



YOUR DISCOVERY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Deadline for submissions to be included in the July issue is Friday, June 20.



Mark your Calendar!

- ♥ May 7: Club Officer Election Process begins (More info at upcoming meetings!)
- ♥ May 16-17: D6 Spring Convention (Minneapolis, MN)
- ♥ June 26-28: Region IV Conference (Rapid City, SD)
- ♥ June 27: Discovery Toastmasters turns 5! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
- ♥ June 30: End of TM Year

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Speaking Of...



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Presidential Visit!



international will be attending and speaking!

If you have never attended a Toastmasters convention or conference before, there is no better time to check one out than next month at the District 6 Spring Convention. Why is this one so special? Chris Ford (DTM) President of Toastmasters International

<http://spring08.d6pages.com/>. The theme of the convention is "A World of Difference."

Chris Ford resides in Casselman, Ontario Canada, and was elected as TI President on August 17, 2007 at the 76th annual convention in Phoenix, Arizona. His Presidential theme for Toastmasters International is "Shaping Ourselves... Shaping Our World." 

District sponsored events are always an excellent way to extend yourself beyond the walls of the club. You will meet a lot of great people, be inspired through excellent educational presentations, and most of all, you will have fun while doing so!

The convention will run Friday May 16th through Saturday May 17th and will be located at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Minneapolis. More information on the convention, along with a registration form can be found inside this newsletter on pages 4 & 5. For more up-to-date information, please check the special pages set up at the D6 website, at

Mr. Ford will be speaking both Friday and Saturday night, as well as the plenary session on Saturday morning. There will also be meet and greet and photo opportunities with him at various times during the convention.

Mark your calendar and plan on an inspiring weekend that you are certain to enjoy. Even in a World of Difference, there is one thing that is universal - the need for effective communicators and leaders! We all know that Toastmasters helps us become both!

Spirit In The House

Spirit In The House is an annual 10-day performing arts festival that will run from May 23 to June 1. It brings together 30 different shows totaling 150 performances, tackling a variety of ethical issues and celebrating a diverse cross-section of spiritual traditions. One of those shows will be performed by our very own fellow Toastmaster, Linda Lee Jacobs.



Linda Lee will be performing a one-woman show entitled "Essentials". It includes storytelling, dance, and audience participation. The premise is based on a quote from Joseph Addison: "Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for." Some of us are fortunate enough to have heard an excerpt of her "Something to Love" storytelling project at a recent meeting.

For details on when and where to catch Linda Lee's performance, as well as the entire festival, please visit the event website at <http://spiritinthehouse.org/essentials/>.

Do You Have What it Takes?

It's that time of the Toastmasters year again - elections! Serving our club as an officer is a rewarding experience and one that will help you grow your leadership skills. Following is a brief breakdown of each role. The information is from the D6 website.

President

The President serves as the club's Chief Executive Officer, responsible for general supervision and operation of the club. The President presides at club meetings and directs the club in a way that meets the educational growth and leadership needs of members. In cooperation with the Executive team, the President establishes long-term and short-term plans for club growth. In addition, duties include the following:

- Ensure Club officers meet Club officer and Club meeting standards
- Oversee plan to achieve Distinguished Club Program (DCP) goals and ensure Club is a Distinguished Club
- Encourage communication and leadership development through promoting of CC, AC, CL and AL awards
- Ensure Club has an ongoing membership building program
- Attend and vote Club's proxy at District council meetings or ensure Club member attends and proxies vote to that member
- Oversee administrative operation of Club in compliance with the Club Constitution and Bylaws
- Maintain relationship with the District and Toastmasters International
- Schedule and chair monthly Executive Committee meetings
- Arrange for a replacement if unable to attend a club or Executive Committee meeting
- Search for leaders, ensure all Club offices are filled for the succeeding term, and ensure timely elections are conducted
- Prepare your successor for office
- Attend District-sponsored Club officer training

Vice President Education

- Plans dynamic club meetings
- Promotes the Toastmasters educational program to club members
- Orients new members to the Toastmasters program and to the club
- Ensures all members understand the importance of excellent evaluations and know how to evaluate
- Arranges for Speechcraft and other Success or Leadership Programs to be conducted inside or outside the club
- Arranges for the club to conduct Youth Leadership Programs
- Ensures members to participate in other Toastmasters activities and programs
- Administers speech contests
- Chairs the Education Committee
- Attends and participates in Executive Committee meetings
- Presides in the absence of the President
- Attends and votes at Area and District Council meetings
- Votes at Regional and International business meetings

Vice President Membership

- Builds club membership
- Increases member satisfaction
- Prepares the Semi-annual Membership Report
- Chairs the Membership Committee
- Attend and participates in Executive Committee meetings

Vice President Public Relations

- Plans a public relations program
- Prepares publicity materials
- Produces a club newsletter
- Chairs the Public relations Committee
- Attend and participates in Executive Committee meetings
- Maintains an accurate membership roster
- Records and reads meeting minutes
- Assists with the Semi-annual Membership Report
- Reports new Officers to World

Headquarters

- Prepares and mails orders for Toastmasters supplies
- Circulates TIPS, the supply Catalog and The Toastmasters magazine
- Keeps the club Constitution and Bylaws
- Maintains general club correspondence
- Attends and participates in executive Committee meetings

Treasurer

- Prepares an annual budget for the club
- Provides the bank with a new signature card
- Notifies each club member in writing of dues payable
- Collects payable dues and fees
- Issues checks to World Headquarters for semi-annual membership dues/new members fees
- Keeps complete and accurate records of all financial transactions
- Presents a verbal and written financial report monthly
- Submits club accounts for audit
- Attends and participates in Executive Committee meetings

Sergeant At Arms

- Arranges room and equipment for each meeting
- Greets all guests and members at each meeting
- Arranges for food service at meal meetings
- Collects ballots and tallies votes for awards
- Maintains all club equipment and materials
- Chairs the Social and Recreation Committee

Think about an officer position for the upcoming TI year. You won't regret it, and you won't be alone as current and past officers will help ensure your success!



President's Corner

By Linda Lee Jacobs, CC, Club President



I've heard it said that the difference between a "recession" and a "depression" is that a "recession" is when your neighbor loses his job and a "depression" is when you lose your job. Are you feeling the pinch? Many of my friends and family members are experiencing career transitions right now. I always invite them to come see what Toastmasters can do to improve their prospects!

Personally, I'm fortunate to have a job that I love. In fact, like many of you, I have more than one job keeping me busy these days. Some people find it surprising that I go on job interviews regularly given my employment status. I think of ongoing career networking and job prospecting as sort of a hobby. The economy's not the only thing in flux; I'm growing and changing too. I like to keep my options open and my interviewing skills sharp.

At a recent job interview I was asked what new skill I've learned lately and how was I utilizing this new skill in my work or life. Without hesitation I replied that my newfound storytelling and public speaking skills, which I developed in Toastmasters, had opened up a world of opportunities for me. Last summer I made my debut on Minnesota Public Radio's In the Loop Story Slam. Mine was one of two stories chosen to air on their blog.

This past January I was selected to give a storytelling performance at the Science Museum of Minnesota's first ever Volunteer Variety Show. I told an original story about Charles R. Knight, the "Father of Dinosaur Art." Currently, I'm producing my first professional storytelling performance for **Spirit in the House** in Uptown which opens May 23, 2008.



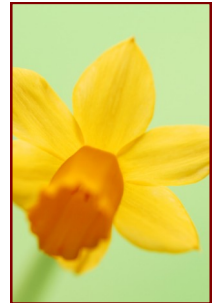
The result of that job interview was that a couple days later I received

an attractive professional proposal. I seriously considered accepting it. In the end I turned them down because that position would have interfered with my ability to attend my Toastmasters' meetings. I'm glad I went through the interview process even though I ultimately chose to let that opportunity go.

Whether your job search is motivated by necessity, ambition or idle curiosity you'll find tools you can use at Toastmasters. If your main interest is keeping the job you already have you'll also find Toastmasters' speaking and leadership training invaluable. Even if you're independently wealthy and don't care about career training, I suggest you join and work the Toastmasters' program just for the PURE FUN OF IT!

See you soon at Toastmasters!

Peace,
Linda Lee Jacobs



*"In the Spring,
I have counted
136 different
kinds of
weather inside
of 24 hours.
~ Mark Twain*

Speech Tips: Evaluate to Motivate

Five Tips on effective evaluation from Toastmasters International

Giving an evaluation is an excellent way to demonstrate the skills you are learning as a Toastmaster. Here are five basic points to remember when offering the anxiously awaited evaluation.

- 1. Show that you are interested.** What is your main objective as evaluator? To help the speaker, of course! Your challenge is to point out both the strengths and weaknesses of the speech you've just heard in a helpful, encouraging, and sincere manner that will motivate the speaker to return to the lectern.
- 2. Consider the Speakers Objectives.** Contact the speaker in advance to a) review and discuss the manual objectives and evaluation guidelines and b) ask about any concerns regarding the speech or speakers speaking abilities. Also, pay attention to the speaker's goal for self-improvement, and watch for any symptoms of fear or insecurity.
- 3. Personalize Your Language.** Put yourself in the position of the speaker. Consider using the following statements: I believe... My

reaction was... I suggest that.... Remember, your job is to describe the effects the speaker's speech had on YOU. This is not the time to appoint yourself as a spokesperson for other Club members. Keep this evaluator's mantra in mind when forming your evaluation: What I saw... What I heard... What I felt.

- 4. Evaluate the Speech – Not the Person.** Be careful not to impose your values system on someone else's thoughts and opinions. Instead of evaluating the speaker's ideas for quality, your goal is to help that person communicate their ideas in a more effective manner.
- 5. Promote Self-Esteem.** Encourage and inspire the speaker to participate again. Give honest and sincere praise, positive reinforcement when improvements occur, and helpful direction when necessary. When self-esteem is allowed to flourish, the individual feels accomplished, accepted, and motivated to continue.



A World of Difference



District 6 Toastmasters Spring Convention May 16-17, 2008

Sheraton Four Points Hotel
1330 Industrial Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55413
Call Sheraton Four Points Hotel (1-888-627-8129) for a special
Toastmaster rate of \$95 (rates guaranteed until May 1, 2008)
Visit the District 6 website for convention details and timeline: www.d6tm.org

Convention Registration Form

Complete the form below & mail to the address noted. All meal events must be pre-registered & payment received by May 12, 2008. Please visit District 6 web site for optional online registration.

Total conference package* Check 1 or 2 = Total
\$115.00 ea. _____

* Includes all meals, registration and access to all events during the convention.

Friday

Buffet and Evaluation Contest
Friday Fun Night

Saturday

Breakfast Buffet
C&L Award Luncheon: (includes dessert)
Focaccia Club Sandwich (choose) 1 or 2
Northwoods Chicken Salad (choose) 1 or 2
Grilled Vegetable Wrap (choose) 1 or 2
Dinner and International Speech Contest:
(includes dessert)
Turkey Scaloppine (choose) 1 or 2
Herb Roasted Pork Loin (choose) 1 or 2
Roasted Vegetable Cannelloni (choose) 1 or 2
President and District Governor Reception

Grand Total = _____

Individual Event Registration:

Friday

Check 1 or 2 = Total
Buffet and Speech Contest \$30.00 ea. _____
Speech Contest, Friday Fun Night
\$15.00 ea. _____

Saturday

Registration* \$20.00 ea. _____
*required for breakfast, lunch and/or educational sessions
Breakfast Buffet \$25.00 ea. _____
C&L Luncheon: (includes dessert) \$30.00 ea. _____
Focaccia Club Sandwich (choose) 1 or 2
Northwoods Chicken Salad (choose) 1 or 2
Grilled Vegetable Wrap (choose) 1 or 2
Dinner and Speech Contest: \$40.00 ea. _____
(includes dessert)
Turkey Scaloppine (choose) 1 or 2
Herb Roasted Pork Loin (choose) 1 or 2
Roasted Vegetable Cannelloni (choose) 1 or 2
Speech Contest, President and District
Governor Reception \$20.00 ea. _____

Grand Total = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ E-mail _____

Club Name _____ TM Designation _____ First Conference? Y or N

Make checks payable in U.S. funds to "District 6" and mail with completed registration form to:

Duane Rivard, District Treasurer 2850 Griggs St. N St. Paul, MN 55113-1837

Registration questions? Contact Kim Keilholtz, Registration Chair, at kimdtm@msn.com or 612-926-8567

D6 Spring Convention - Schedule of Events (Times/rooms subject to change)

Friday May 16	Event	Location
5:00 PM	Registration, Silent Auction, Cash Bar Opens	Foyer
6:00 PM	Judges' Meeting	Memphis
6:00 PM	Contestants' Meeting	Salon ABC
6:30 PM	Pizza & Pasta Buffet is served	Salon ABC
6:45 PM	Welcome to A World of Difference	Salon ABC
7:00 PM	Keynote Address - International President, Chris Ford, DTM	Salon ABC
7:30 PM	Cash Bar, Registration, Resource Center, & Silent Auction Close	Foyer
7:30 PM	Evaluation Contest Begins	Salon ABC
8:45 PM	Contest ends	Salon ABC
8:45 PM	Silent Auction Re-opens	Foyer
9:00 - 10:00 PM	Friday Fun Night Activity	Salon ABC
10:00 PM	Silent Auction Closes	Foyer
10:00 - 12:00 PM	Hospitality Suite	Northern Point
	Meet and Greet International President - Chris Ford, DTM	Restaurant & Lounge
Saturday May 17	Event	Location
6:30 AM	Registration, Credentials, Silent Auction, & Resource Center Open	Foyer
6:45 - 7:45 AM	Breakfast Buffet Served	Salon ABC
7:00 AM	Parade of Banners Line-up	Foyer
7:15 - 8:45 AM	Opening Ceremonies	Salon ABC
8:10 - 8:45 AM	Educational Awards, New Club Recognition, Magnificent 7	Salon ABC
9:00 - 9:50 AM	Plenary Session—TI President Chris Ford, DTM	Salon ABC
10:00 -10:50 AM	Educational Session 1	Natchez/New Orleans
10:00 -10:50 AM	Educational Session 2	Memphis
10:00 -10:50 AM	Educational Session 3	Salon C
10:00 - 11:30 AM	PDG Meeting	TBD
11:00 -11:50 AM	Candidate Forum	Natchez/New Orleans
12:00 -1:30 PM	C & L Luncheon	Salon ABC
1:45 -2:35 PM	Educational Session 4	Natchez/New Orleans
1:45 -2:35 PM	Educational Session 5	Memphis
1:45 -2:35 PM	Educational Session 6	Salon C
1:45 - 2:45 PM	25-Year Association Meeting	TBD
1:45 - 2:45 PM	Silent Auction, Resource Center, and Credentials Desk Open	Foyer
2:50 -4:30 PM	Business Meeting	Salon CD
4:30 -5:30 PM	Pick Up Silent Auction Items	Foyer
5:00 - 5:30 PM	Corsage Pinning for District Executive Team	Foyer
5:00 - 7:15 PM	Cash Bar Open	Foyer
5:00 PM	Judges' Meeting	Memphis
5:00 PM	Contestants' Meeting	Salon ABC
5:30 PM	Banquet Seating & Line-up for March-In	Salon ABC
6:00 PM	Banquet	Salon ABC
6:45 PM	Program	Salon ABC
7:00 PM	Keynote Address	Salon ABC
	International President - Chris Ford, DTM	
7:30 - 9:00 PM	International Speech Contest	Salon ABC
10:00 -12:00 PM	President and District Governor Reception	Itasca
	Culturally Diverse Dessert Buffet & Cash Bar	



**Discovery
Toastmasters
Club #9924**

Imation Place
Oakdale, MN 55128

Located in the Imation/Carestream Health Discovery Building, just northeast of the I-694 & MN-5 junction

For directions, visit our website:

<http://www.orgsites.com/mn/discoverytm>

Executive Committee

Linda Lee Jacobs, President

Jonathan Goossen, Vice President Education

Lindsay Berger, Vice President Membership

Jackie Doehling, Vice President Public Relations

Paul Jacobs, Secretary & Treasurer



Club Mission & Vision

The mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth. Our club vision is self-Discovery and development, through inspiration, education, and entertainment.

**To our Valued Toastmasters Members
and Guests!**

It Really Will Be a Great '08!

Written by Jackie L. Doehling, VP Public Relations



When this year began just a few short months ago, my motto was (and remains) "It's going to be a great '08!" I truly believed that going into this year, I was going to

see great things happen. Perhaps a more fitting motto would have been "It's going to be a year of changes!" In our last newsletter, Karl Eriksen wrote an article about change, asking the question, "Is Change Good?" I believe it can be, and I believe that in some cases, even if the change does not seem favorable when it initially happens, it can trigger actions and events that in turn, change things for the better. I believe a lot of it has to do with attitude.

For example, a little over a month ago, I received news regarding a very big change where I work. Not so uncommon these days, our company is going to outsource their manufacturing to another company. Some of the 80+ folks impacted will be offered jobs with the other company. Not everyone will view this

as a positive change. It may impact their commute, their schedule, or otherwise disrupt their "normal" routine they have settled into. However, it is possible this will open up new opportunities they may not have thought about while just going about that normal every day routine.

I am one of those affected by the outsourcing. Right away I put the positive spin on it. I felt confident that in my area of work, if I am not offered a position there, I will find one somewhere else. Like everyone else, I went through the application and interview process. I must say, Toastmasters has given me the confidence to feel comfortable through the interview process, and confident in my skills and abilities.

Leaving my current job also means leaving Discovery Toastmasters Club, and that saddens me a little as the club is made up of really great people that I enjoy spending my lunch hour with once a week. I have been with the club since 2004, and have enjoyed being part of such a dynamic group.

However always being one to look at the positive side of anything, I know that moving on means I will be exploring new clubs and new opportunities within them. No matter where I go, I know as a Toastmaster I will continue to learn and grow, both personally and professionally.

I wish all of you a continued "Great '08!"

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of other's opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary."

~ Steve Jobs