



**MANSION TOASTMASTERS – PALETTA ESTATE  
4250 Lakeshore Road West, Burlington**

## **Newsletter December 2003**

Is it December already?  
Time really flies when you're part of this Extraordinary Toastmasters Club!

### **What's New?**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members who survived the Induction on November 26. The house now holds 44 members, including Andrea Chetcuti, Stuart Monck, Eugene Peters, Beth Horodyski, Arash Arani, and Susan Chorney. I promise each of you that it will not take long for you to feel at home at the Mansion.

Congratulations to Gisele and Danny Doucet on the birth of their daughter, Renee. The 'petite toastmaster' arrived on November 14, weighing 7.7lbs.

### **'Distinguished Club' Update**

Toastmasters International outlines a set of guidelines for clubs to follow in order to be recognized as a successfully running educational program. It's called the Distinguished Club Program and the requirements include:

- ◆ a number of educational designations  
CTM's earned so far this year by Cecilia, Jeannie, Julie, Dalia, and Jenny  
Doreen has earned ATM-G & DTM)
- ◆ a growth in new members
- ◆ officer training
- ◆ club reports submitted to TM International

The program runs from July 1 – June 30 of each year. To date, our club has met the criteria for Distinguished Club status. Let's see if we can all bump it up a notch and earn Mansion Toastmasters the President's Distinguished Club status by the end of June!

**“The Difference Between Ordinary and Extraordinary is That Little EXTRA”**

## Important Dates:

December 6	Mansion TM Christmas Party 7:00 pm at Dalia & Ed's house
December 17	Last meeting for 2003
January 7	Welcome back!
January 10	Area Meeting 9:00 am
January 14	Educational presentation by Joan Graham "Reading Your Audience"
January 17	Executive Meeting 9:00 am
January TBA	Club Officer Training
February 18	Club International Speech & Evaluation Contest
early/mid March	Area International Speech & Evaluation Contest hosted by Trafalgar Toastmasters
late March	Division International & Evaluation Contest

Speech Contests provide an opportunity for our members to improve their speaking abilities and to recognize the best as encouragement to all of us. They also serve as a venue to learn by observing the more proficient speakers who have benefited from their Toastmaster training. I encourage you to start giving some thought now to contest participation. The timing requirement is 5-7 min, and the subject matter is usually motivational in nature. Your Club contest speech may be applied toward your CTM, however, you MUST have completed at least 6 speeches in the Communication & Leadership Program manual prior to the Club contest. Feel free to speak to me or your VP Education for more information on participating as a contestant.

Remember – You're sure to miss 100% of the shots that you never take.

*Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday,*

Dalia

## Your 2003-2004 Mansion Toastmasters Executive:

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