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## Toastmaster Speaks to High School Topic - Planning for College and Career By Jan Half and Susan Gold



When Carlmont High School ask Toastmasters for a speaker, Jan Half filled the need and spoke to a group of students.

After Jan Half had finished her presentation to the AVID (Advanced Via Individual Determination) students, the bell rang and, as usual, the students rushed to the lunch line—all except for one. Yasmin approached Ms. Gold, the AVID teacher, with her hands on her hips and a pensive look on her face. "Ms. Gold," she said. "do I have a positive attitude?"

"Of course you do," Ms. Gold responded.

"Are you sure?"

Ms. Gold gave her some examples, such as the time she helped a discouraged Bryan when he was struggling with his homework. She nodded, satisfied, and then surprised Ms. Gold by finding a place at the back of the room to study. Yasmin had never studied in the room during lunch before. Ms. Gold attributes this to Toastmaster member Jan Half's presentation to the AVID students, who have the potential to attend college, but because they are the first in their families to attend, require some extra tutoring and support.

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# Open up your Club Communications with a BLOG! By Carl Thormeyer, DTM



NPS President Glenn Tolle holds the chains of tyranny from the year 1775 as he recites from memory the entire Patrick Henry "... give me liberty or give me death" address during a recent "Smedley Saturday" speakathon.

Not all members can attend every weekly Toastmasters meeting - what to do? How do we stay in touch? Following the example set by the Waikiki Toastmasters Club #7234 in District 49, Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Toastmasters #2032 in Monterey started a weekly e-mail to all members last September. The idea was to summarize the happenings at each meeting for the reminiscence of the attendees and to keep those unable to attend informed and excited about the club.

However... it was just one more email... from a club that thrives on emails... but, was there a better approach? Area A-1 Governor Arnie Buss thought so, and established a Web Log (or "blog") on the Internet using the Google-owned, freely available "Blogspot" to document club happenings, and to allow members to better communicate with each other. Since October, NPS has used the "blog" to publish weekly

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A Journey into the Public Eye

Art Maurice
Area G3 Governor

What is it like to run for office? The toastmaster club I'm in, *KT Talkers Club* and the ones I oversee as Area G3 Governor have asked me to give a speech on my experience running for San Jose City Council.

When you run for public office, people want to know all about you. Where you came from? Why you want to run for office? How are you going to solve the issues in my neighborhood? If you can't solve them, you don't get their vote. The funny thing about it is that neighborhoods have similar problems, so if you go across the street to your neighbor and ask them what they would like to see done, pretty much every other neighbor will want the same thing. By knocking on doors, this is what I found three things the neighborhood wanted;

-slower traffic on their streets,- better schools -and a neighborhood park

People feel really good when I tell them I'm going to slow the traffic down on your street, make the schools better for your kids and put a park in your neighborhood. Then the big question, "How are you going to do it?" Before I could answer that, I had to do some research. Based on my investigation, the answers and causes to these citywide problems are:

- 1. Most of the traffic is caused by the local neighbors
- 2. City Council has very little voice in School government
- 3. San Jose is under funded and under staffed in its Parks Dept.

Imagine having to go back to my neighbors and telling them what I found out. How is this news going to help me get votes? Actually the news got worst because in my research I found out that San Jose is the bedroom community to Silicon Valley. What that means is San Jose has a higher residential housing to business ratio than any other city in the Valley. With business, you have a higher tax basis, they bring tax money in. Housing uses more of the city services. Services such as; police, fire, sewer, parks etc. This all comes from taxes and that's why San Jose is stretched thin is its services department.

While seeking endorsement from the San Jose Firefighters union, they asked me how I was going to stop the city manager from trying to close down the Willow Glen Station?

I threw the question back at them by saying, "What's been the history of this station and why does the city manager want to close it?" This brought on a long and passionate speech, by the head firefighter, about the importance of the stations in getting to the victims before 5-minutes because smoke will cause brain damage and possibly death in that time. He went on to describe how three other times the city manager wanted to close the station in an effort to save money and lost in court all three times.

With a sigh of relief I had heard my answer. I told the head firefighter about an old saying, "Fool me once shame on you, fool me twice shame on me." Here's a case where the city manager fooled the city council into thinking it would be a good idea to close a station, not once, not twice but three times. Why would I support a proposal, which has a history of losing? I would support the maintaining of that station. The head firefighter and all the other firefighters smiled in appreciation. They ended up supporting the other candidate who had thirty years on the police force, but they liked my answer.



#### Are You Ready for the Leadership Challenge?

Ken Cawley, DTM District Governor

In just a few weeks, our clubs will begin holding elections to choose their leaders for the coming term. On May 19, the District Council, made up of officers from clubs and the district, will be determining who will lead District 4 in the coming Toastmaster year. And, as I write this, our area and division governors are working with members to see who is ready to take that next leadership step as an area governor.

Unbelievable as it may seem, there are over 1,500 elected and appointed leadership roles in District 4. With so many leadership opportunities available, you may be wondering if one is tailor made for you, wondering if you are ready for the *Leadership Challenge*.

I can tell you from observation and personal experience that, as long as you practice Toastmasters International's core values – integrity, dedication to excellence, service to the member and respect for the individual – you are ready.

No, you may not know all the duties and responsibilities of being a club president, vice president, secretary, treasurer or sergeant at arms. Don't worry. That's easily solved with club officer training and mentorship by past club officers. You may have the needed club officer experience but are not be sure what's entailed in being an area governor. Again, don't worry. Your current area and division governors are eager to talk to you about the duties and responsibilities. And training? A full eight hours is devoted to preparing area governors for their roles.

So, my challenge to you is to take that next step and seek out a leadership role. After all, the Toastmasters program is about Communications and Leadership.

#### Five Leadership Practices Common to Successful Leaders

The following is adapted from *The Leadership Challenge* co-authored by Jim Kouzes, Toastmasters International's 2006 Golden Gavel Award recipient

Challenge the Process. Leadership is an active not passive process. Leaders are pioneers - people who are willing to step out into the unknown. Leaders search for opportunities to challenge the status quo. And because they know that such risk taking involves mistakes and failures, they accept the inevitable disappointments as learning opportunities.

**Inspired a Shared Vision.** Leaders envision the future, creating an ideal and unique image of what the organization can become. They breathe life into what are the hopes and dreams of others and enable them to see the exciting possibilities the future holds.

Enable Others to Act. Leaders do no achieve success by themselves. Leaders foster collaboration and build spirited teams, and understand that mutual respect is what sustains extraordinary efforts. They strive to create an atmosphere of trust and human dignity.

Model the Way. Leaders create standards of excellence and then set an example for others to follow. They put up signposts when people are unsure of where to go or how to get there, and set interim goals so team members can achieve small wins as they work toward larger objectives.

Encourage the Heart. Accomplishing extraordinary things in organizations is hard work. To keep hope and determination alive, leaders recognize contributions that individuals make. Leaders celebrate accomplishments and make people feel like heroes



Rose Renwick, DTM Lt. Governor Education and Training

Fellow Toastmasters,

Your club needs your educational completions to help it become a Distinguished Club before the June 30th cutoff date. Where are you at? Will you complete your current manual in April, May or June? Now is the time to focus and get it done. You can do it!

Here are some suggestions for faster speaker rotation:

- 1. Speech-a-thon: Schedule one in April, May and June for your club. This is a meeting where only manual speeches and written evaluations are given (Table Topics and business meeting are excluded). Your club can accomplish 5-6 speeches per hour this way. You can schedule a Speech-a-thon:
  - a.) instead of your regular meeting
  - b.) before or after work
  - c.) on a weekend.

Help members feel they are progressing.

- 2. Fast Track: Ask your VP Education to list you on the club's Fast Track List. If your club does not already have such a list, create one. Members on this list will always have a speech ready on short notice. When a scheduled speaker cancels, the VPE calls on a Fast Track speaker to fill in. This way the meeting agenda remains interesting for members and visitors, and the Fast Track speaker gets credit for another manual speech! Good idea!
- 3. Pocket Speech: Write your speech title, opening, 3 main points, and closing on the

- back of a business card and keep it in your wallet. I credit Past District Governor Joe Madley, DTM for this idea.
- 4. Manuals Ready: If you keep your speech manuals in the glove compartment of your car or car trunk, they are available to you wherever you go. You can avoid forgetting them at home this way. For example, if you have the opportunity to be a visiting guest speaker at another club or if you're asked to be a Fast Track speaker at your own club, you will have your manuals with you and be able to receive the credit.
- 5. On the Fly: Those who commute on a regular basis can use the Find a Club feature on either District 4's website (www.d4tm.org) or www.toastmasters.org to help you locate any Toastmasters club to visit on your off hours. These visits should prove rewarding for all concerned whether you can serve as a guest speaker, functionary, or just bring back tips and ideas to your own club.
- 6. You have only now through June left to complete your current communication and/or leadership manuals during this term. Keep your commitment to yourself by staying active in the process and completing your manuals. Keep your commitment to your club by participating in meetings and contributing your CC or advanced award toward your club's goal of being a Distinguished Club before June 30th.
- 7. Check your club's standings in the Distinguished Club Program (DCP) www.toastmasters.org. Check our District's educational completions on the home page at www.d4tm.org. Stay involved, stay on track my fellow Toastmasters. If you have any questions, contact me at lget@d4tm.org.

Good luck! VPEs, don't forget to help your members complete and turn in their educational award applications online before the deadline! Ask for all outstanding paperwork and don't accept "the dog ate it." Help your members and club meet with success. You'll be the hero



#### Club Building - Welcome to 11 New Clubs!

Silvana Wasitova DTM Lt. Governor Marketing

All of District 4: Rejoice! Please welcome to our fold the following 11 New Clubs, with each of the 8 Divisions getting at least one new club, and Division E in San Francisco chartered a stellar three new clubs.

**New Clubs since July 2006** 

	<b>Charter Date</b>	Club#	Club Name	Area
1	7/10/2006	936581	Test Toasters Club	G5
2	7/17/2006	909258	K Toasters Club	D5
3	8/1/2006	936184	Deloitte San Jose Toastmasters Club	F5
4	8/7/2006	935491	Landmark Toastmasters Club	E4
5	9/1/2006	920182	People with Communication Skills Club	B1
6	10/13/2006	964101	Helping Speakers Build Confidence	A2
7	10/18/2006	944223	Voice Of Nektar	H2
8	11/16/2006	937505	Virtual Speak	C4
9	1/23/2007	972102	Stagecoach Speakers Wholesale Finance	E3
10	2/6/2007	999399	Electric Toasters Club	E2
11	3/1/2007	983142	Hi-Definition Speakers	F2

And the year is not yet over! We are still in the process of chartering more new clubs. Demo meetings are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

	Demo Date	Club #	Club Location
1	4/4/2007	TBD	Accenture, San Francisco
2	4/5/2007	TBD	Santa Clara County Office of Education, San Jose
3	4/17/2007	TBD	Amgen, So, San Francisco
4	4/15/2007	1013239	Avnet, Milpitas
5	4/23/2007	TBD	KPMG, Mointainview

Speaking of new clubs: have you ever been a member of a brand new club?

If yes, wasn't it nice when there was someone around, who could "knew the ropes", and was willing to teach and mentor others?

If no, wouldn't you like to find out, and be the expert in the room?:):)

Yes, you guessed it! District 4 is looking for yet \*\*more\*\* Club Mentors and Coaches!

If you'd like to take your "Serving One Another" attitude to the next level, and enjoy the Toastmaster journey through the fresh eyes of new members, witnessing their growth over time, or coach and mentor entire clubs, I'd dearly love to hear from you.

We continue to have opportunities for those who want to achieve DTM, and need to fulfill the AL-S requirement to Mentor or Coach a Club.

If that is you, please contact me:

Silvana Wasitova, DTM SilvanaDTM@yahoo.com 408-258-9193

#### **Membership Building**

Toastmasters has awards for clubs that sign-up 5 or more new/renewed/dual members during specific periods:

August 1 – September 31: **Smedley Award** 

February 1 – March 31: Talk Up Toastmaster's Award

May 1 – June 30: **Beat the Clock Award** 

This year's Smedley Award Recipients are 23 clubs –

Club	Division	Area	Name	New Members
33	C	3	Lee Emerson Bassett Club	5
56	E	5	Golden Gate Toastmasters Club	9
779	E	6	Marsh Mellow Toasters Club	17
1243	E	2	Cable Car Club	5
1313	F	3	Word Wizards Club	5
1898	В	1	Adlibmasters Club	6
2032	A	1	Naval Postgraduate School Club	7
2425	A	3	Seagate Club	6
2693	F	4	Vanguard Toastmasters	5
4292	D	2	UC Oracles Toastmasters Club	5
5232	В	2	Adelante Toastmasters Club	7
5610	E	1	Sierra Speakers Club	5
7528	G	5	Fair Oaks Club	9
8124	F	2	Cisco Speaks Toastmasters Club	6
9285	H	3	Oracle Orators Toastmasters Club	7
9894	F	1	Seagate RMO Club	11
586504	F	4	Altera Innovators	16
587637	G	5	Toasters R Us Club	7
605653	G	6	Yahoo! Yapsters Club	6
665867	C	1	The Toast of ALZA	5
827125	В	4	Hot Buttered Toastmasters Club	6
853108	G	6	Juniper Jabbers Club	5
859889	D	3	Genentech Toastmasters Club	8

If your club wants to be a contender for one such award, you still have a chance: the final opportunity in this TM year will be during the May-June period, for the "Beat The Clock" award. Ideas and resources for membership and club building are available on the District 4 LGM page on: <a href="http://www.d4tm.org/District\_4/lgm.html">http://www.d4tm.org/District\_4/lgm.html</a>

#### **VP Membership Contest**

Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the BEST VP Membership in all of District 4?

If your club's VP is simply the best, please submit them for consideration in the VP Membership Contest, by fulfilling a minimum of 10 out of 20 items. The complete criteria is listed on www.d4tm.org/Documents/VPM-Contest-2006-07.doc

#### **DEADLINE** for second-term submissions is hereby EXTENDED till JULY 10.

Do you want to know who the best VP Membership was in the first six-month term? Me too – but we'll never find out, as no names were entered! If your club's VP Membership is doing a fabulous job and should be recognized for it, let the world know! At least, let me know and I'll let the world know...

Warm regards,

Silvana Wasitova - Lt. Gov. Marketing



#### Never Forget You're a Toastmaster

Tony DeLeon ATMS/CL, Public Relations Officer

Fellow Toastmasters, This article is inspired by a visit to my home club by the Area H3 Governor, Elliotte Mao. She gave a presentation reminding our club of opportunities to use our Toastmasters skills. As Public Relation Officer for District 4, I would like to pass on what I have learned and practiced - for you see each time you use your Toastmasters skills it is a chance to indirectly promote Toastmasters.

For example a few years ago, my Aunt on my Father's side passed away. Normally my Dad is never lost for words but my Dad was very upset and said he would not speak at the service – I prepared some material and when it came time for someone from the Family to speak, I turn to my Dad he looked down and stepped forward, I took a deep breath looking to the eyes of my Father, Family and Friends, I told a childhood story my dad has told me over the years about an adventure he had with his Sister sneaking in to the circus in El Salvador in the 1930's. This story made my Dad think of all the good time he had with her that he could not wait for me to finish and take over – I remember him saying to everyone that he was happy that Tony is a Toastmaster.

Think of all the speaking opportunities in Toastmasters outside the club and a chance to practice your Toastmasters skills. You can speak at other clubs, you can participate in a speech contest, (as a contestant, Chief Judge or Toastmaster) you can enter district office starting out as an Area Governor.

At the workplace, lead a meeting, plan an agenda, do a presentation, coach others or give feedback. At company event offer to be a Master of Ceremony (Holiday Party, summer picnic), plan an event or network with others.

Speak at a social event: A Wedding, Anniversary, Christening, Eulogy, Birthday or lead a Toast at a Holiday dinner.

Volunteer at a non profit group event: help out with a fund raiser, be a Keynote Speaker, Master of Ceremony or present an informational workshop.

Be a leader, let others know where you have learned and practice your skills. Remember to say Toastmasters is the place for leadership and communications.

When an opportunity to speak or lead comes your way, never forget you're a Toastmaster!

If you've moved or changed emails, please update the Toastmasters records at www.toastmasters.org/addresschange1.asp



## **Nominating Committee Report**

Dolores Bergen, DTM Immediate Past District Governor 2007 Nominating Committee Chairman

The following candidates were nominated by the Nominating Committee for the Toastmasters year 2007-2008.

# Elections will be held during the District Council Business Meeting, May 19th.

District Governor Rose Renwick, DTM

Lieutenant Governor of Education & Training Harry Holland, DTM

Silvana Wasitova, DTM

Lieutenant Governor of Marketing Tony DeLeon, ATM-S/CL

Public Relations Officer Vishnu Pendyala, ATM-B/CL

Santos D. Ventura, DTM

Division B Governor Dee Wentz, ATM-S

Division E Governor Steve Aitkens, CTM/CL

Division F Governor Fumie Piontkowski, CTM

Division G Governor Shilpa Vir, ATM-B/CL

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order by office. Their statements appear on the following pages.



Rose Renwick, DTM Candidate for District Governor

My District Governor's theme is: "Creating Success Together." Every time you get involved in special projects, participate somewhere in the District, attend Toastmasters meetings, submit educational completions, pay your dues on time, attend trainings, find a new club lead, and bring in guests, you strengthen our District. Thank you.

Your positive "can do" attitude matters every day of the year because by getting the job done you benefit directly, and the rest of us benefit as well. We are over 200 clubs from San Francisco to Monterey, and we are one large, diverse and dynamic District Team.

Our Past District Governors and their leadership teams laid the foundation for the success we build on today. The best way we can thank them for their years of dedication is to keep our forward momentum and finish what we start each term. We can thank them by reaching Distinguished year after year.

Looking ahead to next term, my focus is on supporting every member to reach their educational goals. My focus is also on strengthening clubs, helping clubs grow and reach Distinguished, expanding our network of clubs, and having fun in the process. It may sound simplistic to some, but I believe its just basic.

For those who may not know me I have been a Toastmaster about 10 years. I've been involved as a sponsor, mentor, advisor, trainer and coach. I've served as Club President, Area Governor, Division Governor, Public Relations Officer, Lt. Governor of Marketing and Lt. Governor of Education & Training. Each role has brought me to the next.

As a youngster growing up in Silicon Valley, I was taught to be seen but not be heard. It did not help that my role model was a Type A personality and that I am a Type B. In the late 1990's, a coworker invited me to her club. Since joining Toastmasters I have found my voice and moved from spectator to leader. The development process continues.

Success has a price tag on it and the tag reads courage, determination, discipline, risk taking, perseverance and consistency - doing the right thing for the right reason and not just when we feel like it. (James M. Meston)

I ask for your vote for Rose Renwick for District Governor. My team is in place. Join me in "*Creating Success Together*" throughout the District. Let's make 2007-2008 rewarding and memorable for all!

Thank you



Harry Holland, DTM Candidate for Lieutenant Governor Education and Training

As your District 4 Lieutenant Governor Education and Training (LGET) for 2007-2008, I will continue working for you the member, helping you, our clubs, and our District to get the best possible results from the Toastmasters experience. Toastmasters is volunteer and part-time, educational and rewarding -- and hopefully worthwhile for all of us.

I have been actively involved at the District level since 2001-2002 (when we were #3 in the world), and have greatly enjoyed seeing many members throughout our District learn and benefit from Toastmasters. I especially appreciate hearing about your successes and your suggestions for improvements to the Toastmasters programs.

I propose to continue to continue building on the excellent programs developed over the years. Let's have officer training that delivers, as efficiently as possible, the information that our club and District officers need to know. Let's achieve the communication and leadership goals that make our District and its members successful. Let's have the best educational presentations, as well as our best contestants, at our District Conferences. Let's also enjoy the fellowship of our Area and Division events. And let's all develop and use top-quality skills.

I welcome the opportunity to serve as your LGET, so that we all can reach our personal best.

#### My Toastmasters History

- Educational Chair (one of the LGET team), 2006-2007
- District Toastmaster of the Year, 2005-2006
- d4tm.org co-Webmaster, 2003-2007
- Public Relations Officer, 2003-2004
- Division C Governor, 2002-2003
- Area C3 Governor, 2001-2002
- Club Officer Trainer, since 2001
- Participated in District Conferences, since 2001
- Attended Region II Conferences and International Conventions, since 2001
- Served as club officer (held every club office), since 1999
- Joined Toastmasters, April 1998

#### Please visit my website at

http://www.geocities.com/holland etakcom/holland4LGET.htm



Silvana Wasitova, DTM Candidate for Lieutenant Governor Education and Training

"Make it a manual speech" - exhorted the Trainer. As opposed to what, automatic?

That was the thought floating through my mind - four years ago, before I became intimately familiar with the 15 Advanced Manuals, before my four (yes, four) ACs, two CLs, and finally, DTM. Over time, I was hooked. Now I tell people about Manual Speeches, which manuals to consider, the order to do them in. Yes, I have seen the light - the genius, variety, richness - of the Toastmaster program. And I know that the most one gets from it is by actively working it. Since that trainer's comment, I've evolved into a better speaker myself, and more importantly, a coach to others on their own path of self improvement. That is why I want to be your next LGET.

A little bit about me: a Sr. Program Manager with Yahoo, I have led results-oriented global teams in delivering mission-critical projects. Similarly in Toastmasters, since joining in 2001 I have energetically accomplished the following results:

- current Lt. Governor Marketing: chartered 11 clubs in first 9 months
- Division Governor Select-Distinguished Division for 2005-2006
- Area Governor President's Distinguished Area for 2004-2005
- District 4 Area Governor of the Year, 2004-2005
- second in District 4 to complete the "New CL" manual, coached others how
- served as Club Officer in four clubs for ten terms
- served as a club coach, sponsor
- mentored and coached numerous members
- recruited and mentored 12 Area Governors, and 3 Division Governors

My vision as the Lt Gov. Education and Training is to make our District 4 Distinguished again, by focusing on developing leaders within Clubs and Areas. My track record speaks to my energy, motivation, foresight, insight, teamwork, meticulous planning and tenacity to carry this vision to fruition.

A vote for me is a vote for Results with Vision, Passion and Compassion.

Please Elect Silvana for LGET.



Tony DeLeon, ATMS/CL Candidate for Lieutenant Governor Marketing

Fellow Toastmasters, my name is Tony DeLeon and I am running for District 4 Lieutenant Governor Marketing - LGM. I have been with Toastmasters since June of 2001 and to be honest, it was only suppose to be for a little while...you know just a few speeches and move on with my life.

But something happened and I got more involved with my home club - San Mateo Toastmasters Sergeant at Arms, VP of Education and then served two terms as President, before you know it, I was known as Tony "the Toastmaster".

As Past President I could not sit still and chaired a successful Area contest which gave me the confidence to enter district leadership as an Area Governor (D5 2004-2005), Division D Governor (2005-2006) and my current role of Public Relations Officer (2006-2007).

Toastmasters has become a way of life for me and has allowed be to be more successful.

I love to share my enthusiasm and promote this great organization. I believe in the Distinguished club plan is the plan for Member, Club, Area, Division and District Success.

As LGM, It will be my job to develop and direct programs for new clubs, club rescue, club membership promotion, and membership retention.

The goal is to maintain and grow the membership and clubs in the district.

Please give me your support and allow me to serve the members of District 4 by giving me your club votes at the Spring District Conference.

In fact if you are interested in taking your Toastmasters skills beyond the club level, please contact me at <a href="mailto:tonythetm@aol.com">tonythetm@aol.com</a> - to see how you can help me make the benefits of Toastmasters membership available to greater numbers of people.



Vishnu Pendyala, ATMB/CL Candidate for Public Relations Officer

Fellow Toastmasters: As I view it, Toastmasters is all about building relationships and making this world a better place to live and love. The District Office of Public Relations is yet another opportunity for me to contribute in my own creative ways to this magnanimous cause. I have immensely enjoyed being the Area Governor of my home area, VPPR at my home club and doing the PR advance manual speeches. If elected to the District Office, I'll work to build relations between the clubs and the external world and more importantly, among the members across clubs. I successfully did this as an Area Governor and in all other leadership roles. Both the fall and the spring contests in my area under my leadership had ~80 attendees. As VPPR, I lead the organization of the first Open House at my home club, which brought-in more than 30 guests and more than 10 new members.

Most of my work as a very successful Area Governor was all about building relationships. I encouraged clubs to visit each other and work as a team. The clubs became so cohesive that other clubs provided their club forum to help the Area contest winner from my home club to practice the speech for Division level. On my request, members stepped-up to mentor other members across clubs. As part of the Speaker and evaluator exchange program that I introduced in my area, I gave speeches in multiple clubs in my area. I started a very well received newsletter *The JeeFier*, for my Area, samples of which can be seen by doing a Google search on my name. I wish to take all these program and initiatives further to the District level.

I do believe that people deserve their leaders. Please do try to know your contestants as much as possible and do come to vote! Wish you all the very best in choosing your leaders and in all your future endeavors!



Dee Wentz, ATMS Candidate for Division B Governor

I am asking to be considered for this position, not because my previous experiences have been successful, but rather because I am willing to show up in support of the learning experience offered in Toastmasters membership. I learn by doing. That includes making mistakes, perhaps more often than most. Who gains from imperfection? I believe we all do. The one willing to try, Those willing to help, and the ones who keep their eyes on the true goals of courage, support, tolerance and inclusivity.

Through Toastmasters we learn skills required to listen effectively, understand and support one another, and we acquire leadership skills by following clear guidelines left by others who took the time to create instructions, mentor individuals and clubs, and open the doors to success in communication and leadership. I will benefit greatly if elected to Division B Governor. My intention is to serve the needs of the Division to the best of my ability.



#### Steve Aitkins, CTM/CL Candidate for Division E Governor

When I joined Toastmasters in 2001, I had small goals: I was only hoping to learn to speak more confidently and cut down on my crutch words. Now I am addicted to the high I get from coaching others to reach their goals.

Having been a Sergeant at Arms, Vice President Education, then club President, and most recently Area Governor, motivating clubs to success and chairing very successful contests, I've learned so much and met so many talented people. But mostly I have been given the opportunity to earn tremendous rewards in each opportunity to serve and I think that being a successful Division Governor will bring more rewards.

Helping others to reach their goals in public speaking and becoming better leaders has become my goal and my passion.

I've attained my CL and soon will have my ATM Bronze. I've completed the "Train the Trainer" course. These helped qualify me to take on bigger challenges sure. But more importantly, they gave me the tools to assist others in Division 'E' – and to make the Division, the Areas, and every club more successful.

I intend continue to help all members in Division 'E' reach their personal goals and I will help lead our Area Governors in coaching their respective clubs to higher levels of success. As an Area Governor, my biggest challenges were fostering growth in struggling clubs. When one of these clubs really picked up momentum and was able to fly successfully on their own, it was because of a huge team effort within the club and an ongoing motivation behind it all. That is rewarding!

I want to continue to foster an environment of growth and success at the Area and at the club levels, and motivating the clubs one member at a time. As leaders, our job is to motivate others and help them see potential. I will continue to motivate those in Division 'E' to strive toward bigger goals and higher successes in 2007 -2008.



#### Fumie Piontkowski, CTM/CL Candidate for Division F Governor

Do you know that the benefits of Toastmasters go beyond your club?

Toastmasters provides a supportive environment to help members improve public speaking and develop leadership skills. Those supports are actually available not only within the club, but also outside of your club. My vision as Division Governor is to provide supportive environment by creating bridges between Clubs and between Areas. Our Division F will be just like a FAMILY by supporting each other!

2005 was THE YEAR I achieved major accomplishments at Toastmasters! As a club President, I rejuvenated the club from 6 regular attendees to 18 regular attendees and achieved distinguished club status which the club hadn't received in a long time. I completed my CTM and competed at the District level speech contest in May (District 49).

2006 was THE YEAR I started taking leadership outside my clubs, and motivated and inspired even more TM members! While I have been supervising 6 clubs as Area F4 Governor, I also took leadership as Club Coach at A Toast to Life (achieved Distinguished Club Status by Feb.' 07!), Club Mentor at Hi-Definition Speakers (helped to charter the club last Dec) and VPE Trainer (3 times at Division F and G in '07.)

In 2007, as Division F Governor, I would like to form a strong Division F team by motivating Area Governors to create a supportive environment between areas and clubs in Division F. If Area Governors are enthusiastic and show willingness to help other people, they will also motivate the club officers to serve one another at their club! My ultimate goal is to help each member's growth to achieve their goals and meet their needs! How much can you do by yourself? Remember Toastmasters is just like having a FAMILY to support you!!!!!



Start your journey with Friday night's kick-off reception and Table Topics Contest.

Enjoy the roadside trips to educational seminars and stop off at the Communication and Leadership Award Luncheon for some nourishment and inspiration.

Execs take a detour to the Business Meeting in the afternoon to make your voice heard and vote count.

Cruise in to the International Speech Contest, and learn from the BEST.

Hope to see you all along the District 4 Highway to Success.

#### Friday May 18

6:30 pm Friday Reception 7:30 pm Table Topics Contest

#### Saturday May 19

7:30 am Breakfast & Opening Ceremony

8:30 am Educational I

- Fearless Conversations

- Networking, Follow through and Recognitions

9:30 am Educational II

- Accent Modification

- The Gift of Effective Evaluations

10:30 am Hall of Fame

11:00 am Communication & Leadership Luncheon

Bob Rybicki, Youth & Family Enrichment Services

12:15 pm District Council Business Meeting 2:40 pm International Speech Contest

5:00 pm Adjourn Conference

# **Help Us Make Your Conference Affordable**

In order to keep the registration costs down, the hotel and meal cost is being subsidized in part by the District with the opportunity drawing providing a large portion.

The conference committee needs help finding opportunity drawing gifts. A successful drawing requires a large number of quality gift items. Please let us know if you or your company can help. Gifts or services valued at \$100 or more will be recognized in the conference program.

Email: conference@d4tm.org

## **Voting Procedures/Proxy Instructions**

Cheryl Watkins, DTM, PDG and Kitty Mason, DTM, PDG, PID District Council members will vote on District Business.

District Council members include the Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education from each District 4 Toastmasters club in good standing at the time of the District Council meeting and current District 4 Executive Committee members (includes District Governor; Lt. Governor Education & Training; Lt. Governor Marketing; Public Relations Officer; Immediate Past District Governor; Division Governors; Area Governors; District Secretary and District Treasurer).

Each President and Vice President of Education in attendance is entitled to one vote, or may designate in writing any active individual member of the club as a proxy. If one of these officers is not in attendance and has not designated another club member as a proxy, the officer or proxy in attendance shall be deemed to hold the proxy of the other and may, therefore, cast two votes. Proxy forms may be signed by either the President or Vice President of Education of the club and may not be assigned to Toastmasters who are not members of that club. No Toastmaster may cast more than two club votes, regardless of the number of clubs of which the Toastmaster is a member. You may use the proxy form printed below or prepare a similar one of your own.

Each District officer is entitled to one vote, which must be cast in person. Proxies are not accepted for District Officers. A District Officer may also carry up to two club votes. The maximum votes that can be carried by a District Officer are three.

If you are a club President or Vice President of Education, check in at the Credentials Desk and sign for your ballots. If you are the proxy for the President and/or Vice President of Education, present your signed proxy form to the Credentials Desk.

All Toastmasters who are planning to attend the Conference: If neither the President nor Vice President of Education is attending, have each one complete the proxy form for another member of the club who will be attending.

Inattention to this matter will result in your club's not being able to cast its votes. We encourage you to pick up your ballots as early as possible from the Credentials Desk.

# Toastmasters International - District 4 Spring Conference May 19, 2007 District Council Meeting Proxy

Club Name:	Club No: _	
I hereby appoint		_ to vote as my proxy
during the District Council Meeting.		
Signed:		
Office: Club President [] VP Education [] (check one)		
Date:		

# **Spring Conference 2007 Registration**



Friday - Saturday May 18 - 19 Crowne Plaza Hotel 1221 Chess Drive Foster City

 Friday Night Reception and Table Topics Contest

**Total Enclosed** 

- Continental Breakfast and Educational Sessions
- Hall of Fame

- Communication and Leadership Luncheon
- International Director Keynote
- Business Meeting (Free)
- International Speech Contest

Nam	e:				
Phor	ne or Email:				
		Early Bird	After May 14	No. of Guests	Total
1	Friday Reception and Table Topics Contest	\$20	\$30		
2	Breakfast & Educationals	\$20	\$30		
3	C&L Luncheon*	\$35	\$45		
4	International Speech Contest	\$15	\$25		
	Saturday Only (2, 3, & 4)	\$65	\$80		
•	Full Conference (1, 2, 3 & 4)	\$75	\$110		

Lunch Options: Chicken\_\_\_\_\_\_Veggie\_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: **District 4 Toastmasters** 

Mail to Jennifer Chan, Toastmasters, 2228 Cobblehill Place, San Mateo, CA 94402 Online Registration & Credit Card Payment Available at <a href="https://www.d4tm.org">www.d4tm.org</a>

<sup>\*</sup>Note that we cannot guarantee meal availability for registrations made after May 14

#### Why Do We Realign?

Randy Preston, DTM, Past District Governor

It's that time of year again and people always ask, "Why do we have to realign. Why can't we just leave the clubs where they are?"

It's a good question and the answer is simple. The District is always in flux. Clubs come into existence (a good thing) and clubs go out of existence (a bad thing) and every year, we realign the District to better meet the needs of our members.

Over the years, we've developed a few guidelines. We try to keep geographically similar clubs together, we try to create areas that contain at least some strong clubs, we try not to have more than one specialty club in any one area, and we try to take into account relationships that a club may have formed with another one in its area.

This year, we added two new guidelines. We tried to balance the number of clubs between divisions as much as possible within a geographic area and to keep our areas at five or six clubs. As can bee seen from the chart below, the number of clubs per division and clubs per area varied greatly throughout the district. Toastmasters International allows areas to range from four to six clubs, but when an area has only four clubs, it loses much of the synergy. Each club has to pull a little harder to make the area work and this puts strain on both the clubs and the area governor.

This year's realignment has also benefited from the interactive club locator map that was added to the district website. The map (<a href="www.d4tm.org/map/2006-07.htm">www.d4tm.org/map/2006-07.htm</a>) showed how division boundaries had become indistinct with clubs from different areas and divisions intermixed. The proposed alignment which can be seen at <a href="www.d4tm.org/map/2007-08.htm">www.d4tm.org/map/2007-08.htm</a> corrects this problem.

Realignment started in the February/March time frame and proposals were generated which in turn were passed on to the Executive Committee. These proposals were changed and reworked by the District officers to create a plan that was deemed to meet the needs of both the District and the members and it is that plan that you see presented before you today and it is that plan which will be presented for approval at the District Council meeting in May and it is that plan which is presented below.

So in answer to the question, "Why do we have to realign," we do it for the good of the District and the clubs and most importantly, for the good of our members.

	Current				Propo	osed
Divisions	Clubs	Areas	Clubs per Area	Clubs	Areas	Clubs per Area
Division A	21	4	4 - 6	21	4	5 – 6
Division B	29	5	5 - 6	27	5	5 – 6
Division C	23	4	5 - 6	28	5	5 – 6
Division D	24	5	3 - 6	25	5	5
Division E	31	6	4 - 6	25	5	5
Division F	27	5	4 - 6	27	5	5 - 6
Division G	29	6	4 - 5	27	5	5 - 6
Division H	22	5	3 – 5	25	5	5

# District 4 2007 – 2008 Proposed Alignment

L	Division A				
Area	Club	Name			
A1	934	Monterey Peninsula			
A1	2032	Naval Postgraduate School			
A1	4547	Speakeasy (Monterey)			
A1	7120	TGIF			
A1	8221	Bayview			
A1	8275	Peninsula Pros (Monterey)			
A2	1829	Salinas Sunrise			
A2	1939	Steinbeck			
A2	4094	Planet Ord Toastmasters			
A2	638813	B.L.T. Club			
A2	964101	Helping Speakers Build Confidence			
A3	1803	Santa Cruz Downtown			
A3	2425	Seagate (Scotts Valley)			
A3	5127	Surf City Advanced			
A3	7481	Santa Cruz Orators (SCO)			
A3	8203	Redwood Ramblers			
A4	301	City Shakers			
A4	595	Aptos			
A4	2373	Pajaro Valley			
A4	3802	Evening			
A4	8337	Morgan Hill			
		Division B			
Araa		Name			
Area	Club	Name			
B1	<b>Club</b> 1898	Adlibmasters			
B1	1898	Adlibmasters			
B1 B1	1898 4148	Adlibmasters Almaden Valley Orators			
B1 B1 B1	1898 4148 4860	Adlibmasters Almaden Valley Orators San Pedro Squares			
B1 B1 B1 B1	1898 4148 4860 6654	Adlibmasters Almaden Valley Orators San Pedro Squares Silver Tongued Cats Funspeakers Valley Toastmasters			
B1 B1 B1 B1 B1	1898 4148 4860 6654 685089	Adlibmasters Almaden Valley Orators San Pedro Squares Silver Tongued Cats Funspeakers			
B1 B1 B1 B1 B1 B2	1898 4148 4860 6654 685089 3626 5232 7281	Adlibmasters Almaden Valley Orators San Pedro Squares Silver Tongued Cats Funspeakers Valley Toastmasters			
B1 B1 B1 B1 B1 B2 B2 B2	1898 4148 4860 6654 685089 3626 5232	Adlibmasters Almaden Valley Orators San Pedro Squares Silver Tongued Cats Funspeakers Valley Toastmasters Adelante Willow Glen Icebreakers Xilinx Xpressionists			
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B1 B1 B1 B1 B1 B2 B2 B2 B2 B2 B3 B3	1898 4148 4860 6654 685089 3626 5232 7281 9473 668615 1577 4224 6645	Adlibmasters Almaden Valley Orators San Pedro Squares Silver Tongued Cats Funspeakers Valley Toastmasters Adelante Willow Glen Icebreakers Xilinx Xpressionists T.T.T. San Jose Toastmasters Switch-On Toastmasters Loudspeakers Melba Toastmasters Toast It Now Club			
B1 B1 B1 B1 B1 B2 B2 B2 B2 B3 B3 B3 B3	1898 4148 4860 6654 685089 3626 5232 7281 9473 668615 1577 4224 6645 7380	Adlibmasters Almaden Valley Orators San Pedro Squares Silver Tongued Cats Funspeakers Valley Toastmasters Adelante Willow Glen Icebreakers Xilinx Xpressionists T.T.T. San Jose Toastmasters Switch-On Toastmasters Loudspeakers Melba Toastmasters Toast It Now Club People with Communication Skills			
B1 B1 B1 B1 B1 B2 B2 B2 B2 B2 B3 B3 B3 B3	1898 4148 4860 6654 685089 3626 5232 7281 9473 668615 1577 4224 6645 7380 827835	Adlibmasters Almaden Valley Orators San Pedro Squares Silver Tongued Cats Funspeakers Valley Toastmasters Adelante Willow Glen Icebreakers Xilinx Xpressionists T.T.T. San Jose Toastmasters Switch-On Toastmasters Loudspeakers Melba Toastmasters Toast It Now Club People with Communication Skills Adobe Fontificators			
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B1 B1 B1 B1 B1 B2 B2 B2 B2 B3 B3 B3 B3 B3 B4	1898 4148 4860 6654 685089 3626 5232 7281 9473 668615 1577 4224 6645 7380 827835 920182 6274	Adlibmasters Almaden Valley Orators San Pedro Squares Silver Tongued Cats Funspeakers Valley Toastmasters Adelante Willow Glen Icebreakers Xilinx Xpressionists T.T.T. San Jose Toastmasters Switch-On Toastmasters Loudspeakers Melba Toastmasters Toast It Now Club People with Communication Skills Adobe Fontificators			
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Area	Club	Name
B5	3104	Agile Articulators - Speech & Debate
B5	4930	Ordnance Orators
B5	5474	SCUMBAT
B5	6980	Santa Clara County
B5	813457	Financially Speaking
B5	886676	BAE Systems
- 63	000070	Division C
Area	Club	Name
C1	3465	Sunsational Toastmasters
C1	4648	Talking Heads
C1	587637	Toasters R Us
C1	607909	I'm Feeling Chatty
C1	766522	Nokia Silicon Valley
C1	854912	Actel Flash Masters
C2	1372	Menlo Park Toastmasters
C2	1435	SRI Organon
C2	4304	Sunset Toastmasters
C2	4657	R*Toasters
C2	9737	Geospeakers
C3	2117	Early Risers
C3	7871	Graphically Speaking
C3	8218	Tall Tree
C3	9622	Secoya Bilingual
C3	591142	RealOrators of Palo Alto
C3	833609	Voices of Open Space
C4	1341	Syntillating Speakers
C4	3476	Courier Club
C4	9913	Electric Toasters
C4	596069	SAP Toastmasters
C4	937505	Virtual Speak
C5	33	Lee Emerson Bassett
C5	2624	Jetstream
C5	2736	SpeakEasy@Sun
C5	4515	HP Hilltop Speakers
C5	9946	Laser Sharp Speakers
C5	665867	The Toast of ALZA
		Division D
Area	Area	Area
D1	1401	Speakeasies (San Francisco)
D1	1718	Motor Mouths
D1	3873	Puc(k)sters Toastmasters
D1	5744	City Hall
D1	7201	Twenty-Five Alive
D1	1401	Speakeasies (San Francisco)

# District 4 2007 – 2008 Proposed Alignment (cont.)

Area	Club	Name
D2	65	Downtown 65
D2	2407	Magic Sunrisers
D2	3976	Land's End Toastmasters
D2	4282	Opportunity Speakers
D2	4292	UC Oracles
D3	191	San Mateo Toastmasters
D3	342	Half Moon Bay
D3	1618	Pacific PM
D3	1881	Daly City Toastmasters
D3	2168	Millbrae'ers
D4	2203	Asian Express
D4	6094	Bay Club
D4	6521	San Francisco Realtors
D4	7025	San Francisco JETS
D4	822664	Rainbow Toastmasters
D5	7771	Watermasters
D5	9408	Everybody Speaks
D5	600229	Labor
D5	769523	Academy Toastmasters
D5	909258	K Toasters Club
	707200	Division E
Area	Club	Name
E1	1244	Fighting 49ers
E1	1771	San Francisco
E1	3295	Money Talks Toastmasters
E1	5610	Sierra Speakers
E1	072102	Stagecoach Speakers
E2	972102	Stagecoach Speakers
	1243	Cable Car
E2		-
E2 E2	1243	Cable Car Techmasters
	1243 4920	Cable Car
E2	1243 4920 7806	Cable Car Techmasters Bay Masters
E2 E2	1243 4920 7806 8557	Cable Car Techmasters Bay Masters Main Street Maniacs
E2 E2 E2	1243 4920 7806 8557 700832	Cable Car Techmasters Bay Masters Main Street Maniacs Babbling Brokers
E2 E2 E2 E3	1243 4920 7806 8557 700832 3275	Cable Car Techmasters Bay Masters Main Street Maniacs Babbling Brokers Mckesson Toastmasters
E2 E2 E2 E3 E3	1243 4920 7806 8557 700832 3275 6813	Cable Car Techmasters Bay Masters Main Street Maniacs Babbling Brokers Mckesson Toastmasters Bushwackers
E2 E2 E2 E3 E3 E3	1243 4920 7806 8557 700832 3275 6813 9109	Cable Car Techmasters Bay Masters Main Street Maniacs Babbling Brokers Mckesson Toastmasters Bushwackers Red Cross Rhinoceros
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E2 E2 E3 E3 E3 E3 E3	1243 4920 7806 8557 700832 3275 6813 9109 780044 999399	Cable Car Techmasters Bay Masters Main Street Maniacs Babbling Brokers Mckesson Toastmasters Bushwackers Red Cross Rhinoceros W3 Club Electric Toasters
E2 E2 E3 E3 E3 E3 E3 E3 E4	1243 4920 7806 8557 700832 3275 6813 9109 780044 999399 1133	Cable Car Techmasters Bay Masters Main Street Maniacs Babbling Brokers Mckesson Toastmasters Bushwackers Red Cross Rhinoceros W3 Club Electric Toasters Crownmasters
E2 E2 E3 E3 E3 E3 E3 E4 E4	1243 4920 7806 8557 700832 3275 6813 9109 780044 999399 1133 9825	Cable Car Techmasters Bay Masters Main Street Maniacs Babbling Brokers Mckesson Toastmasters Bushwackers Red Cross Rhinoceros W3 Club Electric Toasters Crownmasters Renaissance (San Francisco)
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	Division F			
Area	Club	Name		
F1	7168	KT Talkers		
F1	7242	Milpitas Toastmasters		
F1	7596	LSI Speaks		
F1	9093	Lucently Speaking		
F1	9894	Seagate RMO		
F1	584244	ICC ArtICCulators		
F2	225	Vox		
F2	4306	Toastmaster Insiders		
F2	5098	Coherent Communicators		
F2	8124	Cisco Speaks		
F2	832285	Perfect SCCAOR Club		
F3	1313	Word Wizards		
F3	2038	North Valley Toastmasters		
F3	3598	Toast Twisters		
F3	662205	TAC-Talks		
F3	827125	Hot Buttered Toastmasters		
F4	2693	Vanguard TM's		
F4	2760	South Bay		
F4	5021	Heads-Up		
F4	586504	Altera Innovators		
F4	770392	Next Step Toastmasters		
F5	4099	Santa Clara Sweet Talkers		
F5	4460	AMYAC		
F5	7922	Cadence AHgorithms		
F5 F5	715948 727140	TAC Masters SVB Toastmasters		
F5	763451	A Toast to Life		
13	703431	Division G		
Area	Club	Name		
G1	3088	Talking Chips		
G1	3328	TGIF Management		
G1	4802	Silicon Valley Toastmasters		
G1	7528	Fair Oaks		
G1	7975	Sunnyvale Speakeasies		
G2	2914	Excalibur Toastmasters		
G2	2943	Orbiters		
G2	5015	Applied Materials		
G2	685103	MCA		
G2	983142	Hi-Definition Speakers		
G3	4004	Top Gun		
G3	4270	Wry Toastmasters		
G3	4606	HP Communicators		
G3	4658	Tandem		
G3	6115	Blue Cube		
G3	733423	Toast Launchers		

# District 4 2007 – 2008 Proposed Alignment (cont.)

Area	Club	Name
G4	49	Gold Brickers
G4	3572	Saratoga Toastmasters
G4	4608	Cupertino Toastmasters
G4	7430	MacinTalkers
G4	8589	Global Talkers
G4	706804	Straight from the Heart (Guidant)
G5	2994	ToastMeisters
G5	4124	G-E-M
G5	605653	Yahoo! Yapsters
G5	853108	Juniper Jabbers
G5	936581	Test Toasters
		Division H
Area	Club	Name
H1	27	Donald L Bogie
H1	801	City of Talk
H1	5707	Redwood City Orators
H1	6028	Point of Order
H1	6669	DESperados Toastmasters
H2	318	Speak 4 Yourself
H2	9285	Oracle Orators
H2	9593	Frankly Speaking
H2	600591	Chamber Speakers Circle
H2	944223	Voice Of Nektar
Н3	530	San Carlos-Belmont
Н3	2544	Oracle Speakers
Н3	4368	High Spirits of Toastmasters
Н3	4512	Pro Masters
Н3	590123	All Ears
H4	1213	Mainliners
H4	4014	Foster City
H4	5022	OracleDirect
H4	7190	Visa Speakers Circle
H4	759427	Applied BioSpeakers
H5	1818	Brisbane
H5	2697	Peninsula Toastmasters (SSF)
H5	6846	Keynotables
H5	7146	ProToasties
H5	859889	Genentech



#### From page 1 High School

Jan's talk had been about choosing a college and a career and also about developing the problemsolving and interpersonal skills that employers value. Being positive was high on that list, and this had obviously made a big impression on Yasmin.

The students' comments showed that Yasmin was not the only one who appreciated Jan's visit. "She motivated me to go to college," said Kara who is struggling to pass all of her classes. "Today I learned a lot," said Yolanda. "The speaker was cool," said Ricardo, who is not usually so generous with praise.

The class also agreed that Jan was an excellent presenter. "I think she was a really good public speaker and that she knew what she was taking about," said Kaitlin. "She was very organized," said Kevin.

Ms. Gold shared the students' enthusiasm. Jan was dynamic, warm, and engaging as she told the story of her educational and professional journey, and she even inspired the topic for the next essay Ms. Gold would assign. (Teachers love getting ideas for assignments!) Jan spoke about the importance of identifying three personal interests when choosing a career. "Your job should incorporate at least two of your three strongest interests," she said. "If you like sports and writing, you might consider a career as a sports writer." The essays that the students turned in the following week were positive and thoughtful and showed how effective and influential Jan's presentation had been.

If it weren't for Toastmasters International, the AVID teacher would not have emailed a local Toastmasters chapter for speaker suggestions, and if it weren't for San Mateo Toastmasters 191, Jan would not have had as much confidence, organization, and enthusiasm to speak to the high school students. Thank you Toastmasters!

- **Jan Half** is an Advanced Communicator Gold member of San Mateo Toastmasters 191, and on the Silicon Valley AVID Advisory Board
- ${\bf Susan~Gold}$  is an English and AVID teacher at Carlmont High School, Belmont CA

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summaries of what occurred during the most recent meeting and to remind all members of upcoming events and details (see at www.npstoastmasters.blogspot.com).

But... but... words were not enough! Soon we could post pictures... then, an "audio blog" (see "Glenn's Hipcast" on the archived 8 Dec 2006 posting) followed by a video blog (see "click to play - by Audioblog.com" on the 2 March 2007 posting). The logical follow-on effort would be a "You Tube" or equivalent account which will permit us to record all or portions of each meeting for the world to see. Well, maybe not the world, but at least it would be there so that anyone who missed the meeting would be able to see it later! Truly, the NPS TM blog is a "work in progress".

Blogs are easy to set up. Once there is a "blogmaster", that person can "invite" other members to be additional "publishers" to the blog. Becoming a publisher involves following an easy step-by-step procedure to set up a Google account and establishing a personal blog through Blogspot.

YOUR club can benefit from the improved communicative ability of a blog. Please contact Arnie Buss at <a href="mailto:abuss@nps.edu">abuss@nps.edu</a> for additional information.

#### **District 4 Spring Conference 2007**



Friday - Saturday May 18 - 19 Crowne Plaza Hotel 1221 Chess Drive Foster City

The same thing happened with the Chamber of Commerce. They liked my answers but in the end they went with they guy who was the CEO of the Chamber for 20 years. If you have been working with someone for 20 or 30 years you should know them very well, it would makes sense that you would vote for them

What was a real slap in the face was when I interviewed with the Sierra Club.

I thought I was a slam-dunk for this group – the paper wrote I was the greenest candidate in District 6. Every time they asked me a question about the environment and what I was doing to protect it, I had great answers. I have solar power on my house and I commute with an electric vehicle. I not only recycle paper, plastic, glass and metals, I recycle my wash water, my back yard is a garden and I have a composter for yard clippings. Everything was going great until the last question.

The last question was purely political. It had no relevance to the environment or being a conservationist. They asked, "How viable a candidate are you? What are your chances of winning?" I had been in my campaign just under two weeks, I had never run a campaign before and the only money I had in the campaign account was my own donation. That's exactly what I told them. They patted me on the back, told me I have a good heart and to keep on running, but they endorsed another candidate.

I sound pretty cynical, don't I? How many of you are saying, "Whew I'm glad I never ran." It gets worst, the SJ Mercury News wrote an article endorsing their candidate and they talked about all the candidates. Pierluigi Oliverio was their top choice with Steve Tedesco being a distant second. They said the other two candidates were ok and "only one candidate, Art Maurice, lacks sufficient understanding of city and community issues". Even though in 2004 I received the "Good Neighbor" award for my community efforts.

I read that article and wanted to quit. I've hardly raised any money, I hardly have any volunteers, and now everybody thinks that I'm an idiot. Why should I keep going?

I went home and trashed my house, skipped dinner - I didn't feel like eating and went to bed but all I did was toss and turn. When I finally did fall asleep, I woke up an hour before the alarm. I turned on my computer and started cleaning up my house. After it booted up I checked my mailbox. There amongst the dozens of emails was the reason to keep going. I just started laughing as I was reading them. People still wanted to interview me, they wanted lawn signs, some wanted to donate, others were setting up a candidate debates. It didn't matter who endorsed me or what the paper said about me, people still wanted to know how I felt about their issues.

Here are some reasons to run for office. You will meet more people than you have ever before and the people will want to meet you and talk to you. You will get invited to places, not just debates and forums, but to conferences, to radio stations, to the newspapers, I got invited to CNN for a five-minute talk with Maggie Scura. That would have never happened if I didn't run. You will meet a lot of government officials, not only did I meet almost all of the council members but also both candidates running for mayor. I got to shake Governor Arnold Schwartzenegger's hand and be at a conference with Senator John McCain as the guest speaker. When you run you will be in a social whirlwind that doesn't end until Election Day.

But that's not the best part. Oh no...the cream de la cream is that you will learn so much about yourself. How are you under pressure? In a crowd? What are your beliefs and how strong do you stand by them? How much walking and talking can you do before your body starts to give out or you start to mentally burnout? Running for office is a physical and mental test that you can't get in a gym. Just remember one thing, maybe you'll take a run for office and when you begin your heart might not be fully in it, but the instant someone opens their wallet or writes you a check and they look you right in the eyes as they hand it over to you, you will be in it 100%.

Yes, politics is a popularity contest and if the world ends tomorrow God is not going to care if you were the Mayor, or Governor, or President or newly elected to San Jose City Council. Do you want a challenge? One that will test you physically, intellectually and emotionally? Try running for public office.



#### **District Governor's Award**

- □ Sponsor five or more new members by June 30, 2007
- □ Sponsor or Mentor a new club (contact District Governor for assignment)
- □ Coach a low membership club (contact District Governor for assignment)
- □ President of clubs that meet five DCP goals by December 31, 2006
- □ VP Education of clubs that meet two DCP educational goals by December 31, 2006
- □ VP Membership of clubs with 10 or more new members by December 31, 2006
- Officers of clubs that have all seven officers trained during summer or winter sessions (additional recognition for clubs that meet goal both sessions)
- □ Area governors who complete their club visits and submit reports by February 28, 2007 (second round)
- □ Treasurers of clubs that submit their membership list or dues to Toastmasters International by March 15, 2007
- □ Secretaries of clubs that submit their officer lists to Toastmasters International by December 1, 2006 (semi-annual clubs) or June 1, 2007

