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Fall Conference Dazzles and Delights

by Jack Mackey, ATMS/AL, LGET

The 2001 World Champion of Public Speaking, **Darren LaCroix**, was the biggest thing in years to hit Wichita-and all of District 22 for that matter. Darren dazzled and delighted 100 Toastmasters and guests at the Fall Conference October 1-2 in Wichita with wit, wisdom and great tips on speaking. (See the following article for more on that.)

The Conference definitely lived up to its theme: "If It's Laughter You're After." The Last Comic Standing on Friday night was **Dale McCurley**, a 40 year veteran of the Downtown Club. Our District Humorous Speech Contest Winner was **Gary Hogsett** (Resource Masters)-a Toastmaster just 10 months. **Dawn Morse** (Money Talks) won 2nd Place. The audience was the biggest winner with very funny speeches by all the contestants, including **Chet Mayekawa** (EarlyBirds), **Heather Hawkins** (Northern Nights), and **Dianne Lawson** (Heartland). Even the contest awards ceremony by ContestMaster **Chuck Masters** (Boeing Achievers) got lots of laughs.

Evaluation ContestMaster **Rob Below** (Sunrise Speakers) and Chief Judge **Kandice Schultz**

(Sunrise Speakers) created a delightful, good-natured atmosphere that made the Evaluation Contest enjoyable and educational too. **Sue Jannick** (Springfield) took First Place and **John Minor** (CapGemini) was runner-up, with **Paul Smotherman** (Sunrise Speakers), **Dianne Lawson** (Heartland) and **Dennis Beebe** (Earlybirds) competing too.

In the conference educational sessions, we learned from some of the very best in District 22. We studied How to Create a High-Performance Team with three award-winning leaders-**Lois Harger** (BlueJacket), **Marianne Lee** (Wichita Downtown) and **Suzanne Conaway** (Professionally Speaking) Then **Darrel Bishop** and the Boeing Achievers presented No Small Roles, giving us many ideas that contribute to quality meetings and programming. High quality club meetings are a direct reflection on the club members!

The dazzling and delightful quality of the Fall Conference in Wichita reflects the outstanding efforts of an enthusiastic Conference Committee led by Division A Governor **Lynda Tuttle** (Boeing Achievers).

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It's been said that everyone gets 15 minutes of fame-but this team DESERVES to be famous. I simply must recognize and thank every member of this amazing conference team:

Lynda Tuttle-Boeing Achievers	Darrel Bishop-Boeing Achievers	Mike Tuttle-Boeing Achievers
Marianne Lee-Wichita Downtown	Diana Kovac-Toastmasters Unlimited	Dave Cunningham-Boeing Achievers
Gary Schiffelbein-Scoutmaster	Jerone Melin-Scout	Shaun Sherrod-Scout
Garth Melin-Scout	Chris Woolway-Earlybirds	Gene Becker-Hayworth Wichita
Al Voorhees-Quemasters	Cathy Runyan-Svacina	Julie Hunsucker-CapGemini
Dixie Thomas-West Wichita	Cindy Gardner-Via Christi	Raenell Becker-Money Talks
Booma Venkataraman-Quemasters	Debbie Grindstaff-Money Talks	Lucy Yother-Leavenworth Day-time
Nancy Hill-Jam'n	Julie Greig-Jam'n	Lee Ann Clap-Money Talks
Dirk Townsend-Via Christi	Vimal Goyle-Via Christi	Chuen-Huey Lai-Via Christi
Michael Stoll-Jam'n	Nas Nassam-Jam'n	Jay He-Jam'n
Linda Wudtke-West Wichita	Philip Quang-Jam'n	Tony Washington-Jam'n
Chuck Masters-Boeing Achievers	Dawn Morse-Money Talks	Rob Below-Sunrise Speakers
Kandice Schultz-Sunrise Speakers	Evie Curtis-Word Weavers	Angie Nelson-Top Box Toasters
Terri Grooms-Sunrise Speakers	Larry Bryan-Leavenworth	Connie Bryan-Leavenworth
Jean Reese-Grand Masters	Dwight Rumpel-Meadowlark	Matt Jones-Meadowlark

Are you surprised at how many people it takes to produce a dazzling and delightful conference? And it seemed like MOST of them showed up at Legends Club to celebrate on Saturday night after the conference!! I've got to hand it to you folks on the conference committee-you really earned the right to congratulate yourselves.

Fall Conference Host Division A has set the bar high. Next, the Spring Conference will be hosted by Division L on **May 13-14**, 2005 in Kansas City, Missouri. Spring Conference Co-Chairs **Charlie Frost** (Tower Talkers) and **Roger Manning** (Tower Talkers) are already assembling the Spring Conference Committee.

If you'd like to be part of something great, write me at jack@lovethebattle.com and I'll tell you how you can get involved.

Bob's BLUE Thought

Bob Driskill, ATMG, District Governor

Tell me and I forget,
show me and I remember,
involve me and I understand.

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District 22 Individual Awards and Honors

by Jack Mackey, ATMS/AL, LGET

Please join me in congratulating those who were recognized at the Fall Conference Awards and Honors Luncheon.

- The Outstanding Toastmaster for District 22 is **Pam Turner**, DTM (Masters)
- The Area Governor of the Year is **RW Thompson**, (Bootstraps)
- The Division Governor of the Year is **Diana Kovac**, DTM, (Toastmasters Unlimited)

- The “Step Up to the Plate” Award went to **Lynda Tuttle** (Boeing Achievers) and **Lois Harger**, DTM (Bluejacket) for stepping up to serve as Division A Governor and Division K Governor when those positions were vacated unexpectedly.



Stagetime

by Jack Mackey, ATMS/AL, LGET

Here are three secrets to outstanding speaking:

1. Stagetime
2. Stagetime
3. Stagetime.

That's according to 2001 World Champion of Public Speaking, Darren LaCroix. Darren said that if you want to get better fast, never turn down stagetime. Never turn down an opportunity to speak. Why?

Because the **ONLY** way to get comfortable in front of an audience is to **BE** in front of an audience—so often that it feels familiar and natural. You need that **FEELING** to speak with genuine confidence.

Darren told the Fall Conference participants in Wichita that stagetime is also the best way to improve your speech delivery. Sure rehearsing is important, but the way to improve your delivery to a real live audience is...stagetime.

Got 20 ?

This is one of those critical times of the Toastmasters year when we look at the state of membership for our Clubs. Please work with your Club members to do two things now.

First, if your club submitted its semiannual report and dues to Toastmasters International, give a big thank you to your Club Secretary and Treasurer. (If not, please see that your Club submits its semiannual report and dues right away.)

Second, find out how many of your members paid their dues renewals? Were there at least 20? Over decades of experience, Toastmasters has determined that it takes at least 20 members to keep a Club healthy. That's how many it takes to share in meeting role duties, offer a variety of helpful feedback to speakers, and keep meetings fresh and interesting. That means, if your membership level is below 20, it's time to begin serious membership building.

Area Governors Corner

Club Health

Select “District Performance” under Member QuickLinks on the TI website. Under District 22 reports, select “Distinguished Club Program by Division/Area.” Scroll down to your Area.

- How many members does each Club have? At least 20? Are membership levels increasing or decreasing?
- Do the reports show that Club members have earned educational awards?

Also under District 22 reports, select “October Dues Renewal Status.” Look to see which of your Clubs have submitted dues renewals. Call each Club that shows renewals not received.

Club Officer October Checklist

- _____ Club VP Membership: Check with the Club Treasurer to see how many members renewed their dues. Work with the officer team to begin membership building immediately if membership levels are under 20.
- _____ Club President: If your Club elects officers semiannually, appoint a Nominating Committee. (Only Clubs that meet weekly have this option.)

Area Club Visits

Send your Area Club Visit forms to District Governor, **Bob Driskill**.

Plan Now for Spring Speech Contests

It’s not too early to begin planning for your Area and Division Spring Speech Contests. The District 22 Spring Speech Contest will be May 14. Make it easier for your Clubs to plan by establishing dates for your Division and Area Contests.

Note: We have a **Contest Instruction** document on the Tips/Tools page of our website:

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Scroll down to Area Governor tools.

- _____ Club President: Conduct a Club Executive Committee meeting (officers’ meeting)
- _____ Club President: Ensure that Club members have access to the D22 Bulletin. Each 2nd/4th Tuesday, we post it to the D22 Bulletin Archive on our website, www.toastmasters22.org and send it by email to Area Governors.
- _____ All Officers: Review your Club Success plan. How’s your progress toward Distinguished status so far?