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District 9 Newsletter - Fall 2014

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The TRIO Speaks

**FROM THE DESK OF YOUR DISTRICT 9 GOVERNOR,
NATALIE PALMER**

What's in YOUR wallet?

No, I'm not talking about money! (Although that reminds me - dues are due!) I'm talking about your "wallet of tricks and skills" -- the things you carry with you that help you be successful in life. As we start a "new" Toastmasters year, it's a great time to take a



personal inventory of what you bring to the table.

***What are the skills you bring to your club?** Great evaluations? Attention to detail when counting 'ah's or timing? Thoughtful observation?

***Are there new ways for you to share your skills?** Would you like to mentor a new member? Work toward club or district leadership roles? Present at a conference or TLI?

***What new skills would you like to develop?** Feeling "fluid" when you do table topics? More vocal variety? Weaning yourself off notes? Finishing a Competent Communicator or advanced manual?

And what if you aren't sure what you bring to the table? That's OK, too -- sometimes it's hard to identify our own strengths. Talk to your VP of Education about connecting with a mentor -- or ask someone if they will serve as your mentor!

Every member of the club brings something new and interesting to the meeting each week -- including you! As we are well into the new Toastmaster year, take stock of what you bring and what you'd like to develop.

I hope to see you at the fall conference, and that you'll let me know what's in *your* wallet!

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WORDS FROM YOUR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING, JIM MARQUARDT

Fellow Toastmasters and Leaders of District 9: It is great to be back from the Toastmasters International Convention in Malaysia. Many new exciting things were brought to light. The Revitalized Education Program will bring us into the 21st century and give us a greater path to further educate ourselves in our line of work and daily lives.

Today, I bring to you that we must all work together in obtaining new members and set aside our differences so that each member and club will grow to their maximum capability. One of the educational trainings that I

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Celebrate the 90th

Don't miss the Fall Conference at the DoubleTree by our keynote speaker and our community to connect.

Be sure to put the date on your calendar for this year. We are celebrating the 90th anniversary of Toastmasters International with a creative presentation, a "Landmarks" quiz, and dancing with your fellow Toastmasters.

It's not too late to register for the Matter.

The conference speaker award will be awarded at the group photo just before the dinner.

Register Today at [www.tmd.com](#)

Early Bird Registration is now open.

• Would you like to see your business as a success?

• Would you like to see your "Out" some recognition?

• Members in our "Toast" – helping others to sleep without trouble.

attended talked about how we as Toastmaster members can simplify our work in obtaining new members by conflict resolution. The number one point in conflict resolution is to listen and give the respect and integrity to each and every member in each and every club in District 9.

The speakers were excellent and they gave us the energy and the enthusiasm to be a better person whether we are working in our daily jobs or volunteering as a club member. I mention the Golden Gavel Award winner, [Dato' Rohana Binti Tan Sri Datuk Haji Rozhan](#), as a great example of what can be achieved by being a good listener and achiever by giving other individuals the respect they deserve as a human being.

I mention in closing, it was an honor to represent District 9 in achieving the award for marketing for the year 2013-14 because this award belongs to Jon Meyer our Immediate Past District Governor and ALL of you who worked so hard in District 9 to increase its members and help us meet the distinction of being a Distinguished district.

Finally, the convention was very educational and well worth the travel to Malaysia. I would encourage all members to attend next year's convention Las Vegas for an eye-opening experience as a Toastmaster.



MARKETING MOMENTUM - LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MARKETING, KATHY HANSEN

Convention Overseas Evokes Opportunities at Home

By Lt. Gov. Marketing Kathy Hansen, DTM

A word that characterizes my experience at the 2014 Toastmasters International Conference is "opportunity." I was moved to see so many Toastmasters experience the opportunity to attend the conference because of its location in Kuala Lumpur. My heart was especially touched at the record-breaking First-Timers event, where a huge number of Toastmasters from around the world were able to attend for the first time. The access global Toastmasters experienced in events such as the Flag Parade and the Hall of Fame (in which a large, natively garbed contingent from District 94 in West Africa claimed its spot as top district in the world in the Distinguished Club Program) also moved me.

But I realized in our pre-convention District Leader training that opportunities also abound for members in District 9, especially those who aspire to earn the Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) designation. A couple of dozen members in D9 have earned their Advanced Communicator Gold and Advanced Leader Bronze designations and need to earn the Advanced Leader Silver to earn the DTM or have earned Advanced Communicator Silver and Advanced Leader Bronze and need to complete both Advanced Communicator Gold and Advanced Leader Silver to earn the DTM.

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Members this close to the DTM often need to sponsor, mentor, or coach a club to earn Advanced Leader Silver – and many are waiting for the District to assign them a club. While we have plenty of openings for club coaches, the truth is, we don't get a large number of leads from Toastmaster International that result in new clubs to sponsor or mentor. A half dozen leads annually is typical.

Thus, if you are a member who needs to complete the ALS to earn your DTM, you can seize the opportunity to sponsor a new club by ... starting a new club! You don't have to wait to be assigned one; you can take the initiative (if you'd rather be assigned a club, let me know, and I'll put you on the list for the next time we receive a lead). See our [Sponsor, Mentor, Coach page](#), which includes a list of groups you might consider targeting with a new club.

Contact me (tmd9.lgm.kathy@quintcareers.com) to request a new-member kit if you're interested in starting a new club. Consider partnering with your peer Toastmasters who would also like to be sponsors and mentors. Each new club can have up to two sponsors and two mentors. Let's seize the opportunity together, boost the district, and help you get your DTM.

Finally, in each column, I will repeat my pledge to make every effort to travel to any club that would like a visit from a trio member.

WHAT THEY LEARNED IN TRAINING

Your TRIO was very busy for part of the convention learning important things. These were the files they were to download before the convention and studied at the convention. Despite that the location was amazing and beautiful, the focus wasn't the beauty of the land, but it definitely was the making of leaders. Your TRIO learned ways to continue bringing our District into the best of the best. It's all about the MEMBERS... that is YOU. Toastmasters is nothing without you. For 90 years the vision of Toastmasters has been focused on making better people of its members. Judging from the over 2,000 people in attendance at the convention, many of whom we met, I'd say they are still on target. These 2,000+ people, along with the 313,000 members, are the heart of Toastmasters. Your TRIO and all the other leaders in our District are only the tip of the iceberg. The heart of our district is YOU, the member. Our goal (one of them) this year is to make our clubs strong. Yes, we want to continue our Distinguished status, but retaining our members, bringing back our dropped members, advancing through our manuals, leading our clubs to strength is more important. Growing deep and strong is more important than growing wide with members just for the sake of members. Remember what Toastmasters is REALLY all about. Yes, invite your friends to join Toastmasters. Of course do that.. but more importantly, help your club be stable and strong. About a third of our clubs need coaches. Let's coach those clubs to health. We can become the best little district in the Northwest!

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Toastmasters District 9 is connected. Are you? Join our Facebook, Twitter, Google+ and LinkedIn pages to keep up with everything that is going on in the district.

Then be sure to put the D9 webpage as one of your HOME page tabs. Everything you need to know about Toastmasters and your club connections.

Scan the QR code for a direct link to District 9's webpage.



PRO CORNER NEWS FROM THE BIG TRIP-- KUALA LUMPUR -- WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW!

by Public Relations Officer, Darlene Marquardt

First of all the anticipation - my bags were packed weeks before the date we left. The big day finally arrived. And off we flew, into the big blue yonder. Security checks galore, lots of sitting on one spot for hours but it was worth it all. I mean ALL. The trip was AMAZING!

I wish you all could have gone. When we got to go up on the big stage to receive our distinguished district award.. how wonderful.. whole districts went up when it was their turn. The stage was completely full at some points. The two districts in Malaysia, some of the African districts and the other Asian districts had large contingencies from their countries. Many were in full traditional costume. When it was our turn, our TRIO and I and our Region One advisor, Mary Morrison went up to collect our reward. We were announced: "District 9 Distinguished District, Jon Meyer Distinguished Toastmaster, Excellence in Leadership, Natalie Palmer, Distinguished Toastmaster, Excellence in Education and Training, Jim Marquardt, Advanced Communicator Silver, Advanced Leader Bronze, Excellence in Marketing." We were proud! Small but mighty!

What did our week entail? Well we flew into Kuala Lumpur on Saturday evening and acclimated ourselves by eating out and taking pictures of the tallest twin towers, the Petronas Towers, in the world and viewing the colored fountain in front of the towers and the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center mall.

Sunday, Jim and I went up in the towers and my oh my what a spectacular view. Words simply cannot describe adequately the feeling of being up in such a tall building and seeing such a spectacular city.

Now to the work of why we came. Sunday afternoon and evening were spent interviewing candidates for International Director positions. The leader of leaders, every one of them very capable of sitting on the Toastmaster Board of Directors. We had our favorites of course and some of our favorites got elected and some didn't and that's the way of life.

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Monday and Tuesday the TRIO spent the day in training sessions, learning how to be better leaders and learn the ins-and-outs of running the districts, while I galavanted off to the famous "Central Market" with some past district officers from Washington and British Columbia.

Wednesday: Opening session began with Malaysian drummers and dancers - the highlight was the parade of flags. Our own Natalie Palmer proudly carried the flag of Nepal.

Thursday, and Friday were filled with sessions to attend, speeches to listen to (semi-finals of the World Championship of Public Speaking). We could hear 31 speeches out of the 91 that were given), hall of fame where Natalie and Jim received theirs and Jon's awards, amazing food and meeting people from literally all over the world.

Saturday was the World Championship of Public Speaking. We listened to the top 10 and found out who was the best of the best. We had it pegged. The winner was [Dananjaya Hettiarachchi of Nawala Rajagiriya, Sri Lanka, District 82](#). He was good! Then the business meeting and the presidential inauguration and installation of the new International officers, culminating in the party of parties with amazing food and music and craft vendors, ethnic decor and whatever you could think of.

The week was more than AMAZING. The people of Malaysia were over and above generous and gracious. No one was a stranger. Even in the town and the mall areas, if one even looked confused someone came to offer assistance. And to top it all off, the country was beautiful. Palm plantations for palm oil export lined the edges of the city. The gorgeous mountains surrounded the city and the many skyscrapers graced the skyline, including the Petronas Towers and the KL tower (where we ate as the restaurant revolved so we could view the entire city as we dined)

Next year's convention is closer to home and I am hoping we have a LARGE contingency of D9ers in Las Vegas next August. I can hardly wait.

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2015 International Convention to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The 2015 Toastmasters International Convention will be held in one of the most exciting cities in the world - Las Vegas, Nevada! Join your fellow Toastmasters **August 12-15, 2015 at Caesar's Palace Hotel and Casino**

TOASTMASTERS IN THE NEWS

Charter Ceremony - Panda Expressions club in Spokane Valley - July 17th 2014

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Lieutenant Governor
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CLUB CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES

September

Moses Lake – 61 years
Insiders – 7 years
Coyote Ridge – 6 years
SEL - 5 years
Colville – 4 years
Clare’s Clan – 5 years
Twin Rivers – 32 years
Cay-Uma-Wa – 7 years
Richland Desert Wind – 20 years
Stevens Center – 8 years
Moonlighters - 37 years

October

Moscow - 66 years
Spokane Uptowners - 26 years

The Toastmaster Ladder

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Taking their Bows

Photo by Sandy Malone

Want to get your ALS and then DTM? Want to share your love of Toastmasters and help clubs get started or get healthy? Check out our new D9 Coach | Sponsor | Mentor page on the D9 site. See what's involved and how you can participate.

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Opportunities to Sponsor, Mentor, Coach or Partner with a club.

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District 9 will be looking for
aspiring and existing coaches.
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New DTMs in June

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Katharine (Kathy)

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