

TOASTMASTERS DISTRICT ONE



District Newsletter

November/December 2016

Season's Greetings District 1!

It's the holiday season! What an exciting time for all of us as we celebrate our families and friends. Many of you are attending holiday parties at work and in your clubs, giving gifts, and sharing memories together.

As we close out the 2016 year and reflect on our achievements, we are also reminded to continue shooting for the moon in 2017. Our goals vary, from becoming a better speaker or leader to becoming a better friend or family member. **No matter what, we all have goals to continue moving forward without looking back.**



In the January 2016 issue of Forbes Magazine, Toastmasters was on the Top 10 list of things we should do to improve our lives for the New Year. You and I know the benefits of Toastmasters, but so many of our friends and family have yet to experience Toastmasters for themselves. ***This holiday season, give the best gift of all: TOASTMASTERS!*** Take a family member or friend to your club so that they can experience the benefit of Toastmasters for themselves. Go to our website at www.district1toastmasters.org to learn more about sponsoring a member from December 1st through January 31st.

If your goal is to take your leadership skills to the next level, we have something for you, too! Nominations are now open for the 2017-2018 program year. Visit our website to see what positions are available. The deadline to apply is December 15th.

As we continue enjoying the holiday season, remember to set goals and be an even brighter star in 2017! On behalf of the District 1 leadership team, we would like to wish you a beautiful and safe holiday season. ***Go forth and be great!***

Together We Can!

Jessica Allen, DTM
District 1 Director

Call for Nominations



Are you ready to serve District One? The opportunity to learn and to serve as a district officer is an amazing experience and challenge. The following positions are open for nomination:

- District Director
- Program Quality Director
- Club Growth Director
- Division Director (Divisions A-F)

Applications for the 2017-2018 Leadership team are due December 15th to Leadership Committee Chair Rodger Cota, DTM/PDG at rcotacat@gmail.com. For information about each position and the forms to complete please go to <http://district1toastmasters.org/about/general-business/> (scroll down).

District One Vision:

"To have a unified team conveying the same message of 'Together We Can' and empowering individuals to become better communicators and leaders. We will accomplish this through consistent communication, training and recognition of our members and their accomplishments."

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DCP Corner: The Distinguished Club Program (DCP)

By Carla Taravella, ACB, ALB, District DCP Chairperson, and Julie Broady, DTM, Program Quality Director



Mark Your Calendar:

District One Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) is January 21st

More details forthcoming on <http://district1toastmasters.org/>. Get ready by holding your elections by early December and submitting your officers list to <http://www.toastmasters.org/> by December 15th.

Check out District One Educational Incentives for You & Your Club:

Club Success Planning	Present your <i>Club Success Plan</i> at the January club meeting and receive a \$25 Gift Certificate. Send a copy of the agenda or video of the presentation. Receive an additional \$25 for inviting your <i>Area Director</i> to help build the success plan.
Speech-A-Month	Give a speech every month between January and June and you will receive: 1) a Party in your honor, 2) Recognition on the District website, and 3) Special recognition at the Awards and Installation banquet
Spotlight on You	Submit a photo of you and your mentor immediately after delivering a speech and you will be spotlighted in the District 1 newsletter. Provide your speech title, date of the speech, and your club name.
1st Timers Club	Complete your 1 st educational award between July 1 and June 30 and you will become a member of the "1st Timers Club" of District One . There will be special recognition at the Toastmaster Leadership Institute (TLI) on January 21 st , the Spring Conference on May 20 th and at the Awards and Installation Banquet. Submit your own testimonial of 150 words or less about your experience in achieving your first educational award for inclusion in the District 1 newsletter. Include your name and home club.

For all incentives, please submit the required information to District DCP Chairperson Carla Taravella, ACB, ALB at district1dcp@gmail.com

Congratulations to the following clubs that have achieved 5 or more DCP goals thus far:

West Hollywood Toastmasters (8 goals)			
Long Beach Gavel Club (7 goals)	Sand and Sea Speakers (7 goals)	South Bay Toastmasters (7 goals)	
Fox Talkz Toastmasters (6 goals)	Praisemasters (6 goals)	Toast of the Bay (6 goals)	Toasted Friday (6 goals)
Demosthenes Wannabees (5 goals)	Lakewood Toastmasters (5 goals)	Professional Women Toastmasters (5 goals)	
Speakers by the Sea (5 goals)	Speak Out! (5 goals)	Toyota Club (5 goals)	Westside Toastmasters (5 goals)

District One would like to reward your club for working together as a team! We have a special recognition letter to send to your employer or preferred recipient. Please email us at district1dcp@gmail.com with the contact information for your preferred recipient. Your letter will be on its way!

In order to be Distinguished or better by June 30th, you need to have your plan in motion now! To help your club succeed here are some important resources:

- ☑ [10 Goals to Take your Club to the Top](#)
- ☑ [The Distinguished Club Program and Club Success Plan](#)
- ☑ [Tracking your Club's Achievement of the DCP Goals](#)
- ☑ [Learn about Toastmasters International's new Pathways Program](#)

RSVP Today

DCP Mastermind Webinar Series
How the Competent Communicator (CC) Manual Will Help You & Your Club!

December 7th & 21st
Starting in January every 2nd Monday and
4th Wednesday of the month

RSVP to district1dcp@gmail.com

Membership Building Campaigns

By Evelyn Woolridge, DTM, Club Growth Director



From December 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017, be a matching sponsor of a New, Dual, or reinstated member and receive a Toastmasters Vintage Logo T-Shirt, Item 7085.

Guidelines: The new member pays for their initial membership until March 31st. The sponsor pays for their renewal fees of \$45 from April 1 thru September 2017, excluding club dues. The Club Treasurer updates the renewals prior to March 31st.

Verification: The sponsor obtains a signed verification form from the club VPM & Treasurer. Sponsor sends the form via email to Sherry Wray, Holiday Cheer Chair, no later than February 3rd.

For more information, contact Sherry Wray, ACS/CL at 310-938-0339 or sherbythepark@gmail.com. Download the flyer and verification from [here!](#)

January 2017 Open-House Showcase Month



The first 20 clubs that conduct an Open House and advertise their Open House flyer on the District 1 website during the month of January 2017, with a gain of 3 BRAND NEW members enrolled before January 31st, will be awarded a \$25 Toastmasters gift certificate.

Verification: Send the Open House Flyer (a pdf version) to Michelle Darlington, District 1 Public Relations Officer at

michelledarlington.toastmaster@gmail.com. It must be in a pdf version and sent early in order to be promoted on the District 1 website www.district1toastmasters.org. The club President or Vice President of Membership must submit a verification form via email to Athene Pappos no later than February 15th. For more information, contact Athene Pappos, DTM, at 213-272-8063 or athene.pappos@clarkconstruction.com. Download the flyer and verification from [here!](#)

Member Spotlight: Michael S. Jones, ACB, ALS, Division F Director



Collaboration is important to **Michael S. Jones, Division F Director**. His Division motto is **"Teamwork Makes our Dreams Work."** According to him, when everyone works together, they get a lot more done and the Division wins. As an example, Area F1 & F3 Directors, Elaine McGee and Ken Starks, earned medals for training 100% of their club officers. Michael remained in constant contact, encouraging them and providing them with what they needed to get the job done. During contest season, he attended many Area and Division contests, working wherever he was needed. He feels it's important to help his fellow Area and Division Directors because it helps everyone win and achieve the goals of District One. Michael is exceptionally proud of his Area F

Directors, who put on very successful area speech contests and came together to hold a great Division contest.

Michael joined Toastmasters in September 2013 at JusticeMasters, his home club. He has also been a member of Shop and Travel Masters, Toastmasters After Dark, and was a charter member and mentor of ULWA School of Law Toastmasters. Michael has served as an Assistant to the Area F1 Governor and Area F4 Director in addition to serving two terms each as President and VPE of JusticeMasters. Michael is married to fellow Toastmaster and Area F4 Director Jacki Williams-Jones, ALB, CL. They have been married for eighteen years, have five children, and seven grandchildren. When not at a Toastmasters meeting or event, Michael and Jacki love to travel around the US and to Europe. They love good food, wonderful family and friends, and new experiences.

"My Toastmasters mentors invested in me, and I engage with fellow Toastmasters to get things done and help them achieve their dreams."

What has helped Michael this year as Division F Director? He states that looking at his last mistake is the best teacher. **"Working from lessons learned and best practices helps me provide leadership to my Area Directors, and I feel it's also important to lead by example."** His goal is to continue to serve his Area F Directors and District One because **"Teamwork makes our dreams work, and together we can make District One President's Distinguished."**

District One 2016 Fall Conference

On Saturday, November 5th, District One held another successful Fall Conference with 230 in attendance. *Congratulations* to Program Quality Director Julie Broady, DTM, Conference Chairs Russ Watson, ACS/ALB & Otilie Hall, and the entire Conference Team for an exciting day.

The day was packed full of inspiring speakers!



The day started with District One's only Accredited Speaker, Eldonna Lewis Fernandez, ACS/ALB, showing attendees how to *"Think Like a Negotiator"* during the leadership breakfast.



Keynote Speaker Erin Gruwell, founder of the Freedom Writers Foundation, inspired the audience with the journey she went on to show a group of Long Beach students that they didn't need to be defined by their environment.



International President, Mike Storkey, DTM, spent the entire day with District One. He took time to meet and converse with members. During the Q/A session facilitated by Past International Director Roberta Perry, DTM, he noted that he is always learning something new in Toastmasters. During the Hall of Fame, he presented District Director Jessica Allen, DTM with a plaque for hosting the International Officer visit.

Well-deserved acknowledgements & awards were plentiful!



Congratulations to our newest DTMs who were present to receive their medallions pictured here with International President Mike Storkey, DTM: (from left to right) Kai Chan, Kathy Dean, Sandro Fusco, Janet Kemp, John Richette, Mary Pickett Patterson, Jessica Allen (3rd DTM), and Carey Keelems



2015-2016 Awards

Brad Stauffer, DTM - Toastmaster of the Year
 Diane Markham DTM - Division Director of the Year
 Kathy Dean, DTM - Area Director of the Year



Congratulations to the Speech Contest Winners.
 Evaluation – Gideon Orion and Humorous - Sherwood Jones



Communication and Leadership Award was given to David Wilcox, the Artistic Director for the Long Beach Ballet.

More excitement from the day



See you on
 May 20th
 for the 2017
 Spring
 Conference

Club Spotlight: Raising the Bar Toastmasters

by Anna Ziss-Patton

Full Disclosure: When I was Division C Governor, Raising the Bar was one of my favorite clubs to visit. The club meets every Thursday evening at a large, private room at IHOP in Compton. While this is a traditional community club, Raising the Bar has a unique aura. Every time I attended, the members were warm and welcoming, and every speaker moved me. Speeches were personal and inspirational and I left each meeting with a new perspective. The quality of this supportive and nurturing environment was seen in 2015 when member Ivory Cooper represented District One at the World Championship of Public Speaking.

Jacquelyn Deloatch also has a soft spot for this club. A former Division C Governor, Jacquelyn was a Club Sponsor for Raising the Bar in 2011, helping to establish the fourth Toastmasters club in Compton. She says that this is “an awesome club because they believe in Toastmasters values. When you follow the 90 year example of Ralph Smedley—structure, discipline and order—you will grow.”

A 3-year veteran of the club, C-4 Area Director Tanei Varner, CC, CL, currently serves as Raising the Bar’s VPE. Ask what’s special about her club and Tanei lights up: “Its members. The energy. The people!” She loves the positive, uplifting atmosphere. “You learn a lot about the members,” she continues. “Members are diverse in terms of their careers and their personal stories. You can learn a lot.”

Club President Jerry James, CC and one speech away from his ACB, came to Raising the Bar two years ago. Initially he began his Toastmasters program with another local club; his second year was spent missing a lot of meetings due to work-related travel; and then he finally found Raising the Bar. The club is a perfect fit for Jerry, who is a minister. He wanted to be the best public speaker he could be for his congregation and the positive, motivational quality of this club helps him reach his potential.

Jerry has specific goals to further the club: to keep the energy high at every meeting and to live up to the club’s name. “I want to be the type of leader that when someone comes into our meeting, they don’t know I’m the president. I want us all to shine.” Jerry’s leadership, too, shines. The club is growing and the meetings are always enriching. And like Tanei, Jerry points to the club’s energy as unique and special. “The energy is always optimistic,” says Jerry. “Doesn’t matter how many people attend the meeting. The energy is so enticing, so welcoming—it causes you to do the best you can.”

Raising the Bar meets every Thursday evening from 7:00 – 8:00 PM at IHOP, 249 E. Compton Blvd, Compton CA 90220.

Save the Date - Upcoming Events

(Get the details on the [District One Event Calendar](#).)

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Please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Pitch your idea before composing a full -blown article so you can be confident your contribution will be a good fit.
- Focus on content that will inspire, educate, or otherwise benefit our members.
- Standard topic areas include member/ club spotlights, events, and awards/ other recognition. We welcome new ideas.
- Article length should be around 250-500 words.
- Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word format (.doc/.docx).
- All content is subject to editing.

Send your ideas and drafts to:
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