



FOUNDER'S DISTRICT

WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

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Founder's District Fall 2011 Conference

Judging by the sea of smiling faces, and positive written comments, the Founder's District Fall 2011 Conference was a roaring success. The conference team had been planning and preparing for this event, months in advance, under the direction of Victoria Dotson DTM, Lt Gov of Education and Training and Dan Cossack DTM, District Conference Chair. On the day of the conference, volunteers began to arrive well before sunrise to prepare the venue, set up registration table, educational materials store and the opportunity draw tables. After a packed day that commenced with the business meeting, and interlaced with inspiring and entertaining speeches, workshops and fabulous speech and evaluation contests, the Founder's District Toastmasters and guests left happy.

Humorous Speech Contest

David Moore, ACS, CL from the B. Braun Toastmasters Club of Irvine (Division F) won the Humorous Speech Contest. He left us laughing non-stop by sharing his dating experiences "Studid in Love". Kimberly Wade, ACB, CL was placed second.

Key Note Speech

Key Note Speaker, Roberta Perry, DTM, Toastmasters International Director (Region 10) entertained and inspired the audience with her powerful speech on "Just Say Yes". She reflected how her supervisor urged her to join Toastmasters and "just say yes" whatever she was asked of by the Club. Roberta Perry credits Toastmasters training for much of her professional development. "Toastmasters has provided me with the ongoing communication and leadership training

that has been instrumental in my success as a Business Development specialist in the Leisure Entertainment market worldwide."

As the International Director of Region 10, Roberta Perry oversees 7 Toastmasters Districts: Founder's District (Orange County and part of LA County), District 1 (West LA County), District 3 (Arizona), District 5 (San Diego, Imperial and Yuma Counties), District 12 (Imperial and other Counties east of LA County), District 34 (Mexico), and 52 (Downtown LA and surrounding cities).

Roberta Perry has been a driving force in the development and growth of the themed entertainment and leisure entertainment industries for more than 20 years. She is a business development and strategies consultant working for dozens of clients worldwide including: Edwards Technologies Inc., Cirque Du Soleil, and Paramount Studios. In addition, over the past 15 years, she has conducted communication workshops and seminars for such corporations and associations as IBM, UCLA Anderson School of Business, Xerox, and Mattel.



Roberta Perry inspiring fellow Toastmasters at the Conference.



David Moore with Wes Hoover DTM, the District Governor and Laura Scott, CC, CL, the Contest Toastmaster.



Hearty congratulations and thanks to all the Humorous Speech Contestants photographed here with the Contest Master, Nigel Blackwell, ACB, CL.



A MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER'S DISTRICT OFFICERS



WES HOOVER

District Governor

The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot. ~ Michael Altshuler

My fellow Toastmasters, time is flying by. The New Year is here. At this critical half-way point in the Toastmasters Year, I'm excited and encouraged more than ever by the enthusiasm and dedication of the Toastmasters around us. However, we should ask ourselves – are we doing the best we can?

Founders District had a strong start this year. We started with 207 Toastmasters clubs, but lost a few, and may lose a few more, but our goal is to extend the network of Toastmasters Clubs, and end the year strongly, with xxx clubs. Thanks to all of you and your dedicated efforts we are moving ahead, and building momentum. Although we are progressing at a good pace, I do need to add that we are slightly behind where we were last year. I'm asking that we all do our best... That is all that we can do. But by each of us doing our best, we can make history – we can take Founders District to Presidents Distinguished... We have the momentum on our side.

I ask that we encourage each other to make progress every week on our speeches and leadership projects. Have open houses and encourage membership drives. We are looking for a record number of educational awards, new clubs and new members.

To give our members the opportunity to hone their communication and leadership skills we have scheduled another set of LACE (Leadership and Communication Education) workshops in the New Year. We held a 'Leadership Breakfast' in December as one of the steps in grooming future leaders to step into new roles in 2012. It is our responsibility is to look for leadership potential in members and to find opportunities for those talented people to serve the district. Learn to "discover and delegate".

Founders District: Only the best, nothing less!



VICTORIA DOTSON

Lt Governor Education & Training

Think for a moment, about the reason you joined Toastmasters. Was it because you wanted to learn how to be a better public speaker? Because your boss recommended that you join?

Now take a moment and think about why you're staying in Toastmasters. We are often asked why we joined, but then we don't tend to think about why we stay. For many of us it's because we feel that we're not done learning; that we haven't accomplished all of our goals. What is your reason? Have you shared this reason with anyone?

Each of you has a set of goals that you want to reach. It is our job as your District Leaders to help you; to offer you opportunities to continue learning. We want to make sure that one of the reasons you continue to be a Toastmaster is because you are learning something new with each Toastmasters experience. That with each encounter with a new Toastmaster, you share with them the reasons you continue to be a Toastmasters member; building a relationship that can last a lifetime.



HARRY YAN

Lt Governor Marketing

As I look to the New Year, I am reminded what matters most in life is not whether we win or lose the game, but rather who we get to play with. We need to remind ourselves to take our eyes off the prize and look around at the people we are playing with. Make it a point to work together as a team. People who work together develop strong bonds. Without close friends, we have no one to share our joy when we succeed.

Toastmasters is a safe place to develop strong bonds. It is a mutually supportive and positive place for us to continuously learn, practice and reinforce our social skills. It is a place where people work hard to make sure others succeed because they understand no one can be rich without first enriching others. It is a place where servant leaders are made.

In the New Year, seek to be a servant leader because significance comes from having a lasting positive impact on the lives of others. Success can produce pleasure, but only significance can generate fulfillment. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year filled with new joys!



NEEL SIROSH

Public Relations Officer

Do you have a story to share? Founder's District PRO team would like to hear it, and possibly share it on our website and/or in a future issue of the Founder's Monthly eNewsletter and/or in the Founder's Quarterly Journal.

If you are not already doing so, please be sure to follow Toastmaster's brand guidelines when designing your agendas, newsletters, websites etc. and incorporate the newly branded logo, photos, graphic elements, color palette and typography. Download brand resources from the brand portal at www.toastmasters.org/vbp.

As you may already know, all FreeToastHost (FTH) version 1.0 servers will be shut down February 17, 2012. If your club is among the thousands that use FreeToastHost (FTH), your website can be converted to the refreshed brand style by following the directions given at: <http://www.toastmastersclubs.org>.

Wish you a very Happy New Year!



Highlights from the District Conference



Business Meeting and Workshops

The Founder's District Conference began with a business meeting, which is essential for the smooth functioning of the District, per our bylaws. The meeting requires attendance by the Club Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education, and Area and Division Governors and other District leaders.

The business meeting was comprised of many routine matters which were included in a 'consent agenda' that was sent out for review ahead of time by the District Governor Wes Hoover, DTM, District Treasurer's Report provided by Doug Bowers, confirmation of District Officer Appointments, and reports by Dr. Neel Sirosh, DTM, the Public Relations Officer, Harry Yan, DTM, Lt. Governor of Marketing, Victoria Dotson, DTM, Lt. Governor of Education and Training and the District Governor. The business meeting was presided by Wes Hoover, DTM, Carolynn Bramlett, DTM, the District Secretary and Wilma Springer, DTM, PDG, the District Parliamentarian.

Educational workshops included two parallel sessions "Acting for Speakers" by Karl Walsh and "Social Media" by David Deutsch. Karl drew on his 20 years experience in the Theatre as an Actor and a Director and as a graduate of London's prestigious Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. Karl shared exercises specifically aimed to help Speakers excel. David introduced various Social Media platforms and discussed how to use these tools for the benefit of clubs, work and life.

Seventeen new DTMs Honored

Seventeen DTMs within a 6-month period is a record for the District. Ed Mihalka, DTM (pictured here) received his 7th DTM award. Other Founder's District Toastmasters who achieved their first (or second) DTM award include:

- Carol Chirpich
- Teresita Del Sol
- Victoria Dotson
- Lou Ann Frederick
- Linda Jaeckels
- Ross Johnson
- Brion Kidder
- Arthur Lim
- Garry McCoppin
- Ligia Molina
- Siri Payakapan
- Elisa Roddy
- Mildred Szeto
- Cynthia Trinidad
- Linda Ulrich, and
- Lyle Wiedeman

- Give two presentations from the Better Speaker Series and/or the Successful Club Series (these are for the Communications Track)
- Complete a Success Leadership Program, a Success/Communications Program, or a Youth Leadership Program
- Mentor a new club member through the first three speeches
- Complete the Competent Leadership Manual (18 meeting roles + 4 leadership roles)
- Serve for six months as a Club Officer, helping to prepare the Club Success Plan
- Give two presentations from the Successful Club Series and/or the Leadership Excellence Series (these are for the Leadership Track)
- Serve as a District Officer (Area Governor, Division Governor, Lieutenant Governor, District Governor) for a complete one-year term
- Complete a High Performance Leadership (HPL) project
- Sponsor or Mentor a New Club, or Coach an existing low-member Club back to good health.

Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) is the highest educational achievement one can achieve. In order to attain this honor, one must:

- Give 40 manual speeches (Competent Communicator Manual + six Advanced Manuals)



Founder's District Fall Conference 2011



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ROY D. GRAHAM TROPHY



District Governor Wes Hoover, DTM honored Edward Smith ACS, CL, Area D-3 Governor, with the Roy D. Graham Trophy for the most attendees at the conference. This trophy is named after Roy D. Graham, DTM, PID, a long-term active supporter of the Founder's District. Ed's name will be engraved on the trophy.

Seeking Leaders Colette Gardener, DTM, PDG

Founder's District is seeking nominations for the following positions to be filled by election at the Spring Conference on May 5, 2012:

- District Governor,
- Lt. Governor of Education and Training,
- Lt. Governor of Marketing, and
- Division Governors

Note: Area Governors will be appointed by the District Governor-elect after the Spring Conference. Interested candidates are encouraged to submit applications to the 2012-2013 District Governor-elect, after the May 5, 2012 election.

All qualified members are encouraged to self-nominate and run for office.

Leadership in Toastmasters develop the vital skills of:

- Team Building
- Delegation
- Goal Setting
- Planning
- Problem Solving

Additional benefits include networking with other business leaders, making new friends, and gaining a deeper understanding how Toastmasters work on a global basis.

Position descriptions, qualifications, and responsibilities are online on Toastmasters International's website at: <http://www.toastmasters.org/OffQual.aspx> and on the Founder's District website at: <http://www.foundersdistrict.org/main/officer-roles>

How to Apply:

Applications for the elected positions are due by Jan 31, 2012.

Applications are available at: http://www.foundersdistrict.org/main/images/pdf/2012-2013_nom_form.doc

Submit completed applications to nominating chair, Colette Gardner, DTM, PDG, at coletteg@sbcglobal.net

If you have questions, or need paper copies of the materials, contact Colette Gardner at **(949) 551-5800** or via email at coletteg@sbcglobal.net

Hall of Fame Recognitions

Victoria Dotson, DTM, Lt. Governor of Education and Training recognized members who completed Education and Leadership levels, and awarded a club banner with the new logo to ISD Club, the winner of the Woody/Woodette Challenge.

Dr. Frances Stein, DTM, Co-Chair of the District Distinguished Club Plan recognized those members who attained the Distinguished Member status.

Harry Yan, DTM, Lt. Governor of Marketing recognized the following new clubs:

- Toasters United
- Orange County Toastmasters
- On the Dot
- Global Entrepreneur Toastmasters
- Tech Tools Toastmasters Club No. 1

Harry Yan also recognized the New Club Sponsors, Coaches and Mentors, and also the clubs that won the Smedley Award, for five or more new members in the July-Sept period. Eclectic Dialects Club was specially mentioned for signing up a record 15 new members.

Dr. Neel Sirosh, DTM, District Public Relations Officer honored George Day, DTM, the Webmaster of Smedley Chapter One Club #1, Area A-1, with the Diamond Web Award for the best Club Website that also meets the new Toastmaster's brand guidelines. Smedley Club #1, the first Toastmasters Club in the world established 87 years ago by Dr. Ralph Chestnut Smedley, the founder of Toastmasters International, won a club banner with the new logo, and stand.

Evaluations Contest

Bill Brown, ACS, ALB from Saddleback Sunrise, Challengers and Second Stage Toastmasters Clubs (Divisions F and G) won the first place in the Evaluations contest. Lyle Wiedeman, DTM of ZotSpeak, Rough Drafts and Le Gourmet Toastmasters Clubs was the runner-up. Photo shows Bill Brown with Wes Hoover DTM, the District Governor and Laura Scott CC, CL, the Contest Toastmaster. Also shown are the Evaluation Contestants with the Contest Master, Robert Acosta, ACB, CL.



21st Visionary Leaders Find a Need and Fill It.

By Dr. Patricia Adelekan, DTM Founder's District Journalist Chair

As a second-time Area Governor and a mature adult, too often, I have witnessed and encountered individuals (including myself) who just do not know much about current technology and technological tools. Frustrated with the thought of it all, we procrastinate touching the devices/gadgets, much less to finding out more about them. Too often, we just find an excuse to do something else. And, amass the gnawing quiet feelings of being "left behind."

To harbor such feelings does not help – at times it just gets worse and we feel like giving up or "throwing in the towel." Is having such feelings the answer? No, we can't do that. So I decided to face my fears and frustrations- and take along others with me – in a Toastmasters' Club – "to fill the need."

Isn't that the theory behind Toastmasters – Conqueror the fear of public speaking in a positive and supportive learning environment with compassionate, supportive and kind servant leaders. Thus, was the philosophy and thinking behind starting Tech Tools Toastmaster Club No. 1 – "to fill a need" in a positive and supportive learning environment with the "Best and nothing Less" trainers – Tech Savvy Toastmasters. Yes, that's it. Get a Tech Savvy Toastmaster with a warm and carrying heart and convince him or her to HELP, HELP, HELP and GUIDE, GUIDE, GUIDE with patience and kindness – and to share their knowledge.

When I first shared my thoughts with my Inner Strength Toastmaster Club President, Matt Bryant, ACS and other club members, they said yes – they understood and could even relate. Next, I shared my thoughts with a colleague Linda Jaeckels, DTM, who shouted with joy because she said she once cried at not knowing how to navigate the internet and other tech tools – she had a need for such a Toastmaster Club. And with Krish Krishnamurthy, ACS, ALG, my Division E Governor, he whole-heartedly supported the idea.

Within a two weeks – we held a Demonstration Meeting, 18 people showed up. At the end of the meeting, we had 17 interested Charter candidates. Three (3) days later, Toastmasters International chartered 26 members of the new Tech Tools Toastmasters Club No. 1.

What was unexpected and awesome ??? – The District Governor, Wes Hoover, DTM, showed – up at the Demo meeting – "not as the District Governor," said one of the attendees, "but as someone who is also interested in filling the need to dispell the fear and lack of knowledge concerning of 21st - Century Technology and its use.

Perusing the list of Chartered members, we discovered sympathetic leaders and hungry learners as follows:

- Two Districts represented: (Founder's (FD) and District 1(D1)
- 1 District Governor, Wes Hoover, DTM (FD)
- 1 Lt. Governor of Marketing, Regina Rhymes, DTM (D1)
- 2 Members of Founder's District PRO Team (Mahesh Mike Patel, DTM, Social Media Chair (FD) and myself, DTM, Journalist Chair (FD)
- 1 Division E Governor, Krish Krishnamurthy, ACB,ALB (FD)
- 2 Area Governors, (Jennifer Elam, E2 (FD); and myself, E1 (FD)
- 2 Assistant Area Governors (Urmil Narang, E1(FD)
- 5 Club Presidents, (Matt Bryant, ACS (FD); (myself, FD); (Stephanie Wagg, (FD);Violi Wong,CC; (FD); Alexander Lingad (FD)
- 6 DTM's --4 listed above -- plus 2: James Paget, DTM (D1), Linda Jaeckels, DTM (FD)



- An inventor and Designer, Gregorio Manabat
- Several Entertainers, Gregorio Manabat,
- 5 Technological Experts.

With this response, we created the Tech Tools Toastmasters Club No. 1 to help teach and reduce the fear and intimidation about 21st Technology --and its various tools and terminologies.

Certainly we partake in the TED (Technology, Entertainment, and Design) Era and are visionary servant leaders "finding the need and filling it."

We welcome other Toastmasters and interested non-toastmasters to join Tech Tools Toastmasters Club No. 1. In a world that is growing and changing rapidly, many more Tech Tools Clubs are needed. Who, then will be the lucky ones to charter Tech Tools Club No. 2.?

Tech Tools No. 1 meets on the 2nd Saturdays of the month from 8-10 a.m. at 891 S. State College Blvd. (Tryol Plaza Club House) Anaheim, CA 92806. Visitors are encouraged to attend. For more information about these "hands-on" educational communication and leadership meetings, please feel free to contact Matt Bryant, President at 949-633- 4977 Email: mattbryant180@msn.com or Krish Krishnamurthy (Division Governor & Club mentor) at 949-735-239; Email: krishm88@hotmail.com. Bring your computer, questions and "fear" along.

If you have any interesting stories to share about your experiences or accomplishments at Toastmasters or news about your Club, Area or District please email them to TMFoundersNews@yahoo.com.
The news team would love to hear from you!

WHAT MAKES A GREAT SPEECH

By Natalie King-Bhagat, CC

How many of you have been wrestling with the same thought. ... What makes a great speech? Is it content? Is it tone? Is it the moment? Is it emotion or how many people it influences?

When I joined Toastmasters I originally thought someone was going to teach me how to give a speech.... Well did my idea of the typical teacher – student paradigm go out the window real fast. At Toastmasters it is more about learning by ... experimentation, observation, research and practice.

Plato describes Rhetoric as the "art of enchanting the soul." Aristotle describes Rhetoric as "the faculty of discovering in any particular case all of the available means of persuasion." Whereas John Locke describes Rhetoric as that powerful instrument of error and deceit."

Veteran US presidential speechwriter Ted Sorensen in the New York Times: Says what makes a great speech is "Speaking from the heart to the heart, directly, not too complicated, relatively brief sentences, words that are clear to everyone."

Politicians, educators, motivational leaders, religious giants, titans of business, generals going into battle and actors have delivered speeches that were labeled "great". Listen to the great speeches, and you will be struck by how unique the presentation is. It is appropriate to the moment and directs the audience toward a greater tomorrow. The speech follows a logical path, offers soaring rhetoric, and dazzles all within hearing range. It carries that special quality that makes a difference. It is a quality used by Winston Churchill, the Kennedy's, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, other great orators, leaders and teachers.

This quality is sincere belief. A belief in what you say, in the value of your words to other people, and a desire to share that belief.

"So many Great speeches, so many different places and audiences. Each speech had superb structure and a wondrous message, but each also was delivered in such a way that a chord was struck that resonates through the generations to find a place in our history or our hearts. Great speeches about important events have been punctuated by words that live on far past the event. Great speeches affect our emotions." (Simon Segag) Think of the speeches you have heard. Consider all the times you found yourself tuning out because the speaker was on autopilot. Then remember all those times you were drawn in by someone who passionately believed in what they were saying. Sincere belief makes the difference.

.... sincere belief. A belief in what you say, in the value of your words to other people, and a desire to share that belief.

However: John Lock and Simon Montefiore draw our attention to the fact that great speeches are not always used for the greater good. A quote by Simon Sebag Montefiore in his book *Speeches that changed the world*: "A great speech does not just capture the truth of its era; it can also capture a big lie."

In the great speeches of the world there are great hymns to democratic freedom that encapsulate the principles of decency and liberty that we cherish, good words that enlighten the world.

But some of these speeches can also be the most despicable that darkened the horizon of the free world. Some of the greatest orators were monsters of history (example Hitler, Mossolini)

Many of great speeches contain eternal truths, particularly a classic such as the Gettysburg Address by President Abraham Lincoln. As a

rule, simplicity of language marks superb speechmaking such as Martin Luther King's *'I have dream'* speech.

Some speeches are simply untrue, some wicked and some we can simply judge better now with the tool of historical hindsight. Adolf Hitler's speeches reveal his virtuosity as a political agitator, national actor and speechwriter, but are riddled with cynical, brutal lies. Stalin's, Osama Bin Laden's and radical zealots speeches are delivered with surprising plainness though are as despicably ruthless. Nevertheless they incited their audience to action. "Many speeches reveal the character flaws and virtues of their orators, but each is also a window onto a great occasion in history." (Simon Segag)

When content is emphasized without a punctuated delivery we tend to get bored. When we have a great delivery but no substantial content we are entertained, but not educated. When we have both good content and a good delivery we have a great powerful speech that captivates and educates the audience.

According to www.Speechgems.com, the general idea in an outstanding presentation is to grab people's emotions; and, to manipulate them with a combination of concrete information and emotive examples or phraseology. Make them cry: make them think: make them laugh. Alternate the emotional impact so as to give the audience an emotional roller coaster ride.

Use:

- anecdotes for relating to your audience,
- structure for a logical flow
- humor for an emotional change
- of pace;
- touching memories to draw in your listeners;
- thoughtful [quotes](#), and
- lots of [personalization](#)

ALWAYS, leave them on a high, reaching beyond their present level.

Facebook Is Here to Stay

By Makesh Mike Patel, DTM



Facebook...we have all heard about it and whether we like it or not, it is here to stay. More and more companies, organizations and non-profit groups are embracing Facebook and other social media sites. Toastmasters International and our very own Founder's District are no exception. They are both active participants on Facebook.com as well.

If you haven't already discovered the Founder's District Facebook page, here's where you can explore it: <https://www.facebook.com/FoundersToastmasters>.

Through this fan page, members and visitors can stay connected and are able to engage with other members and visitors; they are able to post Club and other Toastmasters related information. Important News and Events can also be posted and sent out to members using Facebook. Many of the members found out about our Fall Conference that was held on Nov 12th at Cerritos Sheraton via Facebook. The news that November 12th is the official "California Toastmasters Day" was posted on many of the Toastmasters Fan pages

just as it happened, and many of the members including myself found out about it through Facebook fan pages.

If you are not a member of Facebook.com yet, it is free, and takes only a few minutes to register. Once you become a member, please feel free to join our Founder's District Facebook page.

Social Media is here to stay and if used with caution and common sense, is a great tool for connecting with friends and family and being informed about events instantly.

Meetup.com is another website that is really useful in getting new visitors to attend and join our clubs. Many of our clubs have already successfully invited and had visitors join their clubs thru Meetup.com. There is a nominal monthly for using this very active social site.

If you have any suggestions or want to post any information about your club, events or other related articles, feel free to email Mike: Mike@MikePatel.com



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Mission of the District

The mission of the district is to enhance the performance and extend the network of clubs, thereby offering greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters educational program by: Focusing on the critical success factors as specified by the district educational and membership goals.

Ensuring that each club effectively fulfills its responsibilities to its members.

Providing effective training and leadership development opportunities for club and district officers.

Our mailing address is: **Toastmasters Founders District, 400 S Flower #64, ORANGE, CA 92868**



FreeToastHost Is Upgraded!

FreeToastHost (FTH) is a free webhost service for Toastmasters clubs provided by a group of Toastmasters since 2004. FTH is used by approximately 10,000 clubs worldwide. FTH comes bundled with useful tools such as duty roster, member directory, e-mail lists and club calendar.

If your club already has a website built on FTH 1.0, note that as of August 27, 2011, FTH 1.0 has been upgraded to FTH 2.0, the next generation Toastmaster Club and District website hosting platform.

FTH 2.0 provides three website templates, all conforming to the new brand of Toastmasters International. To get started, go to <http://www.toastmastersclubs.org>

Roadmap to Success



They call her one of the 'elite'. In 1993, she was the sixth woman in the world, 28th overall, to earn the Accredited Speaker designation for outstanding platform professionalism (in six speaking categories), out of 4.4 million members in 116 countries. Only 61 have earned the designation to date. She is our very own Sheryl Roush, DTM, PDG, and now, Founder's District's Division C is offering you a wonderful opportunity to learn from Sheryl. She will present an interactive workshop utilizing an actual roadmap, and will expertly guide you to get the most value out of your Toastmasters membership. Whether you are at a crossroad in your Toastmasters journey, or clearly focused on the next goal, this highly-engaging session will accelerate your success!

When: February 4, 2012 (9:00-12:00; Registration starts at 8:30 am)
Where: Southern California Edison, 7300 Fenwick Lane, Westminster, CA 92683
Cost: \$8.00 Register early since seating is limited to 80.
RSVP: KenMaxfield27@yahoo.com

Did you know?

- The Toastmasters Headquarters is in Rancho Santa Margarita, Ca.
- The various departments - graphics, distributions, finance, and membership services are administered by 97 full-time employees.
- The graphics department is the only department that uses Apple computers to create layouts and PowerPoint presentations.
- The distribution center at the Headquarters is one of 8 distribution warehouses throughout the world -- the others include 1 each in the Philippines, Sri Lanka, India, New Zealand, South Africa and 3 in Australia.
- 425 member kits are mailed out domestically each day.
- Yearly, over 400,000 awards are mailed out for the CC (Competent Communicator) and various designations.
- In the summer month of June, an astounding 12,500 awards are mailed out, which is also Toastmasters International's busiest month.
- The finance department has three segments --- World Headquarters, District Headquarters and the Tax/Regulation department. The three report to the Controller. The department specializes in recording dues and payments and mailing out monthly statements to 13,500 clubs in 86 districts located in 116 countries.
- Core to the Toastmasters vision is the membership services unit. Member services provide customer service at a whopping 8,000 phone calls and 5,500 emails per month. 450,000 educational awards are processed yearly, along with 230,000 Competent Communicator awards, 950 DTMs (Distinguished Toastmaster Member) awards.
- 80% of the Toastmaster clubs in the world use Internet to renew their dues and to conduct other club business. Toastmasters Corporate Offices strongly encourages this method.

Douglas A. Bowers

(For the full article by Dr. Patricia Adelekan, DTM Founder's District Journalist see <http://www.foundersdistrict.org/news-category-blog/449-a-convergence-of-philosophies>



Founder's District Treasurer, Douglas A. Bowers, ACS, CL, seems to truly know himself and to share his wisdom, knowledge, talents and experiences with others he meets. "The key thing about me is that I am an idea person. I love ideas about almost anything. I can get lost in them. They are my friends. I can relate one idea to another and find value in each of them.

Ideas trigger Doug's imagination and his unique ability to see relationships and trends. They are the "stuff" that he meditated upon and played with to come up with his DogOlogic method. Through DogOlogic, he seeks to empower leaders, managers, teachers and others to adopt a method to arrive at well-rounded approaches and solutions to both their concerns and their opportunities. "If each individual would know his/her dominant emotional-type, and their related strengths and weaknesses, it would enable them to avoid conflicts, misunderstandings and attract the kind of people to their organizations that bring about complimentary results more naturally." The wisdom of his approach lies in its simplicity.

Doug states, "I feel that my highest and best use is to help build organizations and people. I joined Toastmasters to become a professional speaker while promoting my business and personal theories using the DogOlogic method and approach. I strongly feel that in this way, I can truly help impact people's lives and organizations for the better."

The Toastmasters office is open for touring during office hours from 8am to 5pm. But be sure to set up an appointment in advance. The office has a small museum featuring some of founder Ralph C. Smedley's possessions and various manuals he wrote for the Toastmasters Program. The is also a Toastmasters store where you can buy various items. As a Toastmaster and Area E1 representative, we found the visit informative and felt privileged that we were able to visit the Headquarters on behalf of our clubs. For visits contact Headquarters: Telephone: [949-858-8255](tel:949-858-8255)

Founder's District Division and Area Governors July 2011- June 2012

Division A	Siri Payakapan	Division C	Wendy Lam-Tran	Division E	Krish Krishnamurthy	Division G	Sushma Rajput
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Area A-2	Jason Brady	Area C-2	David Lehman	Area E-2	Jennifer Elam	Area G-2 G	Kam Jalali
Area A-3	Jens Hudson	Area C-3	Ken Maxfield	Area E-3	Ursula Bell	Area G-3	David Vu
Area A-4	Karen Rodriguez	Area C-4	KimChi Nghe	Area E-4	Ray-Ann Ruszkowski	Area G-4	Nigel Blackwell
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