

District 86 Governor, Avis Brodie, DTM

“We Try Harder” . . . those words were emblazoned on the side of the Avis rental truck in front of me on the highway. When I was little, my grandfather gave me a “We Try harder” pin to remind me to always do my best. I adopted the motto of my namesake company. To me, and to my grandfather, to try harder meant to do your absolute best, to accept nothing less than top performance.

Now when I hear someone say “I’ll try”, it seems to mean something much more casual, and frequently followed by “but”, such as. . . *I’ll try but if I don’t make it that’s ok.* The phrase becomes an excuse. Deep down, we are giving ourselves permission to fail. *I’ll try to get to the meeting this week but . . . I’ll try to finish my CC this year but . . . I’ll try to complete my CL but . . .* Are you trying to reach a mile-



stone in Toastmasters this year? Or have you actually set a goal, backed up by an action plan? How many more speeches until you reach that next level? Have you scheduled those speeches? Have you shared your goal with your VP Education?

Here are the steps:

1. Select the goal
2. Identify the timeline
3. Break it down into manageable steps, or mini achievements
4. When you find yourself off course, get right back on! Redefine your priorities.
5. Celebrate your successful completion. Set a new goal and repeat!

Wishing you all the best as you navigate the Toastmasters path to success,

Avis Brodie, DTM
District 86 Governor

We Need Your Input!

A Heart for Service is YOUR newsletter, District 86! Be sure to send pictures and brief articles after your event.

Prior to the event, the District 86 website is the appropriate place to post your notices, but the Newsletter is the place to show us how you and your members **SHONE!** Submissions are due by the 15th of the month for the next month’s newsletter.

A Heart for Service

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Please limit submissions to 300—450 words. Pictures are welcome!

Dates to Remember

- DISTRICT PHASE II CLUB OFFICER TRAINING, JANUARY 14, 2012
- DIVISION PHASE II CLUB OFFICER TRAINING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY
- CLUB SPEECH CONTESTS JANUARY/FEBRUARY
- AREA CONTESTS BEGIN IN FEBRUARY

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Lieutenant-Governor Education and Training, Carol Dowell, DTM

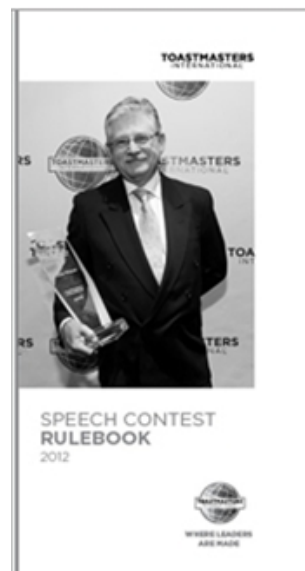


Happy New Year and welcome to 2012!! I hope this proves to be a successful year for you, filled with new adventures, excitement and prosperity. This is a time of year when many of us set new goals or review previously set goals. Since our Toastmaster year begins in July, it is likely many of you set some goals then. Now is a good time to take a look and see where you are. Are you still on track or do you need to make an adjustment? Perhaps you joined Toastmasters just recently and are still figuring out what it is you want to do. Your goal may be simply to find out more about the education program and planning your first few speeches. Having goals keeps us

pointed in a direction where we will accomplish something and gives us some purpose in life. When you complete a goal and especially a Toastmaster goal, you will have learned something about yourself, improved in a particular area and experienced a sense of accomplishment. By having your goals well-defined, written out and in a place where you will see them every day, you are more likely to stay on track and succeed.

Toastmaster clubs should be planning their International Speech and Evaluation Contests which will take place in February. Areas and Divisions are also planning theirs. You can find out the dates by checking with your Area and Division Governors or looking on the District Website. Remember if you wish to compete in the International Speech Contest, you must have completed a minimum of six

speeches from the Competent Communicator manual before the club speech contest takes place. All speech contest materials can be downloaded from Toastmasters International - www.toastmasters.org From the home page, click on "Shop" and search for "digital speech contest" or "speech contest" and scroll down to find the material you want. Please note: there is a NEW Contest Rulebook for 2012 – be sure to download a copy and use for all upcoming contests.



Toastmasters International has also just recently made the Leader-

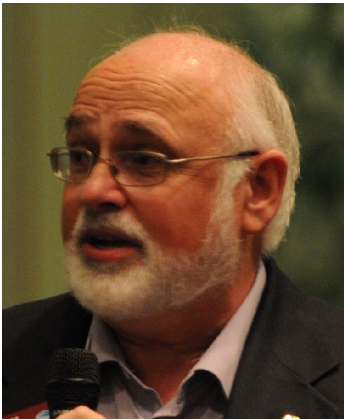
ship Excellence Series available in digital format as well. You can download this by the same means as the contest rulebook.

Throughout January and February, Club Officer Training is also taking place. Check with your VP Education for times and places or look on the District 86 website. Many training sessions also offer some workshops for all Toastmaster members to participate in. If you are interested in running for a particular executive role next year, participating in officer training is an excellent way to find out more about what is involved.

The 2012 Spring Conference committee is busy planning for the conference May 4-6, 2012 at the Sheraton Parkway North Toronto in Richmond Hill. Be sure to register early to ensure you have a spot. You won't want to miss this one!!

Carol Dowell, DTM
Lieutenant-Governor
Education & Training

Lieutenant-Governor Marketing, Jim Foster, ACS, CL



Happy New Year!

I can't believe it is already 2012! Where did 2011 go?

January marks the half-way point of our Toastmasters year.

Where do you stand in relation to the goals you set last year? Are you on track to achieve all of your goals? How close were you? What help will you need to achieve those goals if you are falling short? Now is the time to take a look at where you stand and put together a plan for the next few months so you will not only achieve your goals but exceed them.

My goal as Lieutenant Governor of Marketing is to charter 15 new Clubs. So far we have

chartered 3. While I am ecstatic about these 3 new Clubs, I am behind on my goal for mid-year and I need your help. I need your help to locate more leads in your city or company. Together we can reach out and contact corporations in your city that can use Toastmasters to help their employees improve their communication and leadership skills. If you know of corporations in your city that can use our help, contact me and I will follow up to see if they are ready.

We also have a number of Clubs in the District that are struggling to maintain enough members to keep them strong. I am looking for Club Coaches to offer these Clubs a new set of eyes and ideas that will help them build their Club back to the strength they once were. If you are working towards your ALS and would like to accept the challenge of coaching a Club, contact me or Club Coach Chair, Paul Lynott

(paullynott@rogers.com) and we will work with you to connect you with a Club that can use your ideas.

January is a perfect month for Open Houses. Many people have New Year's resolutions to visit a Toastmasters Club and overcome their fear of public speaking. If you provide an Open House, advertise it, bring in your friends, neighbours and co-workers, show them your abilities as well as inform them of the opportunities Toastmasters has to offer, you will find new members and increase your membership. Put a Team together and put on the best Open House you ever have.

January is also a good time to plan your Speechcrafts for the New Year. Offering a Speechcraft is a wonderful way to showcase what Toastmasters can do, it is also a good way to raise some funds for your Club. Consider charging the equivalent of 6 month's dues for each

Speechcraft participant. This will cover your costs as well as allow you to offer interested participants the opportunity to join your

Club for 6 months and have their dues already paid. Win, win. You get new members and they get to experience more of what Toastmasters has to offer. What a great way to test the waters to see if there is enough interest to launch a new community or corporate club.

A new calendar year is upon us. We are half way through the Toastmasters year. Now is a good time to review your goals and make adjustments where required. Please let us know how we can help you achieve the goals you have set. Your fellow Toastmasters are all here to help and support you in your efforts towards improving your communications and leadership skills.

Toastmasters: Where Leaders Are Made

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Distinguished by December Winners!!

Congratulations to the clubs who have met the District Governor's challenge to be Distinguished By December!

The following 29 clubs have already earned 5 or more of the Distinguished Club Program goals for the 2011/2012 Toastmasters year and will receive a special District 86 ribbon of congratulations.

Seven DCP points:

- McMaster
- Meadowvale
- Milton
- Thornhill
- Town and Gown

Six DCP points:

- Cambridge
- Destiny
- Markham Sweet-Talkers
- Mount Forest Motivators
- Richmond Hill
- State Farm

Five DCP points:

- Advanced Speakers on the Hill

- Agvantage
- Barrie
- Brampton Speak-easy
- Clinton Communicators
- Comfortably Speaking
- Confidentially Speaking
- Golden Gavel
- Grand River
- Hershaw
- Hilltop
- Lambton
- London Western
- Mansion
- Markham's Talk of the Town
- Region of Peel
- Trafalgar
- Trillium

Congratulations to everyone who attained a goal this year!!



Membership and Mailing Lists

Use of member contact information

Toastmasters International and its members are dedicated to protecting members' privacy. Contact information is used only for official business of the organization, and Toastmasters International does not sell or make available its mailing lists to anyone for solicitation or non-Toastmasters business.

Use of names, postal or electronic addresses or telephone numbers of clubs or their members is prohibited for any purpose other than official Toastmasters business. This includes, but is not limited to, names obtained from Toastmasters World Headquarters or any other Toastmasters sources, such as district or other Toastmasters directories, the Toastmaster magazine, websites, or electronic servers.

Acceptable uses include, but are not limited to, the mailing of club and district newsletters, meeting agendas and conference in-

formation.

The following disclaimer should be included in all directories and websites: "The information in this _____ is for the sole use of Toastmasters members for Toastmasters business only. It is not to be used for solicitation and distribution of non-Toastmasters materials or information."

From the Toastmasters International website

Please respect everyone's privacy! Don't use your Toastmasters contacts as a mailing list to promote your business or for other non-Toastmasters purposes!



Doreen Hillier, DTM, PDG, Nominations Committee Chair



The Nominations Committee has the task of reviewing the submissions of the person(s) interested in running for District Officer positions and putting the names forward for your consideration at the May 2012 business meeting at the Spring Conference. I will be chairing the Committee, which will be composed of one representative from each of the eight District 86 Divisions.

The deadline for nomination of candidates is March 5, 2012. The Nominations Report will be announced on April 1, 2012. By early April the names of the candidates will be found on the District 86 website – click on the elections tab to view.

Candidates can go to the District 86 Toastmasters website; http://toastmasters86.org/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=614:electionsnominations-2012-2013&catid=63:election&Itemid=347

and download a copy of the District Leader Nominating Form and the Officer Agreement and Release Form. Download the forms, fill in the required information, scan and email to doreenhillier@gmail.com before the nominations deadline of March 5, 2012.

Note of caution: Only forms on which the candidate has indicated his/her interest in running for the position with his/her personal signature are accepted. Please do not fill out the form because you think someone is interested in running for a position.

Once the nominations deadline has passed, the Nominations Committee will interview the candidates.

Elections

During the business meeting at the Spring Conference on May 6, we will be electing eight Division Governors; one for each of the following: Divisions A, B, C, L, M, N, S and W. Elections will also take place for Lieutenant-Governor Marketing, Lieutenant-Governor Education and Training and District Governor.

District Officers, District Council, Club Presidents and Club Vice Presidents of Education have one vote each. You have a voice and it is your responsibility to vote for our District leaders for the 2012- 2013 year. If the Club President and/or Vice President of Education of the Club do not plan on attending the business meeting, the responsibility is met by sending the proxies **with another club member**. Please note – you cannot give your proxy to your Area Governor unless that person is a member of your club.

The proxy holder must

present the proxy in paper form to the credentials desk to get the ballot(s). It is very important that we have a quorum in order to do business.

Your current District Governor, Avis Brodie, will be e-mailing the Credential/Proxy Certificate to the Club President on record. It is your responsibility to ensure that your personal contact information is up-to-date at Toastmasters International.

Come out and enjoy the Conference and especially the business meeting where YOU elect YOUR future District leaders.

See the TI website www.toastmasters.org, District Election Voting for further details.

Doreen Hillier, DTM, PDG
Nominations Committee Chair, 2012

**WHERE LEADERS
ARE MADE**

DISTRICT 86 DOUGLAS BARCLAY AWARD (2011 - 2012)

Each Club in good standing is entitled to nominate one member in good standing who meets some or all of the following qualifications and would accept the nomination. The nominee must agree to attend the Spring Conference, i.e. register for the Sunday Keynote Brunch at least, since the recipient will not be announced before the presentation, and the recipient must be present to receive the award in person.

Qualifications	Points per Criteria	Score
Five years minimum as a Toastmaster	1 point for each year over 5	
Served on the District Executive: (last office held must be a minimum of three years prior to the date the award is presented)		
Area Governor	2 points	
Division Governor	5 points (takes into account Area Governor)	
District Secretary	2 points	
District Treasurer	2 points	
District Governor	10 points (takes into account all offices)	
Served the District in various capacities, i.e. Committee Chair, District Parliamentarian, Seminar presenter at District Conference or Divisional Club Officer training	1 point for each documented capacity	
Club Support, i.e. Rescued a Club or Formed a New Club	2 points for each registered	
Coordinate and conduct Success/Leadership, Success/Communication, Youth Leadership, or Speechcraft	1 point for each	
Promoted Toastmasters in the media, i.e. via newspaper, radio, TV or to businesses	1 point for each documented	
Served as an International Director	1 point for each year	
TOTAL SCORE		

http://toastmasters86.org/user/docs/D86_DougBarclayAward_2011-2012.pdf

Submit nominations by April 6, 2012 to:

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B: 416-863-2549
E: joan.binetti@sympatico.ca

Please contact Joan if you have any questions or need more information.

District 86 2011-2012 Calendar, January to June

January Area Governors begin 2nd round club visits and submit reports online

Jan Call for District officer candidates

Jan Club International Speech and Evaluation Contests

Jan-Feb Phase II training for District and Club Officers begins

Jan 1 Semi-Annually elected Club Officers begin term

Jan 14 (Sat) District Training Event: Phase II Training for Club Officers

Jan 15 (Sun) 9:30 am – 4:00 pm District Executive Council Meeting and Area and Division Governor Training

Jan 27-29 Mid Year Training for District Trio– Do not book Club Officer Training.

Jan 31 Deadline to submit workshop proposals for Spring Conference

February Open House Month

Feb Club Officer Phase II Training continues

Feb Club International Speech and Evaluation Contests

Feb Promote “Talk Up Toastmasters” Membership Contest, Feb. 1 to Mar. 31

Feb 11 (Sat) District Training Event: Phase II second chance training

Feb 19 1 – 4 pm District Executive Council Meeting

Feb 28 Deadline for Phase II Club Officer training to count toward DCP Program

March

Mar Clubs collect and submit Membership Dues

Mar Club Officers prepare proxy/credentials for District business meeting in May

Mar Area International Speech and Speech Evaluation Contests early in month

Mar Division International Speech and Speech Evaluation Contests late in month

Mar 18 (Sun) 1 – 4 pm District Executive Council Meeting

Mar 31 Deadline for Nominations for the Douglas Barclay Award

Mar 31 Deadline to submit Applications for Membership to TI for “Talk Up Toastmasters” Membership Contest

April

Apr 1 Club dues renewals and Semi-Annual Reports due at Toastmasters International

Apr 1 (Sun) 10:00 – 2:00 Appreciation Brunch for District Officers and Club Presidents

Apr 15 Deadline for Division Contest Results to Conference Contestants’ Chair

May Elections for 2012 - 2013 Club Officers held during first meeting in May

May Complete and submit 2012 - 2013 Club and Officer Information to TI

May Promote “Beat the Clock” Membership Contest, May 1 - June 30

May Give Toastmasters International Election Proxy to District Governor

May 4-6 District 86 Spring Conference

May 5 District Council Business Meeting

May 5 District International Speech Contest

May 6 District Speech Evaluation Contest

May 27 (Sun) 1 – 4 pm District Executive Council Meeting

June Complete the CC, AC, CL, AL, DTM requirements and submit the Applications to TI

Jun 2 (Sat) District Training Event: Club Officer Phase I training for 2012 - 2013 Club Officers

Jun 23 (Sat) District Officer - Area & Division Governor training for 2012 - 2013 District Officers

Jun 24 (Sun) District Executive BBQ for Outgoing and Incoming Officers (11:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Jun 30 Deadline to submit Applications for Membership, Educational Awards and new Club Charters to TI for current year Distinguished Program credit

Jun 30 Deadline to submit Membership Applications to TI for TI’s “Beat the Clock” Contest

Jun 30 Deadline to submit 2012 - 2013 Club and Officer Information to TI for DCP Credit

Jul 15 Deadline to submit entries for District “of the Year” awards to DG, and Publicist of the Year to PRO

Jun 30 End of 2011 - 2012 Toastmasters Year
THANK YOU for EVERYTHING!

Spring Conference Chair, Anne Irwin, DTM



When this arrives, you will all be thinking of New Year's Resolutions and goals for the upcoming year.

This year's Spring Conference has been well advertised and the registration numbers are growing. These numbers show that many Toastmasters have already set a goal to become better educated and some have agreed

to pass on their knowledge by being Workshop Presenters to help you attain that goal. These are all goals that should inspire you to set your own goals. When you see what someone else has shown that they can achieve, those goals can be yours as well.

Spring is a time of transformation. What is holding you back from making the Spring Conference part of your transformation? It is a time for new growth as a Toastmaster, a time for coming out and shining as a speaker or leader and a time for mentoring others to encourage them to

build on their skills.

As the days lengthen and the weather changes, it is similar to how we step forward and build as speakers and leaders. Some days are stormy and that's when we prefer to shelter of what is safe and known to us and other days when the sun shines we feel invigorated, strong, and willing to take on any speech or role. Spring weather helps us look at things differently, to watch for new growth and changes in the landscape and so it is with Toastmasters.

Make a point of registering for the Spring Conference and let your growth and

strengths come out of hiding and bloom for you.

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere...

Chinese Proverb

Anne Irwin, DTM
District 86 Spring Conference Chair, 2012

District 86 Spring 2012 Conference



May 4 to 6, 2012
Sheraton Parkway
Toronto North
Richmond Hill

Full Registration—a Great Value!

In these tough economic times, we are all looking for ways to save money, while getting value for the money we do spend.

The District 86 Spring Conference provides excellent value for the cost, but we have gone

the extra mile to provide you with even greater value.

Did you know that registering for the full Conference saves you money?

Yes, it does!! The Full Conference rate

saves you 33%! If you register for the full Conference today, you essentially get the Sunday events almost FREE!!

While the savings are consistent over all the pricing levels, the big-

gest savings are realized now, while the rates are low.

Go to: www.district86.cloverpad.org to register today!

Melanee D Jessup, DTM
Registration Chair-2012
Spring Conference