

District 45 Toastmasters Newsletter

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Behind the Scenes*Patricia MacNevin, DTM, Lieutenant Governor Education & Training*

It takes a village to raise a child. Have you ever heard that expression? In Toastmasters we often assume that things are handled by the executive of the club, or executive of the district, but it really involves many, many members in order to accomplish a task. Do you know what's involved to ensure a successful conference? There are multiple activities that occur "behind the scenes" throughout the district. It all starts at the club level where members participate in contests, design baskets for our raffles and silent auction, make plans to travel with others to Portland, and even participate as a planning committee member.

Behind the Scenes in Portland, there is a strong planning committee putting together our spring conference. Donna Tasker, the Conference Chairperson has "taken the bull by the horns" and has rallied the troops to bring together a great planning committee. These folks are working extremely hard in a very short time frame to bring things together so that District 45 members will enjoy a seamless conference. From working with the hotel's staff, touring the site, getting registrations up and ready, to answering questions and keeping the district team informed – they are diligent beavers!

Behind the Scenes, the District team is very busy as well – from ordering trophies for our contestants, to assigning roles to our Area & Division Governors, preparing agenda, monitoring member and club achievements, designing and printing lots of certificates, writing scripts, creating programs and reports, and many other things. There are not enough hours in a day.



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We know that between the tireless efforts of many Toastmasters in Division B, our Host Division, and the many, many members of District 45 who contribute in so many ways to ensure a successful conference, we will all meet up on May 23, 2014 in Portland, Maine to reconnect, re-energize and enjoy ourselves.

I would encourage each and every member of District 45 to take the time to come to our spring conference. At conference there is so much potential to learn and Toastmasters is about life-long learning that enhances your abilities to succeed personally and professionally. Don't be disappointed by not attending.

I hope to see you soon in Portland!

"A sense of humor is part of the art of leadership, of getting along with people, of getting things done".

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Countdown to conference has begun!

Sandra Hachey, ACS/ALB, Lieutenant-Governor—Marketing

Hard to believe but it is true, spring is here. Crocuses are blooming - tulips and daffodils won't be long behind them. Robins are "bob-bob-bobbin' " around the yard. I know that everything is slightly late but you know the old saying -better late than never. The one thing that is a sure sign of spring – and something that I always look forward to- is Spring Conference. Conference is like a family reunion that we do twice a year. The members of District 45 – our family - come together to learn, lead, mix, mingle and just have fun. The conference committee has been working hard, as they do each and every time, to make this the best conference for each and every one. They have a busy schedule planned for us that includes great educational sessions, the District Council meeting where we will elect our leaders for the next year and of course competition for the best impromptu and prepared speeches. We will crown our best prepared speech champion that will represent District 45 at the Toastmasters International World Conference.

I know that it sounds more like a working weekend than a family reunion but I promise you it's not all work and no play. That's why at the end of each busy day we welcome everyone at our hospitality suite. This is yours and my time to get to kick back and relax – have a beverage or two, talk with old friends, meet new ones and just have fun.

Don't forget to check out our host city of Portland, Me. There is much to see and do from museums, food and shopping. Check out the Old Port section of the city with its cobblestone streets. And for you Chocolate lovers don't miss checking out Lenny the 1,700 lb chocolate moose at Len Libby Candies. Your participation in the conference is vital to its success and I encourage you to register as soon as possible if you haven't done so. I hope to see each and everyone one of you there!!!!



District 45 Roundup:

Shane Walsh, DTM Public Relations Officer

Just twenty three days to the start of our [spring conference](#) on May 23-25 at the Double-Tree by Hilton Hotels in Portland Maine.

District officers are busy preparing for the our spring business meeting and putting the final touches on our conference [agenda](#). Donna Tasker, our Spring Conference Chair, and her team are preparing the facility for our weekend conference. [Jim Knox](#) and [Sean Hurley](#) are arranging for a coach to take us to conference.

To register for the conference go to the [Reservation Page](#). Conference Fees are US\$140.

To reserve a room call 1-207-775-6161 or 1-800-445-8667. Rooms are \$109/night and quote "Toastmasters" as the code. The deadline for reserving a room is May 5, 2014 to receive the promotional rate.

This just in: Brattlemasters Club Officers **has been awarded two FREE Spring Conference Registrations part of the Lucky 7! award.** The Brattlemasters club was drawn from the 14 clubs who had seven club officers trained in either the summer and/or winter TLIs. This is the new "Lucky 7" award initiated in the District's 2013-14 Toastmaster year. This is a win-win situation for the club and the district Just a note, in the future, clubs will have to send seven executives to both the winter and spring TLI.

Around the District, area contests are wrapping up and Division contests are underway. Next stop: District with the ultimate goal of competing at the international level.



2014 District 45 Spring Conference Education Sessions

Session: **Storytelling For Toastmasters: Using Your Imagination**

Presenter: **Neil Billings, ACS, CL**

Storytelling is used every day by every person. To tell a story using your imagination and speaking skills is a gift that we all have, we just have to know how to tap into that skill and bring it out to share with the rest of the known universe! This session offers delegates an opportunity to learn how storytelling is used in all facets of Toastmasters.

Session: **Simple Things – Big Impacts**

Presenter: **David Tucker, ACG, CL**

Have you ever noticed a character in a movie who gives a slight look which conveys deep meaning and emotion? Adding simple, subtle features to your speech can be as easy as adjusting your posture, adjusting your breathing, or adjusting your voice. Delegates will learn new ideas about projecting their voice and improving their body language to add impact to their speech.

Session: **Secrets of Leadership Success**

Presenter: **Dr. Yu Ming Ye, ACG, ALB**

In this half hour interactive educational session, YuMing will use a funny pictorial oriented presentation with interesting narrative and passionate explanation. She will lead the audience to explore the secrets of leadership success in an exciting and entertaining way covering these 4 key areas: the Highlights of Leadership, Steps to Collaborative Leadership, Keys to Empower Team Members, and the Art of Motivation.

Session: **Fly Like An Eagle**

Presenter: **Cali Crowley, ACG, ALB**

Shift your inner paradigm from chickadee to majestic eagle, harnessing your inner eagle to soar to heights unknown; personally and professionally, as Leader, Communicator and Executive Officer. Learn to fly like an eagle through music and message designed to lift your earth bound energies. Utilizing your Toastmasters learned skills sets, soar to heights previously unknown – mentally, spiritually and emotionally. You will Fly Like An Eagle!

Session: **Clump of Grey Clay – Value of YOU Inside-Out**

Presenter: **Carol Ann Hanley, ATMG, CL**

Have you ever thought you lost your sense of “being” and question how it happened? Have you felt heavy and weary with the world swirling around you? This session is for you; self-searcher, self-preserver, the best of the best Inside-Out. You will learn the value of connecting with your heart and soul (emotional quotient) to your marketing purpose personally and professionally. This session conducted in a story format will provide you with insight to understanding relationships in your social and professional environments, leaving you lighter of heart and mind and to walk with bounce in your feet.

Session: **The Scoop on the REP**

Presenter: **Carl Duivenvoorden, DTM**

You may have heard about it; you may have read about it... but how much do you know about it? Toastmasters' educational program is undergoing a major review and revitalization. Many exciting changes are in the works, and rollout is anticipated in late 2014. In this session, Carl will provide an update on Toastmasters' Revitalized Educational Program (REP). He'll answer the questions Ambassadors have heard most frequently in their club visits, and take your questions about the coming changes.

2014 District 45 Spring Conference Education Sessions— Continued

Session: Close ‘Em & Clothe ‘Em

Presenter: Mark Henkel, DTM

How can more guests join your club? How can your club’s members want to stay in the club? Using an easily-remembered catch-phrase, this presentation teaches how to “Be a Closer” to help guests join and how to “Be a Clother” to help Members become “clothed” in their own goals.

Session: Making Contests Successful

Presenter: Heather Perkins, DTM

Successful contests depend as much on qualified judges as on talented speakers. We don’t expect speakers to participate in contests without preparation and we shouldn’t expect judges to either. Successful contests also depend on good organization. This session looks at the basics of how to judge speech contests including the challenges, the ethics, the rules and the standards. As well, there will be discussion on the roles of the contest chair and the chief judge in making the contest successful. Attendance is **recommended for all judges participating in the International Speech and Table Topics contests** and it is open to all interested Toastmasters. This education session is 90 minutes.

Fundraiser at Spring Conference

YOU can contribute to the Spring Conference Fundraiser. What is the fundraiser? Our Silent Auction! You can donate items, create themed baskets, or seek an item from a local business or artist. Nothing will be refused! Dawn Knight is our Silent Auction Chair and she would love to hear from you. dawntma7@yahoo.com

Why are we fundraising?

To support the District 45 International Speech Contestant who will be our representative at the Toastmasters International Convention in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on August 20-23, 2014. All funds raised through the Silent Auction will be provided to our representative to help them reduce their personal costs.

Why doesn't the district pay for this?

According to Toastmasters International policy, districts are not allowed to provide funding from their budget to support contestants. Toastmasters International pays for the round-trip transportation costs and, if the contestant makes it to finals, a one-night stay in a hotel. **[Policy 8.3: District Leader Expenses, 3. E.](#)**

How much is needed?

We estimate 3-4 nights accommodation (approximately \$350/night US) and a daily amount for food. If we can contribute at least a portion of the cost, it would help our contestant in Kuala Lumpur.

Questions?

Contact the Silent Auction Chair Dawn Knight or our District Governor Sharon Jacques.

As Steve Allen once noted, "People will pay more to be entertained than educated".

District Elections Procedures

Casting your votes

It is important for the members of District 45 to voice their concerns and support at the District Council meeting which will be held on May 24, 2014 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Portland, ME. At this meeting members will be asked to vote on several motions. If you've been wondering about your qualifications for voting and being a proxy holder, here are some answers.

Who Can Vote?

Voting members of the District Council are the Club Presidents, Vice Presidents Education and the members of the District Executive Committee: district governor, Lt. governor education and training, Lt. governor marketing, the immediate past district governor, public relations officer, secretary, treasurer, division governors and area governors.

Proxy:

The district sends a credential/proxy form to each club president and vice president education in the district at least two weeks in advance of a District Council meeting for use in the event either, or both, cannot attend the meeting. This form includes the following:

- Club name and number
- Name of club representative or proxy holder
- Signature of authorization of club officer and office held
- Date the credential/proxy is signed

Who Can Be A Proxy Holder?

Either the club president or the club vice president education may designate, in writing, any active member in good standing of the club to act as a proxy or proxies and cast one or both of the club's ballots at the district council meeting. If one of those officers is not at the meeting and has not designated, in writing, an active member of the club to act as proxy or proxies of the club at any council meeting, the other officer in attendance may cast two votes. The intent is to assure that every club will be able to cast two votes. No other proxies are valid at any such meeting.

Rules:

At the meeting, the district governor explains the election rules and procedures to the delegates. If the district governor is not present, a person designated by the district governor may stand in.

The district governor or designee makes clear that:

- Each candidate will speak on his or her own behalf.
- All candidates must take seats as close to the platform as possible.

If a candidate is not present:

- He or she may be represented by another person who will speak on his or her behalf.
- The candidate's representative must take a seat as close to the platform as possible.

Restrictions apply regarding the choice of a representative. The following meeting officials may not give a speech on behalf of a candidate unless that individual resigns before the annual business meeting begins:

- A member of the district executive committee
- A member of the district nominating committee
- The credentials chairman
- Any meeting official, including the meeting sergeant at arms, secretary or parliamentarian
- Others by appointment

The District 45 Council meeting will be held on May 24, 2014 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Portland, ME. See page 6 for the D45 Proxy Form.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING PROXY FORM



District Number: 45

District Council Meeting Date: May 24, 2014 Portland, Me

At the district council business meeting, each club president and vice president education in attendance is entitled to one vote. However, if either or both officers cannot attend, they may designate, in writing, any other active member of their club to act as a proxy or proxies for their club. (Use the form below.) No other proxies are valid at this meeting, per **Article X: Council Meetings, Quorum, Proxies, and Voting (a) Proxies of the District Administrative Bylaws**.

In the event one of these officers does not attend the meeting and has not designated in writing an active member of the club to act as his or her proxy, the officer or proxy holder in attendance is deemed to hold the proxy of the other, and may therefore cast two votes at the meeting. This assures that every club is represented by two votes.

In addition, each district officer, including area governors, in attendance is entitled to one vote. Only district executive committee members carrying both credential or proxy certificates from their club are allowed three votes. All other members are limited to a maximum of two votes each.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND

Date: _____

Club name: _____

Club number: _____

Your name: _____

Officer position: _____

Club president or vice president education: indicate your duly authorized proxy below (must be an active member of your club).

Name: _____

Date: _____

This form must be submitted to the Credentials Desk at the District 45 Conference to obtain ballot(s).

Education Achievements, April 2014

<u>Award</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
CC	Richard, Lynn	True Blue Toastmasters	Moncton
CC	Stanhope, Wayne A.	Dirigo Toastmasters Club	Belfast
CC	Boynton, Gary E	Dirigo Toastmasters Club	Belfast
CC	Schreiber, Laurie	MDI Toastmasters	Bar Harbor
CC	Walsh, Corina M	Successfully Speaking Women	Halifax
CC	Saunders, Debbie	Successfully Speaking Women	Halifax
CC	Williams, M. Patricia	Faithfully Speaking Toastmasters Club	Dartmouth
CC	Harding, Wendy	Valley Health Toastmasters Club	Fredericton
CC	Black, Betsy	Concord Toastmasters Club	Concord
CC	Hebert, Jeff D.	Maine Fab Toastmasters	South Portland
CC	Sause, Edwin F.	Brattlemasters	Brattleboro
CL	Leger, Diane R.	Riverview Canusa Toastmasters Club	Riverview
CL	Jarvis, Russell E.	CGI Atlantic Toastmasters	Halifax
CL	Boynton, Gary E	Dirigo Toastmasters Club	Belfast
CL	Ferland, Bob R.	Dirigo Toastmasters Club	Belfast
CL	Currie-Samson, Sandra J	Schooner Club	Halifax
CL	Elwood, Tamara L	Spirit-Ed Toastmasters Club	Halifax
CL	Soler, Brian	Riverview Canusa Toastmasters Club	Riverview
CL	Corkery, Ronald	Dartmouth Toastmasters Club	Dartmouth
CL	Whitcomb, Sarah-Elizabeth	Concord Toastmasters Club	Concord
ACB	Knox, James M	Faithfully Speaking Toastmasters Club	Dartmouth
ACB	Corkery, Ronald	Dartmouth Toastmasters Club	Dartmouth
ACB	Smith, Patricia E.	Sussex Toastmasters Club	Sussex
ACB	Currie-Samson, Sandra J	Schooner Club	Halifax
ACB	Anastasoff, Justine M.	Amoskeag Better Communicators	Manchester
ACB	Thompson, Michael A.	Schooner Club	Halifax
ACB	Stillings, Sheila A.	Moultonboro Toastmasters	Moultonborough
ACB	Maciel, Timothy James	Brattlemasters	Brattleboro
ACS	Turner, Joan C.	Successfully Speaking Women	Halifax
ACS	Taylor, Marion P.	McCain Toastmasters	Florenceville-Bristol
ACG	Bird, Sally C.	Horseshoe Pond Toastmasters Club	Concord
ALB	Corkery, Ronald	Dartmouth Toastmasters Club	Dartmouth
ALB	Brown, Kathleen	Dal Toastmasters	Halifax
ALB	Slingluff, Erna B.	Sears-Halifax Club	Halifax
ALB	Williams, M. Patricia	Faithfully Speaking Toastmasters Club	Dartmouth
ALS	Steeves, Debra Ann	Riverview Canusa Toastmasters Club	Riverview
ALS	Gorman, Glen D.	Civil Speakers Club	Fredericton
ALS	Deos, Rhonda D.	Dynamic Speakers Club	Williston
DTM	Steeves, Debra Ann	Riverview Canusa Toastmasters Club	Riverview
DTM	Deos, Rhonada D.	Dynamic Speakers Club	Williston
LDREXC	Steeves, Debra Ann	Riverview Canusa Toastmasters Club	Riverview
LDREXC	Gorman, Glen D.	Civil Speakers Club	Fredericton
LDREXC	Deos, Rhonda D.	Dynamic Speakers Club	Williston
PALB	Slingluff, Erna B.	Sears-Halifax Club	Halifax

Club Anniversaries

<u>Cub #</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>
816	Woodfords Toastmasters Club	1950	64
897	Bangor Toastmasters Club	1951	63
2173	Hub City Toastmasters Club	1962	52
2738	Premiere Toastmasters Club	1974	40
6205	Rutland Area Toastmasters	1986	28
7673	Ad Libs Club	1990	24
8700	Exeter Speak-Ups Club	1992	22
9307	TIC Talkers Toastmasters Club	1993	21
783240	Club AcadiUM	2005	9
1557734	MDI Toastmasters	2011	3
2367487	East Toasters @ADP	2012	2
1426328	2211 Toastmasters	2012	2

Congratulations!

Did you know? By Collette Saunders, DTM

At the 2013 Toastmasters International annual Board of Directors meeting in Cincinnati, the board voted to increase the minimum club members from 6 to 8, effective April 1, 2014. If your club does not have at least 8 paid members whose dues have been submitted to Toastmasters International by April 1, 2014, your club will no longer be in good standing, and will be in danger of losing its charter. Members will not be able to apply for educational awards (Competent Communicator, etc.), participate in speech contests, hold District positions, vote at the District Conference or International Convention, or receive District or International recognition.

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