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# The Speaker's Voice



**The District's Mission:** *enhance the performance and extend the network of clubs, 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 members.*
- \* *Providing effective training and leadership development opportunities for club and district officers*

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- **Lt. Governor Market-  
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## THE SKY'S THE LIMIT A TRAINING ADVENTURE,

by Bernadette Paschel, President, Confidentially Speaking Toastmasters Club 1422738,



Left to Right: Donna Miller, VP Public Relations, Brian Schilling, Sergeant at Arms, Crystal Todd, Secretary, Col Alvin Kemmet, Jr, VP Membership, Sal Asad, DTM, Intl Director, Jeff Mason, DTM, District 77 Governor, Bernadette Paschel, President

### Winter TLI...Huge Success!

Five newly elected officers travelled from Huntsville to Montgomery, Alabama to attend the District 77 Winter Toastmaster Leadership Institute on 23 January 2010. President Bernadette Paschel, Vice President Membership, Col Alvin Kemmet, Jr., Vice President Public Relations, Donna Miller, Secretary, Crystal Todd, and Sergeant at Arms, Brian Schilling attended the training. District Governor Jeff Mason recognized the club as having the most officers in the District registered to attend training. Most of the officers are brand new to holding an office in Toastmasters and are very excited and eager to learn more about how to be effective in their positions. As Secretary Crystal Todd put it, they were amazingly all alert for 5 o'clock on a Saturday morning!

The training had many benefits. The officers enjoyed stimulating conversation on the journey between Huntsville and Montgomery, learning more about each other and brainstorming on ideas for chartering a new Toastmasters club. The officers received a warm welcome from the District 77 representatives, and all agreed that District 77 provided quality leadership training and the opportunity to meet and speak with other officers in the District face-to-face was great. The officers were greatly inspired by the professional speakers and the trainers including International Director, Sal Asad and Col Bill Saunders, USAF Retired. Attending District 77 was a great success and well worth the trip!

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## THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

JEFF MASON — District Governor

New Orleans, Mississippi... That's where all District Governors, Lt Governors of Education and Lt Governors of Marketing had to go for our mid-year training in the first week of January. One subject that we were taught about was transition. Transition in the sense of July elections. As I sat there, I could hardly believe that we are over half way through our Toastmasters year.

That means it time for us all to take some time for R&R. What is R&R you ask? In the military it often means "Rest and Relaxation". But for us it means "Review and Re-evaluate" and if I can add a third "R"... Re-engage.

Each of us, every member, every club, area, and division need to stop and **review** our accomplishments so far this year. We need to compare that answer with the goals we set back in July. Maybe you had planned to get your Competent Communicator award this year but now, in February, you have only delivered 4 speeches. **Re-evaluate**, do you still want it? With a little bit of planning and lot of hard work, you can **re-engage** and still do it.

The same is true for your club, did you want to achieve Distinguished Club status this year but have fallen behind a little. Then just **review, re-evaluate, and re-engage**. Year after year, clubs realize they want to achieve this goal, they look to the members, help the members to **review, re-evaluate, and re-engage** to achieve their goals and by the time June rolls around, they found they have met and sometimes exceeded their goals.

Continuing on the theme of transition, Have you began to think about who will replace you in your club office? Remember when you began your year as Club President, VPE, VMP, etc? Did you wish you had known more about what to do? Don't let your successor feel the same, begin now to mentor someone to take your office in July. Show them the manual, teach them what you have learned and what you wish you had learned.

I guess the bottom line for this stage in our toastmaster year what I said in the beginning, "**review, re-evaluate, and re-engage**". In every area of your toastmaster life, whether it's personal goals, club goals, or club office; what did you hope to accomplish, do you still want to do it, be like Nike and "Just Do It".

Often times in the course of a year, we run into a speed bump and we slow down. Some of these things are of course out of our control. But more often than not, the only thing that keeps us from achieving our goals is ourselves. We can accept being ordinary, or we can rise above ourselves, accomplish our goals and be **extraordinary**.

**IT'S ALL UP TO YOU...**

**BRYAN HOLT — Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training****2010 IS OFF TO A GREAT START**

We are certainly off to a great start this year with our Winter Toastmasters Leadership institute in Montgomery.

I would first like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. It's been another awesome year for us. In 2009, District 77 was selected as a Distinguished District. We were very proud of our accomplishment. We must now continue to build upon our progress for this year.

Let me convey my sincere appreciation to ALL OF YOU for your hard work and dedication in making the Winter TLI a great success. For the second time this TM year, we had outstanding attendance with more than 100 officers. In addition to our own District 77 superb presenters, we had a presentation by our International Director Sal Asad and by Bill Saunders, author and professional motivational speaker.

Also, our dynamic 2010 Winter TLI was a direct result of the great feedback we received from you at our previous TLI. Again, special thanks to our outstanding presenters for their creative presentations to make TLI a rousing success.

The TLI was a great time of learning, networking, and motivation. It would not have been possible without all of your help, the help of each club and each officer. If you did not attend the TLI in Montgomery, I strongly encourage you to attend one of the Division make up training sessions to ensure your club receives full credit.

At the TLI, we challenged every club to get at least one CC (each 1, get 1) and each Division to get 5 ACs (5 for 5) to help us reach our District goal. Your Division Governor will track our progress. We can do it.

Lastly, we are now finalizing the details for our District 77 Spring Conference in Atmore, Alabama at the first-rate WindCreek Casino and Hotel Resort. We look forward seeing you at the Spring Conference international speech contest and evaluation contest. We will also post the results of our CC/AC Contest at the Spring Conference.

Let's exceed our District goals and make 2010 another awesome year for District 77

**SHARON JOHNSON — Lieutenant Governor of Marketing****TO DO List:****for Toastmasters—**

- Attend Toastmaster Leadership Institute (Officer Training)
- Prepare for club International Speech Contest
- Prepare for Evaluation Speech Contest
- Plan to attend spring conference 30 Apr - 2 May at Wind Creek in Atmore, AL
- Budget for dues payment before mid March.
- Invite at least 1 guest to my meeting each month.
- Do the next speech
- Bring CL manual to meeting for evaluation of role for credit.
- Bring a guest to the next meeting

**for Toastmaster clubs—**

- International Speech Contest
- Evaluation Speech Contest
- Welcome Area Governor for 2<sup>nd</sup> official visit.
- Plan to attend spring conference 30 Apr - 2 May at Wind Creek in Atmore, AL
- Plan to turn in dues by end of March.



## 50/50 MAKES HISTORY

The commonly held 50/50 drawing was a big hit at the Spring Conference. A historic \$180.00 was collected after a big scramble to pass the amount totaled at the Fall Conference. Rose Macall from CAVHCS Club was the surprised and happy winner.



District Treasurer bombarded with a rush of 50/50 ticket purchase



Rose Macall picks up her \$92,00 winnings



Guess speaker, Retired Colonel Saunders wowed us with the Art of Speaking



International Director, Al Asad receives Thank You honors for his presentation

## **Congratulations— Educational Achievements, December 09**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Club Name</b>	<b>City</b>
CC	Steele, James R.	Research Park Club	Huntsville
CC	Vickers, Sally	Gulf Breeze Toastmasters	Gulf Breeze
CC	Perkins, Jacqueline M.	ALFA Econchati Club	Montgomery
CC	Lanier, Aimee	Clayton College of Natural Health	Birmingham
CC	Santoro, Beth	Power Speakers Toastmasters Club	Birmingham
CC	Griner, Randall	Lake DeFuniak Toastmasters Club	Defuniak Springs
CC	Cooper, Donine H	Protective Pacesetters Club	Birmingham
CC	Lannie, David C	Downtown Club	Mobile
CC	May, Gwendolyn	Round Table Advance Toastmasters Club	Birmingham
CL	Harris, Carol V.	Social Voices Toastmasters Club	Birmingham
CC	Richardson, Derrick A	Hurlburt Club	Hurlburt Field
CC	Krawitz, Marc S.	Protective Pacesetters Club	Birmingham
LDREXC	Threlkeld, Karen A.	Power Speakers Toastmasters Club	Birmingham

## Congratulations— Educational Achievements, January 10

<b>Award</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Club Name</b>	<b>City</b>
CL	McShannon, Casey L	Downtown Club	Pensacola
CC	Holston, Helen H.	Montgomery Toastmas- ters	Montgomery
CC	Cash, Terrie F.	Spirited Speakers Club	Pensacola
CC	Green, Joyce	Mason-Dixon Club	Huntsville
ALB	Reed, Michael Jonathan	Sixth Avenue Toastmas- ters	Birmingham
DTM	Reed, Michael Jonathan	Sixth Avenue Toastmas- ters	Birmingham
CC	Jordan, Steve	GED Toastmasters Club	Gulf Breeze
CC	Craig, Liz	Research Park Club	Huntsville
CC	Jackson, Phillip Eugene	Emerald Coast Club	Eglin Air Force Base
CC	Blake, Caville Carl	Strategic Speakers Club	Huntsville
CC	Tomlin, Matthew Eric	Research Park Club	Huntsville
CC	Myers, Patricia H.	CAVHCS - West Club	Montgomery
ALB	Rayford-Outsey, Faye	CAVHCS - West Club	Montgomery
CC	Watkins, Scott P	Data Center Toastmas- ters Club	Birmingham
ALS	Threlkeld, Karen A.	Power Speakers Toast- masters Club	Birmingham
CC	Brown, Erica L.	Southern Style Speaker Club	Birmingham
ACB	Grady, Rodney	Intergraph Toastmasters Club	Madison
ACB	Robinson, Bonita M.	Landrum Companies Toastmasters Club	Pensacola

**Toastmasters International  
District 77 Spring Conference**  
April 30-May 2, 2010

Wind Creek Hotel & Casino



*Communication*

*Confidence*

*Leadership*

**Toastmaster Member:** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_      **First District Conference?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Highest TM Achievement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Conference Activities</i>	<i>Early Registration On or Before March 31, 2010</i>	<i>Postmarked After March 31, 2010</i>	<i>Total</i>
Registration Fee	\$25.00	\$35.00	
Spouse/Guest (Non-Toastmaster all ages)	\$10.00	\$10.00	
Saturday C & L Awards Luncheon: <i>(choose one)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Escambia County Buffet:</b> Items listed on following page. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vegetarian Meal:</b> Specially prepared and plated vegetables with rice.	\$24.00	\$29.00	
Saturday Intl Speech Contest & Banquet: <i>(choose one)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Southern Comfort Dinner:</b> Items listed on following page. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vegetarian Meal:</b> Specially prepared and plated vegetables with rice.	\$38.00	\$43.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Night Ice Cream Social (Ice cream Sundae Bar, assorted sandwiches, and deviled eggs.)	\$15.00	\$15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday morning breakfast with the Pro <i>(Complimentary with full registration all 3 events above)</i>	\$15.00	\$15.00	
<b>Total</b>			

Please indicate other dietary requirements with registration if applicable.

**NO MEAL ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE CONFERENCE.**

Check enclosed for \$	Payable to "District 77 Toastmasters". Check <u>must</u> accompany registration.
<b>Mail to Trey Henderson, District Treasurer, at 824 Ryefield Rd, Montgomery, AL 36117</b>	
Hotel Reservation Deadline is: <i>April 15, 2010</i>	
<b><u>Wind Creek Hotel &amp; Casino, 303 Poarch Rd., Atmore, AL 36502, 251-253-2511</u></b>	
Book rooms under "District 77 Toastmasters"	
Early Registration Rates: \$89.00 plus tax and applicable fees.	
Conference questions should be directed to Bryan Holt, Lt Governor Education and Training at: <a href="mailto:myholtba@yahoo.com">myholtba@yahoo.com</a>	
Registration questions should be directed to Trey Henderson, District Treasurer at: <a href="mailto:trey.henderson.tm@gmail.com">trey.henderson.tm@gmail.com</a>	
Cancellation Policy: Registration fee is refundable, less \$5.00, if request is received by District Treasurer prior to April 14th	

## **Escambia County Buffet**

Mixed Green Salad with Assorted Dressings

Country Fried Chicken and Pork Chops

Served with Sliced Raw Onion

Grannie's Mashed Potatoes

Field Peas and Butter Beans

Fried Oca

Colored Greens with Smoked Ham Hocks

Fried Green Tomatoes

Southern Cornbread

Banana Pudding and Pecan Pie

Sweet Tea



## **Southern Comfort**

Mixed Green Salad with Assorted Dressings

Red Skin Potato Salad

Pasta Salad

Grilled Pork Tenderloin

Fried Chicken

Barbecue Ribs

Candied Yams

Pole Beans with Bacon and Onion

Cornbread and Butter

