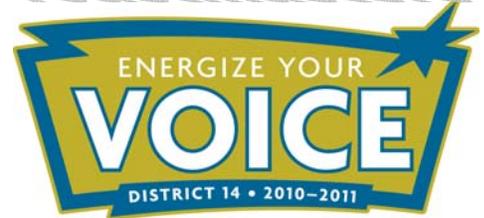


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IN MEMORY OF MARK TIDROW, DTM

The November 17, 2010 passing of **Mark Tidrow, DTM** came as a shock to the entire District. Mark has always been one of the most dedicated and loyal Toastmasters in District 14.

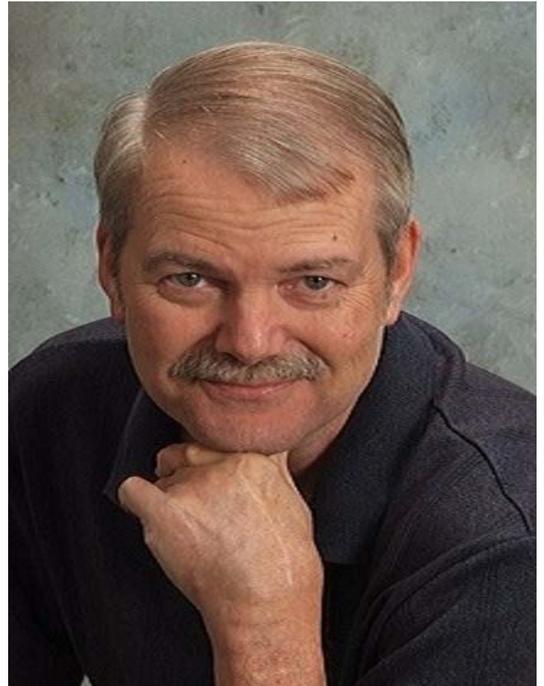
Mark was born in the small town of Batesville, Arkansas, and served for 23 years of highly decorated U.S. Air Force service all over the world, including England, Germany, Spain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Korea and Guam. Mark was deployed on many special missions, including the Iran Hostage rescue mission and Desert Storm. He met and married another airman, Peggy Liptok, while serving in Germany. They led a very happy life for 13 years until she died of a heart attack ten years ago. After retiring from the Air Force as Master Sergeant, Mark continued to work as private consultant to firms. He designed and built networks, as well as trained personnel.

Mark first joined Toastmasters as a member of South Georgia Toastmasters in the 1990's when he was stationed in AFB Moody AFB near Valdosta. In April 2007, he joined a second club, the then newly-chartered Valdosta Toasts. Over the next few years, Mark sponsored and mentored more clubs and remained an active member of five (5) Toastmasters clubs before his passing, **Valdosta Toasts, Moody Talking Tigers, Okefenokee Toastmasters, Deep Topics Toastmasters (formerly of St. Marys), and It's Toastmasters Y'all.**

Mark never missed District Conference and International Convention, and he was always accompanied by his lovely mother, Mrs. Grace Tidrow. A firm believer that everyone has the ability to be an effective leader and communicator, Mark devoted himself to helping individuals succeed in this area by instilling confidence in them, which ultimately changed many lives for the better. Mark was a true gentleman who was always there to lend his support and assist with any task.

Some of Mark's major Toastmasters accomplishments include:

- Champion in Public Speaking with over 16 years of speaking experience
- Previously ranked as one of the top seven speakers in the state of Georgia
- Served in most club officer positions such as President, VP Education, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms
- Help started several clubs in the District and conducted many Speechcraft programs
- Presidents Distinguished Area Governor 2008-2009 (B11)
- Presidents Distinguished Division Governor 2009-2010 (Division B)
- Awarded the highest Toastmasters Educational Award, Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) at the 2009 Spring Conference



- Instrumental in the success of the 2010 Spring Conference in Savannah
- Conference Educational Session Presenter
- District Historian 2010-2011
- One of the most professional and motivational speakers in the District

As the first member in his club to earn the Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) designation, Mark continued to encourage all his fellow club members to go for the goal and complete their DTM requirements. He was a driving force behind his club's achieving the President's Distinguished award for two consecutive years.

Without any doubt, Mark has been a great inspiration to all of us. This year, he planned to start competing again in Speech Contests, which he dearly loved. Mark has been an integral part of Georgia Toastmasters and we will all dearly miss him. His legacy as a great communicator and leader will live with us forever.

DISTRICT 14 GOVERNOR ROY GANGA, DTM



Fellow Georgia Toastmasters:

As we move into the holiday season and near the halfway point in the 2010-2011 Toastmasters year, let me briefly summarize some of the highlights of the last few months.

Georgia Toastmasters welcome Actively Mastering Communication Toastmasters, CarMax Toastmasters, UPS Pleasantdale Toastmasters, Speak Now Toastmasters, Masters of Kennesaw, Brookhaven Toastmasters at St James, Midtown Conquerors Toastmasters Club, Joint Speakers Toastmasters, and Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital to the Georgia Toastmasters family. The members of these nine new clubs have made a commitment towards their personal development. Please extend a warm Georgia Toastmasters welcome to these members and lend a helping hand towards their success.

The fall conference at the Renaissance Concourse Hotel in Atlanta was the most heavily attended conference in District 14 history, with over 375 members present. Thanks to everyone who participated in making this conference a success. We look forward to the Spring Conference in Callaway Gardens on May 13-14, 2011 with much excitement and

anticipation.

Our club officers have demonstrated effective leadership and led by example in attending the first of two required officers training sessions. Over 83% of our club officers were trained at the first Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI). These trained officers have obtained valuable information by participating in the District sponsored training to be more successful in their respective roles. The mid-year training will be held on January 15 and 29, 2011, and is the last of the required officers training for the 2010-2011 year. Registration is open; therefore please start making arrangements to attend. My expectation is to have all club officers trained at the upcoming sessions, which will provide them with additional information and tools to lead their respective clubs to Distinguished status or better in the next 6 months. Membership renewals are still trickling in. To-date, we have 96% of our clubs renewed with 45% of our membership base. Please ensure your membership renewal is submitted to your club Treasurer in order to remain a member in good standing, and continue to utilize the program to enhance the essentials skills required to set you apart from your competition in today's economy.

Gaining the ability to speak confidently in front of groups gives you an advantage in your career. If you can engage your audience in your presentation and share your knowledge or get people to think differently about a subject, they will know you and remember you as a leader. I am confident that Georgia Toastmasters will continue their personal development and will renew their Toastmasters membership in the program that has proven to enhance these important skills. Additionally, we are gaining many new members who have realized that the program allows you to work at a personally comfortable pace, providing the opportunity to explore your strengths and to explore the unknown. The Toastmasters program is relevant to every aspect of your life. In Toastmasters, you receive

real-time feedback in a way that encourages you to come back and learn more. You have accurate and reliable ways to measure your progress in the meaningful way that makes our Toastmasters membership so valuable.

With the season of giving approaching, this would be the most opportune time to present someone a Gift of Learning with a Toastmasters Membership, so they too can enjoy the benefits of the Toastmasters Communication and Leadership program.

Our 10 Division Governors and 65 Area Governors are actively engaged in developing the 289 active clubs in District 14 by sharing best practices on having effective meetings, goals setting, teamwork and accountability, and ensuring that the Toastmaster program is effectively utilized in the club setting. I encourage you to reach out to them for assistance. Continue to be an active participant in your club meetings and Energize Your Voice for a better future.

Best wishes for a happy and safe holidays!

Sincerely,

Roy Ganga, DTM
District 14 Governor
Toastmasters International

LIFT YOUR LIMITATIONS



Kene Iloenyosi, DTM
Lieutenant Governor
Education & Training

Many years ago, I worked as a missionary in Zambia. My work took me to a number of countries in East and Southern Africa, and it was quite an adventure. Zambia is a land-locked country surrounded by 7 other countries, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) being one of them. (The DRC is the homeland of basketball great Dikembe Mutombo.)

As are a number of African countries, the DRC is very rich and natural minerals, but years of civil war and corrupt leadership has left the country paralyzed. In some parts of the country, you don't have to dig deep to find precious stones like diamonds. It was not unusual for farmers cultivating a parcel of land with basic farming tools to dig up precious rocks at a shallow level. People would take these raw stones from the rural areas to the city and sell them for a few hundred dollars - a lot of money for a poor farmer. The buyers would take the stones out of the country, have them cut and polished and resold for tens of thousands of dollars. Think about that for a minute. The same rough stones that were bought for a few hundreds were sold for tens of thousands. What made the difference? The raw stones had the potential to fetch thousands, but until they were cut and polished, they were worth only hundreds.

How does this relate to our Toastmaster journey? Just like the rough stones, we each carry within us the potential for greatness. We each carry within us the potential to be exceptional communicators. However, if we are not focused on the refining process of attending meetings, preparing our speeches, practicing and presenting the speeches and then growing through the feedback received, our potential will not be transformed into a

NEVER WASTE AN OPPORTUNITY



Dwight Jones, DTM
Lt Gov Marketing

The end of the year is fast approaching. We are approximately eight months away from the 30th of June 2011. Have we achieved all that we had set out to accomplish this year? Are we satisfied with what we have achieved? Is there a little bit more that could be done?

This is the time to stretch so that your club, area or division can be Distinguished or better!

Ensure that you follow up with that guest who has been visiting the club for the last month but has not joined yet. Renew a member of the club whose dues are still awaited. Start a new Toastmasters Club and serve as a sponsor or mentor for it! There's this and much more you can do if you want to stretch.

- **Have you invited anyone to your club meeting lately?**
- **Have you had a membership drive this year?**
- **Have you increased your membership by at least eight this year?**

Let the world know!

People can't join your club if they don't know it exists! There are thousands of people waiting to join Toastmasters who "just haven't gotten around to it yet." They are ready to join your club - they just need a reminder and a little push to do so!

To help you with that push, Toastmasters International has created many resources to help you promote your club, such as the new marketing DVD, [Welcome to Toastmasters!](#) You can also download the free publicity and promotion manual, [Let the World Know](#) or order a printed copy from our online

TOASTMASTERS AWARENESS



Lina Surianto, DTM
Public Relations Officer

During the past few months, District 14 has been raising our visibility to the public by having booths and participating in various events in exchange for publicity. As a club, area, or division, you can do the same as well. Look for opportunities to make you more prominent in the public's eye.

To be even more visible and increase "Toastmasters Awareness", at this time, we need **YOUR HELP**. We want you to spread the word of Toastmasters throughout the entire state of Georgia, i.e. by pre-purchasing your own Toastmasters License Plate. By doing so, you can motivate someone else to "follow" you to a Toastmasters club meeting.

As the Holidays approach, treat your friends and families with this Great Holiday Gift and at the same time help support the District by reserving your Georgia Toastmasters Specialty Tags now! It is just **THE ONE AND ONLY GIFT WORTH GIVING** this season. You can lead by example and be our "One of One Thousand".

To order additional plates for your family members & friends, please use their names in the pre-order form online but input your club name, Area, and Division as well as your contact email/phone so that we know that it is not a duplicate order but can still give credit to your club/area/division as our One of One Thousand Challenge. Order now at www.gatoastmasters.org!

Lina Surianto, DTM
District PRO 2010-2011

New Club Corner:

Congratulations, Governors, for your tireless work to make sure the members of these brand new clubs enjoy the benefits of the Toastmasters program!!!

October 1, 2010:

Trusha Mody, Division D Governor **Gusanita Roberson**, D37 Governor
[*Speak Now—Club #1557466 Atlanta*](#)

Trusha Mody, Division D Governor **John Vigil**, D38 Governor
[*Masters of Kennesaw—Club #1558331 Kennesaw*](#)

October 10, 2010:

Bonnie Fautleroy, Division G Governor **Kim Gibson**, G62 Governor
[*Brookhaven Toastmasters @ St. James—Club #1561778 Atlanta*](#)

October 19, 2010:

Cecelia Muhammad, Division H Governor **Martha Bell**, H73 Governor
[*Midtown Conquerors—Club #1531681 Atlanta*](#)

November 10, 2010:

Cecelia Muhammad, Division H Governor **Lisa Hardaloupas**, H72 Governor
[*Joint Speakers—Club #1559635 Atlanta*](#)

December 03, 2010:

Renee Atkins, Division B Governor **Linda Means**, B13 Governor
[*Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital Toastmasters—Club #1579838 Albany*](#)

MEMBERS' TESTIMONIALS

Anthony Maciel (PB & J Toastmasters Club, Suwanee, GA), works as Network Manager at Alternative Apparel.



I joined Toastmasters in April 2010. At first, I had been quite uncomfortable and dreaded speaking in front of the public. I recently had the honor to give a "wedding toast" type of speech at my friend's wedding. I could not have done it without Toastmasters. I practiced and

was able to say my speech without notes and without hesitation or mistakes as far as I could tell. I also received great feedback from friends. One particular friend who actually is a public speaking major mentioned that I nailed it!!

I plan do my best to increase my dedication to Toastmasters. What I have learned at Toastmasters is invaluable!!!! I also noticed something different at work with my managers; all very positive.

Thank you for your efforts. I truly understand now when people say "**Toastmasters changed my life.**"

John Letlow (Atlanta Master Crafters, Duluth, GA), works as a Program Manager at Universal Avionics.



I joined Toastmasters, like most other new members, to learn how to make presentations. Little did I know that Toastmasters would have a huge impact on my life! Here is just one of many examples of that impact.

For the past seven years I have worked as an aviation electronics systems engineer at Universal Avionics. The communication and leadership skills I developed in Toastmasters were extremely valuable in this position since it required frequent communication with customers, management, and coworkers. When a program manager recently left the company, my Toastmasters experience helped give me the confidence to apply for and obtain this program management position. In my new position Toastmasters skills are even more important since my primary responsibility is leading project teams. Serving as club president and area governor, and also completing the High Performance Leadership manual, provided me with hands-on leadership experience that I would not have obtained without Toastmasters. Thank you to all fellow Toastmasters who I have encountered over the years! Each of you played a role helping me to learn, grow, and develop personally and professionally.

VISIONS FROM DISTRICT 14 FALL CONFERENCE

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C O U P L E S G A L O R E



International Toastmasters Attire



LARRY'S TOASTMASTERS TIP!

by Larry McCann, President, Macon State Club #481

Picture yourself approaching the lectern to give a professional technical presentation. You have your stack of 3X5 cards with your complicated notes of data that you will be presenting. Of course this presentation is to the board of directors of your company and this could be that launching platform for a major career opportunity! As you approach the lectern, the person introducing you steps back. You go to put your notes on the lectern when he bumps into you, trying to step in front of you while attempting to return to his seat. **ALL** of your notes and data fall in a disorganized mess on the floor!!! "Call 911, we have a person down!!!" Let's all try to reduce health care costs and practice good transference of Lectern or Speaking Area Control!

First, let's look at how this should work. Not only how we can use it but, how you can make it work for YOU!!!

The real problem is, when no one takes control or gives up control, then no clear directions exist, so people do what they think is right and you have a collision! It's kind of like when the power goes out to the traffic light at an intersection; if two people think they have the right of way and both go at the same time, BAM! Fender bender!

As you approach the lectern, you look the introducer in the eyes and

shake his hand. While you have his hand, you pull them to the outside while stepping in front and stepping up to the lectern. As you gently pull him to the outside, you are clearing the area of the lectern and eliminating any potential misunderstanding of who is in control of this area now. YOU!!! This is the passing of control that you have been given. With the introduction, you now take that control!!!

What happens when you are the introducer? You look the other person in the eye, shake her hand and gently pull her toward the lectern, and bypass her on the outside! You give her the control of the space and then you exit!

What happens if he pulls you in front of him? Let him have his way! He has non-verbally given you directions and you should follow him!

The bottom line isn't the control but the communications of directions! When both persons understand what they are supposed to do, it goes smoothly and **THE CONTROL** of the speaking area or lectern is transferred in a peaceful and fluid way!

"ACE" YOUR TERM AS OFFICER

by Gusanita Roberson, ACG, ALS & Area Governor, D37

Congratulations, you are a club officer. How can you add one more thing to your schedule? Your Club President is talking about dues renewal, DCPs, conferences, etc.. **How can you add one more thing** to your schedule? I have the formula for success.

THREE PARTS ACTION WITH ATTITUDE is variable one, and the most important. It must be applied often and generously. Charles Swindoll is quoted as saying that life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it, and so, it is with you... We are in charge of our attitudes... Make yours a good one. No one wants to be surrounded by complainers, especially your club members when they come to a meeting. As a club officer, serve with a smile and a spirit of excellence. Your attitude will set the tone for your club. "Attitude determines Altitude!!!"

The next variable is **CHALLENGE YOUR MEMBERS TO SET A GOAL** to be held accountable. The goal should be specific, for example, complete 5 speeches by December 31, 2010. Remember to set the goal high enough to create a stretch in your performance, because it's only when we stretch that we grow. **CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO MOVE BEYOND THE CLUB COMFORTS**. Staying within your club is great, you will grow and benefit, but there is so much more that Toastmasters has to offer you. Have you ever gone on a vacation and stayed in the hotel room or on a cruise ship and stayed in your cabin? You accomplished your goal of getting away and relaxing but think about the adventures and experiences you could have had beyond the room.

The third variable is **ENCOURAGE YOURSELF, YOUR FELLOW Toastmaster officers and members**. Be the cheerleaders for your club!!!

Cheer each other on to complete the icebreaker, CC, AC, CL, AL, DTM, to being a contest winner or entering district leadership. Help each officer as needed and enlist members to help you. I recommend forming committees for PR, membership building and delegate. You may find your next club officers in those committees. This encouragement and teamwork will keep your club energized and growing to June 30, 2011 and President's Distinguished Club status! Who knows? You may decide to serve another term as an officer.

3A+ 2C+ E + U = SUCCESS !!!!!

AHEAD OF THE PACK

By Margaret May, DTM, VP Membership, Speaking Solutions Toastmasters Club #585837

“The strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack,” Rudyard Kipling once wrote. “Ahead of the Pack” was the theme for a special leadership event hosted by Speaking Solutions Toastmasters club open to all employees at the UPS Alpharetta location. The program was designed to showcase the Toastmasters leadership program while allowing members to earn credit toward communications or leadership projects.

First, club Treasurer Rama Rampur, CC, CL, gave the Toastmasters “Values and Leadership” presentation which explained how leaders should understand their values and communicate them to the people they lead.

Next, VP Membership Margaret May, DTM, facilitated a panel discussion with District Governor Roy Ganga, DTM, District Registration Chair Lana McFarlane, DTM, and Division G Governor Bonnie Fauntleroy, ACS, ALS. During the panel discussion, the speakers discussed their experience with the Toastmasters Leadership program. Roy Ganga shared how his Toastmasters experiences prepared him for a new career opportunity. When asked by the audience what style of leadership she preferred, Lana McFarlane responded, “Leadership by example.” “I too am a Toastmaster!” exclaimed Bonnie. “I too am a Toastmaster!”

How did she overcome a fear of public speaking as well as take on leadership roles? “Just put one foot in front of the other, move out of your comfort zone,” said Bonnie. “You’ll have what you need when you need it.”

The event was capped off with “A Cycle of Development,” a presentation about leadership at UPS, given by new club member Heather Moseley. “Take advantage of opportunities,” said Heather. “Leaders are not born, they are made.” It is through experience, Heather noted, that we become leaders.

Now, let’s substitute “leader” for “wolf” and “group” for “pack” in the Kipling quote to say, “The strength of the group is the leader, and the strength of the leader is the group.” With over 95 combined years of Toastmasters’ experience, Speaking Solutions members continue to support each other’s development of leadership and communications skills. By hosting events such as this, Speaking Solutions members are indeed ahead of the pack.



Rama Rampur, CC, CL presents Toastmasters “Values and Leadership”.



Speaking Solutions President Julia Yoki (standing) greets event attendees



Panel Discussion (L-R): District Governor Roy Ganga, DTM, Registration Chair Lana McFarlane, DTM, Division Governor Bonnie Fauntleroy, ACS, ALB, and facilitator Margaret May, DTM.



Panel Speakers and Presenters: District Governor Roy Ganga, DTM, Division G Governor Bonnie Fauntleroy, ACS, ALB, new member Heather Moseley and Registration Chair Lana McFarlane, DTM.

TOASTMASTERS ARE EVERYWHERE — PBA 30 & DISTRICT 14 VOLUNTEERS

BY LINA SURIANTO

During the months of October through December, District 14 Toastmasters volunteered to help support WABE/PBA 30 Pledge Drive by answering phones and taking pledges from other WABE listeners & the PBA 30 audience. In return, District 14 received FREE publicity ON THE AIR as well as on PBA 30 Channel. It is always a pleasure to see our hard-working, fully committed, and dedicated Toastmasters members there doing what we do best, Communicate and Lead. Thank you all, so much for volunteering!



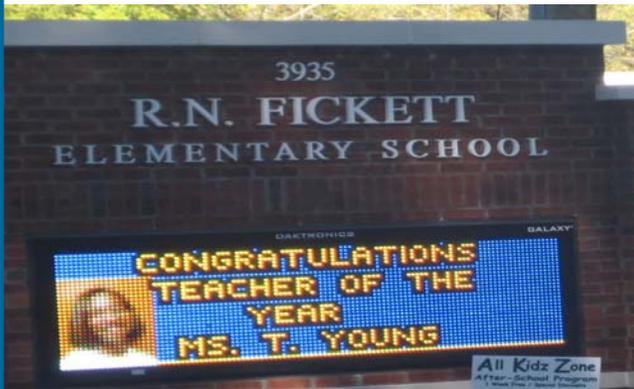
TOASTMASTERS ARE EVERYWHERE – JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT & TOASTMASTERS

By Malcolm Baldwin, CC, ALB

Toastmasters is an organization committed to inspiring and growing communication and leadership skills in people—worldwide. Junior Achievement strives to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. A Match made in heaven!!!

All over America and in over 103 countries worldwide, Junior Achievement’s non-profit basic economic educational programs are taught in children’s classrooms by volunteers. These volunteers are local business professionals, parents, retirees, college students and, yes, **Toastmasters**. They use their professional and personal experiences to make the Junior Achievement curricula on economics from the Local to the Global community, understandable to young minds.

Just as the Toastmasters program provides positive role models, it illustrates ways to build self-confidence and finds ways to success in communication and leadership skills, Junior Achievement does the same with economics for children in our free enterprise system.



Sandra Stewart / Articulate Delivery



Brenda James / Articulate Delivery



Vicki Noethling / UPS Toastmasters

I've presented to the students at Fickett Elementary for three of the last four years.

My first experience was with fourth graders, explaining very basic economics in their Region. The last two years I taught fifth graders, but expanded their understanding to the Global Community and introduced them to "free enterprise".

In previous years we had 5 separate days to present 5 one-hour lessons. This year, Junior Achievement challenged the volunteers to complete all five lessons in a single four-hour session — "JA in a Day." This is where my Toastmasters lessons come in.

Toastmaster's 10-Step Program was a valuable template to follow while I was preparing the class lessons. I was able to outline each lesson's most important points and determine the quickest/easiest way to present them. The presentation was easy to understand, which allowed maximum educational impact while maintaining a fun-filled atmosphere for the students.

All of us thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Thank you, Toastmasters.

Malcolm Baldwin

Club #585837 — Speaking Solutions

"**JA in a Day**" was an excellent opportunity not only to teach the students the lesson of the day, but also to incorporate our Toastmaster lessons for improving speaking and presenting. For my fifth grade class, the students had to come up with a product and company name and then create an ad to promote that product. They had 10 minutes to prepare the ad, 2 minutes to present, and the group evaluated the presentation. Sound familiar?? Later in the morning, they took the suggestions, made adjustments to their presentation and presented again. The teacher and students all seemed to enjoy the exercise and get a lot out of it.

Vicki Noethling

Club #5249 — UPS Toastmasters



Jamaiah Freeman / UPS Toastmasters



Malcolm Baldwin / Speaking Solutions

TOASTMASTERS ARE EVERYWHERE – Q-TOAST/QLAB FOOD DRIVE

BY CHERI MILLER, PRESIDENT, Q-TOAST TOASTMASTERS

In preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday, **Q-Toast Toastmasters Club #1216412** sponsored their annual food drive and teamed with the entire Quintiles Atlanta facility to support the [Center for Family Resources](#) in Marietta. For 25 years, CFR has partnered with the Cobb County Department of Family and Children Services and has provided Thanksgiving boxes to Cobb families in need. The Quintiles team collected an impressive 2,700 food items, which go toward providing local families with a Thanksgiving meal.

With the support of companies like Quintiles, CFR delivered boxes of food to more than 1,500 local families in need.

First, I want to give a huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the success of the Q-Toast/QLAB Food Drive. We (**Q-Toast**) ROCKED! Also, thanks to all who were able to help in handing out the boxes of food to the needy families as a part of your Q-Day. Our “Thanks for Giving 2010” initiative raised a lot of awareness for our Toastmasters club here at Quintiles. We need to capitalize on all the publicity we have received and recruit some new members!

We have a few things in mind for this month and we have a very short time to do it.

Our first project is a “**Toys For Tots**” collection drive—Yes, here we go again, BUT this is for another good—



Tam Williams(Sergeant-at-Arms), Jerome New(VP Public Relations), Tomita Mincey(VP Education), Cheri Miller(President), Malessa Holliday(VP Membership) and JJ Spegele(VP Quintiles Central Lab-Atlanta), not pictured is Letitia Thomas(Treasurer) and Carolyn Taylor (Secretary)

cause. We are doing it for the kids! Carolyn Taylor is spearheading this project and we need every member to participate. The plan is to have a box at your desk and ask everyone in your department to donate a new unwrapped toy by the **December 14** deadline. It will be up to each one of us to get our co-workers on board and remind them to give to this worthy cause. We are not soliciting the help of JJ, the QLAB VP. Carolyn will be sharing more details with us later.

Our next project is to have an “**Open-House Meeting**” (provide pizza) and invite all the managers on-site, trying to bring awareness to the benefits of Toastmasters and why they need to have their direct reports become members. This project is scheduled for the third Tuesday in January.

Another project that has to be postponed is the “Annual Holiday Turkey Raffle”, we have moved the date to February to coincide with Valentine’s Day.

We indeed have a some hard work ahead of us to become more visible and build our membership.



TOASTMASTERS ARE EVERYWHERE – CLAYTON COUNTY TOASTMASTERS & YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

BY JOANNA CLARK HAMPTON

Clayton County Toastmasters' Youth Leadership Program was completed successfully on November 19, 2010, in Riverdale, Georgia.

At the end of the program, 6 young men gave their speeches to an audience of enthusiastic supporters. It was wonderful to see and hear these young men, who were also a part of the Juvenile Correction System, give speeches about what they have learned and how they have changed. I was very proud of them. I know it would have been easier to work with nice little school kids but I think CCTM was called to this more challenging project.

I am thankful that we met the call and I know we impacted their lives. Thanks to all of the members who took time out of their schedules to come by and help. Mrs. Cynthia Granger Manson, who was our Toastmaster of the night, was as entertaining as ever. My dear Husband Anthony came to as many meetings as he could, helped the boys with their writing, helped set up our meetings, and gave support to the program. Ms. Lisa Rone also helped by coming to meetings by providing encouragement and help to the young men.

Last but not least, Deborah Anglin, supported us by



providing the facility for these young men to go through rehabilitation for their minor crimes so that they can rejoin society alongside the regular high school students.

It was a challenge at times. But our faith in God and the good solid program provided by Toastmasters helped us keep going until the end.

I am proud to be a member of Clayton County Toastmasters, the undisputed best club in the free world!



FALL CONFERENCE VISIONS

Past Meets Present -- after 43 years...



During this past Fall Conference 2010, we got the opportunity to meet with our past District Governor Year **1967-1968**, Phil Viviani, DTM, who specially came to visit us at the conference. Pictured here: Roy Ganga, DTM (Current District Governor 2010-2011) & Phil Viviani, DTM (Past District Governor 1967-1968). What a memorable experience!

And the 2010 Fall Conference Winners are...



Left to right: **Evaluation Contest:** Luis Camacho (1st), Michael Stewart (2nd), Shannan Williams (3rd) – **Humorous Contest:** Susan McMullen (2nd), Jean Raines(1st), Beverly Peace-Kayhill (3rd)



Area Governor of the Year 2009-2010: Parren Shannon

Division Governor of the Year 2009-2010: Glenda Foster-Oney

Question / Callout:

What "Fall Couple" had the most pictures together in this Newsletter and why?

If you are stumped, the answer lies following.....

Hint in this direction..

Ops... I forgot to tell you... The answer is somewhere between here and the last page...

2010 FALL COMMITTEE TEAM AT WORK

BY LINA SURIANTO

Every year, prior to each Toastmasters conference, all conference committee team members work hard to ensure that the conference will be a success for the District. Fall Conference was a splendid success! District Governor Roy Ganga, Lieutenant Governor Education Kene Iloenyosi, and Glenda Foster-Oney, our Fall 2010 conference chair, met with her team members regularly regarding the conference plans and necessary actions.



SEIZE THE DAY

by Lina Surianto

A Special Thanks to our partners at TOASTMASTERS



On November 9, 2010, District 14 Georgia Toastmasters seized the opportunity to make its presence known in front of over 20,000 people at the "Seize the Day Event" by having a highly-visible booth and by being continuously promoted on the digital billboards in Philips Arena. Thanks to all Toastmasters volunteers who staffed our very busy booth throughout the day, especially during intermissions of the event.



LIFT YOUR LIMITATIONS

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talent or strength that will bring us promotion.

Some people are satisfied with living their lives below the level of their potential. I don't think you are one of them. I believe the reason you joined Toastmasters is that you recognize that you are capable of doing more and achieving more in life, and you know that improving your communication skills can open doors that have hitherto been closed to you - doors like that next promotion, or that better job opportunity, or that new business, or maybe the courage to ask her out on a date.

My fellow Toastmaster, whatever potential you carry, I encourage you to stay focused on and engaged in working and growing through your manuals. Set a goal to achieve at least 1 educational award every year. When you get to DTM, start all over again. Yes, I said it: Start all over again! You can never be perfect, but you will keep growing as you strive for perfection.

As we end the year and prepare for the holidays, I encourage you to keep your foot on the Toastmaster gas pedal. Your life is too important to take a break. You can have fun as you keep working. Use the holidays to practice giving a toast, or a speech to your family and guests.

Keep growing! Keep stretching! The world needs the treasure that lies within you. You can do it, and Toastmasters can help.

NEVER WASTE AN OPPORTUNITY

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store (**Item 1140**). This manual highlights one of the best ways to get publicity: through notices in local publications.

Submit your club's meeting time and location to the calendar sections of company newsletters and publications in your area. You'll have more success with small weekly newspapers than with daily metropolitan publications.

Write a press release with an attention-grabbing headline showcasing your club's special events, such as speech contests, unique meeting formats or appearances of guest speakers. Many editors look for content, so this is a way to help them out! If your story has a news hook, send it to all media sources in your area, including radio and television stations.

Include a photograph of someone speaking or receiving an award. Briefly describe what's happening in the photo, the benefits of the Toastmasters program, your club's meeting time and location, and an open invitation to guests.

The **Let the World Know** manual contains sample press releases, detailed instructions and many other ideas for promoting your club.



Let's take advantage of ALL the BENEFITS TOASTMASTERS has to offer.

Never waste an opportunity to tell others about Toastmasters. It could change their lives.



Spring Conference 2011 — “Blossoming into Excellence”

May 13 - 14, 2011 at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA.

Members can now reserve their hotel room at discounted rates.

Hotel Information:

We have been given a special room rate of \$109/night which includes free access to the Gardens, hiking trail and some other amenities.

We have also negotiated a 20% discount on Golf, Spa, and other activities. **Your families will love you for this!**

The special room rates will be honored starting 3 days before the conference to 3 days after the conference for those who would like to make a vacation out of this event.

To make a reservation, call Callaway Gardens Social Reservations at 1-800-225-5292 and use the code "Georgia Toastmasters."

Event dates: **May 13th and 14th.**

Division C team is already at work to make the "Blossoming into Excellence" conference the best we have ever had in District 14. Please feel free to contact our Spring Conference Chair, Tonya Moore, at tymjazz@msn.com if you have any questions. Registration will open soon!!!!

<http://gatoastmasters.org/upcoming-events/2011-spring-conference>

District 14 Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2011

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM OR 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM &

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2011

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM OR 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

CHECK-IN (FOR PRE-REGISTRANTS) & ONSITE REGISTRATION BEGIN AT

7:15 AM & 11:45 AM

OPENING CEREMONIES BEGINS AT 8:30 AM & 1:00 PM

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS \$20.00

- **If registering multiple people online, register each one separately!**
- **Credit/Debit Cards are accepted for online payments.**
- **Online Registration for both TLI dates will be open until January 12, 2011**
- **Online Registration for January 29 session will reopen on January 16, 2011 and close on January 26, 2011**

ON-SITE REGISTRATION IS \$25.00, CASH OR CHECK ONLY (NO CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS)

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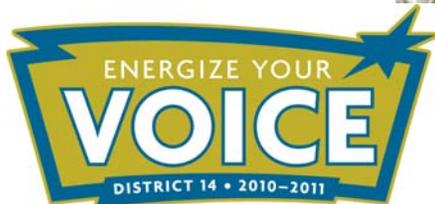
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Calendar of Events



Month	Event
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club PR Incentive Contests begin for Media, Newsletter, Website, and Corporate Club Testimonial Video
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-Year TLI Training: January 15, 2011 & January 29, 2011 at Loudermilk Center, downtown Atlanta. Sessions begin at: 8:00 AM and 12:30 PM Check-In and On-Site Registration Begin at 7:15 am 11:45 am Club Table Topics and International Speech Contests
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin "Talk up Toastmasters" Membership Campaign. Clubs adding 5 new, dual, or reinstated members between now and March 31 will receive a ribbon from TI and 10% discount on their next TI order. Clubs conclude Table Topics and International Speech contests. Submit winners to Area Governors



Last Word from Public Relations Officer

One of One Thousand Challenge

Is still ongoing. To order your Toastmasters License Plate, please visit:
www.gatoastmasters.org:



Roy and Valerie Ganga!!
 Roy is a DTM, and now so is Valerie.
 The Ganga's & Toastmasters—the Perfect Couple

Last Word from Lt. Governor Education

A visit to Talking Apron

On September 16, 2010, our Lieutenant Governor Education, Kene Iloenyosi, visited one of the clubs in Georgia, **Talking Apron—Home Depot Corporate Club**, located in Area D-37, and was given a beautiful hand-painted Apron. What an excellent welcome!



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The Mission of the District

The Mission of the District is to 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 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 for club and district officers.

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