



Spotlight on District 30

"The Power Of One"



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Chicagoland District 30 Toastmasters



THE ROAD TO COMPETENCE



*Earl Bateman, DTM
District Governor, 2002-3
Competent, adjective*

Pronunciation:
'kām-p&-t&nt
1. able: having enough skill or ability to do something

I remember the first time I tried to ride a bicycle. It wasn't very easy and I fell down numerous times. It must have taken me three or four weeks to finally be able to ride with my friends. I remember being elated when I could stay up on my bike without falling down. The same thing applied to my first speech in Toastmasters many years ago. I know that it wasn't as good as future speeches would be. I lost the fear of getting up and talking to a group of people.

Toastmasters is all about gaining the confi-

dence to do something. In the definition of competence above, there is nothing about having the ability to do something perfectly. Before we can improve, we have to step out and not be afraid to make a mistake. Therefore, the road to competence is one where we exhibit the courage to engage in an activity long enough to gain ability. Giving our first ten speeches in the communication and leadership manual gives us the basic skill to speak before others. We lose our fear and even though we may fall down, we aren't afraid to get back up.

I want to encourage each and every one of our members to reach out and give a prepared speech sometime this next three months. I would hope that if you have given your seventh or eighth speech, you would give the next two or three speeches to reach your competent level. I know the confidence that goes with it will inspire you to reach out and explore even greater

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GET ON YOUR MARK, GET SET ... GO!



*Charles Brooks, DTM
Lt. Governor of Education & Training, 2002-2003*

339 club officers of District 30 have been trained at the winter Toastmasters Leadership Institutes (TLIs). Now we can begin the process of insuring that members committed to completing their Communication & Leadership manuals and becoming Competent Toastmasters (CTM) and those committed to completing two Advanced Communication & Leadership manuals and becoming Advanced Toastmasters Bronze, Silver or Gold, have the opportunity to do so. This writing is directed

at the Vice President of Education of the 137 clubs now functioning within District 30. It is up to you to plan your remaining agendas so that these committed individuals get every opportunity to reach their goal. Get on your mark, get set, **GO**.

At the beginning of your term as VP of Education, your club officers and yourself should have sat down and completed the **Club Success Plan**, mapping out how you were going to get to Distinguished, Select Distinguished or President's Distinguished Club by June 30, 2003. If your club did not complete this step in the process, you are driving to an unknown destination and without a road map. This is a very neces-

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**District 30
Spring 2003 Conference
"Rev It Up!"**

April 25-26, 2002

Adam's Mark Hotel
2875 N. Milwaukee Ave
Northbrook



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sary step that tells you and your club members exactly where your club will end up at the end of the year. I am very aware of the position my two clubs will accomplish by June 30th, Distinguished and President's Distinguished, and they know how they're going to get there. If this is foreign to you, please present the Distinguished Club module from the *Successful Club Series* to your club at the first opportunity.

I am hoping all area governors presented this module at their clubs or encouraged the club to do it sometime during the year. You would not take a trip without knowing where you were going and without a road map, would you? Having that map allows you to stay on course, or change course if necessary. Having completed a Club Success Plan takes the guesswork out of managing your club to your set goal. This will work in other areas of your life also. Try it. Get on your mark, get set, **GO**.

As of this date, March 8, 99 members have completed their CTM and 29 have completed their ATM. Congratulations to you on reaching your goal and moving on to the next level of achievement, Advance Toastmaster. Oh, do not stop now. The fun time has just begun.

Toastmasters International is sending you two free advanced manuals of your choice. Do not allow them to sit idle and collect dust. Immediately begin reading one of them and make an outline for your first advanced speech. Get on the club meeting agenda and prepare fully for your assignment. This is an opportunity for you to choose the type of speeches you are truly interested in giving.

It is like the difference between high school and college. You were basically directed and guided through your high school years. When you entered college, you were allowed to choose your courses with minimum guidance. That is exactly what you are in for at the advanced level. Find yourself an advanced mentor and get started.

If you are moving to the second or third advanced level, ATM-Silver or ATM-Gold, you should already know what I am talking about. Hopefully you are working in the Leadership Track along with the Communication Track. Have a wonderful experience at the advanced level. It is a great ride. Get on your mark, get set, **GO**.

For the district to reach its educational goals, which are two of the four **critical success factors**, I need help from those

who committed to completing their CTM or ATM. As I write, **we are in need of another 89 CTMs and 24 ATMs**. My calculations tells me that we need 22 CTMs and six ATMs a month for the remaining four months to reach our goal and become a distinguished district. We would like to reach our goal by May 31. I have all the faith in the world that District 30 will take its rightful place among the 77 districts and that place is number one.

After the first area governor visit to the clubs, **203 members committed to becoming CTMs and 72 members committed to becoming ATMs**. I know these are personal goals, but it is your personal goals that make up the district's goals. If you are one of the members who committed to one of these goals and you are reading this, let me appeal to your sense of Friends Helping Friends Succeed, to your Commitment To Excellence and to your commitment to the Power Of One. We need you to honor your commitment if we are to continue down the road to Atlanta as the number one district in the world.

We believe we have the other two critical success factors locked up. Paid due by April 10th will confirm that success and this will be the first time in many years that District 30 has reached both its paid clubs (133) and per caps (memberships) goals. Give a round of applause to the Lt. Governor of Marketing, Dietmar Wagenknecht, ATM-G and his marketing team, and the many members who are helping out with demo meetings around the district for a job well done. Get on your mark, get set, **GO**.

Now that you have the facts, you can move to your destination. Hopefully it is well thought-out and planned for success. If not, remember this: **If you do not know where you are going, any road will do**. Fellow Toastmasters, we are going to the international convention as the number one district in the world. Standing tall at **President's Distinguished!** On your mark, get set, **GO!** Look out Atlanta, here comes district 30. Until next time I am

Always Serving Others,
Charles Brooks, DTM



Sarah King, president of 7301-Mercer Toastmasters, looks on as Earl Bateman, district governor, awards her club their official charter on March 5. Charles Brooks, Lt. Governor of Education and Training, is at right.

SPRING CLEANUP: GET THOSE CLUBS CHARTERED



*Dietmar Wagenknecht, ATM-G, CL
Lt. Governor of Marketing*

As I write this, it still is recordbreaking cold outside, but I hope that by the time you read this, a taste of spring has arrived. A little warmer weather makes it easier and more inviting to go outside. Speaking of going out, why not use the warmer spring weather to get out and finish up those lingering new clubs, beat the bushes, and get the clubs up to 20 charter members.

Our new club list as of this writing is 15,

that means **we need to charter three clubs each month to reach our goal**, and we **will** reach our goal, right? Yes, we can! There are several new club initiatives ongoing in each division. How about moving them to charter, Mr. or Ms. Division Governor? If you charter a new club in your division each month for the next three months, I will personally take you out for dinner — a recognition prize for your efforts!

Yes, I have set my own challenge as well: To charter a new club from initial publicity to charter strength in two months. And we have assembled a great team working together to achieve it. So, division and area governors, get **your** team together and push that lingering club ini-

tiative over the 20 charter member mark.

You say you don't have one in your area? Then either find one, or call Club Extension Chair Carolyn Arthur, she has a loooooong list of "clubs in progress" waiting to be followed through. Let us all team up for a "Spring Cleanup" of these pending clubs.

Next year's International President Ted Corcoran chose as a theme for 2003-04 "Your Dreams are Your Possibilities". At the beginning of 2002-03 our district dreamed of becoming the number one district in the world. Let us use the theme of Ted Corcoran **now** in district 30 and make it a possibility, yea a reality, to be the number one district in the world on June 30th, 2003.

2003-2004 SLATE OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

- District governor
Charles Brooks
- Lt. governor of education and training
Dietmar Wagenknecht
- Lt. governor of marketing
Carolyn Arthur, Bruce Burrow
- Central division governor
Cordelia Barlow, Mike Raffety
- North division governor
Twana Holman
- Northwest division governor
Ram Gutta
- South division governor
Dan Seiler
- Southwest division governor
Open
- Public relations officer
Sandra Beauford

NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPLETES 2003-2004 SLATE

On behalf of the nominating committee, I would like to congratulate the candidates who appeared and expressed their willingness to serve District 30 as next year's officers. Their desire to continue the good work in spreading the Toastmasters story is both exciting and commendable.

Now the district council has to do its part in reviewing the candidates' credentials, and casting votes for the candidate of choice at their meeting on April 26 during the spring conference. There will also be the opportunity to make nominations from the floor. Both club presidents and vice-presidents of education

will receive credentials in the mail shortly which can be redeemed for ballots at the spring conference. Voting members who are unable to attend should proxy their votes to another club member to be cast as the club wishes. There is no cost to attend the business meeting portion of the conference.

My thanks to the candidates and to the members of the nominating committee for their hard work and commitment to the district.

Marilyn R. Craig, PDG, DTM
Chair, 2003-04 Nominating Committee



The nominating committee for 2003-2004: Hap Holly, Dick Storer, Emery Whitlow, Tom Brennan, Marilyn Craig (chair), Rhonda Craven, Keith Essex, Royal Wilkinson. Also, Charles Johnson served as the committee's Sergeant at Arms (not pictured).

NEW CLUBS

December

None

January

None

February

6210-Speech Navigators, NW3, open
5587-Cook County Hospital, S2, closed

TOASTMASTERS REGION V CONFERENCE: “CHICAGO, MY KIND OF TOWN!”

It's not too early to start making plans for a fun-filled summer that includes your enjoyment of all that Toastmasters International Region V has to offer! You won't want to miss the “Chicago, My Kind of Town!” Toastmasters Region V conference on June 19-21, 2003. Chicagoland District 30 will host this year's event at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest Hotel in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Everyone will enjoy the humorous speech showcase. The incoming top three officers from each district in the region will receive district officer training, area and division governors will receive training, and club officers will also be trained in the art of effective leadership.

For a special treat – Toastmasters, guests and children from local schools will observe the international speech contest. Speechmaking by the world's finest!

So much to do — so little time! Sights and sounds to engage you and your family's every interest! See Chicago's breathtak-

ing shoreline, experience shopping at premier malls, enjoy the world's finest dining and cultural institutions. Enjoy golf or horseracing at the Arlington racecourse. Visit Chicago's Children's Museum and local zoos.

Don't waste another minute. Take advantage of the early conference registration rate of \$121 before May 14 and have your name entered in an early bird drawing to win fabulous prizes!

The conference registration form is now available on the District 30 web site (<http://www.toastofchicago.org>). For hotel arrangements call 847-394-2000.

Want to learn more? Visit the District 30 website and click on the “Region V Conference” link. Don't miss future exciting Region V Conference updates, visit the Toast of Chicago web site often to see what's new and exciting at this summer's “Chicago, My Kind of Town!” Toastmasters Region V conference, June 19-21, 2003. It's guaranteed to wow you and your family!

THE ROAD TO COMPETENCE

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areas of communication and leadership.

If you are only on the first part of the basic manual, work on that next project for your club. You will gain confidence in your speaking abilities and learn more about yourself. You will become able to do something that many people in our country don't do well.

If you haven't given that first speech, schedule it with your club's VP-Education. Ask for a mentor to help you with it. Once you have given it you will know more about your club members and they in turn will know more about you. All of us started out with the “ice-breaker” and reaped many rewards.

In conclusion, the road to competence is populated by all of us in our wonderful organization. We are all trying to learn skills that enable us to communicate better with others.

CARSON'S COMMUNITY DAY EVENT BENEFITS TOASTMASTERS YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The power of a team is a fact. Just ask any successful sports teams or management teams. Sometimes it's something you experience. During the month of February District 30 clubs rallied to support the Youth Leadership Program.

Our community-conscious Toastmasters bought \$5 Carson's Community Day savings booklets or helped sell the booklets. Members also made generous contributions or purchased Toastmasters pins.

All of the activity came together on March 1, 2003, when the Toastmasters



Youth Leadership Program, along with other non-profit organizations, was invited to participate in the Carson's Community Day event. Volunteers were needed to sell books, or working throughout the store. The Toastmasters and friends who responded to the call were in rare form at the Carson's Community Day fundraiser.

Working under the leadership of Valerie Fuson, the Youth Leadership Chair was Sharon Sanders Funnye, Estelle Recinos, Sandra Beauford, and Kristen Beauford. Hap Holly entertained everyone with his magical fingers on the keyboard. We enjoyed telling all who would listen about Toastmasters. Valerie even recruited a new Toastmaster. After our work was complete, we enjoyed shopping at our favorite store. What a treat!

Thanks to your support we sold \$400 in booklets and received \$500 from Carson's for our volunteer involvement. The funds will be used for educational purposes and for Youth Leadership Programs. On March 1, 2003, we experienced the power of one and it felt great!



7906-Speakers of the House, CCH Inc.'s Toastmasters club in Riverwoods, sponsored a demonstration meeting for the employees at the company's office located at Peterson and Pulaski in Chicago. Here, Mike Cummings gives the word of the day.

SUMMER 2003 TLI: BECAUSE KNOWLEDGE BREEDS SUCCESS

No sooner has the winter TLI concluded than it is time to begin planning the summer TLI! The speakers and schedules are still being developed (more details in the next Spotlight), but if you're planning to be a club officer next year, or if you want to spend a day improving your communications and leadership skills as well as networking with your fellow Toastmasters, you'll want to reserve Saturday, June 7 now.

WHAT: The District 30 Summer 2003 Toastmasters Leadership Institute.
WHEN: Saturday, June 7, 2003. Registration begins at 8:15 AM, program begins at 9 AM sharp. Closing gavel at 4 PM.
WHERE: Triton College, Robert Collins Auditorium, 2000 Fifth Avenue, River Grove (just north of North Avenue, east side of Fifth Avenue).
WHO: Any Toastmasters member in good standing. Incoming club officers are especially invited to attend.

WHY: Because knowledge breeds success. Because your club officers need to know how to do their job. Because you want to become a better public speaker and better leader.

Because you want to share your knowledge and experience with others. Because you want your club and our district to be **DISTINGUISHED** in 2003-2004.

Because knowledge breeds success.

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Total: _____

Name

Street

City State ZIP

Phone

Club number and name

If club officer, what is your office? (2003-2004)

WOODRIDGE CULTURAL FESTIVAL FEATURES TOASTMASTERS

The Village of Woodridge hosted a Cultural Festival on September 7-8, 2002, a celebration of diversity. The community was offered an outdoor feast of music, singing, dancing, demonstrations, food,

and traditional handicrafts from all over the world.

professionalism and polish to the entire event.

TOASTMASTERS AND WTTW PLEDGE DRIVE

District 30 Toastmasters had a great time at WTTW-Channel 11's pledge drive with 42 members attending. Everyone had such a thrill being on the air that they would like to do this again in the summer.

At the end of our shift, they gave out door prizes and four of our members won...and they loved it. Also, everyone got a Channel 11 mug.

Pat Martin received a commendation from the telethon manager and was shown on camera while handling an irate caller. Pat handled the matter so professional that the caller pledged \$175!



Woodridge Toastmasters Club was invited to be official Masters of Ceremony for the weekend event. MC duties included interviewing each of the entertainment groups to obtain facts about the group and then using that information to introduce the act to the public on two outdoor stages that ran simultaneously from noon to evening on both days.

Woodridge Toastmasters Club considered this invitation a breakthrough because it was the first time that club speaking skills had been called upon to represent the community. At the conclusion of the event, village staff applauded the club's MC efforts, saying that it added

Go and create your own opportunity! Approach your local government officials and volunteer your club's speaking skills at the next community event. Make them aware that they have a real wealth of talent right in their own backyard!



Johnny Campbell (far right) introduced martial arts demonstrations at the Woodridge Cultural Festival.

“ROAD TO ATLANTA” BUS TRIP TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Experience the true southern fun in Atlanta, Georgia. Join Toastmasters from around the world in the fun and excitement of Atlanta at the 72nd annual international convention, August 20-23, 2003, at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. District 30 is arranging a luxury charter bus for Chicagoland Toastmasters to attend the convention.

Convention Dates: Wednesday-Saturday, August 20-23, 2003

Convention Venue:

Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel and Convention Center
265 Peachtree Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303
Hotel Phone: (404)-521-0000

Outward Journey: Our charter bus departs Chicago Union Station at 10 PM on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2003. We cover the first eight hours of our sixteen hour drive and arrive in Nashville, Tennessee, around 6 AM (on Aug. 20th). Here we stop for two hours for washrooms and breakfast. We leave Nashville around 8 AM and arrive in Atlanta around 5 PM (Aug. 20th) after stopping for lunch around noon time. This would give us enough time to check into our hotel rooms and freshen up to attend the convention's opening ceremony scheduled for 7 PM that evening.

Return Journey: We check out from the hotel on Saturday morning, Aug. 23rd, and store our bags with the hotel. The bus will depart the hotel around 10 PM after the last event of the day (President's dance and dinner). We drive for eight hours and arrive back in Nashville around 6 AM Sunday (Aug. 24th). Make a two hour stop for washrooms and breakfast and then hit the road again around 8 AM, arriving back in Chicago around 5 PM Sunday. (This way we only stay in the hotel for three nights)

Cost of Bus Trip: \$120 per person (provided we fill all 47 seats on the bus)

Hotel Bookings: TMI has reserved a block of rooms at a special rate of \$129/night (plus taxes) for the convention attendees. To book your room, contact the hotel directly (at the phone number listed above) and mention "Toastmasters" to get this special rate. Hotel reservation forms are also being published in the March issue of the Toastmasters magazine. Only a limited number of rooms are available at this rate – so make your hotels reservations as soon as possible. (Check in on Aug. 20 for three nights of stay)

Trip Chairperson:

Mr. Arun Aggarwal (Platinum Toastmasters, Lisle, Illinois)
23w459 Green Trails Drive, Naperville, IL 60540
Phones: 630-778-1613 (home); 630-878-3735 (work)
E-mail: arun@cae-associates.net

Trip Registrar: Mr. Keith Essex

711 Fellows Street, St. Charles, IL 60174
Phones: 630-443-0633 (home); 815-784-7806 (work)
E-mail: dtm3848@aol.com

How to sign up: To reserve your seat on the bus to Atlanta, please fill in the following form and mail it along with a check or money order for \$120 to the trip registrar, Mr. Keith Essex, at his address listed above. Make the check/money orders payable to "District 30 Toastmasters". The seats will be reserved on a "first-come first-served" basis.

Signup deadline: The last date to register for the bus ride to Atlanta is May 30. Registrations will be taken on a first-come first-serve basis. Please send the registration form along with full payment to the trip registrar.

TMI convention registration: The registration form for the convention is being published in the April issue of the Toastmaster's magazine. Watch for this issue and sign up for the convention directly with TMI. The cost of a full registration (all events) is expected to be around \$400/person.



Feel free to contact Mr. David Kull, TMI chairperson for the convention, if you have any questions regarding the convention. He can be reached at:

Phone: 949-858-8255 x216
E-mail: davidkull@toastmasters.org

The detailed (and final) convention schedule will be published in the April issue of the Toastmasters magazine.

*Remember: You must book the hotel reservation and conference registration yourself; it is **not** included.*



Full name: _____

Address: _____

Phone numbers: Home: _____

Work/mobile: _____

E-mail address: _____

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If you're not staying at the Marriott Marquis hotel,
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2003 Spring Conference

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SEND AND RECEIVE

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2003

- March 31 Division contests begin
Deadline for news release contest
Deadline for "Talk Up Toastmasters"
(membership contest)
- April 1 Semi-annual membership reports and dues
- Apr. 25-26 **Spring district conference**
Adam's Mark Hotel, Northbrook
- April 30 Deadline for area governor visits
- May 3 Deadline for next issue of Spotlight
- Early May Club officer elections (first May meeting)
- May 24 Deadline for summer TLI pre-registration
- May 30 Deadline to sign up for bus to Atlanta
- June 7 Summer Toastmasters Leadership Institute
Triton College, River Grove
- June 20-21 Region V conference, Arlington Sheraton,
Arlington Heights
- June 30 End of Toastmasters and DCP year
Deadline for submitting new officer lists
- Aug. 20-23 International convention, Atlanta
- Nov. 7-8 Fall district conference



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