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**Theme: ‘Halfway & Happy Holidays!’**

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**1. Cool PR Holiday Season Events and January 4! Martha Hoffman CTM/CL, District 22 Public Relations Officer**

There is great news for PR this upcoming month. We are advertising on radio in Kansas City between Christmas and New Years—a first for District 22. Listen to KMBZ, KUDL, KCSP and KXTR to hear our ads.

World Champion Public Speaker Darren LaCroix is coming to Kansas City as part of our campaign. He is the featured guest on the Walt Bodine Show, Wednesday, January 4. Additionally, we are hosting an event at the Jewish Community Center that night, featuring Darren. Bring in the New Year with some Toastmasters momentum and join us January 4 at the JCC, 115 & Nall, at 7pm. Invite your friends to this event. Tickets are free.

On January 3, NSA/National Speakers Association ( [www.nsa-kc.org](http://www.nsa-kc.org) ) is hosting a Mini-Humor Boot Camp by Darren, price \$30, at the Overland Park Community Center.

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**2. Question for October:** Who is Darren LaCroix and why will he be in Kansas City in January?  
Find the answer somewhere below ...

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**3. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year! by Jack Mackey DTM, District 22 Governor 05-06**

"The reward of a thing well done, is to have done it." As 2005 ends, these words of Ralph Waldo Emerson perfectly describe how I feel about taking a leadership role in Toastmasters. I appreciate all of you Toastmasters leaders who have Embraced the Challenge to get your Members by September and be Distinguished by December. Feels good, doesn't it?

We celebrate the end of 2005 with Holidays and I hope yours are wonderful. This is the time of year when we give thanks for the people we love and for all we've been given. Many of us will also take stock of what we have accomplished in 2005. Congratulations on giving yourself the gift of Toastmasters in your life!  
Embrace the Challenge: Distinguished by December!

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**4a. Can You Believe it?! Don’t forget the GOAL GETTER Drawing! Diana Kovac DTM, District 22 Lieutenant Governor Education and Training**

In a very short time we'll be bidding a fond farewell to 2005 and welcoming 2006. It was great to be Alive in 2005 but, we'll still be getting our Kicks in 2006.

Did you set a goal?

If so, congratulations for being a Goal Setter! Did you reach your goal? If so, Double Congratulations for being a GOAL GETTER and ending 2005 with a Blast! Now with beginning of 2006 keep up your momentum and set that next goal! And don't forget when you reach your goals email me your accomplishment for the Goal Getter drawing to be held in July. Just email [djkovac@everestkc.net](mailto:djkovac@everestkc.net)

If you didn't reach your goal, or if you have not set your goal yet, GOOD news, there are a couple of weeks left in Dec and many clubs still have a meeting left before the end of the year. And if that doesn't work, MORE GOOD NEWS, the Toastmasters year doesn't end for SIX more months. So if you have not reached your goal or if you have not set your goal yet, there's no time like the present. Think about your next achievement on the communication and leadership tracts, Go For It, KICK it up a notch and GET YOUR KICKS IN 2006!!

I look forward to hearing from all of you!

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#### **4b. As easy as 1-2-3! by Lynda Tuttle ATM-B, District 22 Lieutenant Governor Marketing**

Building membership for Toastmasters clubs is as easy as 1-2-3, Share it, Wear it, and Promote your Toastmaster enthusiasm.

**BELIEVE** - Marketing Toastmasters is easy when you believe in your future potential and can imagine others participating in your Toastmasters new year for the greater development of leadership and public speaking skills. Begin your Toastmasters new year by celebrating your successes with others by inviting them to join you at your next Toastmasters meeting. What a great gift to give yourself, your friends and co-workers! Dr. Smedley, the founder to Toastmasters International knew what he was doing when he structured Toastmasters successes around service to others.

**SERVANT LEADERSHIP** - For those of you who have served in leadership positions within the Toastmasters organization at the club, area, division, district or international levels, you know about Servant Leadership. To act as a Servant Leader in Toastmasters is an honor with terrific learning opportunities. As a Servant Leader one of the most important duties is to share your successes with others who may benefit from your experiences. Everyone who is a member of Toastmasters is an ambassador for the program. For it is the responsibility of all Toastmaster members to care for the health of their clubs by bringing guests to meetings as often as possible.

**SPREADING GOOD NEWS ABOUT TOASTMASTERS MADE EASY** - How do you get the word out about the availability for Toastmasters International for your area? [www.Toastmasters22.org](http://www.Toastmasters22.org) has many useful tools and tips. It's as easy as 1-2-3, Share it, Wear it, and Promote your Toastmaster enthusiasm.

**SHARE IT** --- Personally invite guests to share in your Toastmasters success.

Let them know how important they are in your development as audience members when you are speaking either as a planned, spontaneous, or evaluation type speaker at your club meetings.

Make them comfortable by letting them know that they have the choice whether to participate in the spontaneous portion of your Toastmasters meeting.

Encourage them to come by talking up the entertainment value and learning opportunities of your Toastmasters meeting.

Let them know that it is free to attend as a guest and that they are under no obligation. Just by attending a Toastmasters meeting your guests are helping your club by being the audience members so needed by those with speaking roles. However, make sure they know how to join if they should choose to do so. The membership application form should be included as a part of your guest packet given to those attending your clubs meeting for the first time.

**WEAR IT** --- Display Toastmasters where ever you go.

Wear your Toastmasters pin(s) or badge on your meeting day(s) to work and all other places.

At your work place display your Toastmasters achievements.

Ribbons or trophies for best speaker, best evaluator, best table topics.

Certificates or plaques from your participation in Toastmaster leadership roles.

**PROMOTE TOASTMASTER ENTHUSIASM** --- Take Toastmasters marketing literature with you and hand it out to those who are curious about Toastmasters.

Have your club purchase or print off the Toastmasters flyer(s) from

<http://www.toastmasters22.org/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=9>

Put your club contact information on one side and the Toastmasters Mission Statement on the other  
<http://www.toastmasters22.org/d22pdf/visitor-pkt-mission.pdf>

Make your own club literature from the available start up literature on Toastmasters22.org web site.  
Example Club Brochure at <http://www.toastmasters22.org/d22pdf/pr-club-brochure.pdf>  
Example News Release at <http://www.toastmasters22.org/d22pdf/pr-smpl-newsrel.PDF>  
Club open House Flyer at <http://www.toastmasters22.org/d22pdf/pr-flyer-openhouse-1.PDF>  
Club Visitor Form at <http://www.toastmasters22.org/d22pdf/visitor-info-form.pdf>

Put your clubs contact information on any of your Toastmasters magazines you are ready to recycle and disseminate them at your place of business, Dr's offices, church, school, etc.  
Thanks for your Toastmaster dedication and enthusiasm for the coming 2006!

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## **5. Toastmasters who are Entrepreneurs! This month featuring Jennifer Johnson, DTM, PID**

Communications and helping people are two of my passions, so it made sense to put those components together. Throughout my years in Toastmasters and personal vision, I have learned that it is never too late to go for your dream. As Club, District, and International leaders we take risks and challenges to empower and encourage members to not only reap the rewards of the Toastmasters program but strive to excel in our personal lives too.

With prayer, hard work and persistence, I decided to take the next leap of life into entrepreneurship. Toastmasters along with other sources provided the solid foundation from which "All About You Enterprises" was built. Clients often ask if I will ever get out of Toastmasters and my response is always the same, "NO! My learning never stops, which is why I work daily to enhance skills with continuous participation in Toastmasters International, business seminars and classes."

I encourage anyone who has a passion that could help other people, patience, discipline, organizational skills, time and financial management, with a positive attitude and faith to take the leap into entrepreneurship. It's an experience that can last a lifetime.

Additional Information:

The company, All About You Enterprises, LLC is owned and managed by Jennifer Johnson and provides professional and management training through communications and image development, voice coaching, mentoring and consulting services. They help clients build effective presentation skills, as well as improve image, self-esteem and confidence through appearance enhancement. The company helps clients enhance performance through practicing behavior modifications.

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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 Darrel Bishop DTM, active member since 1975:**

1. I had experienced some colossal failures in some important small and large group speaking situations. The anxiety especially of failure, made me avoid speaking in public and I did not speak out when I wanted or needed to; and when I did, I was not very effective. I had anxiety when I needed to speak and I knew that my weakness at public speaking would continue to give me that uncomfortable anxiety of failure, and would be a limitation to my career development.
2. I have continued to maintain my Toastmasters membership for 30 years because Toastmasters participation has been a great value and key element to me in my professional successes, in my salary growth and other financial rewards, in developing and maintaining friendships and relationships and in networking with other Toastmasters. It provided me satisfaction from inspiring and helping others and allowed me to feel a part of the professional and personal development and successes of other Toastmasters who I encouraged and coached. When I consider dropping my Toastmasters membership, I experience fear that if I stopped participating in Toastmasters, I would quickly revert back to my pre-Toastmaster anxiety. I continue to make progress especially in improving my listening skills.

3. The experience and confidence in communication and leadership that I gained from Toastmasters furthered my career by accepting offers to many career roles, social opportunities and speaking opportunities that I would have otherwise avoided. One of these roles was the leader of an integrated product team designing the Boeing 737 Next Generation airplane. In that role I lead daily meetings of up to 50 people. I was able to use agendas, table topics, prepared speech, discussion leader, problem solving leader and other Toastmaster skills to make that role successful. The experience of participating in Toastmaster contests was especially beneficial at the those times when I had to prepare and present to high level Management on subjects of very important consequences, and especially when I had to answer difficult technical questions. Toastmasters also helped me when I interviewed for new jobs. It helped especially in a few serious confrontational job situations with management, co-workers and employees reporting to me. It was invaluable in my leadership roles when I lead up to 30 people that reported to me as a Lead Engineer. Confidence and experience gained from Toastmasters was a treasure in my pocket when I became single in 1986 and again entered the dating scene. Sometimes I felt that Toastmasters experience was almost an unfair advantage relative to the competition. The persuasive speech projects helped me meet and eventually tie the knot with my 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Elizabeth. Toastmasters Table Topics and my moderate listening skill improvement was invaluable in raising my three children as a single dad. I am practicing my listening skills with my grandchildren whom I hope to eventually sign up as Toastmasters.

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#### **Answer to Question:**

Darren LaCroix is Toastmasters International's 2001 World Champion of Public Speaking. He will be on the Walt Bodine radio show on January 4, 2006. Be sure to tune in!

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#### **7. Toastmasters Tip For New Toastmasters And New Officers**

TIP #5: Meeting Roles should all be handled by everyone. A challenge can be made that every member serve at least once in every meeting role during each year. Meeting Roles can vary from club to club. Some roles that not all clubs use include: Joke Master, Quiz Master (test listening skills), General Evaluator, Trivia Master (just for fun), Evalu-Master (like a General Evaluator). Some clubs combine some roles such as Ah Counter and Grammarian whereas other clubs give those roles to separate people each meeting.

(For the full list of TOP TEN TIPS FOR NEW TOASTMASTERS AND NEW OFFICERS, go to [www.toastmasters22.org](http://www.toastmasters22.org))

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#### **8. Distinguished Dates (December 15 = 197 days left of the 2005-2006 TI year)**

##### **JANUARY 2006**

3-4 Darren LaCroix, 2001 TI World Champion, in Kansas City

4 Walt Bodine interviews Darren LaCroix

7-8 in Indianapolis - Top 3 Training, Region V Conference

Area Govs begin mid-year Club visits

14 - Topeka Club Officer Training, TBD

21 - Wichita Toastmasters Leadership Institute/Club Officer Training, TBD

28 - Overland Park Toastmasters Leadership Institute/Club Officer Training, at Black & Veatch

30 - Liberty Club Officer Training, Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, I35 & 291 Hwy, SW side of intersection

##### **FEBRUARY 2006**

01 - Begin Talk up Toastmasters challenge to add 5 new Club members

Clubs select participants for Area Speech Contests

Area/Div Govs conduct make-up Club Officer Training, TBD

##### **MARCH 2006**

Clubs form Nominating Committee now for May Officer Elections

Areas and Divs conduct Speech Contests, TBD

31 - Deadline to nominate 2006/07 District Officers

31 - End Talk up Toastmasters challenge

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#### **9. Movers & Shakers**

Check for Educational Registrations at <http://www.toastmasters.org/dpr/dprReports.asp?r=3&d=22>

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

- Dalton, Alies L.-1379-S 1-CL-12/1/2005-Toastmasters Unlimited Club-Kansas City
- Huxtable, William L.-3343-A 2-ATMB-11/17/2005-Sunrise Speakers Toastmasters Club-Wichita
- Landrum, Loretta C.-4990-L 4-ATMB-11/15/2005-Kansas City Word Weave Club-Kansas City
- Molina, Felipe-4843-K 1-CTM-11/22/2005-GE Insurance Solutions Toastmasters Club-Overland Park
- O'Malley, Patrick A.-518-S 1-ATMB-12/5/2005-Agmasters Club-Kansas City
- Pal, Konika-1018-K 4-CTM-11/14/2005-Avionics Masters Toastmasters Club-Olathe
- Pressler, Chris-637748-S 5-CTM-11/30/2005-Exact Expressions Club-Overland Park
- Roberts, G. Dan-518-S 1-ATMB-12/13/2005-Agmasters Club-Kansas City
- Robinett, Lynn C.-1948-K 3-CTM-11/30/2005-S'MartMasters Club-Overland Park
- Ruth, Michael-4664-S 2-ATMB-11/23/2005-Plaza Toastmasters Club-Kansas City
- Thomas, Catherine-701857-S 1-LDREXC-12/1/2005 -Unity Village Toastmasters Club-Unity Village
- Thompson, RW-740825-L 2-CTM-11/30/2005-Fountain Head Toastmasters Club-Kansas City

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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](mailto:d22bulletin@yahoo.com) by January 10, 2006.  
Theme for next month is "What's the New YOU Gonna Do?!"

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