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## We'd Like to Accept This Award...

By Thomas Lindaman, DTM, District 19 Governor

**W**hat you see in the picture at right is me accepting the Excellence in Education and Training Award from Toastmasters International. This award is given to Lt. Governors of Education and Training whose districts meet their educational goals in a Toastmasters year.

So why did I include it here? It's not to show off or boost my ego. I included it to underscore an important point about district success. Although the award was given to me, it signifies the efforts of many more people than just the Lt. Governor of Education and Training. If you earned a Competent Communicator or Advanced Communicator award last year, you had a direct hand in the outcome.

The same goes for Vice Presidents of Education who submitted the awards in a timely manner, the Presidents who encouraged their clubs to keep striving to obtain these educational goals, the speech evaluators who offered constructive criticism to help speakers get better. The list could go on and on, but the point is it was a team effort that helped the District achieve excellence last year.

This concept is at the heart of my theme this year, Start the Fire. Clubs are a vital portion of District success because they represent the most visible and tangible elements of Toastmasters, especially to prospective members. It takes a team effort to create a warm, inviting, and positive club environment,

just as it takes a team effort to run a smooth club meeting.

And here's the trick: it starts with you. By committing to personal excellence within your club, you are adding your torches to the District bonfire, helping us light up the night sky. The key is that you



start the fire within you to strive to meet ambitious goals and that you hold yourselves accountable to those goals, both as members and as clubs.

But you won't be alone. The District wants you all to succeed, not for any personal glory, but because we have all made a commitment to helping each member and potential member realize his or her potential. If we work together towards that end, that's a far greater award than any trophy ever could be.

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# It's Always the Season for Teamwork

By LeAnn Blankenburg, DTM,  
District 19 Lt. Governor Education & Training

What season is it? Football season where teams go through many phases of training leading to their ultimate mission—to win. Players work on their physical conditioning, learn the plays then practice, practice, practice.

As Toastmasters, we can learn from the team sport of football. As individuals we have our manuals and projects that we are working on to develop our communication and leadership skills. Each person is different with his or her own strengths and weaknesses. We have seen some speakers who need to include more details and information and some who need more practice at being more organized and delivering a clear message.

Our clubs meet and hold contests, training sessions and special events. This is teamwork—getting to know all of the members, developing leaders, recruiting club officers and putting together a plan for the club by setting meeting agendas, planning events and even developing a Distinguished Club Plan. The plan is set in motion as the rookies set their ambitious goals and work hard beside the veteran club members who mentor them and provide guidance.

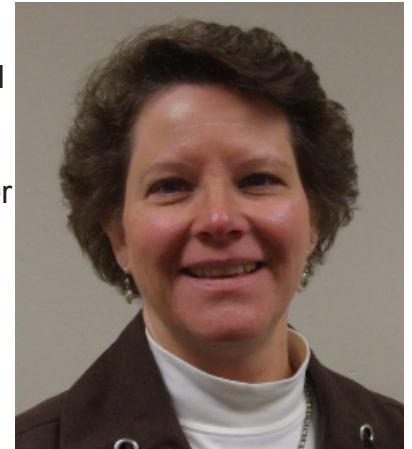
Every week, every workday, every time we gather in a group of people, as Toastmasters

we are using our communication and leadership skills.

We even have club meeting general evaluations to give an overview just like a football team locker room meeting right after a game.

But what about winning? I think one of the best things about Toastmasters is our programs are based on the true concept of a team: together everyone achieves more making us all winners!

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## Check out the Fall Conference Preview

See the Fall Conference preview on page 12. Remember, the Fall Conference is November 5 and 6.

Watch the District 19 website at [www.district19.me](http://www.district19.me) for more details and information as they become available.

See you in Sioux City!

## IRS Deadline to Maintain Tax Exempt Status is Near

Fourteen Iowa Toastmasters clubs are listed as being at risk of losing their tax-exempt status if they miss the October 15 deadline for filing the 990-N tax form with the IRS.

The 990-N form may be filed online at <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=225702,00.html>

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# Your Toastmasters Experience—Share the Hidden Treasure With the World

Kueier Chung, DTM, Lt. Governor Marketing

I like humorous speech contests, and I have organized and attended several this fall. The speakers make me laugh and relax. Toastmasters know how to add fun to their lives.

Humorous speech contests remind me of Tim who was quite an introverted person and intimidated by speaking in front of a crowd. His arm was twisted by his boss one day, and he agreed to give public speaking a try.

Tim started “Do you know what I am going to say?” The audience replied, “No.” “Neither do I” he said and ran away.

After a while he was led back to the group. He started again, “Do you know what I am going to say?”

This time the audience replied “Yes.”

“Since you already know, I don’t need to say it,” said Tim, and again he ran away.

After awhile he was led back to the group again, and once again he asked, “Do you know what I am going to say?”

This time half of the audience shouted “Yes!” and the other half said, “No!”

Tim then told the audience “Very good. Let those who know tell those who don’t.” And once

again he ran away.

This joke is certainly not an example of successful public speaking. However, there is something we Toastmasters can take from it. Let those who know about Toastmasters tell those who don’t. We all know that Toastmasters has enriched our lives, improved our communications, and broadened our perspectives. It is no secret at all.

Millions of Toastmasters have received the benefits. To many others, Toastmasters is still a hidden treasure. Why not tell those who do not know about Toastmasters? Why not invite them to our meetings and ask them to join? Why not establish more clubs that are convenient for them?

Share the hidden treasure. Let those who know the value of Toastmasters tell those who don’t.

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## Recruit New Members and Win Marvelous Prizes!

by Kueier Chung

As of September 17, eight clubs in our district had gained four or more new members in the first quarter (July 1–September 30).

I believe there will be more clubs with new members at the end of September. Each of these clubs and individual members who recruited four or more new members will receive a \$20 prize of their choice from the TI shop.

And the campaign continues. The second quarter of our district membership campaign, Holiday Special, started October 1 and ends December 31. The individual member who re-

cruits four to seven new members in these three months will receive a \$30 Holiday Special gift of their choice at any commercial store. The price will be awarded in January.

The individual member who recruits eight or more new members in these three months will receive a \$100 Holiday Special Gift.

Tell me what you would like to have, a spooky Halloween costume, a tasty Turkey meal, or a special Christmas present for you or your loved ones. If you reach this goal before the end of December, you may receive your gift early!

# Celebrate the Founding of Toastmasters This Month!

Julia Venzke, DTM, District 19 Public Relations Officer

On October 22, 1924, the first Toastmasters meeting was held in a YMCA basement in Santa Ana, CA. Eighty-six years later, the organization boasts 250,000 members in 12,000 clubs in 106 countries.

A great way for your club or Area to celebrate our organization is by holding a special Founder's Day meeting in October. This could be during a club meeting, or as a special joint meeting of the clubs in your Area. Publicize it in your local media as an open house open to all interested in learning more about Toastmasters!

Request your mayor's office (several weeks ahead of time!) to issue a proclamation declaring the date of your special meeting "Toastmasters Founder's Day" in your town or city. Ask your Area Governor to attend the city council meeting and accept the proclamation document from the mayor. Take a picture, and submit it to your local paper. More free publicity for your local Toastmasters clubs!

## Notable Dates in Toastmasters History

October is an important month in the Toastmasters timeline. For more information, visit <http://www.toastmasters.org/MainMenuCategories/WhyJoin/SuccessStories/ThenandNow.aspx>

- October 22, 1924 The first meeting of the Number One Toastmasters Club in Santa Ana, CA
- October 1928 The first manual for Toastmasters clubs is copyrighted by Ralph Smedley
- October 1930 The name Toastmasters International is adopted and officers are elected
- October 1935 First Toastmasters club outside the United States is chartered in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
- October 1962 Dedication of new World Headquarters building in Santa Ana, CA

Founder's Day meetings can follow the structure of a regular meeting, or have a special agenda, such as night of speeches from recent contest winners or special guest speakers from other areas of our District. Founder's Day meetings are an excellent opportunity for your members to invite guests, and to meet and network with other Toastmasters in their Areas.

Following are two upcoming Founder's Day celebrations in Division B. If you are having a Founder's Day meeting in your Area, let me know at [jvenzkeDTM@gmail.com](mailto:jvenzkeDTM@gmail.com), so I can post the details on our District 19 Calendar. October is the perfect time to celebrate Toastmasters!



## Founder's Day Events

### Area 36 Founder's Day Celebration

Tuesday, October 26

6–9 p.m.

Coralville Public Library

1401 5th St, Coralville, IA

For information, contact Betty Dizard, Area 36 Governor at [daa2heart@yahoo.com](mailto:daa2heart@yahoo.com)

### Founder's Day Celebration

Wednesday, October 27

6–9 p.m.

Kirkwood Community College

Iowa Hall, Rooms A and B

6301 Kirkwood Boulevard SW, Cedar Rapids, IA

For information, contact Kimberly Pauls, Assistant A34 Governor at: [kpauls@Altorfer.com](mailto:kpauls@Altorfer.com)

# World Championship of Public Speaking-- It's More Than Just Competing

by Kory May, CC, Affirmationists 1209

**B**ack in August, eighty-one semi-finalists touched down in Palm Desert, California with the intent of winning the World Championship of Public Speaking.

Eventual champion David Henderson and I shared a cab from the airport. For the life of me, I could not figure out why he was carrying a bomber jacket in 100 degree weather. I would learn why later.

Nine groups of nine speakers started out on Thursday afternoon. Three groups would proceed at one o'clock; three would proceed at four and three would wrap up the seven o'clock time slot.

My bracket was at seven and it was tough. Every single speaker had skills. Unfortunately, only one would advance. I was not that person.

I was ready to whup some tail, but what I experienced during the contestant briefings changed my viewpoint. There was such energy and a spirit of cooperation. After the contestant briefings were completed, participants wanted to hear and critique the speeches of others. Outstanding feedback was given selflessly. Every speaker wanted to do his or her very best.

Once the pressure of the competition was off, the real learning began. I made several life-long

## TM International to Upgrade Website

Toastmasters International will upgrade its Web site over the holiday season. Members will see a number of benefits including improved content and a greater ability to track education awards.

To accommodate this upgrade, the club and district business sections will be inactive from Dec. 16, 2010 - January 2, 2011. Members will not be able to update the "My Profile" section during this time. Because members won't have access to the Club Officer list during this period, TI is extending the deadline for Club Officer

friends, people about whom I genuinely care and whose advice I will seek out in the future.

When so many creative people are in the same area, creativity is unleashed. Many speech topics were discussed. Mechanics of giving those speeches were vetted. It was not uncommon for complete strangers to sit down and ask questions of others, because they were looking for answers.

David Henderson wore that bomber jacket during his championship speech. The speech was amazing.

Ultimately, this trip was not about kicking someone's butt to win the World Championship. If we do all of the right things through Toastmasters, we become better *people*. If we become better people, we will, invariably, become better Toastmasters.

submissions to Jan. 14, 2011. The online store will also be inactive during this period while World HQ conducts inventory. During that time, the following will not be processed: supply orders; new member kits; charter kits; education award certificates (including free advanced manuals).

Orders received by 11:59 p.m., PST, Dec. 15, 2010, will be processed and shipped. Orders received after that date will be processed after Jan. 2, 2011.



Kory May competed in the World Championship of Public Speaking in August.

# Finding the Fun in Parliamentary Procedure

By Mike Anderson, DTM

All Toastmasters Clubs are supposed to be an opportunity to learn parliamentary procedure. You know, that stuff where you make a motion and second it? All in favor, say “Aye”? Those of you who attend the District Spring and Fall Conferences see it in action during the official district business meeting.

Three years ago, after a long and frustrating district meeting, a group of mostly Division B Toastmasters decided to form a new advanced club dedicated to learning parliamentary procedure and using it in a Toastmasters environment. The first meeting of Five Seasons Parliamentarians (5SP) #1529 was actually held in a van on a trip to the fall 2007 district conference.

Three years later, the club still is not huge—about a dozen members—but it’s a dedicated group that has taken an active role in district leadership. The group has helped the District Governors with detailed meeting scripts in anticipation of what could come up in a district business meeting. It has also made several presentations at TLIs and division conferences on topics such as how to properly hold a club officer election and how to properly conduct a club business meeting.

One of the interesting challenges the 5SP club has had is to balance the meetings’ content, that is, to make it appealing to people who know very little about parliamentary procedure, as well as to those who are more knowledgeable. And, of course, make it fun.

Meetings include a manual speech or two (often about parliamentary procedure, but not always), and a unique exercise called “Tabled Topics.” It’s a meeting-within-a-meeting, in which a chairperson manages the handling of a motion—a motion that is often silly or ridiculous and gets even more so—as the club members debate and amend the motion, often trying to test the abilities of the chair. It’s all in fun, and a great educational exercise.

Occasionally, a “game night” is planned when the usual format is replaced by the club’s own invented games featuring rules and procedures

from Robert’s Rules of Order (known affectionately as “Bob” by the club’s members).

Six members of 5SP went through a voluntary six-week course in parliamentary procedure taught by one of Iowa’s leading experts, Lyle Klemen, a non-Toastmaster who is a Professional Registered Parliamentarian affiliated with the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP).

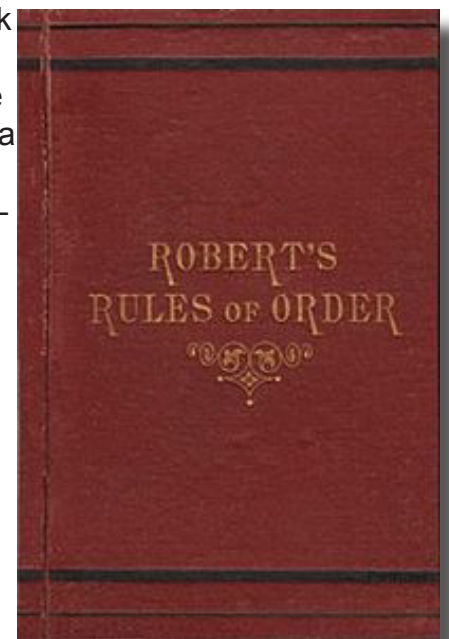
Four of the 5SP members, Jamie Ward, Anne Chapman, Reginald Williams and Laura Meade, then chose to take the challenging test required for membership in the NAP.

5SP President Joshua Matthews said, “All four passed, so as a club, we’re continuing to evolve. Those with the greatest interest in parliamentary procedure serve as mentors and teachers for the other members.”

Membership requirements for the advanced club are simply to have given either six speeches from the Competent Communication manual or to have completed six projects from the Competent Leader manual.

The club meets at the home of Julia Venzke and Jamie Ward in Cedar Rapids on the second Friday of each month. Each session starts at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner. Current club members are Doug Nelson, Julia Venzke, Jamie Ward, Anne Chapman, Reginald Williams, Laura Meade, Christy Hatter, Mike Anderson, Ken Boardrow, Missy Boardrow, Henry Chen, and Jamie Hosek.

District Toastmasters in the western half of Iowa who are interested in par-



Source: Wikipedia

liamentary procedure might also be interested in the Des Moines-based Central Iowa Parliamentarians. While not a Toastmasters club, it does have several members who are Toastmasters, including three past District 19 Governors.

Contact Anne Chapman, a member of both clubs, at [annieactive@hotmail.com](mailto:annieactive@hotmail.com) for more information.

## Getting to Know Bob

By Laura Meade, DTM, Five Seasons Parliamentarians, National Association of Parliamentarians

**B**ob is a good friend of mine. Bob is a book, short for Robert, as in *Roberts Rules of Order*, as in parliamentary procedure. You're thinking, "If this is her friend, she doesn't get out much." And I admit, my friendship—actually, make that passion—with Bob is unusual and maybe a little nerdy, *but* you would be passionate about Bob, too, if you got to know him.

There are several reasons why I am drawn to Bob:

1. **Bob is order**, to the max. My family, friends, and colleagues will tell you I am anything but orderly, but Bob has order spelled out whether it's for a meeting or an organization. If you think your life is out of control, you can go to Bob and know that there is order somewhere, and you can have it, too.
2. **Bob is fairness**. The whole idea for this book was to represent the majority viewpoint but to also give the minority a voice. Bob is a protector of both.
3. **Bob is socializing**. Really! There's nothing like getting a bunch of smart friends together with food and maybe an adult beverage or two, talk about Bob, and practice using Bob's techniques.
4. **Bob charges up brain cells**. *Roberts Rules of Order* is more than 700 pages long. To know Bob is to constantly be learning. You look something up, and you think,

"Wow, that's really cool. I could use that." Then you read some more and then some more. You come up with a scenario from the last disorganized meeting you attended and you think, "This is what we could have done!"

5. **Bob can be played like a strategic game** of chess or cards. If you know Bob's rules, you can take advantage of opportunities or get out of sticky situations. It can be a lot of fun.



Bob, also known as Henry Martyn Robert, the author of *Robert's Rules of Order*. Source: Wikipedia.

My friends at Five Seasons Parliamentarians want to help other people get to know Bob. If we make parliamentary procedure fun and exciting, then more people will be intrigued and will use Bob.

Can you imagine never sitting in a meeting that drags on and on while people figure out what to do? Can you imagine getting things done in meetings? Can you imagine everyone feeling they were fairly represented and were heard? It really can happen! I know you would enjoy Bob if you got to know him. I hope you'll join us the second Friday of the month.

# iToast Club Opens Speech Marathons to D19

Kayoko Kimura, iToast Club #184 president,  
Town and College Club #875 treasurer

**A**t iToast Club #184, we wanted to increase speaking opportunities for members as we meet only twice a month. If we provided speaking opportunities to fairly new members at least once a month, we then needed more than six speeches at every meeting. With that many speeches, it would be impossible to finish our meetings within our scheduled time of 90 minutes.

After some consideration, we decided to expand the speech marathon to the entire district. This way, we would not only increase speaking opportunities, we would also enjoy meeting different people and receiving evaluations from outside the iToast membership. This would help all club members improve speaking skills as well as receive educational awards sooner.

Our first speech marathon was July 24 at the Kirkendall Library in Ankeny. It was a very successful event with eleven attendees and seven speeches and evaluations. All participants expressed their appreciation and excitement as you may read in the testimonials below.

We plan to hold this speech marathon every other month. At the time of the Transmitter's publication, we were planning an October 2 marathon

to be held at the Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas Avenue from 1 to 4 p.m.

Our marathons offer a great opportunity for all members to give a speech in front of not-so-familiar faces in a different environment and to receive evaluations and support from new people.



Some marathon participants, l to r: David LaCombe, Harry Breaux, Henry Chen, Andy Jordan, James Wettestad, Connie Gordon, Steve Leonhardt, John Carlson, Caixia Wang, Durga Paudyal. Kayoko Kimura (not pictured).

If you are interested in taking part in a future marathon, contact Henry Chen at [hsinhanhenry@gmail.com](mailto:hsinhanhenry@gmail.com) or Kayoko Kimura at [kkimura@iastate.edu](mailto:kkimura@iastate.edu). Let's have fun and learn together!

## What Marathon Participants Say

*Such a well organized event. It gave me the opportunity to speak outside my own club for the first time in front of complete strangers. It also was my last speech needed for me to get my CC.*  
-Harry Breaux

*The speech marathon was fun. It was an opportunity to speak for an audience I hadn't known before and a chance to get feedback from other*

*view points. I didn't realize how accustomed I'd become to our group in just a couple of short months.* -Andy Jordan

*I really enjoyed the speech marathon. It was interesting to meet Toastmasters from other clubs and to listen to their speeches. It also gives you an opportunity to give your speech in front of a different group which really tests your confidence.*  
-Steve Leonhardt

## Celebrations

### “ah” Masters Club Celebrates 20th Anniversary

by Joan Johanson, DTM, ah Masters #2791

The Fort Dodge “ah” Masters Club #2791 was chartered in August of 1990. To commemorate its twentieth anniversary, the club invited past members to a Happy Birthday Celebration on the club’s regular Monday meeting night on August 30.

District 19 Lt. Governor of Marketing, Kueier Chung, DTM, offered opening congratulatory remarks as did other present and past District officers. Attendees introduced themselves and answered the question, “Why I joined Toastmasters,” which provided an opportunity to share a proud, meaningful, fond, or funny memory.

A charter member traveled from Madison, Wisconsin, the longest distance, to attend the celebration. Bev Davis, Club President, read messages from those members unable to attend.

During two decades, the “ah” Masters Club has chartered fifteen new clubs; routinely maintained Distinguished club status or better; forwarded many contestants to District contests; hosted numerous District conferences; provided District 19 with many Area and Division Governors, two District Governors and an International Director of Toastmasters International.

In addition, the club has regularly provided Speechcraft programs for education and membership building. The group has conducted other educational sessions that are open to the public to teach leadership skills, parliamentary procedure and listening skills and has regularly hosted forums for political candidates prior to elections. An ongoing club activity is mentoring “junior” Toastmaster members, and guiding them to better speaking and leadership skills.

The evening concluded with refreshments and an enjoyable social time.

### Siouxland Ciceros Observe 15th Year with Open House

by Michelle Lessmann, Siouxland Ciceros #2670, Area 11 Governor

On Friday, October 1, Siouxland Ciceros Toastmasters Club #2670 celebrated their fifteenth anniversary with an open house.

Division A Governor Marty Haas and Area 11 Governor Michelle Lessmann are members of Siouxland Ciceros. They were joined at the celebration by District 19 Lt. Governor of Education & Training, LeAnn Blankenburg and Lt. Governor of Marketing, Kueier Chung.

Several of the club’s founding members also attended the celebration including Cathie Bishop; Maralyn Grimoskas, DTM; and Carol Schuldt.

Siouxland Ciceros meets on Tuesdays at noon at Great West Casualty Company in South Sioux City, Nebraska and is part of Area 11, Division A of District 19. While the club is located at Great West, it is an open club.



Top: Siouxland Ciceros members celebrate 15th anniversary. L to r: Marty Haas, Maralyn Grimoskas, Carol Schuldt, Kueier Chung, D19 Lt. Governor Marketing; Michelle Lessmann. Left: Past “ah” Masters member Keith Bidne of Madison, WI. Right: “ah” Masters member Bob Laborde.

# Learning Leadership the Toastmasters Way

by William Eddy, DTM

**T**oastmasters is not a business, so it is not our agenda to put the most experienced people into officers' roles. Toastmasters is an educational program where we give people an opportunity to learn and grow. Mistakes are part of the learning process! If a CEO runs the club there may be fewer mistakes, but others lose out on learning opportunities.

In Toastmasters, we learn not just how to be better speakers, we also learn how to be better leaders. What are the ideals of a leader?

The good leader serves the highest ideals of the group putting personal needs on the back burner and putting the group's needs first. How do we gauge quality of leadership? Good leaders are flexible, good listeners, accountable, responsible, knowledgeable, creative, friendly and energetic.

If you hold a Toastmasters office, or an office in another organization, are you willing to adapt and grow? Can you handle challenges, or do you lose your temper and discount others? Do you use your energy to promote the purpose of Toastmasters as defined by its mission?

A great leader aims for the sky and works toward his goals with grit and determination. He is naturally gifted with one of the biggest talents, the ability to laugh at himself, and he does that often. He strikes a perfect balance of the risk and benefit. The great leader knows failures are part of success and understands that if you don't occasionally lose, you haven't tried.

Logical and rational, the leader knows how to keep her passion under control and does not have to bluster and boast. She is aware of her strengths and weaknesses.

We want to encourage everyone to become the best they can be. The club is a democracy and you need to make sure it runs that way.

Remember, embrace the mission of the club and help yourself and others fulfill its promise of greater human potential.

The key toastmaster phrases are: mutually supportive, positive learning environment, and

*If a CEO runs the club there may be fewer mistakes, but others lose out on learning opportunities.*

every individual member. Devotion to the club's mission both as a leader and as a member will help us all fulfill our potential as Toastmasters and human beings.

## SpeechCraft Opportunity

by Connie Gordon, DTM, 2010-2011 Club Coach Chair

**R**ecruiting new members can sometimes be a very difficult task. One of the tools that Toastmasters International suggests using is a SpeechCraft.

A SpeechCraft typically runs for 6-8 weeks and is geared towards non-Toastmasters. Participants in the SpeechCraft learn valuable communication skills as they progress through the program. Any participants who join Toastmasters at any stage of the program can receive credit for the first three speeches in the Communications and Leadership manual.

A Toastmaster veteran of more than twenty years has contacted me with the idea of helping a low-member club run a SpeechCraft. This individual is willing to organize the SpeechCraft with the club's help. The time and date of your meetings do not matter to this person. This opportunity will only be offered to one club and must be arranged with the volunteer before October 15.

If you are interested, contact Steve Smith at [SteveRTax@aol.com](mailto:SteveRTax@aol.com)

# Crosswinds Asks *Is Public Speaking a Fright?*

Crosswinds Toastmasters in Marshalltown participated in the community's annual OktoberFest Parade on Saturday, September 25.

An orange car with spiders, a mummy, witch, and Frankenstein asked the parade watchers "Does public speaking scare you? Crosswinds Toastmasters can help!"

The weather during the parade went from a drizzle to a downpour, but club members still walked the parade route. The members used

their public speaking skills to ask the children riddles (Where does a ghost go on vacation? Mali-boo!) while their parents and other adults were given a Crosswinds brochure.

The leaflets offered an invitation to Toastmasters and promised \$5 off to anyone who decided to join in the month of October.

Crosswinds members managed to have fun even in the cold rain and are hopeful to see new faces at their upcoming meetings.

Pictured (l-r) are Melissa Niesen, Jamie Hosek, Lu Ann Wieland, and Bill Backoff. Division D Governor Henry Chen also attended the event.



Eight Division E and six Division B Toastmasters gathered at the Muscatine Public Library on October 2 to conduct the Area 93 Conference for Don Wadleigh while he was at home with his family.

## Condolences

District 19 sends its heartfelt condolences to Area 93/94 Governor Don Wadleigh in the recent loss of his son.

# District 19 Fall Conference Comes to Sioux City

The Fall Conference is November 5 and 6. The theme is The Price is Right. Watch the District 19 website at <http://district19.camp9.org/> where more details and information will be posted as they become available. A special conference edition of The Transmitter will be issued in the next couple of weeks.

## Friday, November 5

4:00 p.m. Registration opens  
5:30 p.m. First-timer's kickoff  
7:00 Educational programs-TBA

Other activities: Hors d'oeuvres and social time; Games from The Price is Right. Members are encouraged to dress as contestants. Wear t-shirts with messages for Bob, Drew, and/or The Price is Right, or wear an outfit with a military theme.

## Saturday, November 6

7:00 a.m. Registration open

Our other educational presenters include Toastmasters from neighboring District 24.

## Keynote Speaker: Albert Mensah

Conference keynote speaker is Albert Mensah, a former World Champion of Public Speaking contestant. A native of Ghana, Africa, Albert Mensah has more than twenty five years of corporate work experience. For the last twelve years he has done consulting, training, speaking and writing about employee development and organizational change. A partial client list includes Starbucks, Boeing, Wells Fargo Bank, Mohammed Jalal group of Bahrain and John Deere. Mr. Mensah's website is at [www.albertmensah.com](http://www.albertmensah.com)

## Contact

For more information or to help with conference planning, contact

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712-251-7583



## Conference Information & Registration

Conference registration:  
\$ 90 by October 22  
\$100 Oct. 23 - Nov. 1  
\$110 Nov. 2 - 5

register for the conference online at <http://district19.camp9.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=28523>

Individual event registration rates are listed on the registration form.

## Accommodations

The conference is at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1110 Larsen Park Road, Sioux City, IA. A block of rooms has been reserved at a special Toastmasters rate of \$89 per night. The rate is good until October 8 or until all rooms are booked, whichever comes first.

Hotel registration is available on the conference website at <http://district19.camp9.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=28509> Your card is charged the weekend of the conference. Reserve today!

## Don't Forget About Raffle Baskets!

Conference Chair Marvin Johnson requests that each club consider donating a basket of items for the raffle. Baskets can be based on the conference theme or a theme of your choosing. If your club prefers to donate cash, a basket of items can be assembled for you. Contact Michelle Lessmann at [m.lessmann@gwccnet.com](mailto:m.lessmann@gwccnet.com) for information.