



Timberlines Newsletter

District 7 Toastmasters

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The Mission of the District

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 opportunities for Club and District Officers.

FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

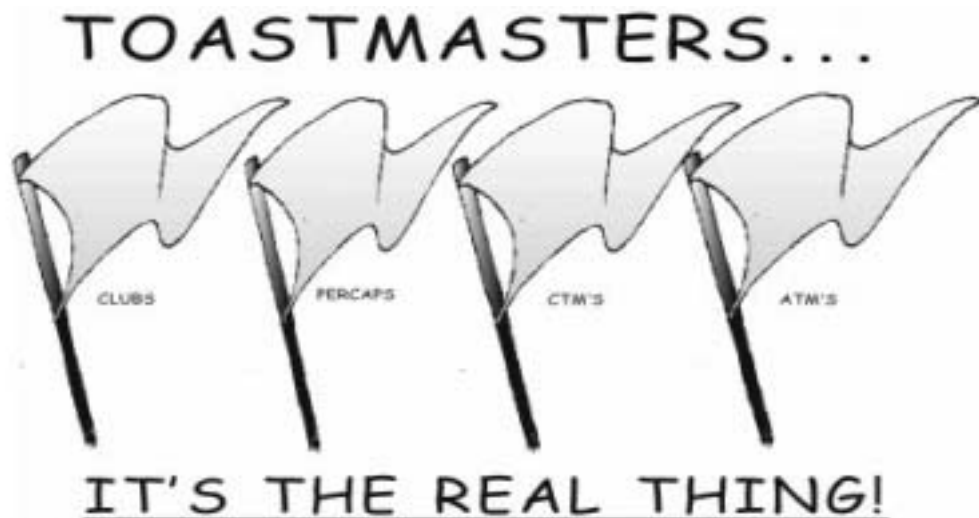
By Allan Edinger, DTM - District Governor

First, I must congratulate last year's District Governor, Adele Edwards, DTM on leading our District to Select Distinguished status, number 11 in the world. Together We Soar as the team of Area and Division Governors led our members to an absolutely awesome year!

Our new theme this year is "**Toastmasters: It's the Real Thing!**" Our theme for the Fall Conference in November is "He's the Real Thing", a tribute to Toastmasters International President Ted Corcoran, who will be visiting our District at that time. I encourage you to plan to attend November 14-15 at the Greenwood Inn in Beaverton, Oregon.

We set our goals for this year. At this printing our goals are 16 new clubs, 6500 member dues (previously known as percaps), 350 CTM's and 150 ATM's. The Area and Division Governors approved these goals during the Area & Division Governor meeting in August. At this printing, one new club has chartered and the paperwork will be presented at the International Conference beginning August 21 in Atlanta, GA. We have several more in the works and we are very excited at the prospects we have.

Many of you are aware, if you check the TI Website, that the new computers are being installed. Normal updates will not happen until September (at the earliest). There is a slight delay in getting new members processed. Make sure your club has copies of the ice breaker speech to give to a new member so they do not have to wait until their manual arrives. Better yet, keep a spare manual, give it to the new member, and when their manual arrives they can replace the copy. Your Top Three officers are there to serve the members. Please contact us if we can assist you in any way: AEDINGER3@comcast.net. Remember – "**Toastmasters: It's the Real Thing!**".



The Mission of the Club

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.

It's So Easy to Build a New Toastmasters Club!!

By Carole Petranek, DTM - Lt. Governor Marketing

As with any other entrepreneurial activity, we find a need and fill it. It's the same with Toastmasters clubs. There are scores of locations in our district that need new clubs.

Why? It's part of the Toastmaster mission: to extend the network of clubs so that more people have the opportunity to enhance their communication and leadership skills.

What are the steps?

- **Step #1:** **Find a location and time.** Since you're starting the club, it's your choice. Whenever you want it. Will it be a community club or a company-based club?
- **Step #2:** **Publicize, publicize, publicize!** You want 20 or more people there at your demonstration meeting. If it's a company club, put fliers on chairs, put fliers on bulletin boards. Invite your cohorts. Invite the human resource people to get involved. They can add to your clout. Word of mouth is the most effective way to get people involved.
- **Step #3:** **Schedule a demonstration meeting**, usually about 1 month out. This will give you enough time to publicize some more.
- **Step #4:** **Invite your Lt. Gov. of Marketing, Carole Petranek**, who will organize the demo meeting for you if you wish, or bring very experienced team members to help you.
- **Step #5:** **We will put on a stellar demonstration meeting** and out of the 20+ people you have invited, we'll form a new club. If you don't have enough interested people to charter, keep holding meetings until you reach the 20.

So far this fiscal year we have the following clubs meeting: Sherwood Town Criers, Orenco Station, and Albany. We have 2 demonstration meetings scheduled, so chartering is a continuous process.

I hope you consider filling a need of a new Toastmasters Club in your world. It's a fun project, you do not have to do it alone, and it adds communication opportunities for new toastmasters. There's a bonus for you. If you're working on your DTM, building a new club is a requirement for your Advanced Leader award.

Check On Those Educational Completions!

To check on club educational completions at any time, go to the Club officer link:

<http://www.d7toastmasters.org/ClubOfficerPage.html>.

Then on the left side of the web page, click on **New CTMs**, **New ATMs**, **New CLs**, **New AIs**, or **New DTMs**, and see the latest educational completions for you and your club. You can also check out the first link on the left side and see the latest status of your club's **Distinguished Club Program Report**. All this information is updated monthly!

"'He's the Real Thing', a tribute to Toastmasters International President Ted Corcoran..."

Allan Edinger

D7 Fall Conference is Coming!

By Ruth Delker, DTM – Fall 2003 Conference Chair

This is YOUR Special Invitation to Meet the President of Toastmasters International November 14-15, 2003. Ted Corcoran, DTM, hails from Dublin City, Ireland and is renowned for his wit and exceptional charisma. He demonstrates excellence in leadership while leading Toastmasters in new ways to have fun.

Reserve you place now for \$85. There will be educational sessions to broaden your horizons including:

- Toastmasters and Beyond
- Improve your Memorization Skills
- Ascending Mt. Smedley - understanding your Toastmaster speech and leadership paths
- How to be an organized Toastmaster
- Using your TM skills in a Job Search
- Fun Theme Meetings

Make your reservations today at the Greenwood Inn! Phone for room reservations @ 503-643-7444 or 1-800-289-1300. Be sure to ask for Toastmaster Discount Rate of \$69 for single OR double occupancy plus room tax. Special rate cutoff date is October 31st so make those reservations early.

Sign up using the form available <http://www.d7toastmasters.org/>. For

Conference questions and more information, please contact Fiona Samihadji at didi_fiona@yahoo.com. Or, contact Ruth Delker at 503-819-4895.

Sunday Speakers Announces an OPEN HOUSE

By Dennis Elder, ATM-B - VP Public Relations, Sunday Speakers

Sunday Speakers was chartered in January of 2003. In the club's first six months, it has achieved the "Distinguished Toastmaster's Club" honors, completing six of the ten requirements for this honor.

With enthusiasm and energy, the club is sponsoring its first open house on September 28th at 7:00 P.M. Among the dignitaries that are slated to be present are:

- Gary Schmidt – Region 1 International Director
- Bernie Lunsford - Lt Gov, Education
- Adele Edwards - Immediate Past District Governor
- Marcia Ware - Sunset Division Governor

Come join us as we proclaim Toastmasters! Everyone is welcome!

Sunday Speakers meets each Sunday evening at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of Larry Hibbard Administration Center, 6960 SW Sandburg St., Tigard, OR 97223. You can learn more about is at <http://www.geocities.com/sundayspeakers2002>

Resting On Our Laurels - Hardly!

By Adele Edwards, DTM - Immediate Past District Governor

The District team for 2002-2003 barely got their files cleaned out by July 1 in time to turn things over to the new team who are busy with club officer training and reminding clubs about dues being due! Even though we're not resting on our laurels, we do feel that the Toastmasters of District 7 deserve some recognition. After all, we finished 11th in the world, (out of 77 Districts) which makes us a Select Distinguished District!

Our theme last year was "Together We Soar", and did we EVER soar! We ended the year with 6181 member dues paid, 12 new clubs started, 323 CTMs submitted and 132 ATMs. Wow - way to go District 7!!!

I am so proud of all the clubs, club officers, district committee chairs, and Area and Division Governors who worked hard to make sure that every member of District 7 had the best Toastmaster experience they could possibly have. If your club made Distinguished or better, congratulations! If your club didn't quite make Distinguished, start planning now! The Distinguished Club Plan is fun and fairly easy to accomplish and the members of your club all benefit from the club's participation in the Plan.

Personally, I had a fun and rewarding year, and I want to thank the Toastmasters of District 7 for helping to make the year so fun for me. We have great members in District 7 and by ending the year as Select Distinguished, we have shown the world that we are an awesome District! Let's keep up the good work, have great Toastmasters meetings, and do it again this year!

Together We Soar!

The **Distinguished Club Program (DCP)** is fun and fairly easy to accomplish...

Adele Edwards



Together We Soar!

A walk down
memory lane...

District 7 History

Editor's note: I've had the pleasure of having several conversations with Glen Meek, DTM, 95 year-old "young", a "natural" historian for District 7. Based on our conversations, I asked him to document some of his experiences. The following is an excerpt of his documentation that provides some interesting historical notes. This excerpt is also appropriate since it ends with encouragement to incorporate humor in our speeches. This is something we can think about, and act upon, as we approach the upcoming Humorous Speech & Table Topic Contests this Fall. More of Glen's excerpts will be covered in future editions of the Timberlines Newsletter.

—Joyce Watson

By Glen Meek, Historian; My part on the District 7 team:

1945...I have tried to keep a record of the early events of the District. Some are odd as the letter dated March 29, 1945 from Charles McElhinny of Salem to Don Nelson, Portland, asking if Don would help out and be District Governor of the Western half of District Seven. There were only nine clubs in District 7 (It had me stumped: Why would there be a need for another District Governor with only 9 clubs?)

Well, this was during trying times. War had been going on for three years, there was a shortage of coffee (made with chicory), sugar was rationed, and also gasoline, 20 gallons a month. This was the reason McElhinny asked for help. I also helped to reactivate the Pendleton Toastmaster Club in March 1945.

I asked Don if I could have a copy of this letter. He asked if I saved things; I replied, "Yes I do". He handed me a box of things. (I still have the box, chuckle.)

1946... International Vice President George Benson told of how easy it was to start a new Toastmasters club. He had started three, and two more in the making. George was right. With the help of two other fellows, we started the Oregon Trail Toastmasters Club, #480.

1960...At our monthly District meeting, Dick Case, District Governor asked Bob Bales to tell all the educational things Toastmaster International had for the clubs. 9 items were free. Bob related the following story: A gal walking down Burnside Street saw a man leaning against a building dejected and down in the mouth. Thinking "Poor man, I'll cheer him up", taking a dollar bill out of her purse. As she walked by she pressed it into his hand and said, "Never despair". Two days later, as she walked down the same street, a fellow stepped out of a doorway and handed her a roll of bills. "What's this for?", she asked. Bob, a bookie at the time said, "Your horse, never despair... Came in first!" Bob continued on to say that there are many things in the Toastmasters International catalog for less than \$1.00, "so bet on a sure thing."

Dick laughed and said "we need more humor in our meetings and in our speeches." Each District Governor asked for more humor, and to study ways to do this in our clubs and into our meetings.

1967...Andy Anders asked George Loney, Ben Medofsky and I to find a name for the first District 7 Humorous "Speak Off". Ben didn't tell jokes, and didn't use humor as we think of it, yet he would say things that were funny. As we attended a Toastmasters meeting he said it was his eighth meeting this week. "How come?", I asked. "Well I like to eat." That always makes me smile & giggle when I think of Ben's way of being humorous, because he was single and he liked to eat with other Toastmasters during the meetings. (On October 8th, 1967 Ben died of a heart attack.)

Try adding humor to your talks!

Glen Meek, DTM