



Mansion Toastmasters

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2008-2009 Club Year Review

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Mansion Club 2008/09 Executives

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June 10th is just around the corner, and that date marks the end of the Mansion Toastmasters 2008-2009 meetings. As I look back at the year, we had a total of 37 weeks of meetings! Of those 37 weeks, 5 were taken by our club and Area contests. That left us 32 weeks to achieve our goals. How did you do? Did you achieve the goals that you set for yourself at the beginning of the year? If you joined us mid-year, did you set yourself some goals? Were you able to achieve them during the weeks available to you? New member, or seasoned member, are you ready to set your goals for the next Toastmaster year?

Part of the process of setting goals is understanding what our individual strengths are. It only makes sense to set goals based on our strengths, or to set goals as part of the process of discovering our strengths. My President's theme this year was "Soaring With Our Strengths". At the beginning of the year I offered 5 suggestions on how we could discover our strengths:

1. Listen for your yearnings
2. Watch for satisfactions
3. Watch for rapid learning
4. Glimpses of excellence
5. Total performance of excellence

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Event	Location	Date & Time
Area 52 Tall Tales Speech Contest	First Oakville Club (Quality Inn, Bronte Road, Oakville)	Thur., May 28, 2009 at 7:30 pm
Last Meeting in 2009	Paletta Mansion, Cumis Room	Wed., Jun. 10, 2009 at 7:30 pm
Club Officer Training	Location and Time – TBD	Sat., June 13, 2009
District 86 Fall 2009 Conference	Blue Mountain Inn, Collingwood, Ontario	Nov. 13-15, 2009

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It is only through taking action that we can identify the things we are good at, the things we are great at and the things that we need to develop compensating strategies to help us cope. Did you discover any of your strengths this year? Did you reinforce and develop the strengths that you already know about? Did you identify those areas where you need to reach out for support with because they are definitely not your strength?

Toastmasters International is a communication and leadership organization. It is through participation in the complete program that we learn the most about ourselves – our skills, our strengths, our weaknesses, our passions! The more I am involved with Toastmasters the more I respect the mission and objectives that Toastmasters International has defined, and the supporting processes and tools that they offer to keep us on track.

Always remember that the most important person in the Toastmasters organization is the member. It's not the International President, it's not our District Governor, or Division Governor or Area Governor, or even the Club President. It is YOU the member. If the club is not offering a professional, organized, focused, fun program each week that allows you full access to work through the communication and leadership projects, then we, the leaders of the club, are failing you, the member.

The Mansion's mandate as a chartered club with Toastmasters International is to ensure we provide the environment and opportunities to engage in the communication and leadership program. It is a tried and true program, developed and refined since 1924, to offer everyone the opportunity to become better communicators and better leaders. Isn't that ultimately about discovering your strengths and using them to the best advantage?

Enjoy your summer. Take advantage of the Area 52 summer club dates to complete one more speech or leadership project that will help you on your way to your next goal. Thank you for the privilege to serve you this year as the club President. See you in September!

Summer Club Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, July 8th, 2009 at the Quality Inn, Bronte Road, Oakville; 7:30 p.m. start;
Trafalgar and Mansion clubs organizing the meeting

Wednesday, July 22nd, 2009 at the Quality Inn, Bronte Road, Oakville; 7:30 p.m. start;
Glen Abbey and First Oakville clubs organizing the meeting



DISTINGUISHED CLUB PROGRAM (DCP)

2008-2009 PLAN

Current Status - 7 Goals Achieved

SELECT DISTINGUISHED CLUB for 2008 - 2009!

<i>GOAL</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	
<i>Competent Communicators (CC)</i>	<i>Melissa K. Paul T.</i>	
<i>Competent Communicators (CC)</i>	<i>Doug S. Jeanne A-C.</i>	
<i>Advanced Communicators (AC) - Bronze, Silver or Gold</i>	<i>Diane C.</i>	
<i>New members (minimum required 8 for 2 goals)</i>	<i>WELCOME to our New Members!!</i>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Harold J.</i> <i>2. Manisha S.</i> <i>3. Mario C.</i> <i>4. Smiljana O.</i> <i>5. Tina P.</i> <i>6. Hillary G.</i> <i>7. Rickie P.</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>8. James S.</i> <i>9. Ron De S.</i> <i>10. Paul V.</i> <i>11. Michael S.</i> <i>12. Leighan N.</i> <i>13. Ali A.</i>
<i>A minimum of <u>four</u> club officers trained <u>at each of two training periods</u></i>	<i>Jun-Aug: 7 officers trained Dec-Feb: 6 officers trained</i>	
<i><u>One</u> semi-annual membership list (October) and <u>one</u> club officer list submitted on time (June)</i>	<i>Oct List - Submitted Sep 30th Apr List - Submitted Mar 31st Officer List - submitted by 2007/2008 Executive</i>	