conference – WOW

I want to start by thanking Anne and Danny Powell for putting on a fantastic conference. Also, congratulations to Alice Johnson for winning the Evaluation contest and Harold Reed for winning the Humorous speech contest. Based on key observations and feedback that I've received, our keynote speaker, Byron T. Embry, was one of the best that we've ever had. His "Leadership Assassination" presentation at breakfast was a huge success as that was one of the most attended Governor's breakfasts that our district has ever had. The silent auction brought in over \$800; that money was used to cover the expenses of our two guest speakers – our keynote speaker, Byron T. Embry, and Jason Malham, who presented the session on Memory Recall, which was also a huge success.

For those of you who missed the Fall Conference, I hope you will be able to attend the Spring Conference on April 13 & 14 in Chattanooga. The Spring Conference is shaping up to be as good or better, as we have another fantastic keynote speaker already confirmed and a "surprise" visit from our International Director. You will be hearing more about these speakers soon. Another reason to attend the Spring Conference is to vote on our district officers for the 2012-2013 year. If you would like to volunteer at our Spring Conference, please contact conference co-chairs Charlie Rosenquist and Debby Gignilliat. If you would like to present an educational session at the Spring Conference, please contact me at 615-300-7635 or dbittick@msn.com.

Toastmasters 101 Workshop

Interested in learning more about the Toastmasters International organization, our district, educational tracks, conferences, and TLI (Toastmasters Leadership Institute)? On Thursday, November 3, from 5:30-7:30, HCA will host a workshop – an excellent opportunity for newer members to learn more about the Toastmasters program! Experienced members will also benefit from this workshop, as it will reinforce what you may already know. Who knows...you may even learn a couple of things! Everyone is welcome to attend, and there is no need to stop for dinner before you come as food and drinks will be served. Please contact Don Bittick (615-300-7635, dbittick@msn.com) if you have any questions about this workshop.

Setting high goals

Will YOUR name be announced at the Spring Conference in 2012? Is one of your goals to complete your High Performance Leadership project this year? Are you struggling for ideas? If so, contact LGET Don Bittick at 615-300-7635 or dbittick@msn.com.

Put Me In Coach

Have you ever wondered what the difference between a club sponsor, mentor, and coach are? They are each important roles that we can fill as servant leaders in another club, whether the club is just getting started or is an existing club that could use some assistance. Here's a breakdown of each of the three roles:

Club Sponsor – The person(s) in this role assists a newly forming club with getting chartered. This includes the demonstration meeting, helping to answer any questions the club may have, getting the proper paperwork filled out correctly, and helping in any other way necessary to get the club chartered. This assignment is officially complete when the club charters, though Club Sponsors often continue going to the new club's meetings to provide support. You must get the letter sent to you from Toastmasters International signed and sent back in to receive credit.

Club Mentor – This person(s) attends club meetings from the beginning and helps make sure the club gets started with a strong foundation for at least 6 months after the club charters. They help educate the new club members on proper club etiquette such as clapping until the next person reaches the lectern, not leaving the lectern unattended, and how to give a good evaluation. Remember being a new club member and having to learn all the ins and outs of Toastmasters? A new club has an entire room of new Toastmasters; the Club Mentor is there to help them like you were supported when you first joined. This assignment is officially complete when the club has been chartered for 6 months; however Club Mentors often continue to advise the club beyond this point. You must get the letter sent to you from Toastmasters International signed and sent back in to receive credit.

Club Coach – When a club has membership of 12 members or less, they qualify for a Club Coach. This person(s) attends club meetings, makes suggestions, and becomes an active part of the club. They may join the club if they meet the membership requirements of the club after being officially appointed as the Coach. Coaches are there to help the club get back on track. Coaches cannot do all the work by themselves. Clubs that qualify for a Coach can request one by emailing the District Governor and/or the Lt. Governor of Marketing. The Coach has a goal of helping the club work towards getting back to charter strength (20 or more members) and distinguished. This assignment is officially complete when the club is distinguished.



*Lt. Governor of Marketing
Kristi Coleman*

We have clubs across the District that qualify for the Club Coach program, which means the District is actively looking for Club Coaches to help these clubs. As we have a goal to charter 12 clubs this year and we have 8 more clubs to go, we'll also need more Club Sponsors and Mentors as well. However, we don't know where the clubs will be until the clubs start forming. Any time a club qualifies for one of these appointments, they can have up to two people filling a position (i.e. two people can be the Club Coach for the same club). This means we, as a District, really must work together to have strong, successful clubs.

Club coaches needed!

There are several clubs in the district that need your help. If you're willing to be a club coach, please contact LGM Kristi Coleman at d63toast@gmail.com for more information!



Member Spotlight: Yvonne Hart

Are you struggling with work-life balance? Wondering what your life's purpose is? Need a life coach? Look no further than Toastmasters member **Yvonne Hart**! Yvonne is a life coach who frequently holds workshops on life balance or life purpose. In August, Yvonne delivered a 35-minute speech, "The Balancing Act," at the East Tennessee chapter of Associate Advancement of Cost Engineering's (AAACE) monthly meeting in Oak Ridge, TN. "It was a shortened version of the workshop of the same name where I help people identify their values, then suggest prioritizing with them," says Yvonne. "I spoke on the delicate balance we all deal

Yvonne Hart receiving a token of appreciation after speaking at an AAACE meeting.

with between our responsibilities to work, family and finding time for self restoration."

Yvonne is a member of the Greater Knoxville Speakers Bureau (GKSB), and this was an opportunity for her to speak about work-life balance as well as promote Toastmasters. "I love coaching," says Yvonne. "It's as if my life came full circle when I found coaching. Because I can work via telephone and email, I work with folks across the nation." Yvonne joined GKSB last year, and this was her first speaking opportunity with them (for more info on GKSB, visit www.divisionBtoastmasters.org). "Around May this year, I decided to take on the challenge of building Toastmasters' visibility in Oak Ridge. My husband, Jim [Hart, president of the Pellissippi Club], advised me to consider the position of Area Governor and promote Toastmasters via a High Performance Leadership (HPL) project. Now that my whole Toastmasters focus is to sell the benefits of Toastmasters, I will weave those into my personal development speeches for future GKSB events."

As Area 22 Governor, Yvonne's focus has been on strengthening existing clubs rather than pushing for new clubs this year. She was recently mentioned in "The Oak Ridge Observer" in a brief article where the focus was to recruit members to clubs in Area 22. Yvonne is pleased to say that each club in her Area has added members since July. "The Toastmasters manuals and training encourages us to organize our thoughts and clarify our message, which became more important after starting coaching training in 2004. I have found it's also a great networking opportunity among my ideal client: life learners. People who are Toastmasters are usually interested in personal development, and those make the best coaching clients."

Yvonne is a member of the Energy Capital Club in Oak Ridge and the Pellissippi Club in Knoxville, TN. She has been a Toastmaster for 10 years and says, "While Jim and I dated, he prompted me to get started in Toastmasters. I am an introvert by nature, needing time to prepare before speaking; impromptu topics scared me. I love a challenge and knew it would make me a better leader to be able to think on my feet. So even though I hated Table Topics, that is really the reason I kept coming back."

Yvonne is currently working on her HPL and is pursuing her DTM designation. She has traveled extensively, including visits to New Zealand and Antarctica. She coaches and motivates a life of purpose through her firm, "A Focused Purpose Life Coaching." To contact Yvonne, email her at tmarea22@gmail.com. Her website is <http://afocusedpurpose.com>.

News from our 2011 Fall Conference

Thank You for a successful fall conference

Fall conference was as promised: traffic jams, beautiful fall weather and outstanding speeches! Overall, things ran smoothly. Unique to this conference was the District rollout of the new Toastmasters logo, which was stunning on the new banner. The conference may have also set a record for first timers. Thank you to everyone who came. As Mother would say, "It wouldn't be fun to do a 'do' if nobody came." Many people worked hard in advance and still more worked *at* the conference.

As with all functions, especially volunteer organizations, there was a glitch or two. Life happens. When traffic delayed registration, people stepped forward and helped get things moving, handing out the beautiful name badges created by Karen Sprinkle. When traffic and the airlines delayed arrival of the keynote speaker, and especially his luggage and Friday-evening speech notes, others stepped forward to fill the speaking timeslot until the speaker arrived. "People stepped forward to help any time there was a need" might well summarize the conference from registration to cleaning the hospitality suite at the end of the conference. To anyone who was not thanked, "*THANK YOU!*" and to those who were thanked, "Thank you again!" There isn't enough money in the world to pay people to do all the things that need doing. That's why volunteers are so very valuable: you make the world a better place. Many people brought food to the hospitality "potluck" that was enjoyed by all. Sitting around each night after the sessions, "old timers" renewed acquaintances and met new Toastmasters (who will themselves become "old timers" after a few conferences). We learned all over again how nice people really are, especially Toastmasters! Now that you are back home, remember to plant an acorn or two in your home club. Mighty oaks from tiny acorns grow. Those acorns you plant today will be the committee chairs and speakers of future conferences! Hope everyone had fun!!

Respectfully and appreciatively,

Anne Powell and Danny Powell, conference co-chairs



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Toastmasters intently listening at the fall conference



Byron Embry addressing fall conference



Keynote speaker **Byron Embry**

Fall Conference Fun Facts

130 in attendance

22 first-timers

24 club presidents attended

35 non-Toastmaster guests

49 clubs sent members

10 clubs sent four members or more

Best in attendance:

**Speechmasters Advanced
Toastmasters
Club (Area 12, Division A):
7 members**

**Speak Up NASBA
(Area 50, Division E):
10 members and guests**

Area 51: 11 members

Division E: 33 members

Special thanks to **Steve Allen**,
Registration Chair, for providing this information



District 63's newest Distinguished Toastmasters (DTM) **David Pearce** and **Vivian Johnson**

Welcome!
Welcome to our newest club!
McKMasters
(Area 43, Division D)
This club was chartered on Sept 28 and is located in LaVergne, TN.



Checking in at the conference -- it's a busy time!

Miracle on 63rd Membership Drive (Nov 1 – Dec 31)

Can your club add five new, dual, or reinstated members between November 1 and December 31? By doing so you'll qualify to receive an award from the District.

Club Base	89	Membership Base	3760	CCs to date	36	ACs to date	19	Leadership Awards to date	51
Active Clubs	94	Paid Memberships	1689	Goal for June 30	131	Goal for June 30	37	Goal for June 30	82
Paid Clubs	85	Goal for June 30	3835	Still need	95	Still need	18	Still need	31
Goal for June 30	91	Still Need	2146						
Still need	6								

Our District 63 numbers for the month of October

Members: Please keep in mind that every achievement obtained which impacts your club also impacts the District. Keep challenging yourselves to reach your goals. Every time you reach a goal, you help the District meet its goals!

Congratulations are in order!

The following people obtained educational achievements during the month of October:

Competent Communicator: Jaehwan Jeong, Roxanne Martindale, Charles McCoin, Rinki Jain, Sandra Dancy, Julie Perrey, James Wilkens, Kelly Lusk, Jeffrey Whitthauer, and Tom Hines

Advanced Communicator Bronze: Cindy Hazen, Jennie Campbell, Becky Begarly, Jo Ann Merhar Allison and Tim Wright

Advanced Communicator Silver: Farosha Loyde, Kathy Marie Keyes, and Carolyn Paskel

Competent Leader: Robert Mohon, Jo Anne Babbs, Eletta Niles and Melissa Rhodes

Advanced Leader Bronze: Elizabeth Lindsay, Sowdesh Sukumar, and Allan Hicks

Advanced Leader Silver: Effie Boothe and Roxanne Martindale

****Distinguished Toastmaster****

Effie Booth, Roxanne Martindale, David Pearce and Steve Willis

Congratulations to all!

Awards Information and General Announcements for District 63



District 63 Humorous speech contest winners:
L to R Winner-**Harold Reed**, 2nd Place-**Don Kovach**, 3rd place-**Jeanette Holt**



District 63 Evaluation contest winners:
L to R Winner-**Alice Johnson**, 2nd Place-**Evan Nylander**, 3rd Place-**Kapunza Kinunda**

Start preparing now for the Triple Crown Award!
**Any member receiving three or more education awards from
Oct 1 – Mar 30 will be recognized at the Spring Conference
in Chattanooga and awarded the Triple Crown!**

***This Fall's Triple Crown Award recipients are
Effie Boothe, Roxanne Martindale, and David Pearce.*

Mark your calendars!

The next TLI for Divisions D,E, & F will be held Sat., Dec. 3, at Dollar General in Goodlettsville, TN. Anyone from the District is welcome to attend this TLI!

**Anjie Crow, District 63 Public Relations Officer
2011-12, at yozic@yahoo.com
wants to hear from you:**

***Why did YOU join Toastmasters?**
Tell us your story and you could be featured in our next newsletter.

***Does your club have something newsworthy?**
Please share with the district by contacting Anjie.

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District Mission

The mission of the District is to enhance the performance and extend the network of Clubs, thereby offering greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters educational program by:

- *Focusing on the critical success factors as specified by the District educational and membership goals.*
- *Insuring that each Club effectively fulfills its responsibilities to its members.*
- *Providing effective training and leadership development opportunities for Club and District officers.*

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