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September 2012 Newsletter



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District Trio Reflects on Learning Gained at Orlando Convention

From left, District Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Jon Meyer; Mike Barsul, just elected International Director from Region 2; District Governor Nancy Shatto, and District Lieutenant Governor Marketing Natalie Palmer.

District Governor Nancy Shatto: Friends from around the world sharing ideas, amazing speakers, pageantry – Orlando was filled with memorable moments! I loved the opening ceremony last year in Las Vegas with the parade of flags, so when the offer was made for district governors to carry flags of nations that did not have representatives in attendance, I jumped at the opportunity. I had the honor of carrying the flag of Cyprus – I was between Sebastian from the Caribbean and David from Europe – talk about feeling like being a part of something bigger than yourself!

District Lieutenant Governor, Education and

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.

Mark Your Calendar!

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

September
Sept. 17-28 – District Open

Training Jon Meyer: "My Daddy went to Disney World and all he brought me was this Toastmasters Teddy Bear!" Of course, I didn't actually go to Disney World; I just spent seven days at a hotel on the Disney property. And, while I may not have ridden any roller-coasters, I had one heck of a ride between travel days and six days of non-stop activity.

The first two days were district-officer training. This was invaluable time spent learning about my duties as Lieutenant Governor Education and Training and about district leadership in general, as well as the vision and plans to position Toastmasters International as the premier communications and leadership program in the world. Most valuable, though, was the chance to network with leaders from other districts, to exchange ideas and to share better ways to serve our districts and our members. [Read more ...](#)

District Lieutenant Governor, Marketing, Natalie Palmer: Conventions are difficult to describe – how do you condense seven days of nonstop action? Yikes! For me, the predominant message of the conference was the importance of relationships. Building them, strengthening them, and relying on them. When visitors come to our clubs, do we let them know they are welcome? Do our current members feel they are valued? As we invest in relationships when times are "good," we create a support system to rely on when we encounter challenges. The ideas and advice I brought back with me are not complicated or "fancy." Rather, they are the basic principles of building relationships through time and respect.

Registration Officially Opens for Fall Conference

[Registration is now open](#) for a fall conference that promises to be filled with learning, laughter, and opportunities for leadership.

Education Chair Jon Meyer has packed the conference with opportunities to learn. The Morning General Education Session will feature Region 1 International Director Jim Sultan, DTM, and his talk, "If You Build It, They Will Come." Sultan will also deliver the luncheon keynote.

House / Advertising Campaign
Sept. 30 – Smedley Membership Program ends.
Sept. 30 – Fall membership dues-collection period ends.

Sept. 30 – Club Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests should be completed.

October

Oct. 1 – Fall dues submitted to Toastmasters International.

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

Area Speech Contests – early October – completed by Oct. 13
Division Speech Contests – late October – completed by Nov. 3

Oct. 31 – Area Governor visits completed.

November

Nov. 16-18 – District Fall Conference, Davenport Hotel, Spokane
Nov. 17: District Speech Contest

District 9 Officers 2012-2013

District Officer listings include the District Trio – District Governor, Lieutenant Governor Education and Training, and Lieutenant Governor – 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 sessions include a panel discussion on building/rebuilding clubs, as well as a session titled "Speaking Skills as Part of Your Business Arsenal" given by 2012 District 9 International Speech-Contest Champion Marnie Schroer.

Evening keynoter is Jim Tucker, DTM, three-time World Champion of Public Speaking finalist.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to socialize and laugh with each other and the keynote speakers at several events. A Laugh-and-Learn Dinner with the Keynote speakers is a no-host bar and meal event on Friday (Nov. 16) at [Europa restaurant](#), 125 S. Wall St., Spokane. Conference-goers can also choose to enjoy the Friday night social, featuring comedy and improv from [Blue Door Theatre](#), which is included in the conference-registration price. More learning and basking in the afterglow of Saturday's lineup is on tap at the Sunday Davenport Breakfast Buffet with Tucker and Sultan (\$35 fee).

Playing a significant role in the conference is its site – the historic Davenport Hotel in downtown Spokane. (Read about its history [here](#).) In addition to luxurious surroundings and affordable room rates (\$99), attendees can experience sumptuous dining that one conference-committee

member describes as "exquisite." And why not book a pampering [spa treatment](#) during the weekend? Don't forget to reserve your room using [this link](#).

Go to the [District 9 Fall Conference page](#) or directly to the conference registration form. Questions: kathy@quintcareers.com.

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

By District Governor Nancy Shatto

Following Division C officer training, District Governor Nancy Shatto, left, listens to Jan Greco, President of Colville

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Tri-Cities Toastmasters Attracts 63 Guests to Showing of Speak Movie

Kathy Hagen, President of Tri-Cities Toastmasters, reports that 63 people, including Toastmasters, members of the community, and local college students, attended a well-received showing of the movie [Speak](#) on Sept. 6.

SPEAK is a documentary film about the fear of public speaking and the Toastmasters World Championship of Public Speaking. Recent showings of the film became more poignant after the untimely death of featured Toastmaster LaShunda Rundles following her attendance at the Toastmasters International Convention in Orlando. Also featured in the film is [Rich Hopkins](#), who once hailed from District 9.

Toastmasters, as she describes her High-Performance Leadership project.

- Round 1 **club officer training** is complete.
- **Frank Briggs** is our new Division D Governor. He's got some exciting ideas to ignite our Idaho clubs.
- **Brent Sears** has stepped up as district treasurer following Mel Lente's resignation. Thank you Mel for serving our district.
- **Club and Area speech contests** are under way. See [Contest page](#), which includes a link to a [Google Docs spreadsheet](#) on which district leaders are updating speech-contest information.
- **September Open Houses**, in which 19 clubs are participating, have been publicized through press releases to print media, radio ads, a Facebook campaign, community calendars, direct email and posters/fliers. In the Spokane area, promotional information went to educators, employers, government entities, service organizations and Chambers, and broadcasters. Fliers were provided to four clubs that requested them for posting in their communities, employer lunch rooms, and more. The lesson learned from this campaign is that we'd would like to get this level of detail from every community in our district.

District 9 Says Farewell to IPDG Adrian DaSilva

Immediate Past District Governor Adrian DaSilva (pictured) is leaving District 9 at the end of October to relocate to San Leandro, CA, in the East Bay Area just south of Oakland.

Adrian, who definitely plans to continue his involvement with Toastmasters, says his best memory of his time in District 9 has been "the joy of observing the growth and development of the members since joining 20 years ago ... including myself. Also, being District Governor ... what an honor ... what a joy!"

The departing leader's message to his District 9 friends and colleagues: "I will take all the wonderful memories of my 20 year experience in District 9 into my heart and into eternity. You guys have made and shaped me into what I am today.

"All the emails and Facebook responses were positive and uplifting," Kathy says. "Everyone seemed to get a different message from the movie. For example, one Toastmaster commented on the style of Rich's speaking and how he learned a valuable technique for future speeches. Another loved the enthusiasm of LaShunda's perseverance and dedication with God behind her."

Kathy says she learned a great deal about "how to organize an event, what to do and not to do in future events; for instance, to quiet an audience instead of using a microphone, just turn down the lights (it's like magic)." Kathy praises the team that worked with her on the event. "I couldn't have done it without them," she says.

"Kathy Hagen did a GREAT job of coordinating the activity with other clubs," says Area B4 Governor Ed Keeney, "including having light snacks provided as well as a display table with Toastmasters handouts, take-aways, etc."

Kathy recommends the movie for all clubs to purchase and loan to members.

September Club Anniversaries

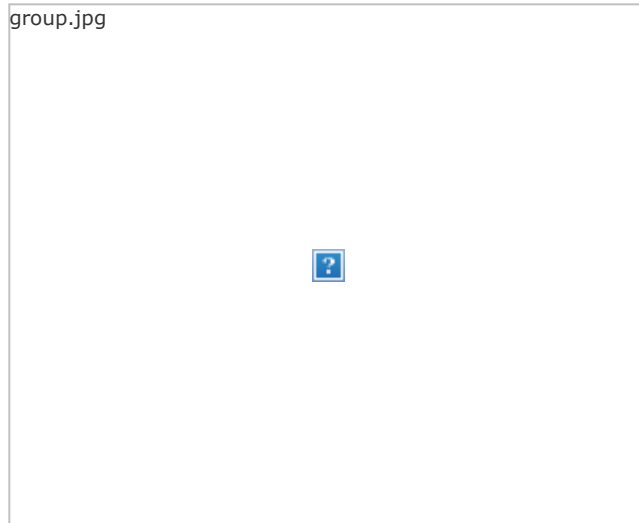
Happy anniversary to District clubs that were chartered in September:

- Moonlighters Toastmasters Club, Sept. 1, 1977, 35 years
- Twin Rivers Club, Sept. 1, 1977, 30 years
- Richland Desert Wind Club, Sept. 1, 1994, 18 years
- Stevens Center Toastmasters Club, Sept. 22, 2006, 6 years

Priceless. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart!"

We thank *you*, Adrian, and wish you the very best in your new home!

Club of the Month: Colville Toastmasters



Members of Colville Toastmasters celebrate second anniversary and new sign. From left, VP Education Laura Hepler, Immediate Past President/Area C3 Governor Jason Hart, Tammy Heggenberger, VP Public Relations/District PRO Kathy Hansen, President Jan Greco, VP Membership Joe Greco, Secretary Linda Evans, Linda Murphy, and Sergeant-at-Arms Rick Henderson.

Colville Toastmasters recently celebrated its second charter anniversary by dedicating a club sign in front of the building in which the club meets.

The sign had its origins in a negotiation with the building management over whether the club would be required to pay rent for meeting space. After communicating with the management, Immediate Past President Jason Hart, who is also youth pastor at the church that meets in the building, announced that not only would Colville Toastmasters be permitted to continue meeting rent-free, but the building management offered to let the club hang a sign.

"While a second anniversary may not seem like a big deal," says President Jan Greco, "we're proud of all we've accomplished in such a short time." See those accomplishments [here](#).

District Mission

The mission of this district is to enhance the quality

- Blue Mountain Toastmasters, Sept. 19, 2007, 5 years
- Cay-Uma-Wa Club, Sept. 26, 2007, 5 years
- Toastmasters International Coyote Ridge, Sept. 2, 2008, 4 years
- Clare's Clan, Sept. 9, 2009, 3 years
- SEL Toastmasters, Sept. 9, 2009, 3 years
- Colville Toastmasters, Sept. 10, 2010, 2 years
- Bean Counters, Sept. 30, 2011, 1 year

Success Ideas of the Month

- **Multi-Club Information Sheet:** One of the handouts available at Tri-Cities Toastmasters showing of *Speak* was a one-page sheet listing information for all the clubs in the Tri-Cities area. Clubs interested in similar handout can download the information sheet [here](#).
- **1 + 1 Membership Drive:** This idea comes from 2012-13 Toastmasters International President John Lau, who writes: "Each one of us has grown through our experience in Toastmasters. We have the opportunity to share our story and the benefits with our friends and acquaintances. In a profit organization, the shareholders are responsible for the growth of the organization; in a nonprofit organization like Toastmasters International, we as members are responsible for the growth of the organization as we determine our future. Please join me to invite our friends and acquaintance to visit a Toastmasters Club and be part of the Toastmasters Movement."

and performance and extend the network of the member clubs of Toastmasters International within the boundaries of this district, thereby offering greater numbers 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.

For your information, in August, I recruited 2 new members for one of my home clubs – Connections. Let us do this together."

- **Mega-Meetings:** New Division D Governor Frank Briggs has proposed as his High-Performance Leadership project the concept of a two-hour meeting that includes all four clubs in the same area, in which each club is represented by one speaker, one evaluator, and two Table-Topics speakers, with the balance of roles filled by volunteers. Such Mega-Meetings would show clubs how other clubs' agendas work, as well as help strengthen leadership roles, build camaraderie among members while bringing in more guests, strengthen membership of weaker clubs, and help clubs, Areas, Divisions, and the District reach and maintain Distinguished status. Frank suggests that four such meetings could be held during the Toastmasters year, each sponsored by a different club.

Block of Rooms held until 10.17.12 • To book your hotel room at the special \$99/night conference rate, go [here](#), or go the 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.

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