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Theme: ‘Keep TAP-ping, Tell A Person’

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1. Question for July: How many Toastmasters does it take to change a lightbulb?

Find the answer somewhere below ...

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2. It's Showtime! by Jack Mackey DTM, District 22 Governor 2005-6

Imagine that five minutes before your meeting, a CNN reporter shows up with a camera crew. Your club has been picked at random for a documentary on the world's greatest international educational organization, Toastmasters. It's "Showtime!"

The truth is that EVERY meeting is "Showtime!" So if you want people to come back, show them a high quality meeting with well-prepared Speeches, interesting Table Topics and helpful Evaluations. Exceed their expectations by making meetings fun and by extending the hand of friendship to go along with the opportunity for self-improvement. Your best marketing is your best meeting!

Great meetings will get your current members to renew this September!

Great meetings will cause your current members to WANT to invite guests and to participate in membership-building campaigns - because they are proud of their club. Great meetings will increase the number of visitors who become new members. And great meetings reflect on the quality of club leadership.

Great meetings are key to Members by September and Distinguished by December. It's August.

It's "Showtime!"

Embrace the Challenge: Distinguished by December!

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3. Congratulations, LET'S DO IT AGAIN! by Diana Kovac DTM, District 22 Lieutenant Governor Education and Training

Congratulations Lucy Yother, the winner of our Go Getter Goal Setter Drawing!

There was such great response, so LET'S DO IT AGAIN!!

Thank you to everyone who has taken the initiative to sit down and think about what goals you can accomplish this year and what you can achieve by December!! I was very impressed and touched by all of the stories you shared as well as you're your commitment to being the best you can be!! Now for all those who didn't get into the first drawing, guess what, Lets' do it again! If you set an educational or leadership goal for this year, I'll help you achieve it! Here's how.

First, send me an email stating your Educational goal (CTM, AL, etc) and the date that you'll achieve it.

Email it to djkovac@everestkc.net

Second, as an incentive to get your email to me quickly, I will have a drawing from all the submitted emails on September 7th for your choice of a cool prize from the Toastmasters catalog; like books and tapes on humor, Toastmasters jewelry and mugs and advanced speaking programs.

Third, send me another email when you reach your goal. We'll draw from the goal-achievers and the winner will be profiled in the District 22 Bulletin!

So, what are you waiting for? All you Go Getters, be a Goal Setter and send me an email at djkovac@everestkc.net stating your goal and the date you'll achieve it. You only have September 7th to get in the prize drawing, so stop whatever you're doing and start typing now!

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4A. Cerner Club Formation in 11 Days! Edited from the Club Newsletter

On June 17th R.W. Thompson took a group of Toastmasters members to the Cerner campus to hold a demonstration meeting. One week later, they held their initial meeting where Officers were elected and Club names suggested. After the votes were tallied, "Cerner PowerSpeak iT Toastmasters Club" had won out as the favorite. All the officers completed District training in 1 of 2 sessions held within 3 days after their initial meeting. On Tuesday, June 28th, the 4th day after the initial meeting, the committee reviewed the By-Laws, made some minor changes suggested by R.W. Thompson and then voted unanimously to accept them. By late afternoon, newly elected Club President, Brad Welch, had emailed a copy of the By-Laws to the 50 charter members to review and ratify. The charter was faxed to Toastmasters International the next afternoon, more than 24 hours before the June 30th deadline, impressing both Cerner management and Toastmasters International. Converting a dream into a reality was made possible by a visionary CEO, supportive management, flawless demonstration team, impeccable administration AND the 50 first-class Charter Members!

Kudos to all for an excellent job done in such a short time frame!

4B. Membership Growth

Congratulations to the following clubs who added 5 or more Members in under 60 days.

Area – Club – number of New Members Added

A1 - Beechmasters Club – 7

L1 - Farmland Club – 7

L5 - Temple Club – 7

S1 - Toastmasters Unlimited Club – 7

K2 - Masters Club – 6

S4 - Que Masters Club – 6

T2 - Meadowlark Club – 6

L2 - Fountain Head Club- 5

These clubs were recently awarded the Beat The Clock Award from Toastmasters International for adding 5 or more members from May 1 through June 30. If they can do it, you can do it too! Members by September - Distinguished by December!

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5. Keep T-A-P-ping! by Martha Hoffman CTM/CL, District 22 Public Relations Officer

This is not a music club, what is TAP-Ping?

TAP is Tell A Person about Toastmasters. Invite a friend, colleague or relative to your next meeting. Tell them about the club and let them know you want them there. Toastmasters centers around public speaking and you need people as the public. You may have to go out of your comfort zone. That's ok. Toastmasters is about expanding our comfort zones, stretching.

Speak to an associate about what drew you to Toastmasters. Why did you join? Why do you stay? Be personal about your story when you describe your journey. There are examples in this bulletin of fellow Toastmasters' stories. Maybe you are just beginning to learn and want someone to encourage you. Ask for what you want. I first learned about Toastmasters through work and I wanted more fun at work. What I received was more than that; I met individuals at work in a personal way. I love this gift that comes from hearing people speak.

Remember, someone had to reach out to you and let you know about Toastmasters. Reach back and tell a person. Both of you will appreciate the gesture.

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6. Why did they join, why do they stay and how has Toastmasters helped them???

1. Why did you join Toastmasters?
2. Why do you maintain your Toastmasters membership?
3. How has Toastmasters furthered your career/community role?

Answers from **Charlie Frost CTM, Club Pres, May Spring 2005 District Conference Co-Chairman:**

1. I just wanted to work on my ability and confidence to speak to groups and committees.
2. It's like joining a health club is to get physical exercise. If you speak long enough and often enough, it becomes a habit you don't want to break. You see the benefits and don't want to go back to the way things were before you joined.
3. I'm far more liking to take risks, to "go for it" than I was before I joined Toastmasters.

Answers from **Frank Dodd ATM-S CL, Judges Training Coordinator & Past Division K Governor:**

1. I originally joined Toastmasters, 18 years ago, to improve my training skills as a sales representative for the Sealy Mattress Company.
2. Many people work on post graduate degrees, I used Toastmasters to further my education.
3. Earlybirds Toastmaster has become an important part of my extended family.

Answers from **Annette Rude, ATM-B, Division S Governor 2005-2006:**

1. I first visited Toastmasters because I admired the impromptu speaking skills of a co-worker who was a Toastmaster; I joined Toastmasters hoping that I too could become an effective, convincing speaker.
2. Recently my husband was grilling me about my long list of activities. With sudden insight, I explained that the reason I stay in Toastmasters is "because it's fun for me." I stay for the face to face camaraderie, teamwork and shared vision.
3. The Toastmasters process has helped me become a more effective person at home, at work and in my community: I am more constructive, positive, resilient -- and interesting. Thank you Toastmasters!

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Answer to Question: at least 20 which is 'charter' strength to facilitate the smooth running of a Club and so that members do not get overburdened with double-duties. (4 give speeches, 4 evaluate, 1 chairs as the Toastmaster, 1 in General Evaluator, 1 keeps time, 1 counts ums and ahs, 1 is wordmaster and grammarian, 1 presents Table Topics, 6 deliver a Table Topic)

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7. Toastmasters Tip For New Toastmasters And New Officers

TIP #1. Toastmasters International Website is www.toastmasters.org. From the website you can: order supplies, submit renewal dues, submit new members, update the list of club officers, club roster list, apply for any of the educational or leadership awards, and change personal information for a member. All of those functions require the club number and club password. To find the club password, click the "forgot password" and enter the information requested. It will ask for your membership number which can be found on the address label of your Toastmasters Magazine. Other information available on the Toastmasters International website include the latest reports of the Distinguished Club Program by club within the district.

For the full list of TOP TEN TIPS FOR NEW TOASTMASTERS AND NEW OFFICERS, go to www.toastmasters22.org

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8. Distinguished Dates (August 15 = 320 days left of the 2005-2006 TI year)

AUGUST 2005

01 - Begin Smedley award challenge to add 5 new Club members

24/27 - International Conference, Toronto

Clubs select participants for Area Speech Contests

Area/Division Govs may conduct make-up Club Officer Training

Area/Division Govs plan their Speech Contests

SEPTEMBER 2005

Clubs having Semi-Annual Officer Elections in December form Nominating Committee now

Areas and Divisions conduct Speech Contests, TBA

Division Council meetings, TBD 30 - End Smedley award challenge

OCTOBER 2005

01 - DEADLINE for Club semi-annual reports/ dues to arrive at TI
Area Gvs submit Club Visit forms to District Governor, Jack Mackey
Areas and Divs conduct Speech Contests, TBD

Oct 20 – Deadline to RSVP to Larry Wilson at ltm@gbroline.com if you plan to attend the Division K Contests on
Oct 22 at Bayer Corp, 17707 63rd St (at Long St.) in Shawnee KS.

NOVEMBER 2005

4-5 - Fall Conference - Mark you calendars NOW for Great Speakers, Great Educational Sessions and Great FUN at
the Holiday Inn of Olathe (151st & I35th), Don't miss this one!- including District Council meetings, Humorous
Speech and Evaluation Contests Finals

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9. Movers & Shakers

Club No.-Division Area-Award-Date-Member-Club Name-Location

8825-K 2-LDREXC-7/1/2005-Wilson, Larry M.-Masters Club-Leawood
518-S 1-DTM-7/1/2005-Bryant, Leon W.-Agmasters Club-Kansas City
1009-K 2-DTM-7/1/2005-Yeung, Gerald T.-Suburban Club-Overland Park
99-L 5-CTM-7/19/2005-Cloyd, Sandra Sue-Downtown Club-Kansas City
193-A 3-CTM-7/28/2005-Kostner, John-Haworth-Wichita Club-Wichita
193-A 3-CTM-7/5/2005-Schran, Kimberly-Haworth-Wichita Club-Wichita
518-S 1-CTM-8/9/2005-Stewart, Barbara Ann-Agmasters Club-Kansas City
1009-K 2-CTM-8/4/2005-Sutton, Linda-Suburban Club-Overland Park
1335-S 2-CTM-7/26/2005-Stoppelmoor, Richard-One Main Club-Kansas City
1948-K 3-CTM-7/19/2005-Morse, Ron-S'MartMasters Club-Overland Park
2199-S 3-CTM-7/21/2005-Zada, Mickie-Tri-Lakes Club-Branson
3214-S 2-CTM-7/14/2005-Hilliard, Patricia A.-Spieler's Toastmasters Club-Kansas City
4843-K 1-CTM-7/25/2005-Birkinsha, Raymond E.-GE Insurance Solutions Toastmasters Club-Overland Park
4843-K 1-CTM-7/19/2005-Cauldwell, Ryan-GE Insurance Solutions Toastmasters Club-Overland Park
5317-S 1-CTM-8/1/2005-Bryant, Leon W.-Lee's Summitt Club-Lees Summit
7728-S 4-CTM-7/21/2005-Hogsett, Gary D.-Resource Masters Club-Overland Park
8409-S 1-CTM-7/12/2005-Reger, Linda K.-Federal Expressions Club-Kansas City
8409-S 1-CTM-7/12/2005-Reger, Linda K.-Federal Expressions Club-Kansas City
8825-K 2-CTM-7/27/2005-Johnson, Jennifer O.-Masters Club-Leawood
9177-A 2-CTM-7/1/2005-Prouty, Deidre K.-Excellent Club-Wichita
625238-L 6-CTM-7/27/2005-McNicholas, Stephen-DST TNT Club-Kansas City
99-L 5-CL-7/25/2005-De Mond, Martha J.-Downtown Club-Kansas City
2199-S 3-CL-7/25/2005-Davis, Patricia D.-Tri-Lakes Club-Branson
7361-K 1-CL-7/27/2005-Bertelsen, Melissa D.-Bluejacket Toastmasters Club-Shawnee
8825-K 2-CL-7/7/2005-Harger, Lois J.-Masters Club-Leawood
625236-L 6-CL-7/31/2005-Sandlin, Dawn-Don't Stop Talking at DST Club-Kansas City
625238-L 6-CL-7/25/2005-Linstra, Laura-DST TNT Club-Kansas City
193-A 3-ATMS-7/1/2005-Becker, Gene-Haworth Wichita Club-Wichita
518-S 1-ATMS-7/1/2005-Fahy, Thais-Agmasters Club-Kansas City
518-S 1-ATMG-7/1/2005-Hilliard, Patricia A.-Agmasters Club-Kansas City
3990-A 1-ATMG-8/1/2005-Melin, Jonathan Paul-Boeing Achievers Club-Wichita
1543-A 3-ATMB-8/8/2005-Duckworth, Terry J.West -Wichita Toastmasters Club-Wichita
2199-S 3-ATMB-7/25/2005-Davis, Patricia D.-Tri-Lakes Club-Branson
5664-S 4-ATMB-7/31/2005-Duckworth, Mark A.-Que Masters Club-Overland Park
3214-S 2-AL-7/1/2005-Hilliard, Patricia A.-Spieler's Toastmasters Club-Kansas City
4843-K 1-AL-7/1/2005-Yeung, Gerald T.-GE Insurance Solutions Toastmasters Club-Overland Park
5317-S 1-AL-7/1/2005-Bryant, Leon W.-Lee's Summitt Club-Lees Summit
7361-K 1-AL-7/1/2005-Wilson, Larry M.-Bluejacket Toastmasters Club-Shawnee

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10. You're Invited!

Have any comments regarding this bulletin? Have anything to contribute?
Please contact the Bulletin Editor, Larna Anderson Beebe DTM d22bulletin@yahoo.com by September 10, 2005.
Something to look forward to next month is clarification on the next Membership Dues.

