



Toasts from District 63

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A CALL TO ACTION FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

The 2011-2012 Toastmasters year is almost a quarter of the way complete. As your leadership, how far have we come? Let's review. Your District Governor and Lt. Governors have attended a lengthy leadership training held by Toastmasters International. District 63 has completed its main Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) and has come away with high reviews for the most part. The leadership should soon know how many of our club officers took part in and gained from this training. Clubs, Areas, and Divisions have almost completed the Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests in preparation for the "big" contests at the Fall Conference. Speaking of the Fall Conference, which is less than a month away, our Co-Chairs have worked diligently along with the Lt. Governor Education and Training to present us with a conference that will be fun, motivating, informative and entertaining. The leadership is also preparing workshop materials for upcoming dates. We've accomplished quite a bit...but there's more to be done.

As a District, we've come far in meeting the goals of many of our members as well. Think back to when you first joined Toastmasters (quite a stretch for some on us) and try to remember what it was you were seeking when you joined. Why are you here? What did you hope to discover during your Toastmasters journey? A recent trip to the reports section of the Toastmasters International website disclosed that many of our members had been busy working toward goals they had set for themselves and had already achieved many. We applaud you on these accomplishments for your future and your personal growth and hope that you will continue to challenge yourselves in this manner. The leadership wants each individual member to know that we care about your goals and keep up with where you are as much as possible.



**2011-2012
District Governor
Andrea Burnette**

We (the leadership: District Governor, Lt. Governors, Division Governors, Area Governors, Club Officers) are here to help you reach your fullest potential...but we can't do that unless you let us know what you need. We want to hear from you.

We promise that we will listen and will try to do as much as possible to help you meet your goals...at least in Toastmasters. Of course, we won't be able to implement every idea we get, but we promise to work hard to listen and do as much as we can to make this **your** District. Please help us out...provide your input and make District 63 part of your personal responsibility; after all, Toastmasters is now not only a communications group, it is also "Where Leaders Are Made."

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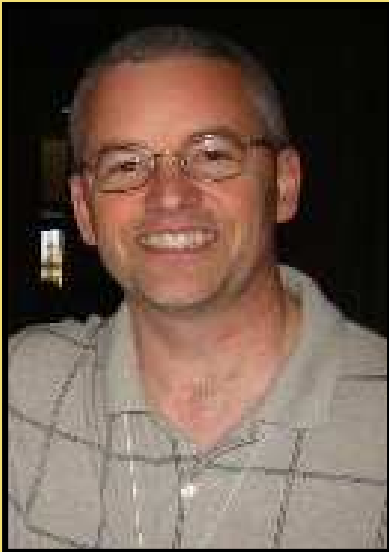
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*Lt. Governor Education
and Training
Don Bittick, DTM*

Education and Training

I would like to start with an update regarding our year-to-date educational awards. Three months have come and gone, and as a district, we are a little behind with our communication goals (CC's and AC's). For those of you who have achieved and submitted an educational award, I would like to congratulate you for moving one step closer to achieving your personal goals. I would encourage everyone to continue setting goals and working towards them.

The Fall Conference is only days away, and it's not too late to register. The conference will feature both communication and leadership educational sessions, two finalists from the 2009 World Championship of Public Speaking, an evaluation contest, a humorous speech contest, an informative business meeting, and a special surprise on Friday night. A special thank you to our conference co-chairs, Anne and Danny Powell. Additional information can be found on the district web site (www.d63toastmaster.com).

HCA Nashville will host an educational workshop for the entire district at 6:00pm on Thursday, October 6. The purpose of the workshop, simply called "Toastmasters 101," is to provide basic information about the organization of Toastmasters International, our district, educational tracks (communication and leadership), conferences, contests, and TLI's as well as an open session for questions and answers. If you are new to Toastmasters or would just like a refresher, this workshop is for you. Additional information can be found on the district web site (d63toastmasters.com).

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. He has
plenty of opportunities for you!***

***"Toastmasters 101"
workshop at HCA at 6 p.m.
on Thursday, Oct. 6. Visit
the district website for
more information.
Hope to see you there!***

It's dues time in District 63

As we're in the midst of dues renewals, first off: congratulations to all of the clubs that have already submitted their dues to Toastmasters International. For those clubs that haven't paid, please let any member of the district team know if you have questions or if we can be of assistance as you continue working hard to get those dues in by October 1.

While we're busy paying dues for members that come to meetings and stay in contact with the club, I'd like to ask you all to remember the members you haven't seen lately as well. The thing about Toastmasters is that we all joined for a reason. The questions we have to ask ourselves about our clubs and on the flip side ourselves are these:

1-Do we, as clubs, know what the needs (aka goals) of our members, are and are we doing our part to help meet those needs?

2-Are we, as members, taking advantage of the opportunities within our Club, Area, Division, and District by being an active member, which will, in turn, help us reach and possibly exceed our own needs?

The other thing about Toastmasters is that it just a part of our life, and we all know how busy life can get at times. Thinking back to those members you haven't seen in a couple of meetings, do you know why?

Is it because of something at the club, or is it simply because life happened? Either way, we, as clubs, need to be reaching out to these members to find out. Sometimes it's as simple as they have gotten out of the routine and hearing from the club is the perfect motivation to get them back to a meeting. Sometimes they have been working on a big project or something else happens in their life and it simply can't be helped. No matter what, it's always best to reach out to members who are absent if we don't know why. Lastly, keep in mind members communicate in a variety of ways. If an email doesn't work, a phone call just might do the trick.

We all like welcoming new members to our clubs for a multitude of reasons. It's just as important that we remember membership retention for just as many reasons. This is why we reward it with a club award in both the fall and spring with Harvest Your Members and Membership in Bloom, respectively.



*Lt. Governor of Marketing
Kristi Coleman*

REMINDER:
Toastmasters' annual membership dues will increase from \$54 to \$72, payable in increments of \$36 every six months. Please be sure all club members are aware of this, as dues are due to TI no later than Oct. 1.

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!

Mark your calendars now for the Fall Conference in Gatlinburg, October 14-15, 2011

Glenstone Lodge

504 Historic Nature Trail

(Airport Road-turn up hill at traffic light # 8), Gatlinburg, TN 37738

1-800-362-9522 or 865-436-9361

www.glenstonelodge.com.

Ask for "Toastmasters Conference" rate of \$ 89 + tax.

NOTE: remember that one night's deposit is charged to your credit card
at the time hotel reservations are made

D63 Fall Conference-Mini Vacation or Extra Vacation

BONUS: Glenstone Lodge will offer Toastmasters a lower rate of
\$ 79 + tax per night for the three days before and the three days following
fall conference for any Toastmaster attending the conference

IT ONLY TAKES A FEW CLICKS TO REGISTER FOR FALL CONFERENCE

You will find the registration form by
going to www.d63toastmasters.com
and clicking on "conferences."



Check out our District 63 facebook page
and "Like" us at
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The 411 on District 63's Fall Conference October 14-15, 2011



Byron Embry

Come see keynote speaker Byron Embry! "Your handicap just may be your greatest asset," he said in an October 2010 article in "Toastmaster Magazine." Growing up, Embry endured cruel taunts from others because of his severe stuttering. Told he had to attend Toastmasters to pass a speech class, Embry recalls his Table Topics response as "sheer torture for everybody in the room." A professional baseball pitcher, Embry says baseball gave him the confidence to stand in front of huge crowds, and Toastmasters afforded him the confidence to speak to those crowds. In 2008, he gave his icebreaker. That was 2008. In August 2009, he was one of 10 finalists in the World Championship of Public Speaking in Mashantucket, Conn. Embry is the CEO and founder of Closing Remarks LLC and will speak Fri. evening and Sat. morning at breakfast. For more about Byron, visit his website at www.closingremarks.net.

Silent auction— Registration fees do not pay all conference expenses, so please consider donating a new or slightly used item to the silent auction. Look around your living room, den, china cabinet, kitchen cabinets, office, jewelry box, garage, attic, basement, closets, etc., for things you are willing to part with. Household items, jewelry, art, books, etc. are needed. Your donation will help your district!

Gift basket challenge -- We're challenging you to create a themed gift basket of related items to donate to the District 63 Silent Auction! We will have a contest to see which gift basket can raise the most money for our district. Clubs can participate individually, as an Area, or as a geographical grouping of clubs or Areas. For more information, contact Maureen Proctor at maureen.proctor@hcahealthcare.com.

Guidelines:

- Bring your items to the Silent Auction room upon your arrival on Friday
- Baskets should be made up of new items whose total value exceeds \$25.00
- Starting bid will be at least \$15
- There will be winners in 2 categories: "favorite basket" and "highest bid basket"
- Each basket should include:
 - Basket theme (example: "movie night")
 - List of items, value of items, and total basket value
 - Club, Area or Division Name who contributed the basket
 - Overwrap of clear cellophane

Club Base	88	Membership Base	3760	CCs to date	26	ACs to date	11	Leadership Awards to date	38
Active Clubs	94	Paid Memberships	1010	Goal for June 30	131	Goal for June 30	37	Goal for June 30	82
Paid Clubs	0	Goal for June 30	3835	Still need	105	Still need	26	Still need	44
Goal for June 30	90	Still Need	2825						
Still need	90								

So what do all these numbers mean anyhow?

Oct. 1 is the deadline for TI to receive membership dues, and **as of the time of this publishing, not all memberships had been received or recorded.** Remember: everything you do that impacts your club also impacts the District. 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 September:

Competent Communicator: Mary Catherine Nypaver, David Pearce, Don Bittick, Virginia Lindstrom, John Fields, Kathryn Hasting, Ebonee Walker, Mo Khounlavong and Hans Toecker

Advanced Communicator Bronze: Sheree Chapela

Advanced Communicator Silver: Jayne Phillips and Wendell McPeters

Advanced Communicator Gold: Lana Scott

Competent Leader: Effie Boothe, Tim Wright, LaVerne Phillips, Wendy Lick, Fayrene Lloyd, Charlie Rosenquist

Advanced Leader Bronze: Daniel Maddux, Dasie Schulz and Geneva Weaver

High Performance Leadership: Roxanne Martindale

****Distinguished Toastmaster****
David Pearce and Steve Willis

Awards Information and General Announcements for District 63



Salvadoran visits Tennessee club! While visiting his daughter in the Knoxville area recently, Roberto Keyes-Battle of El Salvador dropped by the Pellissippi Toastmasters Club with Competent Communicator manual in hand! Much to the delight of club members, Roberto participated in Table Topics.

Pictured left to right are Area 21 Governor Ray Weeden, club President Jim Hart, and Roberto.

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!

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!

Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests

Only one remains:

Division D – Sat., Oct. 1 at 1 p.m.
at the Holiday Inn on Chaffin
Place in Murfreesboro

**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!***

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Lt. Governor of Education &
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Effie Boothe

Division E Governor

Roxanne Martindale

Division F Governor

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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