

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*

JEFF MASON — District Governor

Toastmasters of District 77,

Spring is in the air, and now each of us set about to do those things we do in the spring; plant flowers, fertilize our lawns, spring house cleaning, and more. In a way, we see this as the beginning of the year, things coming back to life, getting green again, and of course, being able to enjoy the outside again.

For Toastmasters, there are things we also associate with April and spring. We are now ¾ of the way through the Toastmaster year, and hopefully each of you are ¾ of the way complete in achieving your educational goals (CC, ACs, CL, AL, and DTM). If not, there's still time to "Kick it up a notch" and get it done by June. Remember that our membership dues need to be paid to ensure that your membership does not lapse. If you're dues are not paid you are disqualified from competing in a speech contest at the District level. Clubs that do not have dues paid are also not allowed to vote in the upcoming District election.

That brings me to another BIG thing in the spring...our District Spring Conference. In case you haven't heard, IT IS OPEN TO **EVERYONE**, not just officers. As you probably already know, it is **April 30-May 3 at the Wind Creek Resort Hotel in Atmore, Alabama.** When you see the agenda on the web, you will see there is a lot happening at the conference and you owe it to yourself to be a part of it. All the registration information can be found on our District 77 website (www.toastmasters77.org). You can register online and use PayPal if you so desire.

Now, here are a couple of little known conference facts. We would love to have you at all events (Friday-Sunday), but if it's just not possible to get time off, that's okay because you can still attend even if coming only to the Saturday events. **READ ON, IT GET'S BETTER...** If you can come early, you can cash in on some special deals to treat yourself or your spouse (spa, massage, manicure, pedicure, facial) and get them ½ off (the day before or the day after the conference). I know because my wife (Carol) has just signed up for the "Ultimate" package. (read more on the website). **KEEP READING... I'VE SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST.** By the time you get this, the date for the early bird registration will have passed. However, if you print out the registration form, fill it in, write the words **"DISTRICT GOVERNOR SPECIAL DISCOUNT"** across the top somewhere, and mail it to the District Treasurer before April 10th, then **he** will give you the special early rate. **(This discount only applies if registering for at least all Saturday events. And..it must be done manually, cannot be done online)**

I look forward to seeing you all at the conference.

Jeff Mason, District Governor

The Sky's The Limit... and... We're Reaching It Together...

2 0 0 9 - 2 0 1 0
O F F I C E R S

- **District Governor:**
Jeff Mason
- **Lt. Governor
Education & Training:**
Bryan Holt
- **Lt. Governor Market-
ing:**
Sharon Johnson
- **Immediate Past
District Governor:**
Doris Bentley

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

District Governor message	1
LGM Club Contest Message	2
Conference Information	3
Conference Information	4
Conference Agenda	5
Letter from Wind Creek	6
Newly Chartered Club	7
Educational Achievement—Jan	8
Educational Achievement—Feb	9
Educational Achievement—Mar	10

SHARON JOHNSON — Lieutenant Governor of Marketing**REMINDER:****3 4 5 CLUB CONTEST**

- Each club that has 3 first time guests attend each month for 5 months (Dec, Jan, Feb, March, and April) wins a \$50 gift certificate to the Toastmasters International store.
- If a club has 3 first time guests attend 3 out of the next 5 months the club wins a \$25 Toastmasters International gift certificate.

District 77 Eclectic Club Membership Contest

Each club is tasked with creating their own membership contest.

Send a copy of the rules of the contest to the District Lt Gov Marketing by 1 April. Information to include the contest chair name, address and phone.

Contest must run between 1 April and 31 May. (Actual dates may vary per club within this time frame.)

Results must be turned in to District Lt Gov Marketing by 1 June. Results must include:

- Name of new member
- date of club vote
- date monies submitted into TI
- person/persons responsible for new member (club may have teams within club)
- description of club prize for winners
- club mailing address (president's or contest chair's mailing address)

Club Contest Chair can receive credit for CL project #6, #8 or #10

To win additional prizes from the District

- Add 3 new members the club will receive 1 manual from the Better Speaker Series, Successful Club Series or Leadership Excellence Series
- Add 5 new members receive a 2 manuals from the Better Speaker Series, Successful Club Series or Leadership Excellence Series
- Add 10 new members the club will receive 5 manuals from the Better Speaker Series, Successful Club Series or Leadership Excellence Series
- Add 15 or more new members the club will receive the Better Speaker Series, Successful Club Series or Leadership Excellence Series
- Creative contest – the club may receive a special gift for submitting a creative contest plan.

Winners will be announced in the District Newsletter and on the Website. Prizes will be mailed to Club Contest Chair

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Spring Conference Theme:

Communication
Confidence
Leadership
Teamwork



- * Friday Night Ice Cream Social
- * Saturday Evaluation Contest
- * Saturday C & L Awards Luncheon
- * Saturday Intl Speech Contest and Banquet
- * Sunday Breakfast with the Conference

Guest Speaker

(Door Prizes and More!!)

Contact Bryan Holt, Lt Governor Education & Training:

myholtba@yahoo.com

or

Trey Henderson, District Treasurer:

trey.henderson.tm@gmail.com

:



SPRING CONFERENCE

April 30-May 2, 2010

Wind Creek Hotel & Casino, Atmore, Alabama

WEBSITES:

www.windcreekcasino.com

register at the District website: <http://www.toastmasters77.org/>

Conference Agenda

MENU:

NO MEAL ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE CONFERENCE.

Saturday

C & L Awards Luncheon:

Escambia County Buffet

Vegetarian Meal: Specially prepared and plated vegetables with rice.

Saturday Intl Speech Contest & Banquet:

Southern Comfort Dinner

Vegetarian Meal: Specially prepared and plated vegetables with rice.

Friday Night Ice Cream Social (Ice cream Sundae Bar, assorted sandwiches, and deviled eggs.)

Sunday morning breakfast with the Pro

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 Okra

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	TASKIGI	District Executive Council Meeting
5:00 PM - 6:45 PM	COOSAWANDA B	ICE CREAM SOCIAL Ice Cream, sandwiches, drinks and fellowship
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	COOSAWANDA B	Welcome and Introductions:
7:30 PM - 8:15 PM	COOSAWANDA B	Book Signing with our District 77 Authors
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	COOSAWANDA B	Talent Show Deb Pettway, ACG, CL

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2010

	<u>Assembly of Banner Procession</u>	
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	COOSAWANDA A & B <u>OPENING CEREMONIES</u> Call to Order: David McCaig, ACB, CL, District SAA Inspirational Thought: Linda Hill, DTM, Past District Governor District Mission: Sharon Johnson, ACG, ALS, Lt Governor Marketing Parade of Banners Pledge of Allegiance National Anthem: Donna Stapleton Welcome By Conference Chair, Nelson Ortega, ACS, ALB, Division D Governor Welcome By District Governor: Jeffrey Mason, DTM Recognition of Dignitaries & First Time Attendees Announcements / Instructions: Bryan Holt, DTM, Lt Governor Education & Training	
	<u>TRAINING SESSIONS</u>	
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	COOSAWANDA A & B <u>General Session</u> Pamela Christopher, DTM, Region VIII International Director	
	ATASI ROOM	TASKIGI ROOM
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	"How Toastmasters Can Help You Achieve Your Destiny" Dr. Fredrika Flakes	"Silent Conversations with Your Audience" Joetta McCaig, ACG, ALB
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	"The Art of Listening" Adam Berendt, ACB, CL	"Teamwork - Key to Success" Tommy Fulton, CC, CL
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	COOSAWANDA A & B C&L Luncheon Evaluation Speech Contest DTM Induction into District 77	
1:45 PM - 2:20 PM	TAWASA <u>General Session</u> Authoring and Publishing a Book, A Panel of District 77 Authors Dianna Van Horn, ACB, CL	
2:25 PM - 2:45 PM	TAWASA ReDiscover! ReInvent! Then ReCover! A. Faye Boykin-Calhoun, DTM	
3:00 PM	TAWASA District Council Meeting	
6:15 PM - 10:00 PM	COOSAWANDA A & B Banquet Dinner Key Note: Pamela Christopher, DTM, International Director	
	COOSAWANDA A & B International Speech Contest Contest Master: A. Faye Boykin-Calhoun, DTM	
	Induction of 2009-2010 District Officers : Pam Christopher, DTM, International Director Presentation of Awards, Announcement, & Adjournment	

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2009

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	COOSAWANDA B	Breakfast With The International Director DISTRICT 77 LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST
-------------------	--------------	---

SPRING CONFERENCE

from the Windcreek staff

Dear Toastmasters' Conference guests,

Wind Creek is excited about hosting your conference April 30 – May 2nd!

We would like to offer you a special discount on a few of our amenities. We have a wonderful new Spa and Cooking Studio as well as our upscale FIRE Steakhouse! We assure you it is an experience you will not forget. If you would like to join us a day early Thursday April 29th or even stay an extra night Sunday May 2nd we will offer you a 50% discount on these amenities.



Please call 1-866-Wind-360 and make your reservation today. State you are with the Toastmasters' Conference and they will have your offers ready.

If you would like a spa brochure with treatments and pricing please email dwaters@pcgaming.com and she will send one right over.

We offer Massages, Facials, Manicures, Pedicures, Acrylic Nails, Sugar Glow body Scrubs and amazing spa products!!

We offer 2 great classes!



Hands On: Will accommodate a group of 12 (You will be with our tasteful Chef Ben learning to cook a wonderful meal.) You cook it and then sit down at our chef's table to eat with your friends. It is so much fun!!

Demo: Will accommodate a group of 36 (need a min. of 18 have class) Come join our chef seated in our auditorium with 5 flat screen TV's. As chef is teaching you how to cook a delicious meal you are enjoying a full 3 course menu.



CONGRATULATIONS

Confidentially Speaking Club



Left to Right: Donna Miller, Brian Schilling, Crystal Todd, Col Alvin Kemmet, Jr, Sal Asad, DTM, Intl Director, Jeff Mason, DTM, District 77 Governor, Bernadette Paschel.

Welcome aboard, officially chartered club of Huntsville, Alabama . Club officers include:

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 .



Congratulations— Educational Achievements, January

Award	Member Name	Club Name	City
CL	McShannon, Casey L	Downtown Club	Pensacola
CC	Holston, Helen H.	Montgomery Toast- masters	Montgomery
CC	Cash, Terrie F.	Spirited Speakers Club	Pensacola
CC	Green, Joyce	Mason-Dixon Club	Huntsville
ALB	Reed, Michael Jonathan	Sixth Avenue Toast- masters	Birmingham
DTM	Reed, Michael Jonathan	Sixth Avenue Toast- masters	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
ALS	Threlkeld, Karen A.	Power Speakers Toastmasters Club	Birmingham
CC	Watkins, Scott P	Data Center Toast- masters Club	Birmingham
CC	Brown, Erica L.	Southern Style Speaker Club	Birmingham
ACB	Grady, Rodney	Intergraph Toastmas- ters Club	Madison
ACB	Robinson, Bonita M.	Landrum Companies Toastmasters Club	Pensacola

Congratulations— Educational Achievements, February

Award	Member Name	Club Name	City
CC	Salinas, Kimberly	GED Toastmasters Club	Gulf Breeze
CC	Falls, Vanessa	Sixth Avenue Toastmas- ters	Birmingham
CC	Sanford, Daniel L.	Tuscaloosa Club	Tuscaloosa
ACB	Williams-Newton, June	White Sands Club	Fort Walton Beach
CC	Bond, Debra	Downtown Club	Pensacola
ACB	Kidd, Edward Stephen	Toastmasters Of Cordova Club	Pensacola
CC	Carmack, Steven Bruce	Bienville Toastmasters Club	Ocean Springs
ALB	Provence, Suzanne Priddy	Talk of the Town Toast- masters Club	Opelika
CC	Patel, Sona A	Data Center Toastmasters Club	Birmingham
CC	McInnis, Marneshia Shante	Hattiesburg Toastmasters	Hattiesburg
ACS	Brown, Pat W.	CAVHCS - West Club	Montgomery
CC	Brown, Willie	Magic City Toastmasters Club	Birmingham
CC	Smith, Carol Suzanne	Speaking Easy Club	Decatur
ACB	Russ, Robin C	Downtown Club	Mobile
CC	Pettis, Ernie W.	Bienville Toastmasters Club	Ocean Springs
CC	Englert, Tracy	Hattiesburg Toastmasters	Hattiesburg
ACB	Jolly, Bruce A.	Emerald Coast Club	Eglin Air Force Base
ALB	Jolly, Bruce A.	Emerald Coast Club	Eglin Air Force Base
PACS	Spillers, Wanda Benita	Circle of Champions Toastmasters	*Award Pending, Mem- ber contacted by WHQ*

Congratulations— Educational Achievements, March

Award	Member Name	Club Name	City
ACS	Spillers, Wanda Benita	Circle of Champions Toastmasters	Alabaster
CC	Goeman, Terri B.	Data Center Toastmasters Club	Birmingham
ACS	Corsini, Marc A.	Corsini's Rainmakers & Leaders Club	Birmingham
CC	Hodge, Gerald R.	Laurel Toastmasters Club	Laurel
CC	Sarah, Johnson	Hurlburt Club	Hurlburt Field
CC	Boykin, Shirley J.	CAVHCS - West Club	Montgomery
CL	Boykin, Shirley J.	CAVHCS - West Club	Montgomery
CC	Carey, Carlos E.	Speak Saufley Toastmasters Club	Pensacola
CL	McWilliams, Syfronia	CAVHCS - West Club	Montgomery
CL	Smith, Mary H.	CAVHCS - West Club	Montgomery
CC	English, Aubrey	Monday Nite Toastmasters Club	Pensacola
CL	Holden, Shai Marie	CAVHCS - West Club	Montgomery
CL	Sims, Bernard A.	CAVHCS - West Club	Montgomery
ACS	Sims, Bernard A.	CAVHCS - West Club	Montgomery
ALB	Byrd, Bob	Data Center Toastmasters Club	Birmingham
ACB	Tarver, Marvin Anthony	Social Voices Toastmasters Club	Birmingham
ALS	Cooper, Randolph M.	Protective Pacesetters Club	Birmingham
DTM	Cooper, Randolph M.	Protective Pacesetters Club	Birmingham
ACB	Royer, Ruth E.	Auburn - Opelika Club	Auburn-Opelika
ACB	Lapinski, Sibyl A.	Early Birds Toastmasters Club	Birmingham
CC	Hart, George Marcus	Lake DeFuniak Toastmasters Club	DeFuniak Springs
CC	Cosson, William Jerry	Lake DeFuniak Toastmasters Club	DeFuniak Springs
CC	Carr, Walter D.	Power Speakers Toastmasters Club	Birmingham
CC	Kerr, Michael Alan	Ellyson Park Toastmasters Club	Pensacola

Congratulations— Educational Achievements, March (continued)

Award	Member Name	Club Name	City
CC	Jones, Anita G.	Social Voices Toastmasters	Birmingham
CC	Little, Keya A.	Social Voices Toastmasters Club	Birmingham
CL	Province, Shelia M	Speaking Easy Club	Decatur
ACB	Province, Shelia M	Speaking Easy Club	Decatur
LDREXC	Morris, Debbie T.	CAVHCS East Toastmasters Club	Tuskegee
PACG	Antoine, Maggie K.	CAVHCS East Toastmasters Club	*Award Pending, Member contacted by WHQ*
LDREXC	Cooper, Randolph M.	Protective Pacesetters Club	Birmingham
ACG	Reed, Michael Jonathan	Sixth Avenue Toastmasters	Birmingham
LDREXC	Pettway, Deborah E.	Saraland Toastmasters	Saraland

More Conference Fun — With a little help from our members...

Those who have attended earlier conferences know that door prizes and the basket contest are a big part of the excitement and fun.

The basket contest is every club's chance to shine—show off your creativity by creating a basket of goodies that can both win your club a prize and be a prize, too. Each basket has the chance to win in one (or more!) of three categories: Most Original (based on the conference theme), Funniest, and Best Overall. Winners in each category will win a \$25 gift certificate to the TI store. The baskets themselves will be given away as door prizes—those great surprises that everyone hopes to win. So put on your thinking caps and see what you can come up with.

That brings us to the door prizes—everyone wants one! And when they win one, everyone else wants to know what you've won. What we're asking for is your help with over the next few weeks as we search for door prizes that are not only fun and exciting to receive, but which also highlight member's skills, hobbies, and/or their businesses. Just think how much exposure our hobby, skill, or business could get when you donate a door prize. Door prizes will be on display throughout the conference for everyone to admire and covet.

So if you'd like to share with your fellow Toastmasters and be part of the fun, contact Dianna Van Horn (diannavh@fairpoint.net) for additional information.

See you at the Spring Conference. And we'll have worlds of fun—Guaranteed!

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

Communication
Confidence
Leadership
Teamwork

Wind Creek Hotel & Casino



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"/> Escambia County Buffet: Items listed on following page. <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Meal: Specially prepared and plated vegetables with rice.	\$24.00	\$29.00	
Saturday Intl Speech Contest & Banquet: <i>(choose one)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Comfort Dinner: Items listed on following page. <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Meal: 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	
Total			

Please indicate other dietary requirements with registration if applicable.
NO MEAL ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE CONFERENCE.

Check enclosed for \$ _____ Payable to "District77 Toastmasters". Check must accompany registration.
Mail to Trey Henderson, District Treasurer, at 824 Ryefield Rd, Montgomery, AL 36117

Hotel Reservation Deadline is: April 15, 2010
Wind Creek Hotel & Casino, 303 Poarch Rd., Atmore, AL 36502, 1-866-WIND360 (1-866-946-3360)
50% off Massage, Spa, or Cooking Class for the day before and day after the conference
 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: myholtba@yahoo.com
 Registration questions should be directed to Trey Henderson, District Treasurer at: trey.henderson.tm@gmail.com

Cancellation Policy: Registration fee is refundable, less \$5.00, if request is received by District Treasurer prior to April 14th

District 77 Spring Conference



April 30th-May 2nd

Wind Creek Casino and Hotel Atmore, AL

For Reservations, Call: 1.866.WIND360 (866.946.3360)

Hotel Reservation Deadline: April 15th

When Calling to Book Rooms,
Mention: "District 77 Toastmasters"

To Register and Pay Online for the Conference :
www.toastmasters77.org

Don't Delay, Make Your Reservation TODAY!

Toastmasters Receive
50% OFF at Spa, Cooking
Studio Class, & Fire
Steakhouse Restaurant
(Valid Day Before and Day
After Conference;
must email Darlene Waters at
dwaters@pcigaming.com
to redeem)

Register Before
March 31st
To Take Advantage of
Conference Activity
Discounts!

Communication

Confidence

Leadership

Teamwork



Highlights

Check www.toastmasters77.org for fee schedule

- * Friday Night Ice Cream Social
- * Saturday C & L Awards Luncheon
- * Saturday Intl Speech Contest and Banquet
- * Sunday Breakfast with the Conference
Guest Speaker

(Door Prizes and More!!)

Represent Your Local
Toastmasters Club by
Participating in the
District Conference



Registration Questions:

Trey Henderson, District Treasurer:
trey.henderson.tm@gmail.com

