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## The Gavel Whacker

Toastmasters  
International  
District 22 Monthly  
Bulletin

This Month's Theme: **"Talk  
Up Toastmasters"**

## Finish Strong!

by Jack Mackey, DTM, District 22  
Governor 2005-6

Online (8) EIGHT MORE MEETINGS until June 30 and the Toastmasters year is over. That means just eight more meetings to:

1. complete whichever educational award you have set a personal goal to achieve
2. finish the Distinguished Club Plan goals your club is striving for
3. get your membership over 20--or at least up by 5 members from last year
4. put on a club speech contest and send a winner to the Area contest
5. set up a car-pool to the Spring Conference and District Speech Contest at Branson
6. pay your club dues on time (by April 1) and turn in your club roster to TI
7. form a nominating committee to identify new club officers
8. LEAVE A LEGACY--LEAVE YOUR CLUB BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT!!

So embrace your challenge and finish your year strong. You'll be proud and happy when you do!

Embrace YOUR Challenge!  
DISTINGUISHED or BETTER and SOONER than Later :- )

## How to Start a Toastmasters Club!

by Lynda Tuttle, ATM-B, District  
22 Lieutenant Governor Marketing

Here is the Toastmasters International (TI) link for the ["How to Start a Toastmasters Club"](#) page.

I would encourage every Toastmaster to read TI's **"How to Start a Toastmasters Club"** page. By becoming familiar with this page, as a Toastmaster, you will become more knowledgeable in the advantages of being and becoming a Toastmaster. It is also a

wonderful site to send those that have an interest in self improvement and development for themselves and of those around them who would be interested in starting a new club. The end of this How to Start a Toastmasters Club page, has a direct link to TI in which the person interested in starting a new Toastmasters club can send their information and receive detailed information from TI about starting a new Toastmasters club. TI forwards this information to your Lieutenant Governor of Marketing and to your District Governor for further follow-up.

In closing, shine a light for others to follow by following up on your potential through Toastmasters. As a Toastmaster you can greatly enhance your experience by sharing this page with others who may benefit by starting a new club.

Thanks for your Toastmaster dedication and enthusiasm for the coming 2006!

## Question for February:

Where is Branson and why should you plan to go there in April? Find the answer somewhere below.

## AgMaster is Published!

by Diana Kovac, DTM, District 22  
Lieutenant Governor Education  
and Training



David Boyce, member of AgMasters Club 518, has had an article published in the February issue of *Toastmaster Magazine*. It is not just "an article," it is an article featured on the cover. It reveals Dave's insight into using Toastmasters as a tool to get ahead in the workplace. David is employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a Lead Information Technology Specialist and lives in Raymore, Missouri.

In his article, "Take Credit for What You Do and Get the Recognition You Deserve," Dave is not just surmising, he has diligently progressed through Toastmaster leadership opportunities that were available to him since joining AgMasters in 1999. Some of Dave's Leadership stepping stones include Club officer roles of Treasurer (2000-2002) and VP of Education (2003-2005), conducting a Speechcraft for the Leadership Development Program (2005), and serving as Area L3 Governor in Toastmasters District 22 this year. Besides those feats, he has mentored a new club, entered and won club and area speech contests, and biweekly assumes roles and responsibilities in AgMaster meetings.

Dave has been a premiere Toastmaster, and publishing of his article is just another feather in his leadership cap. District 22 is very proud of Dave and his accomplishment and grateful to have him as a leader in our District. Congratulations, Dave, on your international publishing triumph.

## Building the role of PR in a Toastmasters Club!

by Martha Hoffman, CTM/CL,  
District 22 Public Relations Officer

When PR officers met during the leadership training in January, discussion focused on tools used for promotion. Led by former District Governor Larna Anderson Beebe and Martha Hoffman, current Public Relations Officer for District 22, the session accentuated teamwork and delegation.

Larna asked each person what his or her club was doing to promote itself. Websites came up as a strong tool to promote the club. Free hosting for Toastmasters clubs is provided in the link below.

FreeToastHost.com <http://www.freetoasthost.org/>

Maintaining a website takes more than one person. Get a team together so that you have at least 2 people or more so you can back each other up and cross train on functions. It is a job skill transferable to work. Plus, we are each volunteers and sometimes life demands a shift in focus. If you delegate some of the tasks, no one person has it resting on his or her shoulders alone. We are a club after all.

## Introducing the New Club Exchange Program (CEP)!

by Marilyn Schwartz, District  
Database Manager

If you attended the TLI sessions last month, you have already caught a glimpse of the new **Club Exchange Program (CEP)** that District 22 is rolling out. The purpose of CEP is to help clubs that need short term assistance in any aspect of club operation. Since it has a two prong approach through the use of forms to either request help or volunteer your expertise to help another club, everyone can get involved. Whether you are a newer club that would just like for an experienced Toastmaster to come fulfill one of the meeting roles to give you a taste of how the role is done in another club or a smaller club that needs a presentation to generate some excitement, CEP is for you. Fill in the attached "Request Help" portion of the form and email it to the District 22 Database Manager at the email address listed at the bottom of the form.

If you are an experienced Toastmaster, your knowledge and well developed skills are needed to help newer or smaller clubs reach their potential. Volunteers are needed for short term assistance in any requested aspect of Toastmasters club operation so be sure and fill in the bottom "Volunteer Help" portion of the form and email it to the District 22 Database Manager at the email address listed at the bottom of the form.

The District 22 Database Manager will try to match up the club requests with the appropriate volunteer then email both the requestor and volunteer the details of the request and contact information so that they can make more specific plans for the assistance needed.

It's a WIN/WIN program that we know will benefit both the giver and receiver so don't delay, fill in the appropriate portion of the

form today and email it to: [d22dbmgr@swbell.net](mailto:d22dbmgr@swbell.net)

## Why did they join, why did they stay and how has TM helped them?

by Dale McCurley, DTM, D22  
Treasurer

“In 1963 I joined the Montgomery Wards Toastmasters club (now defunct). When I left ‘Monkey’s’ the following year I had no particular desire to continue with TM. But, as things would have it, I was approached to help save a club started in 1950. That club was Downtown Toastmasters. In February 1965 I joined that club.

I was a half-hearted Toastmaster until March 1973. I was approached by then District Governor Norm Hogue (a very good man, by the way) to head up the next Regional in Kansas City. Not knowing what a Regional was, I said yes. It was at that time I found out that the previous chairman had resigned with only choosing the hotel (the old Plaza Inn), the Regional was the coming June, and that was the year of the first gas shortage! I had a great time and enjoyed it so much I chaired the rest of the Regionals in Kansas City while the District was in Region 5, the last one being 1990. It was these Regionals that inspired me to continue my speech education until I obtained my DTM and become a District Governor (1979-1980).

I have been in data processing since 1961 (not known to be a ‘talkative’ field) and in 1977 this knowledge became known to a professor at UMKC. He was also a TM. Thus I started an evening career teaching programming languages. This lasted 13 years.

Whenever it seemed that I am getting bored with TM, something new comes up. This time it was being asked to be District Treasurer in 1999. This assignment has continued through this year (with 2 years off). The answer to trying to be a good TM is INVOLVEMENT, INVOLVEMENT, INVOLVEMENT!!!

Toastmastering is fun!”

## A Club VPE inspires and is inspired!

by Wesley C. Cline, ATMB

I have the privilege of being the VP Education of Buildings Speakers Toastmasters Club. I just wanted to share an insight or observation I recently had with the rest of Division 22. Being VP Education you have the opportunity to schedule folks for their speeches. There are always challenges and opportunities that raise their ugly head and you deal with them and go on.

But here is the Gem I found myself tripping over in the last month. We have a couple of new members that we been encouraging to join our club for over year. They attended several meetings so they were exposed to several speeches at all levels of the Communication and Leadership program and to many speeches from the advanced manuals.

Soon came time for the Ice Breaker Speech. Starts off about them, who there are, where they are from, etc. etc. etc. Then it was like

somebody flipped a switch and their eyes light up. Words started streaming from their hearts. Passion was starting to ooze from every pore of their body.

Are you ready for this? Are you wondering what happened? Is the suspense killing you yet? OK, They started talking about the experience they had that triggered their decision to join Toastmasters. "THE WHY I AM HERE" I have to say they were the best Ice Breakers I have ever heard. After hearing the first one last week I thought that was really cool. After hearing a second one today, I had a "Moment", I have never been more proud of being a part of anything as much as I am being part of Toastmasters.

A wish I have for all of you: Go have a moment!

## Answer to Question

### Branson, MO is where the next District 22 Conference will be held, April 21 to 22.

Highlights include: Table Topics and International Speech Contests, District Council Meeting, The Hughes Brothers Show, and fantastic friends, fun and food.

Speakers include: Emanuel Cleaver (Representative Missouri 5th District), Sinara O'Donnell, MA, ATMB (Keynote Speaker and Comedy Catalyst), Les Hall, DTM and Sharon Cook, CTM (Meeting Moments to Remember), Charles Albright, DTM and TI International Director.

## Distinguished Dates

### (February 15 = 135 days left of the 2005-2006 TI year)

#### **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

#### **APRIL 2006**

01 - DEADLINE for Club semi-annual reports and dues to arrive at TI  
21/22 - D22 Spring Conference including DEC and District Council meetings, Table Topics and International Speech Contests finals, Branson MO  
30 - DEADLINE for Area Gov Club Visit forms to be on the District Governor's desk

## Movers & Shakers

[Check for Educational Registrations.](#)

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

- Barr, Faron E.**-361-T2-CL-2/11/2006- Heartland Club-Topeka
- Biyala, Asheesh**-643420-S5-CTM-2/7/2006 - Transmasters Club-Overland Park
- Boomer, Erin R.**-3860-S2-CTM-1/24/2006- State Liners Club-Kansas City
- Davis, Consuelo**-3343-A2-CTM-1/31/2006- Sunrise Speakers Toastmasters Club-Wichita
- Dowis, Renee Christine**-1948-K3-CTM- 2/1/2006-S'MartMasters Toastmasters Club-Overland Park
- Dowis, Renee Christine**-1948-K3-CL- 2/1/2006-S'MartMasters Toastmasters Club-Overland Park
- Duckworth, Terry J.**-1543-A3-ATMS- 2/9/2006-West Wichita Toastmasters Club- Wichita
- Flood, Valerie Lynn**-1439-L1-CTM- 1/18/2006-St Joseph Toastmasters Club-Saint Joseph
- Gingell, Melissa A.**-8591-L2-LDREXC- 2/1/2006-Professionally Speaking Club-Kansas City
- Hamilton, Daniel** -740825-L2-CTM- 1/20/2006-Fountain Head Toastmasters Club-Kansas City
- Hanson, Chris A.**-1018-K4-CL-1/18/2006- Avionics Masters Toastmasters Club-Olathe
- Hodge, Margaret**-1948-K3-ATMB-2/1/2006- S'MartMasters Toastmasters Club-Overland Park
- Hunt, Gloria**-701857-S1-CTM-1/13/2006- Unity Village Toastmasters Club-Unity Village
- Johnson, James Philip**-8977-S5-ATMB- 2/10/2006 -Speakeasy Toasters Club-Overland Park
- Johnson, Ray**-740825-L2-CTM-1/20/2006- Fountain Head Toastmasters Club-Kansas City
- Kaibel, David**-4679-K4-ATMB-2/2/2006- K.T.G.I.F. Club-Overland Park
- Lalik, Christopher A.**-7703-K3-ATMB- 1/19/2006-Marathonmasters Club-Kansas City
- Lane, Michael C.**-1018-K4-CL-1/18/2006- Avionics Masters Toastmasters Club-Olathe
- Linstra, Laura**-625236-L6-ATMB-1/27/2006- Don't Stop Talking at DST Club-Kansas City
- Makovec, Amy J.**-1335-S2-CTM-2/2/2006- One Main Club-Kansas City
- Murria, Gloria**-3737-K2-CL-1/31/2006- Network Masters Club-Overland Park
- Neubert, Teri Leon**-3990-A1-CL-1/19/2006- Boeing Achievers Club-Wichita
- Nuckols, Scott**-3355-L1-ATMB-1/26/2006- Tiffany Springs Club-Kansas City
- Page, Adrian**-1279-A1-CTM-2/2/2006- Beechmasters Club-Wichita
- Parrish, Richard**-4679-K4-ATMB-2/2/2006- O.T.G.I.F. Club-

Overland Park

**-Pashia, Jim**-735666-S3-CTM-1/31/2006- Greater Joplin Toastmasters Club-Joplin

**-Quisenberry, David**-1928-K1-CTM- 1/18/2006-Early Bird Toastmasters Club-Overland Park

**-Remmers, Joseph**-778802-S1-ATMB- 2/9/2006 -Sparkling Waters Toastmasters Club- Kansas City

**-Robinett, Lynn C.**-1948-K3-CL-2/8/2006- S'MartMasters Toastmasters Club-Overland Park

**-Schottel, Marvin E.**-1439-L1-CL-1/27/2006- St Joseph Toastmasters Club-Saint Joseph

**-Shanmugakani, Bharat C.**-193-A3-CTM- 1/18/2006-Haworth-Wichita Club-Wichita

**-Sheahan, Richard J.**-1928-K1-CL- 1/28/2006-Early Bird Toastmasters Club-Overland Park

**-Standiford, Cheri L.**-740825-L2-CL- 1/18/2006-Fountain Head Toastmasters Club-Kansas City

**-Terry, Jason**-5545-T3-CL-2/6/2006 - Powercat Masters Club-Manhattan

**-Walton, Gary E.**-1009-K2-ATMB-2/3/2006- Suburban Club-Overland Park

**-Werner, Donna J.**-4664-S2-CTM-1/25/2006- Plaza Toastmasters Club-Kansas City

**-Wimpy, James M.**-392-L3-CTM-1/30/2006- Tower Talkers Club-Independence

**-Zachritz, Robert Edwin**-2804-T2-CL- 2/12/2006-Power Speakers-Topeka

You're Invited!

Have any comments regarding this bulletin? Have anything to contribute?

Please contact the Bulletin Editor, Larna Anderson Beebe, DTM PDG [d22bulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:d22bulletin@yahoo.com) by March 10, 2006.

Theme for next month is "Spring; Sowing the Seeds of Success"

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