

# District 22 Bulletin - 13 Jan 2004

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## See the New, Exciting TLI

by Bob Driskill,  
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Toastmasters International and our District know that it's important for Club Officers to understand their roles in order to do their best to serve their clubs. That's why each Toastmasters district, including District 22, offers a Toastmasters Leadership Institute, twice a year.



In January, District 22 will offer its winter Toastmasters Leadership Institute in three cities, Topeka, Wichita, and Overland Park. At each location, the agenda for the Club Officer training portion will be identical. Topics for the afternoon portion of the sessions may vary by location, but we plan to have Judges Training and a session on Storytelling at each.

One of our new features at this TLI will be a display of many manuals and materials from Toastmasters International. If you've ever wondered about some of the materials, this will be an opportunity to browse and create your wish list. Not only that, we're offering some of the items for sale. Be sure to bring your Club checkbook in case your officer team sees something that you just can't re-

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sist. Let us know if you like this new feature of TLI and we will do this again at our summer TLI.

You've heard the expression "you must be present to win." That's true at TLI. Another one of our new features is "give-aways." Throughout the morning, we'll pause from time to time to give away Toastmasters goodies. We're hoping this will be a feature that you want to repeat. When you fill out the evaluation form, let us know what you think.

Another reason to attend TLI is to get credit for your club on the DCP. Toastmasters requires that at least four Club Officers attend both summer and winter sessions to meet this goal. District 22 will reward and recognize those clubs that have all their officers at one of the January sessions. (If you are serving as an officer for more than one club, be sure to sign in for each of them.)

Don't hesitate to invite non-officer club members. TLI is a great place for those members to learn more about Toastmasters and to explore which officer roles they may wish to try.

Our aim is to convey information to Club Officers that they need to effectively serve their clubs. Plus, we desire to make the learning fun and interesting. We hope the changes we've made are moving us in the right direction. Let us know!

## Toastmasters Treasures...Profiles in Performance

by Peggy Lynn, CTM/CL, PR Reporter

When Father Time meets up with a Toastmaster, nothing but annoyance sets in! Turning a page into 2004, we find a couple of "oldtimers" on the

District 22 membership roster. There are many long time members but to the best of the collective knowledge, Area A3's **Cecil Allen** and Area S1's **June Poplar**, are our "oldest" members.

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### CECIL



#193 Haworth-Wichita's Cecil Allen, DTM, attended Toastmasters meetings until April or May of 2003 as age-related short-term memory began to fail. Cecil will be ninety-one on April 7, 2004! Although he was

not available for interviewing, his daughter, Marilyn, graciously reminisced about Cecil's love of Toastmasters. According to Marilyn he joined in 1954. She couldn't remember her father anytime without Toastmasters.

Marilyn fondly recalls Cecil's love for judging high school debate functions, an opportunity that came to him as a result of honed Toastmasters' skills. Learning all he could and passing along some of that knowledge "kept him young!" If he were to speak right now about this, Marilyn knew Cecil would say that the major impact of his Toastmasters life became "his association with the kids at school." Years after graduation, Cecil might have students track him

down to find out how he was doing and let him know that he had impacted their lives. That effort was rewarding enough for Cecil!

Marilyn recalls that he was also a stickler for commitment and follow-through: "if he made a commitment, no matter what - he was there - you could count on him!" The family even had their vacations delayed upon occasion because Cecil was scheduled to judge high school debate somewhere. Just that tidbit provides insight into the leadership skills Cecil brought to his area. Surely between church activities and as an avid member of the LIONS Club, the Wichita community benefited from his civic endeavors for many years.

If Cecil could speak about his experiences today, with the length of time he's been an active Toastmaster we know that he, especially as a Distinguished Toastmaster, has undoubtedly exhibited high performance for the benefit of all in the district! We salute Cecil Allen, that Toastmaster for teens, as a true GEM in our midst! Marilyn will pass along to Cecil and his lovely wife, Nancy, also ninety, any Toastmasters' well-wishes coming their way through her email at

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### JUNE



Now June Poplar, DTM, a Toastmaster without email, would be coming to her beloved #99 Downtown club meetings regularly if it wasn't for a dratted broken ankle plus rehabilitation keeping her off the feet! June joined Toastmasters before women were officially allowed in thirty-one

years ago! Back then, she was a shy property and casualty insurance company clerk who one day opened the office mail which had an invitation for people to attend a Toastmasters meeting. June knew she was "very shy and hated that." She and a co-worker went. The friend thought the meeting was full of "a bunch of amateurs" but June surmised "these amateurs might just do some good" in helping her step outside of that shyness.

As J. Poplar, June became the first woman in the KC area to join Toastmasters! Never looking back, June can now boast, "Oh, I COLLECT FIRSTS!" In her words, Toastmasters has "helped me become an assertive person, to speak up and ask for what I want AND all the while learning to help others!" In 1980 she became the first female District 22 Governor and helped form the still-going-strong Hallmark club! June credits Toastmasters with enabling her to go from that shy young lady to "help others" - even TEACHING Public Speaking for many years at Penn Valley Community College in the eighties!

June was the first woman National Scuba Champion! That title led to an appearance on the TV series "To Tell the Truth." June's love of scuba diving ahead of its time placed our Toastmaster on local television programs like long-running Harold Ensley's "The Sportsman's Friend" or as a moderator for various panels.

Business-wise, June used her skills and diligently worked her way up the ranks of the insurance company as an account executive and eventually as a producer for commercial insurance. Her claim to fame insuring chickens and turkeys at places like Swift & Company led to more TV appearances. TWO stints on the television series

"What's My Line?" over five years, in fact! June was even the first employee getting to travel in the job of insuring dentists for malpractice insurance. During the 1985-86 Toastmaster year, June received a Presidential Citation from the then current Toastmasters International President. June is especially proud of that award, since someone within the district nominated her. June is also proud of the fact that she has LEAPed to leadership positions holding all DISTRICT offices but Secretary/Treasurer at one time or another. She has happily attended 25 international conventions and almost ALL District 22 conferences until recently. Need I even reiterate that this young-spirited, fine lady is a TREASURE for us to behold in District 22? It is us who SHOULD be beholden to such a warrior, setting the tone for all, female AND male, to take charge of that which we want to change, grab the weapon of skill and forge onward!

If you're sitting, get up off your duff and present this outstanding District 22 treasure, June Poplar, with her own standing ovation! Add one for Cecil too! If you haven't made any New Year's resolutions yet, emulating these service-minded Toastmasters could top the list!

## Tell Me a Story

by Pamela Turner, ATMS/AL, PRO

Do you remember pleading with a parent or other older relative, "Tell me a story." For me it was Aunt Nettie. It didn't even have to be bedtime. I looked for any excuse to ask her for a story. Have things really changed that much, now that we're "grown up"? I think not! We still enjoy a good story. If you want to enliven your speeches and capture the attention of your audience, take some tips from storytelling.

District 22 is offering a session on Storytelling in the afternoon portion of each of our January TLIs. Pick the TLI session and session leader that works for you. Then, tell me a story.

- Topeka TLI, January 17, Dwight Rumble
- Wichita TLI, January 24, Suzanne Conaway
- Overland Park TLI, January 31, Suzanne Conaway



## Happy New Year !

by Suzanne Conaway, DTM, District Governor

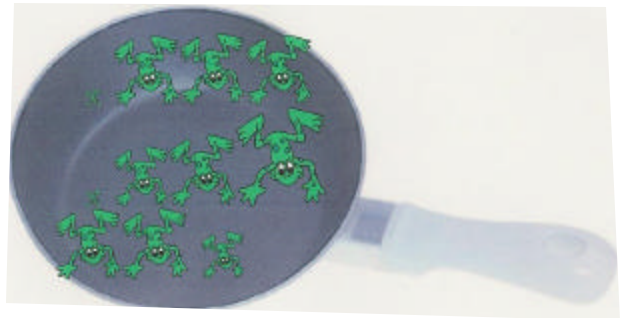
Well, here we are in the early days of 2004 - a "leap" year. Are you leaping yet? Have you resolved to get your next educational achievement or to become a sponsor or mentor to a new club? If you're not a club officer, have you resolved to go to TLI and find out about an officer position you'd be interested in? If you're currently a club officer, are you seriously thinking about trying another officer position or becoming a District Officer?

Other ways you can "leap" this year include: becoming a mentor to a fellow club member; joining an advanced club; attending a District, Regional or International Conference; competing in the International Speech Contest (if you've completed the first six manual speeches) and/or Table Topics contest.

It is so exciting for me to be District Governor in a "leap" year. I feel I'm growing by "leaps" and

bounds as District Governor. But you don't have to be District Governor to grow. If you simply "leap" from where you are to another challenging position, you'll be amazed at how much better you'll be as a speaker, officer, leader - whatever you want to be.

Get excited about your personal growth. Resolve to be a better person and a better Toastmaster, whatever direction that takes you. If we all do that, District 22 will be "hoppin' like a herd of frogs in a hot skillet" as each and every one of us "LEAP"s ahead this Leap Year.



## Why Judges Training?

To have a Speech Contest, we must have contest Judges. Being a contest Judge is not difficult though there are a few things you need to know to perform the role properly. That's why District 22 offers Judges Training. If you've not attended Judges Training (or you want a refresher), please plan to attend one of Judges Training sessions in January.

Tip for **speech competitors**: It helps to under-

stand what Judges look for in a contest. Feel free to take Judges Training and learn all about it.

We're offering a session in the afternoon portion of each of the three TLIs. See below for the TLI dates and session leaders.

- Topeka TLI, January 17, Suzanne Conaway
- Wichita TLI, January 24, Rex Pawlak
- Overland Park TLI, January 31, JoAnn Fisher

## Talk Up Toastmasters

During the Talk up Toastmasters membership contest (February 1 - March 31), clubs that add five or more new members will receive a special Talk up Toastmasters ribbon to display on their banner. Club Officers, begin now to encourage your members to invite as many guests as possible. Consider having an open house or special guest meeting where you use part of the meeting

time to discuss the benefits of being a member of Toastmasters.

To qualify for the ribbon, be sure that your club's membership applications specify a February or March date in the "join date" space and that you mail the applications to Toastmasters International so that they arrive before the end of March.

## International Speech Contest

The International Speech Contest is a TI tradition. Each year thousands of Toastmasters compete for the coveted title of “World Champion of Public Speaking.” Clubs select contestants to compete at the Area level. Winners proceed from Area to Division, District, Regional, and International levels.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of Toastmaster speech contests is to provide:

- opportunities for those interested in competitive speaking to gain contest experience.
- educational programs for Toastmasters members and the general public.
- promotional opportunities that can raise public awareness of Toastmasters.
- opportunities for non-competitors to learn by observing other speakers.

### ELIGIBILITY

To compete in the International Speech Contest, you must be a member in good standing of a club in good standing. You must have completed at least the first six speeches from the Communication and Leadership manual (unless you are representing a new club that chartered between July 1, 2003 and the date of the Area Contest). District officers are not eligible to compete in speech contests.

### CONTESTANT PAPERWORK

Each contestant must complete the Speaker’s Certification of Eligibility and Originality and submit it to the chief judge prior to the contest. Contact your Area Governor if you want a pdf version of this form.

### CONTEST OFFICIALS

- Contests are optional at the Club level.
- At the Area level, there must be a contest chairperson, chief judge, at least five judges, a tie-breaking judge, three vote counters, and two timers.
- At the Division level, there must be seven judges or equal representation from Areas composing the Division, plus the other contest officials.
- At the District level, there must be seven judges or equal representation from Divisions composing the District, plus the other contest officials.

### WHO TO CONTACT

If you want to compete in the International Speech Contest, first verify that you are eligible to compete, then notify your club’s VP Education.

### FOR DETAIL ABOUT CONTEST RULES

For detailed information about contest rules, refer to the pamphlet “Speech Contest Rulebook 2004.”

### LOGISTICS

The District 22 International Speech Contest is scheduled for Saturday, May 15 as part of the Spring Conference in Manhattan, Kansas. Division and Area governors will establish dates for their contests to occur prior to the district contest.

He that wrestles with us  
strengthens our nerves and  
sharpens our skill.  
Our antagonist is our helper.

- Edmund Burke

## Ribbon Giving So Far

So far this Toastmasters year (July 1-December 31) we have recognized many members with Red Ribbons for sponsoring new club members and White Ribbons for mentoring new members. See the lists below along with a reminder about ribbon giving procedures.

### RED RIBBON RECIPIENTS

- Agmasters: Leon Bryant, Patricia Hilliard, Debby Simms
- Bayer: Sarah Leibowitz, Shane Rardon
- Building Speakers: Randy Feaker, Jerry Good, Andrea Hanson
- Downtown: Redena Canady
- GE ERC: Kristine Comer, Kannan Ramathan, Lucky Shanmugam, Gerald Yeung
- Heartland: Maggie Kelley, Eileen Umbehrr
- Hospital Hill Health Warriors: Cordelia Buggs
- KCI Toastmasters: Connie Marascuilo, Susan Swanson
- Smartmasters: Dwain Gleason
- State Farm Easy Speakers: Sue Helgeson
- Talk of the Block: Erieka King, Joe Thompson, George Weir
- Temple Toastmasters: Sandra Campbell, Ethel Collins, Peggy Lynn
- Toastmasters Unlimited: Leon Bryant, Les Hall, Kamalla Jefferson, Cyndra Melville
- Tower Talkers: Roger Manning
- Tri Lakes: Pat Davis, Rose Hoynacki
- Wichita Downtown: Marianne Lee

### WHITE RIBBON RECIPIENTS

Leon Bryant, Jodie Dickman, Norman Greer, Patricia Hilliard, Kamalla Jefferson, Maggie Kelley, Larry Lamb, Sarah Leibowitz, Peggy Lynn, Connie Marascuilo, Cyndra Melville, Jason Schulz, Debby Simms, David Smerchek, Suzie Stanzel, Susan Swanson, Lee Turner, Ray Wardlow

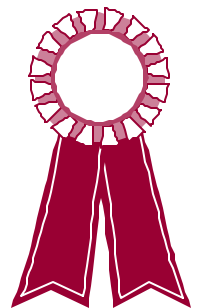
### RIBBON GIVING PROCEDURE

Here's a reminder about the procedure for Ribbon giving.

- 1- (White Ribbon)VP Education or VP Membership keeps a record of members who serve as mentors for new members (for their first 3 speeches). Whichever officer tracks this information gives the information to the Club President. (Red Ribbon) VP Membership keeps a record of each new member along with the name of the new member's sponsor, if any. (Remember, a sponsor is someone who actually invites the new member to your club. There is a place on the Membership Application to put the sponsor's name.) VP Membership gives the member/sponsor information to the Club President.
- 2- Club President notifies the Area Governor about the member mentors or sponsors and sets a time for the Area Governor to visit the Club to present the Ribbons.
- 3- Area Governor contacts Lt. Gov. Marketing, to order the Ribbons.
- 4- Area Governor brings the Ribbons on a Club Visit and presents them to the recipients.

Congratulations to all of you. If you like this form of recognition, be sure and let us know so we can make plans to continue ribbon use in future Toastmasters years.

You may also see a list of Red and White ribbon recipients on the Recognition page on [www.toastmasters22.org](http://www.toastmasters22.org).



## Reminders: Club Officers

- **All Club Officers:** Plan to attend a January TLI.
- **Club VPs-PR:** Work with your officer team, especially the VP Membership to maximize the number of visitors who attend your meetings.
- **Club VPs-Membership:** Begin now to plan your spring membership building activities. Work with your officer team to determine whether contests, open houses, or other activities would work best for your club.
- **Club VPs-Education:** Work with your club to determine how you plan to select contestants for the upcoming International Speech and Table Topics contests. Work with your officer team to evaluate the quality of your club meetings. Are your meetings fun and well-run? Are members making progress on their educational goals?
- **Club Presidents:** Get a COMMITMENT from your officer team to attend a January TLI session. Work with your officer team to assess how well your club is doing so far this Toastmasters year. Verify that your club's DCP progress report is correct. You may check your report on the TI website [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).

## Reminders: Area / Division Governors

- Mark your calendars for the DEC meeting on February 14. Come prepared to announce the dates of your Division and Area International Speech and Table Topics Contests.
- Continue to recognize recipients of Red Ribbons (new member sponsors) and White Ribbons (new member mentors) when you make Club visits.
- Regularly check Area reports on the TI website.
- Continue to focus on club recruitment. Send those introductory letters to prospective sponsors of new clubs. Include a cc to Jack Mackey. When you get an information meeting scheduled, let Jack know at: [jack@lovethebattle.com](mailto:jack@lovethebattle.com)