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## The Gavel Whacker

Toastmasters International District 22 Monthly Bulletin

This Month's Theme:  
**"Spring: Sowing the Seeds of Success"**

### What's the Secret?

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

#### The secret to achieving your goals is...reaching that next milestone!

On the way to being the speaker and leader you aspire to become, the Toastmasters milestones are CTM, CL, ATMB, ATMS, ATMG, AL and DTM. Like a marathon runner, as long as you keep moving forward on a path that takes you past one milestone after the other, you must inevitably reach your goal. Then, marathon runners say you experience one of the psychological "peak moments" of your life. So do Toastmasters who achieve their educational goals!

When you earn your CTM or CL or whatever your next milestone is, you'll have that same thrill of achieving a personal victory. So get with your VP Education to be sure that you are scheduled to reach your next Toastmaster milestone by May 31. (Why wait until June 30 and risk missing your target!?). Same goes for you club, area and division leaders who are striving to achieve the milestone of Distinguished or better. Embrace your challenge to achieve one of those individual milestones at a time.

Onward!

### Question for March

Time is running short to complete your next Educational Award in this Toastmasters year ending June 30, so may you do a couple of speeches at another Club or elsewhere? Find the answer somewhere below.

### Get Ready, Get Set, GO!

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

**Correction: Last months article on David Boyce was written**

by **Thais Fahy, President of AgMasters Club**

Get Ready for fun & excitement; Get Set to be a Star Among Stars; GO to the Fall Conference in Branson. Mark your Calendars; Pack Your Bags; Be There!

Join your fellow toastmasters and Contestants and be a Star Among The Stars in Branson MO. Don't miss the excellent speakers and our C&L Award Presentation to Congressman Cleaver. Registration info on the conference is at [www.toastmasters22.org](http://www.toastmasters22.org).

Don't wait another minute, make your reservations at the Lodge of the Ozarks for April 21 & 22. Call 1 877 327 9894.

**IMPORTANT:** Let them know you are with TOASTMASTERS. If they are full call the alternate hotel at 1 877 781 1218, the Gretna Inn located behind the hotel and almost in the same parking lot as the meeting room has rooms available for Friday and Saturday. His web site is [GretnaInn.com](http://GretnaInn.com)

See YOU among the STARS in Branson!

## Technology Team To Form for District 22!

by Martha Hoffman CTM/CL, D22 Public Relations Officer

While Toastmasters builds our public speaking skills in a unique learning club environment, the business of District 22 Toastmasters relies upon technology to communicate with our members. We want to improve our communication to the members and to the public about Toastmasters. Do you have experience or interest as a Web Designer or Content Owner? Are you a technical person who can assist us? Then, we want to talk to you. Please contact me at if you want to join the Technology Team.

## Club Officer Requirement for CL?

by Suzanne Conaway, DTM, PDG

I had several people ask me at the Club Officer training sessions I attended, if they could count their terms of office from January 1 to June 30 toward a Competent Leader award for this Toastmasters' year. They reasoned that, if they waited until June 30 to turn in the award application, it would be 'close enough' to six months to count.

Sorry, Folks. Toastmasters International doesn't count 'close enough'. I sent your question to TI and received this reply: "I'm afraid the member will not be eligible for the CL award until July 2006, so the credit goes toward next years Distinguished Club Program."

Obviously, they want you to complete every last second of your term. However, the good news is, if you've completed the other requirements for CL, you can get your CL

Distinguished Club Program points taken care of early next Toastmasters year! And, if you start working on the new Toastmasters Competent Leader manual now, you MIGHT even be able to get two CL awards in July – one old-style, one new!

So, Toastmasters in District 22, be ready to turn in huge bunches of Complete Leader applications to Toastmasters this July. Let's show them what great leaders we are. Then we won't have anything to be sorry about!

## Get creative with dues renewals and the April 10 deadline!

Your dues and updated club roster are due to TI by April 10th. But don't just be a "dues collector." Make it a game! Split the club into teams of 4 or 5 people. Every team that has all their team members' dues turned in by March 31 wins ice cream cones, Eskimo Pies or popsicles at the first meeting in April. The teams that don't? They have to watch the others enjoy the sweet taste of success! (OK, maybe if they pay up on the spot, you can make an exception.)

If some members ARE late paying their dues, don't let them make YOU late paying the CLUB dues. Be sure you turn in the club dues on time, even if you don't have them all. You'll miss your Distinguished Club Plan goal if you are late paying for the club. But you can always submit additional dues later. When in charge, take charge! And have fun with it.

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

The Successful Club Series has eleven separate modules. They can be used as prerequisites for the Competent Leader (CL) and Advanced Toastmaster Silver (ATM-S) awards. The materials for the presentations can be ordered from Toastmasters International (items #290 through #300) individually or as a set. The presentation tip: DO NOT read the modules verbatim. Several Toastmasters have tried and notice glazed looks in the faces of their audience. The module is a guideline for the topic. Learn the module then present it in your own words, with your own twists and personal stories/examples. (For the full list of TOP TEN TIPS FOR NEW TOASTMASTERS AND NEW OFFICERS, go to [www.toastmasters22.org](http://www.toastmasters22.org).)

## Answer to Question:

YES, you may present project speeches at other Toastmasters Clubs or elsewhere.

Here is a quotation from TI "All speeches from the basic manual must be given in a Club environment, with the exception that up to two projects may be presented outside of the Club environment with advance approval of the Club Vice President Education. Members must receive both

written and oral evaluations for each speech in order to receive credit for the project toward the CTM award”.

Please apply your common sense and moral compass to this issue.

## Distinguished Dates

**(March 15 = 107 days left of the 2005-2006 TI year)**

### **MARCH 2006**

Area and Division conduct Speech Contests, TBD

**25** - Div L speech contest, Butler Building (park on West side), 1540 Genesee Street, Kansas City, MO, Registration 08:30AM

**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

**01** - Div K speech contest, Black & Veatch (North Door), 11401 Lamar, Overland Park, Registration 08:15AM

**01** - Div T speech contest, KU - Larned Hall room 2112, 1520 W 15th St, Lawrence, Registration 09:00am, Briefings 09:30am, Contest 09:45am

**08** - Div S speech contest, Black & Veatch, 8400 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO, Registration 11:00AM

**21/22** - D22 Spring Conference including DEC and District Council meetings, Table Topics and International Speech Contests finals, Branson MO

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

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

**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***

**-Berkowitz, Ronald N.-3355-L 1-ATMB- 2/17/2006-**

Tiffany Springs Club-Kansas City  
-**Bryan, Kent**-793002-L 4-CTM-2/23/2006- Cerner's PowerSpeak IT Toastmasters Club-Kansas City  
-**Davis, Gary Dean**-3355-L 1-CL-2/24/2006- Tiffany Springs Club-Kansas City  
-**Drake, Glen E.**-1439-L 1-CTM-2/24/2006-St Joseph Toastmasters Club-Saint Joseph  
-**Fitzgerald, Joseph P.**-3066-K 4-CL- 2/21/2006- Olathe Sunrise Speaker Club-Olathe  
-**Eckhardt, Brenda L.**-3737-K 2-CTM- 3/2/2006- Network Masters Club-Overland Park  
-**Heuszel, Bruce Edward**-3737-K 2-CTM- 3/2/2006- Network Masters Club-Overland Park  
-**Knight, Brenda L**-778802-S 1-CTM- 2/14/2006- Sparkling Waters Toastmasters Club-Kansas City  
-**Leibowitz, Sarah J**-7956-L 3-ATMS- 3/2/2006-Bayer Toastmasters Club-Kansas City  
-**Lindley, Markus-625236-L** 6-CL-2/24/2006- Don't Stop Talking at DST Club-Kansas City  
-**Mason, Tena L**-3990-A 1-CTM-2/23/2006- Boeing Achievers Club-Wichita  
-**McCarthy, Paul T.**-5664-S 4-CL-2/15/2006- Que Masters Club-Overland Park  
-**McDonough, Patti L.**-1543-A 3-CL- 2/24/2006-West Wichita Toastmasters Club-Wichita  
-**Mulroy, John**-643915-S 5-CL-3/6/2006-Yes We Can Toast Toastmasters Club-Overland Park  
-**Neubert, Teri Leon**-3990-A 1-ATMB- 2/16/2006- Boeing Achievers Club-Wichita  
-**Pastirchak, Marisa**-1018-K 4-CTM- 2/17/2006- Avionics Masters Toastmasters Club-Olathe  
-**Shiple, Barbara L**-778802-S 1-CTM- 2/14/2006- Sparkling Waters Toastmasters Club-Kansas City  
-**Telesford, Julien R.**-701857-S 1-ATMB- 2/24/2006- Unity Village Toastmasters Club-Unity Village  
-**Wilner, Alden R.**-3352-A 1-CL-2/24/2006- Jam 'n' Club-Wichita  
-**Wilson, Larry M.**-8825-K 2-ATMS- 2/21/2006- Masters Club-Leawood

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 April 10, 2006.

Theme for next month is "Be in Branson or be Square".

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