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## Toastmasters District 9

October 2012 Newsletter: Special Pre-Conference Edition

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### Fall Conference Early-Bird Deadline Is Oct. 19

Friday, Oct. 19, is the last day for [Early-Bird Registration](#) for a lively and laughter-filled fall conference that features two keynoters (pictured below; left, Jim Tucker, DTM; right, Jim Sultan, DTM), District Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests, learning-packed education sessions, and social time – all within the elegant surroundings of Spokane's historic Davenport Hotel.



The schedule for the Nov. 16-18 event (subject to change) is now [available for download.](#)

Here's what you need to know:

#### **Keynotes:**

### Join the District 9 Facebook Group

The [District 9 Facebook group](#) has more than 100 members and is a great way to share successes and keep up with District news and announcements. Any group member can post to the group. As an example of the kinds of items posted, see this [album of photos of the Division C Area Fall Speech Contests.](#)

### Mark Your Calendar!

**Important dates in October, November, and beyond:**

- *Saturday Luncheon Keynote*: Region 1 International Director Jim Sultan, DTM.
- *Saturday Evening Keynote*: Jim Tucker, DTM, three-time World Champion of Public Speaking finalist, presents *From Voice to Value: Every speech you give makes you a catalyst for change and can make a big difference in someone's life*. Jim invites you to discover the value in your voice.
- *Sunday Brunch Keynote*: Jim Tucker, DTM, presents *Adventures in Humor: A love of laughter and appreciation for TV cartoons, sitcoms, and comedians inspired Jim's study of humor*. He dissects humor used in his own presentations and discusses why it worked or didn't.

**Education Sessions:**

- *General Education Session*: Jim Sultan, DTM, presents *"If You Build It, They Will Come."* What makes the best clubs in the world successful? In a talk that a previous attendee has called "one of the most inspiring speeches I have ever experienced," Jim will discuss treating your home club as a home, treasuring members, shaking up meetings, and sharing the love.
- *Breakout Panel: Give your Club A Boost – Strategies for Improving Club Membership*. Kim Coreson will moderate as panelists Jim Sultan, DTM, and Brenda Pangborn, DTM, offer their strategies.
- *Breakout: "Speaking Skills as Part of Your Business Arsenal."* 2012 District 9 International Speech-Contest Champion Marnie Schroer invites attendees to enhance, enrich, and enliven their professional persona through a focused use of Toastmasters activities. In the format of a "mini-manual" – The Competent Business Professional – this session highlights how to use basic-manual projects and meeting roles to develop business skills such as networking, time management, acting outside the box.
- *Breakout: "Yikes! You Agreed to be Contest Judge, Now What?"* Tina Hull's message in this sessions is that preparation and knowing what to expect can make contest judging enjoyable. Learn about the judging forms and discover tips and tricks to reliable, confident judging.

**October**

See detailed speech-contest information [here](#).

**Area Speech Contests** – completed by Oct. 20

**Division Speech Contests** – late October – completed by Nov. 3.

**November**

Nov. 16-18 – District Fall Conference, Davenport Hotel, Spokane

Nov. 17: District Speech Contest (Humorous and Table Topics)

Nov. 30 – Area Governor visits completed.

**District 9 Officers 2012-2013**

*District Officer listings include the District Trio – District Governor, Lieutenant Governor Education and Training, and Lieutenant Governor Marketing – and will alternate to include Division and Area Governors one month and additional district officers the next. You can download the complete list of officers [here](#).*

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*Breakout: "Meet the Trio":* District Gov. Nancy Shatto, Lt. Gov./Education and Training Jon Meyer, Lt. Gov./Marketing Natalie Palmer: Bring your questions and concerns to a chat with your District leadership.

### **Contests**

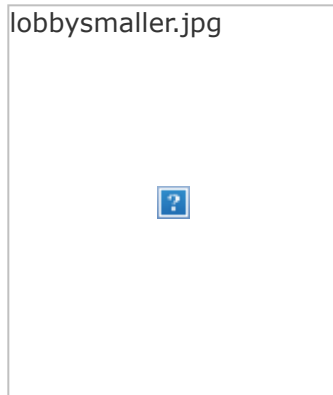
- Table Topics* (morning)
- Humorous Speech* (afternoon)

### **More!**

- Awards:* After lunch
- Business Meeting:* 4:30 pm
- Announcement of Contest Winners:* After Sat. evening keynote

### **Social Events:**

- Laugh-and-Learn Dinner with the Keynote speakers:* No-host bar and meal event on (5 pm to 7 pm, Friday, Nov. 16) at [Europa restaurant](#), 125 S. Wall St., Spokane.
- Friday night social at The Davenport:* Social time 7 pm to 8 pm; comedy and improv from [Blue Door Theatre](#), 8 pm.
- Sunday Davenport Breakfast Buffet featuring keynote by Jim Tucker* (\$35 fee).



### **Hotel**

*The historic [Davenport Hotel](#)* in downtown Spokane. (Read about its history [here](#).) Affordable \$99 room rates (this rate is based upon availability after Oct. 17). Reserve

your room using [this link](#).

### **Transportation or Hotel-Room Sharing**

- There's a [form](#) for that!

### **Conference Registration**

Go to the [District 9 Fall Conference page](#) or directly to the [conference registration form](#). If you prefer, [download printable PDF registration form](#) that you can complete manually and postal-mail with your check.

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### **LGET Letter**

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Fellow District 9 Toastmasters,

Wow, it's tough to believe the Toastmasters year is nearly a third of the way through. We've already completed the first round

## Questions

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## Distinguished - and Almost Distinguished - Clubs to Receive Honors at Conference

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Twenty District 9 clubs that achieved the status of Distinguished Club, Select Distinguished Club, or President's Distinguished Club in the 2011-2012 Toastmasters year will receive their choice of a new banner, new lectern, or Toastmasters International gift certificate at the Fall Conference. An additional 17 clubs will be recognized with banner ribbons for earning 5+ requirements while missing becoming Distinguished because of the membership requirement (20 members). "I would love to see representation from all these clubs at the conference to accept their awards," says District Governor Nancy Shatto.

*Receiving Distinguished, Select Distinguished, and President's Distinguished awards:*

**Cascade Speakeasy, Apple Valley Communicators, Coyote Ridge, Colville, Insiders, Ellensburg, Lab Oratories, Sun Country, Cay-Uma-Wa, Articulate Ambassadors, Lunch Bunch, Spokane Uptowners, Hog Heaven, ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston Tater Talkers, Spokane Falls, Moonlighters, Greater Sandpoint, Richland Desert Wind, Tumbleweed, and Vision Speaks.**

*Receiving 5+ Awards: Talk of the Town, My Time Our Time, Lake City, Spokane Valley, Moses Lake, Atomic City, Post Falls, Twin Rivers, Coeur d'Alene, Clare's Clan, Lewis-Clark, SEL, Sun City, Speech Masters Advanced, Electric Toasters, High Desert, and Verbal Architects.*

## Clubs Challenged to Think Outside the Box for Silent-Auction Donations

*By Pam Beasley, Fall 2012 Conference  
Silent Auction Chair*

of club-officer training. Many thanks to all of you who took the time to attend and, in particular, to those of you who gave the rest of us the benefit of your experience by presenting during the training sessions. We're already at work on the next round of training, which will take place in January and February (technically we can conduct training in December, but how many of you want to attend club-officer training over the holidays?). We'll try to do something a little special, something I think a lot of you will appreciate, but we're awaiting official permission from Toastmasters International, so I'd better not say too much at this point. Stay tuned...

Speaking of club officers, if your club elects officers twice a year remember to check out page 58 of [The Club Leadership Handbook](#). It's time to get your nominating committees appointed.

We've got a great [conference](#) coming up, with both International Director Jim Sultan, DTM, and multiple-time World Championship of Public Speaking finalist Jim Tucker, DTM, speaking. District 9 2012 International Speech Contest Champion Marnie Schroer will present a session on "Speaking Skills as Part of Your Business Arsenal." If you've heard Marnie speak before, you already know you don't want to miss this one. If you haven't heard her, take my word for it, you don't want to miss it. You'll discover plenty of other chances for fun and education at the conference, so be sure to be there.

Believe it or not, the committee for our Spring 2013 Conference is already hard at work, and they'll be telling us what they've got up their sleeves toward the end of dinner at the Fall Conference in Spokane. I'll tell you this much ... I know their short-list of potential keynote

This year we are challenging clubs to think outside the box (or "basket" if you will)... Wine and chocolate and food are wonderful, but what about something personal? Do you craft? Paint, knit, embroider? Do you have an antique or unusual item to donate? A really cool book, CD, or DVD? The Silent Auctioneers plan to solicit input and offer a prize for the most original/interesting/creative offering. Come see us at the Silent Auction and help us make this conference a memorable one. Your donations and your purchases will help District 9 in our educational programs going forward. Any questions, contact Pam Beasley at [pamb@inbc2.org](mailto:pamb@inbc2.org) or [pam.beasley12@yahoo.com](mailto:pam.beasley12@yahoo.com).

### **District Governor's Corner: Busy Fall Features Open Houses and Speech Contests**

*By District Governor Nancy Shatto*

- The District ordered and received a large batch of supplies, including speech-contest trophies and Distinguished Club Program (DCP) charts for Area Governors to give to their clubs.
- The District Success Plan and Budget were submitted to Toastmasters International on time in September.
- We received excellent feedback from the clubs that participated in the [September Open Houses](#). We are compiling "lessons learned" and gearing up to get started on the January Leadership workshops in the next month.
- Area speech contests are winding down, and Division contests are on tap. See your local information on our [Fall Contest Google Docs spreadsheet](#) on which District leaders have been updating speech-contest information.
- At our September Trio meeting, our Region Advisor, Eric Vaughn (pictured at right), joined us and offered

speakers, and I'm already excited. Ideally their choice will be finalized in time for the committee to announce it in Spokane! Not to be outdone, our Fall 2013 committee is also already getting rolling, so we can expect great things from them once their turn comes around.

We're trying to enhance the training opportunities our District offers. Look for announcements of upcoming opportunities, including webinars. If you have ideas for trainings you like to offer or see offered, or if you'd like to help with the district's training program, please email me at [tmd9lget@gmail.com](mailto:tmd9lget@gmail.com).

#### **Jon Meyer**

District Lieutenant Governor  
Education and Training (LGET)

### **October Club Anniversaries**

Happy anniversary to District clubs that were chartered in October:

- Moscow Club, Oct. 1, 1948, 64 years
- Spokane Uptowners Club, Oct. 1, 1988, 24 years

### **Success Idea of the Month**

**PRonouncements:** District PRO Kathy Hansen recently sent a message to club Vice Presidents of Public relations (VPPRs) with ideas on ways the District and clubs can work together to promote and publicize clubs. If you missed it, you can see it [here](#).

### **District Mission**

The mission of this district is to enhance the quality and performance and extend the network of the member clubs of Toastmasters International within the boundaries of this district, thereby offering greater numbers

valuable suggestions he has seen in other districts, such as these potential High Performance Leadership Project (HPL) project ideas:

You can help out our District with either of these ideas – contact a Trio member if you have questions:

**1 – Club Fitness Program** – Clubs with 12 or fewer members qualify for a Club Coach, but what about those clubs that are stuck between 13-19 members? They may need a helping hand or some fresh ideas to build their membership base. Other districts have set up programs to support this niche - and we'd like to build something in District 9 with your help!

**2 - Speakers Bureau** – Occasionally our District receives requests for speakers at various events. Rather than trying to scramble to find speakers we'd like to build a list of Toastmasters who would appreciate an opportunity to speak to an outside group. This initiative would be a way that we can showcase the talent in our midst while matching our speakers with outside requests.

of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters educational program by focusing on the critical success factors as specified by the district educational and membership goals, ensuring that each club effectively fulfills its responsibilities to its individual members, and providing effective training and leadership-development opportunities for club and district officers.

To book your hotel room at the special \$99/night conference rate (after Oct. 17, this rate is based upon availability), go [here](#), or go to the [main reservation page](#) and use discount code TOAST. Reduced Price Self-Parking Saturday: \$5/daytime; \$8 overnight; Friday night and Sunday parking on the street is free.

**[If you prefer, download printable PDF registration form that you can complete manually and postal-mail with your check.](#)**

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