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TOASTMASTER'S INTERNATIONAL

THE SPEAKER'S VOICE

DISTRICT 77



2010 - 2011 Officers

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Karen Threlkeld

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Sharon Johnson

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Charles Lawler

Immediate Past District Governor:

Jeff Mason

✧ The District Governor's Corner ✧

From the desk of our new District Governor Karen Threlkeld

WOW!! The 2010 Toastmasters International Convention was held August 11-14 in Palm Desert, California. I had attended the International Convention in Atlanta several years ago, but only for one day to attend the Educational Sessions. I did not stick around for the other parts of that Convention so the 2010 Convention was really my first full experience. I can see now that I missed a lot!

The Opening Ceremonies with the parade of flags representing every country where a Toastmasters club is located was quite spectacular. The US Flag is marched in last and it gave me chills to watch the flag brought on the stage as we sang the National Anthem.

The Hall of Fame Ceremony honored Districts who achieved their goals for 2009-2010. Even our former LGET, Bryan Holt, received an Educational Excellence award from TI WHQ for achieving educational goals. Had we also achieved our membership goals, we would have had an opportunity to march across the stage as did so many other Districts. We, the District Trio, immediately made a pact to be on that stage next year to receive our recognition for a Distinguished District.

The Speech Contests were quite remarkable. All Contestants at that level were very good and I know that the judges had quite a time selecting the winners. I congratulate our District 77 Contestant, Judith Kidd of Early Birds Toastmasters in Birmingham, for her performance at the semi-final contest. Although she did not advance to the final round, she did her best and she represented us well. That is all we can ask and I am proud of her!

We observed the Finals on Saturday afternoon where David Henderson of San Antonio, Texas won the competition. Read more at <http://www.toastmasters.org/SpeechContestWinners>.

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The Business Meeting on Saturday was quite interesting because this is where elections were held for Officers of Toastmasters International as well as several International Directors. Most of the races were contested and it was interesting to watch the candidates compete during the week and on election day. Thanks to all clubs who sent in their proxies. I was able to pickup your club proxies at the Convention and represent you by voting. See the results of the elections at <http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/News/Announcements/10-11BOD.aspx>.

The President's Dinner Dance on Saturday night was extraordinary. Everyone dressed up and we had a very nice dinner, followed by the installation of the elected officers, followed by dancing. It was funny watching Toastmasters all dressed up "get down"!

The International Convention is truly an awesome experience that every Toastmaster should experience at least once during his/her Toastmasters career. You gain a true appreciation for the breadth and diversity of this organization. There were Toastmasters literally from all over the world. I was most impressed by the District Governor from Mexico. Yes, I said "Mexico" – the whole country, not just a state in Mexico. She spent 2 years learning English so she could communicate with other Toastmasters at the Convention. For someone to spend that amount of time and effort is absolutely amazing. Speaking to her and other Toastmasters from around the world really put things in perspective for me. **We really are fortunate in so many ways that we take for granted.**

All that to say, if you have an opportunity to attend the International Convention, you simply must go! Mark your calendars now:

- August 17-20, 2011, Bally's Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV
- August 15-18, 2012, Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Orlando, FL

I hope I will see you there!

2010 FALL CONFERENCE

Did you know that District 77 will experience a unique honor at our Fall Conference? The **President** of Toastmasters International will join us! Pat Johnson is only the 5th woman to serve as President of Toastmasters International, and she will only get to visit a handful of Districts during her term this year. We have the distinct honor and privilege of hosting her at our Fall Conference.

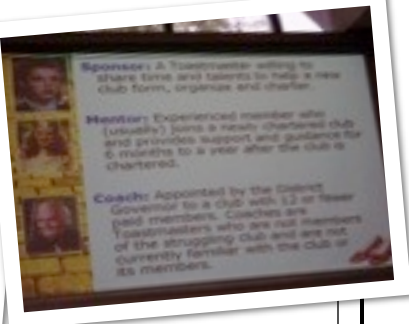
I urge each and every Toastmaster in the District to attend, not just to meet Pat Johnson, but also to grow as a Toastmaster. We have excellent educational sessions planned, 2 speech contests, a District Council Meeting, and **fun!** We are planning our first ever "Open Mike Night" followed by "Game Night" on Friday. You will have an opportunity to practice with a microphone and to show your prowess in cards, board games, and Wii games on Friday night.

Oh, and did I mention food?? Our Hospitality Suite will be conveniently located across the hall from the other Conference activities, and we also have a buffet lunch, plated dinner, and breakfast available for purchase.

You should know that the Holiday Inn at Research Park is conveniently located in a commercial/shopping area of Huntsville. You can walk across the parking lot to University Mall or drive down the street to lots of other shopping.

And don't forget that one of the greatest benefits of attending District events is the opportunity to meet lots of other Toastmasters from across the District. This, I believe, is one of the most overlooked benefits of Toastmasters and I urge YOU to make the most of your Toastmasters experience by joining us at the Fall Conference on September 24-26, 2010 in Huntsville.

Registration information is available on the District website: <http://www.toastmasters77.org>. Be there. Aloha.



Message from the Lt. Governor Education & Training

I am honored to serve as District 77 Lt. Governor Education & Training. My responsibilities to you, the District Toastmaster, is to encourage you to get the most out of your Toastmaster experience. To accomplish this you need to attend training, therefore, I need to ensure training is valuable and interesting. You need to give your next speech, therefore, I need to encourage and challenge you by making you aware of the advanced manuals and additional speaking opportunities at training sessions and conferences.



Conference:

“Boldly Going Where No Conference Has Ever Gone Before”
District 77 Fall Conference in Huntsville, AL at Holiday Inn Research Park on September 24, 25, and 26, 2010 is going to have Toastmaster International **President Pat Johnson** as a special guest. Besides the district business meeting, the conference will have splendid educational presentations by *Dr Donna Thomas-Rodgers, Bruce Jolly, Vanessa Falls, and Rodney Grady*. There will also be a panel discussion about club success with presidents from 3 clubs that have been Presidential Distinguished more than 6 times. Of course the conference also hosts the district **Table Topics** and **Humorous speech contests**. You'll

want to hear the winning speeches. Registration forms are online at www.toastmaster77.org, the district website. Register before 20 September so you can join the whole district for lunch and dinner. See you there. So get ready, the count down to the conference is on ... 10...9...8...7...6...5...4...3...



Officer training
FYI – Summer Club Officer Training from July – August will not be posted on the TI website until about mid October. Summary information for the district will be distributed to Area and Division Governors



Educational Incentives

Toastmasters whose educational awards are earned and posted to the TI website by January 15, 2011, will receive their pins at the Winter Toastmasters Leadership Institute on

January 22, 2010 in Montgomery, AL.

Additional educational awards posted to the TI website by April 15, 2011, will receive their pins at the District 77

Spring Conference 30 April, 2011, at Wind Creek Resort and Casino in Atmore, AL.

(If Toastmaster is not present at either event, pins will be distributed

via their Area Governors.)

EARN BEFORE
January 15, 2011

Lapel Pin
Achieve a
CC or AC

Leadership Pin
Achieve a
CL or AL

DTM Badge
Achieve a
DTM

Group A

Complete an educational or leadership award by Oct 31, 2010 and you are entered to win one of the these bags.



Group C

Complete an educational or leadership award by March 31, 2011 and you are entered to win one of theses bags.



Group B

Complete an educational or leadership award by Jan 31, 2011 and you are entered to win one of these bags.

Fall Conference

WELCOME TO FALL CONFERENCE

I would like to extend a special welcome to each of you to come to Huntsville, AL for the Fall Conference September 24 - 26, 2010. Registration information is available on the District 77 website: www.toastmasters77.org.

We have a game night planned for Friday night where you will have the opportunity to win prizes. Who doesn't like to win prizes? Also on Friday night we are having an Open Microphone Speakathon, prepare a 3 minute speech and you will have the opportunity to practice with a microphone.

Pat Johnson, Toastmaster International President, is going to be our special guest at this conference. We don't usually have a Toastmaster International Officer at conference, we usually have an International Director. Take advantage of the opportunity to hear the Toastmaster International President speak.

There is a full day planned for Saturday. There will be educational sessions, the Table Topics Speech Contest will be Saturday afternoon, and The Humorous Speech Contest will be at the Banquet Saturday night.

This is going to be a good conference and we have a lot of fun things as well as educational sessions planned. So make your plans now to attend or you will miss out on a good weekend!

Shelia M. Province
Conference Chair

IMPORTANT DATES	JULY 31 End of Super Early Bird Special \$80	AUGUST 30 End of Early Bird Special \$90	SEPT 1 Pricing for the Conference \$100	So Order TODAY! Prices are for the full registration
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You can also register online at District website (<http://www.toastmasters77.org>) using your Visa or MasterCard. Note that there is a small processing fee for using your credit card.

District 77 Fall Conference

"Boldly Going Where No Conference Has Gone Before!"



Sep 24, 25, 26 , 2010

(Friday evening, all day Saturday, and Sunday morning)
At Holiday Inn Research Park, Huntsville, AL



Special Guest:
TI President
Pat Johnson

From the PTA to the boardroom anyone can lead. Leverage Toastmasters and become a member of a great leadership breed!

JOIN US FOR:

The exciting Table Topics contest
And the Amazing Humorous Speech contest
Friday night Open Mic Night, chance to practice with a mic and bring your game for game night
District business meeting

Do you want to land that next promotion, or speak in front of groups with power and desire?

Are you ready to control your life and career as you, become someone to admire?

TOASTMASTERS IS THE KEY!

Training Session
featuring:
Dr Donna Thomas-Rodgers



Title: "REAL Leaders Wear PINK,
How Toastmasters is the Link!"



Complete the Registration form online or register directly at the district website:

www.toastmasters77.org or

Contact Sharon Johnson

850-897-4474 lget@toastmasters77.org

Toastmasters International
September 24-26, 2010

Holiday Inn Research Park
5903 University Dr NW
Huntsville, AL 35806



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL®

Boldly Going Where No Conference Has Gone Before!

Toastmasters Member?: Yes No

First District Conference? Yes No

Name: _____ TM Achievement Level: _____

Address: _____ C/S/Z: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

Email: _____

Home Club Name: _____ Club #: _____

Conference Activity	Super Early Bird Registration July 1 – 31, 2010	Early Bird Registration August 1 – 31, 2010	Regular Registration September 1 – 20, 2010	Onsite Registration After September 20, 2010	Total
ALL INCLUSIVE (includes all events & meals)	\$80	\$90	\$105	Not available	
A LA CARTE OPTIONS – Please select your options from the choices shown below:					
Registration Fee	\$25	\$35	\$45	\$50	
Spouse/Guest	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$15	
Saturday Hall of Fame Luncheon	\$22	\$22	\$22	Not available	
Saturday Evening Banquet and Humorous Speech Contest	\$28	\$28	\$28	Not available	
___ Grilled Salmon					
___ Rocky Mountain Chicken					
___ Vegetarian					
Sunday Morning Breakfast with the International President	\$14	\$14	\$14	Not available	
TOTAL					

No Meal Orders will be taken at the conference

Please enclose check payable to "District 77 Toastmasters" with registration form and mail to:
Cynthia Woodard, District 77 Treasurer, PO Box 2001, Tuskegee, AL 36083

CANCELTATION POLICY: Registration Fee is refundable, less \$10, if request is received by District Treasurer before September 10.

The Latest Educational Achievements

<u>Club</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
6206	A	11	CC	7/23/2010	Cecil, Craig	Intergraph Toastmasters Club	Madison
8366	C	31	ALB	7/23/2010	McCall, Rose H.	CAVHCS - West Club	Montgomery
2837	D	43	ACG	7/30/2010	Warsh, Eunice D.	Top Cats Club	Mobile
4119	E	52	CC	8/4/2010	Clay, Gloria E.	Western Gate Toastmasters	Pensacola
944094	E	51	CL	8/4/2010	Bogan, Mary Ellen	Gulf Breeze Toastmasters	Gulf Breeze
663841	E	51	ALB	8/5/2010	Danforth, Dawn	Landrum Companies Toastmasters Club	Pensacola
944094	E	51	ACB	8/6/2010	Bogan, Mary Ellen	Gulf Breeze Toastmasters	Gulf Breeze
4945	C	33	CL	8/15/2010	Welch, Caryl L	Coffee County Toastmasters Club	Enterprise
4945	C	33	CL	8/16/2010	Kothawala, Murtuza K.	Coffee County Toastmasters Club	Enterprise
1756	B	23	ALB	8/18/2010	Tarver, Marvin Anthony	Social Voices Toastmasters Club	Birmingham
3126	B	25	CC	8/20/2010	Sherrill, Lee M.	Protective Pacesetters Club	Birmingham
512	B	22	CC	8/22/2010	Byrd, Robert M.	Vulcan Voices Toastmasters Club	Birmingham
9990	D	41	CC	8/23/2010	Smith, Isaac Moses	Bienville Toastmasters Club	Ocean Springs
9478	E	53	CL	8/24/2010	Gershaw, Esin	Hurlburt Club	Hurlburt Field
6221	A	12	ACB	8/25/2010	Horrocks, Tyson S.	TBE Nooners Club	Huntsville
6221	A	12	CL	8/25/2010	Horrocks, Tyson S.	TBE Nooners Club	Huntsville
3934	B	24	CL	8/26/2010	May, Gwendolyn	Round Table Advance Toastmasters Club	Birmingham
9626	A	14	CC	8/27/2010	Washburn, Irina	Speaking Easy Club	Decatur

Congratulations to those who have achieved speaking and leadership awards already for this Toastmaster year 2010-2011. Will you be next? Just accept the next club role and get your manual signed. Just give your next speech.