



**District 49 Newsletter 2008/2009 ~ Issue #5 ~ December 2008**

## **District Conference Huge Success**

Over 100 Toastmasters joined for an incredible day of training and laughter at the District 49 Fall Conference on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We were treated to two presentations by Toastmasters International President Jana Barnhill...including many "eye-opening" points. From her theme of Courage to Conquer... to her update on how TI plans to utilize the newest technologies to improve communication, training & networking. Special guest speaker Jim Bagnola, an international coach and speaker, presented a new, original tour... highlighting what he has adopted for his life practices from each of the cultures we visited around the world.

We held contests, a business meeting, and plenty of recognition. Our silent auction was the most successful yet... The Conference closed with a networking social hour complete with no-host bar. It was new...and fun... and really allowed folks to meet and chat with fellow Toastmasters from around the state...and even the International President Jana Barnhill.

(see below for details on contests, recognition and silent auction)

**District 49 will hold its next Conference on Saturday, May 2, 2009.  
See you There!**





## **Vargo, Tandal, Makiya and Sawai**

### **Collect District Honors at 2008 Fall Conference**

The District 49 Conference was an exciting affair for everyone. During the luncheon presentations, Immediate Past District Governor Kevin Doyle honored four key individuals who contributed to the District's drive to repeat as a Distinguished District in 2008:

- Area Governor of the Year - **Laurie Makiya** (Area 1)
- Division Governor of the Year - **Debora Tandal** (Division C)
- District Toastmaster of the Year - **Frank Vargo** (Area 9 Governor)
- District Toastmaster of the Year - **Carolyn "Cat" Sawai** (Lt. Governor, Marketing)

### **The District 49 Fall Speech Contest Winners!**

The District 49 Fall Contest saw some excellent evaluations and very funny speeches as District 49 speech contests challenged each other to do their best. Here are the results:

#### **Humorous Speech Contest**

First Place - **Kekoa McClellan**, CPB Loyaltymasters

Second Place - **Dean Masai**, DBEDT for Business

Third Place - **Tom Smallwood**, Kihei Toastmasters

#### **Speech Evaluation Contest**

First Place - **David Pendleton**, City and County Toastmasters

Second Place - **Ron Moble**, Paradise Toastmasters

Third Place - **Reggie Yang**, Ward Transformers

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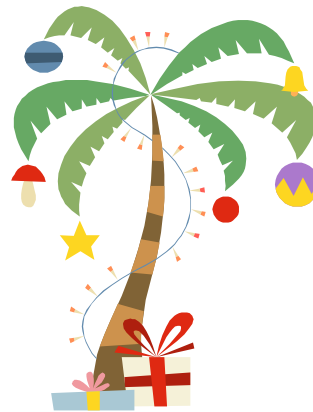
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**A special mahalo for support of the  
District 49 Fall Conference 2008  
Silent Auction!**

**Individual, Club and Business donors contributed to the  
Auction, which was hugely successful**

**(All listed at [www.District49.org](http://www.District49.org))**





## **Toastmasters Leadership Institute**

### **District Wide Club Officer Training**

**WHO:** **At least 4 Officers** need to be trained two times each year in order to earn the **Distinguished Club Point for Officer Training.**

**HOW:** Big picture overview and training from the main stage, followed by break out sessions for each club officer role.

**WHY:** Because Leadership skills matter... in the business world, and in the Toastmasters Club world...  
Skilled leaders have an easier time reaching the goals of a Toastmasters club...  
Skilled leaders are needed in every organization. Toastmasters is the world leader in Communication and Leadership training

**WHERE:**

1301 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu HI  
Queens Medical Center, Kamehameha Auditorium

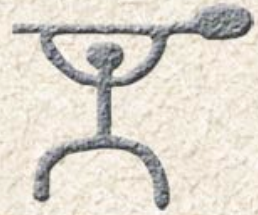
**WHEN:** Saturday, January 24, 2009

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## Lieutenant Governor Marketing

Vice President of Membership is the equivalent role at the Club level. Just like the VP Membership, the Lt Governor Marketing is responsible for district membership growth and also District Club growth (adding new clubs!).



It is the Lt Governor Marketing, currently Anne Myers, ACB, ALS, that spearheads, promotes and manages at least 2 membership building programs each year. The Smedley Award is designated for those clubs achieving success in the Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – Sept 30<sup>th</sup> drive each year; the Talk Up Toastmasters contest is our upcoming Membership Drive from February 1<sup>st</sup>-March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Lt. Governor of Marketing serves as the 3<sup>rd</sup> ranking member of the District Executive council. Attendance at monthly meetings, as well as chairing those meetings at times, is paramount for this position.

This is the person that develops the annual District Marketing plan; and directs and coordinates the strategies and activities needed to fulfill it.

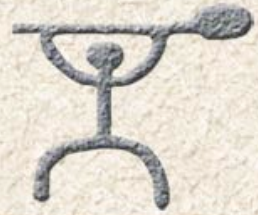
Toastmasters International's standard for club size is "at least 20", and Lt. Governor of Marketing is the District level leader, support, and cheer leader by implementing programs for clubs with fewer than 20. The "club coach" and "club mentor" programs are managed by this position as well. If your club struggles to maintain membership levels of 20+, the Lt. Governor of Marketing, Anne Myers, is a fabulous resource... give her a call! (all District Officer contact information is available at [www.District49.org](http://www.District49.org) )

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**Anne Myers, ACB, ALS**

**District 49 Lt. Governor of Marketing**

***Anne Myers at Lake Louise, Canada after the Toastmaster Int'l Convention in August 2008.***

Anne Myers first joined Toastmasters in 2000. We all visited for different reasons, and it is no different for Anne. A friend and coworker, for whom English was not a first language, wanted to check it out as a place to practice and improve. She invited Anne along, and Anne was hooked soon after. For Anne, an auditory learner, Toastmasters seemed like a great fit...listening is one of the key skills we all hone while completing our Toastmaster projects. Even in leisure time... Anne's choice is to listen...to books on tape.

Anne has held two previous District positions: Area Governor and District Secretary. In addition, she has filled the Treasurer, Secretary, VP Education and President roles in her home club, First Hawaiian Center and Advanced club Na Hoku Kai. She has lived each position for what it could be... the way she lives life... in the 'now'...one day at a time. In retrospect, she knows these experiences have changed her outlook (not so judgmental), and changed her thought process about 'the way things are'.

If Anne has to name her favorite part of Toastmasters, it surely is the thrill of seeing others grow. Sometimes big things, many times quite small. Even incremental changes can be astounding. One of Anne's enjoyable moments is telling her fellow toastmaster how great it was to see the change.

Anne is a Business Systems Officer with First Hawaiian Bank where she works on customer information applications.

Personal growth, encouraging and celebrating that growth in others, and going with the flow in life...living in the "now"... pretty well summarizes Anne Myers, our District 49 Lt. Governor of Marketing.

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## Mission of the District

The mission of the district is to enhance the performance and extend the network of clubs thereby offering greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters educational program by:



Focusing on critical success factors as specified by the district educational and membership goals



Insuring that each club effectively fulfills its responsibilities to its members



Providing effective training and leadership development opportunities for club and district officers

