



District 86 Toastmasters Quarterly Newsletter *Finding The Key To SUCCESS*

Thank You!

Doreen Hillier, DTM, District Governor

Thank you for doing your part in helping District 86 become Distinguished at June 30, 2010. Toastmasters can set goals, the District Executive can set goals to reach but without you this major feat could not be accomplished. You, the members of District 86 certainly can be proud of the goals you have set and accomplished. Celebrate your successes, celebrate our successes!!!!

Leaders take action every day towards their goal and they MAKE something happen. Leaders are people who give unselfishly to others, helping them achieve their goals and objectives. We have a higher purpose because as we learn and grow – we help others learn and grow. You have been an example and you have impacted the lives of those around you in ways that outreach your immediate sight. People’s lives are changed forever because YOU have taken the time to change and then help the members of your clubs change. Your personal growth depends on change and my personal growth depends on change. Learning and applying always reaps results. Thank you to all the Division and Area Governors for inspiring your teams to go above and beyond. Thank you to all the District support – without you this year would not have been so successful. *You are amazing!!!*

Many times this past year we have had the opportunity to talk about the District theme I had chosen “**Finding the KEY to Success**”. The “**Key**” I believe is Communication. As we communicate with one another and with our families and friends, we unlock some treasures buried underneath and we are able to help them unlock their potential and reach for the stars.

This coming year the District theme is Soaring to Excellence. When we think of Soaring, we don’t think of anything staying the same or status quo – we think of action – we think of something moving forward and I ask that you continue to reach for your potential, continue to stretch yourself and your goals to reach higher than you dared dream. Toastmasters in some ways are like the Eagle – did you ever notice the mother eagle with her young. She takes them to the edge of the cliff and she nudges them, one by one and if they are not ready to fly, they start to fall and she flies down and scoops them up and takes them back to the top of the cliff again. She continues to nudge them until their little wings begin to fly. Encourage one another and you will certainly reap the benefits that Toastmasters has to offer and you will have a lasting impact on those whose lives you touch. **Be** the hand extended to those who need that nudge.



DOREEN HILLIER, DTM

Thank you for the opportunity of leading your District this past year. It certainly has been my privilege. Thank you for your friendship and support from the bottom of my heart.

Have
another
successful
year!!!



MERRI MACARTNEY, DTM

Report

Merri Macartney, DTM, Lieutenant Governor Education & Training

What an amazing year we have had! **CONGRATULATIONS** to all of you who have succeeded in reaching your educational goals. It has been my privilege to send out the letters and district pins and in doing so I have seen the progress you have made.

We completed our Toastmasters Goals and indeed went far beyond them. Where we were asked to complete 316 Competent Communicator awards, you completed a whopping total of 433. Isn't that simply amazing? As for the Advanced Communicator, the goal was 90 and you accomplished 190. Although our Leadership awards aren't reflected on our DCP Chart, as yet, Toastmasters set our goal at 175. District 86 members achieved 311 leadership awards with 55 of them being Triple

Crown winners ...meaning they completed 3 or more educational awards. Go to <http://reports2.toastmasters.org> and see who did so well! District 86 ended the 2010 – 2011 year with **OUTSTANDING RESULTS!** Well done!

The above is a measure of our members' successes. It is easy to get caught up in the numbers but people; real people reaching real goals is what they represent. I get so excited when I see results like these as I know that Toastmasters is alive and well in District 86. I know that people are engaged in the program and progressing with new skills that will forever change their lives by making them better communicators and leaders in a world hungry for both.

It takes many Toastmasters to create the opportunities for such goals to be met. Those who have taken on leadership roles this past year have been a vital link and support to many a member. Thank you for the role you played. Each division had an Education Ambassador who worked with you to provide some of those opportunities.

A huge Thank You goes out to the following:

Division AKathi Weaver	Division MTheresa Murray
Division BMargaret Barrie	Division NAudrey Scott * stepped in
Division CBob Yewchuk	Division SLance Mercer
Division LJustin O'Donnell	Division WCarol Moller

The contests have come to a close now and I will be tallying the results. The prizes for the **Go Outside You Club** will be given to the new area governors to present to the winners when they visit your clubs. The **Above and Beyond Challenge** winner will be notified and presented with their Toastmasters Gift Certificates at the Pizza Party they'll get with the District Trio.

May I challenge each of you as you move forward in your Toastmasters journey for the coming year. Get you club's Distinguished Club Program (DCP) Chart up and use it at every meeting to track your members successes. Nothing works better than to actually see the progress visually as each members' accomplishments are filled in. As the gap between the beginning and the end narrows, excitement for all increases dramatically. Members are motivated to get to the end and this in turn motivates others. Have a club mini-contest where everyone can join in and have some fun. When you make the learning fun, it will be successful.

In closing, let me say how honoured I was to have served in this role as your Lieutenant Governor Education and Training. As I continue my journey as your District Governor, I will be watching yours. Let's all get excited and accomplish our goals together so we may go out and inspire others to do the same.

Best wishes for a great 2010 – 2011 year for all of you.

Merri Macartney, DTM

Serving District 86

Avis Brodie, DTM, Lieutenant Governor Marketing

It has been a good year serving District 86 as your Lieutenant Governor of Marketing. I have met many Toastmasters and visited many clubs throughout the district. I have had the opportunity to assist in launching 14 brand new clubs, either directly or indirectly. Thank you to my team of Marketing Ambassadors and the many Toastmasters who have helped by participating in launching meetings, lending their time and their talents for the "good of Toastmasters" as volunteers, as sponsors and as mentors. Through their valuable donation of time and talent, new groups of people have discovered the fantastic organization to which we belong. One aspect of the district mission as set forth by Toastmasters International is to ". . . extend the network of clubs, thereby offering greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters educational program . . ."



AVIS BRODIE, DTM

We have taken this mission statement to heart. You have been an active part of our mission. You have invited a friend to your club, encouraged a colleague to join, and spoken to your HR department about the benefits of starting a club at your workplace.

Looking to the future, I am happy to start my new role as your Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training, or LGET for short. More about that in our next District newsletter!





KAREN REESE, ACG, AL

Thank You

Karen Reese, Public Relations Officer

Hello and a very big **THANK YOU** for the pleasure of serving you this past year. As your Public Relations Officer, many learning opportunities were opened. They were both personal and organizational. The world of Toastmasters is indeed life changing.

Thank you to those of you who worked so diligently to “Spread the Word” about Toastmasters throughout your communities and your clubs. You are a gift, an engine that keeps this organization moving. Thank you to those who kept the fun alive in the meetings and welcomed guests with warmth and joy.

You are a light that keeps this organization moving in the right direction.

Thank you to those of you who set your goals. Who was it that wrote, “Deeds cannot dream what Dreams can do” ...perhaps E.E. Cummings. The goals you set for yourself, your Club, your Area, your Division, and for our District, and the focused determination and actions to achieve those goals have placed us into the Distinguished arena. Keep dreaming large. You deserve praise for your work. We are a FAMILY! Thank you to those who “get it”! We are here to help each other. That can be achieved through helpful words, helpful evaluations, and helpful, positive support.

Thank you to those who took advantage of the opportunities to Listen, Learn, Earn (designations), and Return to help others. Those who grew to “Expect More From Themselves” And, a special thank you to those who “Bridged the Gap” between where they started at the beginning of the Toastmaster year and what they wished to accomplish. *Congratulations!*

Like you, my accomplishments were achieved through the help and understanding of others...You and our entire District team. Our District Governor, Doreen Hillier, was, is, and always will be a precious, caring person and a true joy to work with. Please take the time to write Doreen and thank her for the time she gave to the District during the last four years. It is refreshing to know we have people in our District who have the skills, knowledge, and willingness to serve in this role. Thank you Doreen!

What have I learned?

“We grow by what we give, not by what we get”.

“Make sure you are not the problem and that the words you use are positive and helpful”.

“Never stop learning and growing”.

“If the job was easy, everybody would be doing it”.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Karen Reese, DTM

Wanted - Fall Conference Workshop Presenters

Lori Lococo, DTM, Immediate Past District Governor

Conference workshops are at the heart of what we do as Toastmasters. It is that rarified space where like minded Toastmasters from across the District can gather and explore the keys to leadership, effective communication, personal development and club excellence.

Beyond that, it is a great way for up and coming public speakers to experience new achievements and share their message.

Are you ready for that next step? Are you ready to grow to a new level of confidence in communication? If you answered "yes", or even "maybe", you owe it to yourself to examine presenting a workshop at District 86's Fall Conference November 19, 20, and 21st, 2010 in beautiful Niagara Falls!

We would like to hear from you if you have a message to share that applies to one of these tracks:

Leadership

Improve your Speaking Skills

Personal Development

Club Excellence

Twelve presentations will be chosen to educate, encourage and enrich our members. Please go to the conference website, under Fall Conference – Workshops for details on how to submit presentation proposals. **The deadline is September 10th, 2010.**



LORI LOCOCO, DTM

I'm looking forward to working with you and the entire Conference Workshop Team in offering our conference goes your creative ideas.

Lori Lococo, DTM
Immediate Past District Governor
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DISTRICT 86 is DISTINGUISHED!!!!	
Club Base	185
Active Clubs to Date	195
Paid Clubs to Date	191
Goals for June 30	190
District is ahead .....	.1
Membership Payments Base .....	.9041
Membership Payments to Date .....	.9289
Goal for June 30 .....	.9221
District is ahead .....	.68
CCs to Date .....	.433
Goal for June 30 .....	.316
District is ahead .....	.117
ACs to Date .....	.190
Goal for June 30 .....	.90
District is ahead .....	.100

Planting The Seeds of Youth

Through the many Youth Leadership programs that were conducted this year, each Youth program started with 25 youth participants and each session averaged about 20 youth Graduating from each one. Some sessions even managed to achieve media coverage from Rogers Cable of York Regions, SNAP newspaper in the Region they represent (Markham, Mississauga and Brampton).

The Richmond Hill and Brampton areas are enriched with youth and Gavel Clubs, these are being looked into by those involved in this process. There is also the Youth Gavel Club that Mary Dipaolo is working on in Africa currently.

Indeed we have **TALKED UP** Toastmasters Youth Leadership Programs this year and we have discovered greatness in working with other clubs within an area to build a great team of dedicated Toastmasters that are willing to work with youth. Many of the youth leadership programs provided this year involved many members from more than one Toastmasters club in an area.

Anything is possible with a little effort, dedication and commitment. I thoroughly enjoyed my year as Youth Leadership Chair and I have learned many possibilities on how to get sponsorship. As well, I have learned the next step beyond youth leadership programs is Gavel Clubs and discovered this is a great way to build Toastmasters awareness in an area and the possibility to gain potential new Toastmasters clubs in the future.

By planting a seed today, the seed will blossom to greatness in years to come for all involved.

I encourage each Toastmasters club, area, and division to support the youth in your area. It is worth the time and effort in more ways than one.



Thank You



District 86 Rocks!!!

Thank you ...each and everyone for everything you have done in *FINDING THE KEY TO SUCCESS*. This has been an Amazing Journey.

I appreciate you.

Enjoy a relaxing summer.

Sincerely,

Doreen