



MANSION TOASTMASTERS

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2004

Our club theme this year is:

Taking Growth to New Heights!

Ken

One of the truly unique features of the Toastmasters program is the way it caters to such a wide range of skill levels, talents and experience. I wanted a theme that would equally challenge DTM members with fifteen years experience and new members preparing their "ice breaker" speech. It's a theme that also applies to the overall functioning of our club: looking for growth in how we manage guests; orient new members; support and mentor fellow members; meet our commitments; create new program ideas and support District events. The Mansion club is deservedly recognized for it's excellence in quality membership and creative programming, but maintaining the status quo is only self defeating. The challenge of our theme is to "raise the bar" on everything we do - "Taking Growth to New Heights".

Ideas and Volunteers

It's not too early to start thinking about our annual year-end gala affair. Please submit your ideas for this event to your executive members. Ideas accompanied by volunteering to lead or participate on the committee will obviously be given priority.

Writing articles for our Newsletter is another opportunity looking for volunteers.

These are special opportunities for greater member participation in our club's administration and program development.

Parliamentary Procedures

Are you confused, bored or hiding during our business session? Then come to our first meeting to hear Dave Howlett explain what's happening and don't forget to bring your Parliamentary Procedure book.

Guest Cards and Guest Reserved Seats

Your executive has decided to reserve two seats at the table just inside the door for guests who arrive at the last minute. A nameplate - "Guest Reservation" - will mark the seats.

Also, the guest card is intended to be a guideline for the Toastmaster doing the introduction and documentation for guest follow up. Please take full responsibility for the completion of the form, (together with our guest) and personally deliver to Michael Hourigan, VP Membership. Greeters: Please give the blank guest form to the introducing Toastmaster - not the guest.

President Distinguished Club in 2003/2004

Mansion Toastmasters Club received the highest club award in Toastmasters International for achieving 100% of it's goals in the 2003/2004 "Club Success Plan". Congratulations to all our members and especially to our President Dalia Petrulis.

Quick Survey Facts:

Eugene

- 78% response rate
- Very positive response from membership and completeness of survey.
- Tremendous contribution in all sections of the survey.
- Lot's of new ideas provided by membership.
- Club performance issues and concerns were effectively captured.
- Responses identified/reinforced personal and club development plans.
- The club meeting/personal schedule conflict was of great assistance in building a more informative club schedule.

Mentoring Program

Eugene

New to the club schedule this year is a mentors/mentee list. Mentoring is a valuable aspect of our club. Mentors provide the necessary first steps for all of us to become Toastmasters - not just speakers. We are not a club of speakers or presenters but of individuals who share the Toastmaster spirit - of building long-term relationships through shared communication and leadership experiences. You just can't get that - by joining a speaking club.

To the mentee a support structure is provided to assist in their development of communication and leadership skills. For the mentor this role is often a "stretch goal". To work outside of their usual mode of operation/thinking and assist fellow club member(s) achieve their goal.

The roll of mentor will be offered to individuals who have completed their CTM and who have expressed interest in mentoring a fellow Toastmaster.

Your survey results will be shared with your mentor to enable more effective coaching and support.

Personal Notes

- Congratulations to Beth Horodyski and Arash Arani on the arrival of their baby boy - Pearce William on July 25th
- Congratulations to Andrew Srichandra on his engagement and upcoming wedding in December. Andrew has been attending a Toastmaster Club in Sacramento.
- Congratulations to Michelle LaFreniere on her new job and move to Ottawa.

New Nameplates

A special thank you to Dave Howlett for creating our new nameplates. Note the charter member, date joined, achievement designation and position information. Superb job, David!

PERSONAL PROGRESS MONITORING AND CLUB SUCCESS PLAN

Eugene

There's an old saying, "if you don't measure it you can't manage it." This sums up what this years executive wants to help you do. From the results of the membership survey and our executives assessment of the club's potential we plan to "Take growth to new heights" – not only for the club but for each individual member.

Whether you are a recent Toastmaster or a seasoned well accomplished Toastmaster – be prepared to grow, learn and develop.

We plan to pay particularly close attention to your

personal development timelines as stated from the member survey. Assist you such that your personal/professional schedule is respected while maximizing the value received by attending weekly meetings.

Build in "new growth opportunities". We've begun to identify "stretch goals", which we believe will present members with the opportunity to explore their capabilities beyond mentoring and coaching. In part, this is measured in the Toastmaster International "Club Success Plan" as follows:

Achievement	Distinguished Club Program Goal	2003/2004 Results	2004/2005 Goal
CTM's	2	2	4
Additional CTM's	2	9	5
ATM's	1	1	2
Additional ATM's	1	1	2
CL, AL, or DTM	1	1	1
Additional CL, AL, or DTM	1	1	2
New Members	4	4	5
Additional New Members	4	8	5

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday, Sept 8th	First meeting of the new Toastmaster year
Monday, Sept. 20 th	Mansion Executive Meeting
Wednesday, Sept 22 nd	Education session by Sara Rams
Wednesday, Oct 6 th	Mansion Humorous and Table Topic contests
Wednesday October 13 th	Area 7 Humorous Speech and Table Topic contests. St. Vlodomyr Culture Center
Saturday October 23 rd 9 am	Division Humorous Speech & Table Topic Contests. Hamilton venue to be announced later
Wednesday, Oct 27 th	Friend of the Mansion – Anita Roth – guest education speaker
Friday to Sunday November 12 – 14	District 60 Fall Conference Inn on the Park - Toronto

CURRENT TROPY HOLDERS

Toastmaster of the Year	- Dalia Petrulis
International Speech Contest	- David Howlett
Evaluation Contest	- David Howlett
Humorous Speaking Contest	- Randy Reeve
Table Topics Contest	- Don McRitchie
Debate Winner	- Randy Reeve
Tall Tales Contest	- Mark Coleman

2004 – 2005 CLUB EXECUTIVE

President	Ken Barkman
Past President	Dalia Petrulis
VP. Education	Eugene Peters
VP. Membership	Michael Hourigan
VP. Public Relations	Darwin Allen
Treasurer	Mark Coleman
Secretary	Russ Berthiaume
Sergeant at Arms	Michael Wain
Area Governor	Sukhi Burgen

Area Theme: "Simply the Best" Division Theme: "Taking it to the Edge and Beyond" District Theme: "Sail to new Horizons"