

# AMAZING 49-ERS!

## DISTRICT 49 TOASTMASTERS

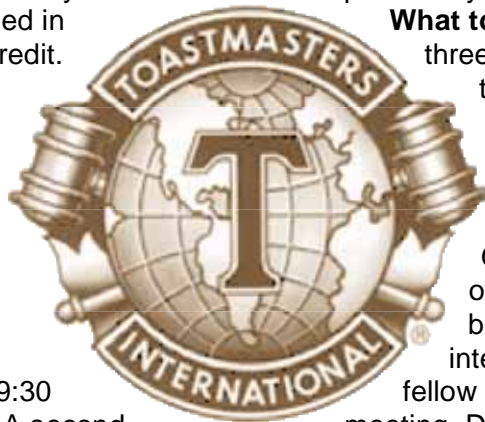
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## Club Officer Training On Tap For January 27

**Please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 27 for the Winter Club Officer training. In order to get Distinguished Club Program credit, a club needs to have at least four officers trained at both the summer (June/July) and winter (January /February) club officer training.**

Forty-four of our clubs are on track to earn a Distinguished Club point so far, but they will need to have at least 4 officers are trained in January or February to get DCP credit. Even more impressive, 17 clubs had all 7 of their officers trained in the summer session and earned a special 7 for 7 ribbon for their club banner.

The first session will be on Saturday, January 27 and the second on February 17, at Tripler Army Medical Center's Kyser Auditorium. The session starts at 9:30 a.m. sharp and will finish at noon. A second session will be held on February 17, also starting at 9:30 a.m. While the training is designed for Club



Officers to meet their training requirements, it is open to any Toastmaster who would like to attend. **What to expect.** The training will start with three general sessions, covering leadership, the new Competent Leader manual and how to conduct a club speech contest. After that we'll begin the breakout sessions specialized training for the various officer positions. Area Governors will follow -up with club officers who can't make either training, but you really should make the effort to interact and exchange ideas with your fellow club officers. Think of it like your club meeting. Do you get more out of it when everyone attends, or when you're the only one who shows up? See you there!.

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## Happy New Year!

'We've made a great deal of progress in our first six months of the 2006-2007 Toastmasters year! Area Governors visited 98% of our clubs, we chartered a new club at Hawaiian Electric with 43 members and are at 46% of our goal for Competent Communicator Awards. We're on track to have more clubs than ever earn distinguished status. Keep up the great work!

**Gloria Shishido,  
District Governor**

Quote:

"Whether you believe you can, or believe you can't, you are right.

**Henry Ford**

## Terry Roughton, PDG, to chair D49 Spring Conference

The Spring Conference will be held at the C'est Si Bon Ballroom at the Pagoda Restaurant and Hotel. We will have two featured speakers, Table Topics and the International Speech Contests, and the "Communication and Leadership Award" during our lunch in the LaSalle Ballroom. During the Business Meeting we will be electing 2007-2008 District Officers: District Governor, Lt Governor Education & Training, Lt Governor Marketing, and three Division Governors.

Mark your calendar for May 12, 2006, registration at 7:30 am, 8:00 am conference begins on time! If you are interested in working on the conference committee, please contact Terry Roughton at 672-9023 (h) or Gloria Shishido at 547-4358 (w).

## Key 3 to attend mid-year training in San Diego

It's half way through District year and the Key 3 are off to San Diego for their mid-year training. As of December 30, 2006, District 49 is at 49.39% of the goal for membership with only one club lost. We are well ahead of where we were last year at the same time. Last year we had at this period of time we lost five clubs and were behind in dues payments, too. Currently, the CC Awards count is 45.42% and AC is at 28.57%. It appears that our Leadership awards are trailing this year. Is it because we are working on the new Competent Leader Manual? If so, thank you for focusing on the new program. Carrying two books to your meeting really maximizes everyone providing evaluations! We will have more Competent Leader manuals at the bookstore at the Club Officer's training in January.

## The Quest to be Distinguished!

District 49 clubs are hard at work in their "quest to be distinguished". The Area Governors during their Spring visits will be going over the program with you as well as developing strategies with the Club Officers on how to become a Distinguished Club. Each Club is able to access how they are doing by going the Toastmasters International site under Club business. You will need your Club number to access the data. The clubs who are working on the Distinguished Club Program (DCP) have a minimum of 20 members or have a net gain of 5 members from their base. The following Clubs are on their way:

### 4 Distinguished points

- A-3 7854 No Ka Oi Club
- B-6 5244 Mililani Club
- C-11 7356 Ho'oponopono Pa'ahao

### 3 Distinguished points

- A-1 7234 • Waikiki Club
- A-1 727034 • Abe Lee Realty Club
- A-4 1116 • Servco Club
- B-7 520 • Hickam Club
- B-8 7644 • Paradise
- C-10 1416 • Hawaiian Electric Club
- C-10 2076 • Downtown Business Associates

There are others who are under 20, who are doing very well and need the members to be considered a Distinguished Club. We will be reporting how we are doing in the newsletter. Keep up the amazing quest!

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## The Daffodil Principle

Several times my daughter had telephoned to say, "Mother, you must come to see the daffodils before they are over." I wanted to go, but it was a two-hour drive from Laguna to Lake Arrowhead "I will come next Tuesday", I promised a little reluctantly on her third call.

Next Tuesday dawned cold and rainy. Still, I had promised, and reluctantly I drove there. When I finally walked into Carolyn's house I was welcomed by the joyful sounds of happy children. I delightedly hugged and greeted my grandchildren. "Forget the daffodils, Carolyn! The road is invisible in these clouds and fog, and there is nothing in the world except you and these children that I want to see badly enough to drive another inch!"

My daughter smiled calmly and said, "We drive in this all the time, Mother." "Well, you won't get me back on the road until it clears, and then I'm heading for home!" I assured her. "But first we're going to see the daffodils. It's just a few

blocks," Carolyn said. "I'll drive. I'm used to this."

"Carolyn," I said sternly, "Please turn around." "It's all right, Mother, I promise. You will never forgive yourself if you miss this experience."

After about twenty minutes, we

swirling patterns, great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, creamy white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, and saffron and butter yellow. Each different-colored variety was planted in large groups so that it swirled and flowed like its own river with its own unique hue. There were five acres of flowers.

"Who did this?" I asked Carolyn. "Just one woman," Carolyn answered. "She lives on the property. That's her home." Carolyn pointed to a well-kept A-frame house, small and modestly sitting in the midst of all that glory. We walked up to the house.

On the patio, we saw a poster. "Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Asking", was the headline. The first answer was a simple one. "50,000 bulbs," it read.

The second answer was, "One at a time, by one woman. Two hands, two feet, and one brain."

The third answer was "Began in 1958.

For me, that moment was a life-changing experience. I thought of this woman whom I had never met, who, more than forty years before, had begun, one bulb at a time, to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountaintop.

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turned onto a small gravel road and I saw a small church. On the far side of the church, I saw a hand lettered sign with an arrow that read, "Daffodil Garden." We got out of the car, each took a child's hand, and I followed Carolyn down the path. Then, as we turned a corner, I looked up and gasped. Before me lay the most glorious sight.

It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it over the mountain peak and its surrounding slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic,

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Planting one bulb at a time, year after year, This unknown woman had forever changed the world in which she lived. One day at a time, she had created something of extraordinary magnificence, beauty, and inspiration. The principle her daffodil garden taught is one of the greatest principles of celebration. That is, learning to move toward our goals and desires one step at a time--often just one baby-step at time--and learning to love the doing, learning to use the accumulation of time. When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we too will find we can accomplish magnificent things. We can change the world .

"It makes me sad in a way," I admitted to Carolyn. "What might I have accomplished if I had thought of a wonderful goal thirty-five or forty years ago and had worked away at it 'one bulb at a time' through all those years? Just think what I might have been able to achieve!"

My daughter summed up the message of the day in her usual direct way. "Start tomorrow," she said.

She was right. It's so pointless to think of the lost hours of yesterdays. The way to make learning a lesson of celebration instead of a cause for regret is to only ask, "How can I put this to use today?"

Use the Daffodil Principle. Stop waiting...

- Until your car or home is paid off
- Until you get a new car or home
- Until your kids leave the house
- Until you go back to school
- Until you finish school
- Until you clean the house
- Until you organize the garage
- Until you clean off your desk
- Until you lose 10 lbs.
- Until you gain 10 lbs.
- Until you get married
- Until you get a divorce
- Until you have kids
- Until the kids go to school
- Until you retire
- Until summer
- Until spring
- Until winter
- Until fall
- Until you die...

There is no better time than right now to be happy. Happiness is a journey, not a destination. So work like you don't need money. Love like you've never been hurt, and, dance like no one's watching. Don't be afraid that your life will end, be afraid that it will never begin.

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## Spring speech contests to feature Table Topics and the International Speech contests

Has your club scheduled their Spring speech contests yet? Well, it's time to get them on the calendar!

Speech contests give your members a chance to test new waters and measure their progress against that of other Toastmasters. We have yet to run into a contestant, regardless of how they placed that didn't say they learned a tremendous amount from their participation.

Each club will be able to send one contestant to their Area contest in the Table Topics category and the International Speech contest. The top two winners in each contest at the Area level will compete at the Division level, and the top two winners at Division will compete in the District Contest set for May 12. The winner of the District 49 International speech contest will compete in the Region II contest in San Diego in June. The winner of the Region II contest will become a contestant in the World Championship of Public Speaking in August in Phoenix Arizona

## Spring dues renewals must be completed by March 31st

March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for clubs to file their Spring Dues renewal and get Distinguished Club program credit. Many clubs have trouble getting their members to remember to bring their payment to meetings, so start reminding them in February of this important deadline, so that your club doesn't miss the boat in the Distinguished Club program.

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## A “Toast” for the Global Messenger Toastmasters

By Amanda Corby  
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*“Before becoming a Global Messenger Toastmaster, I was nervous to talk, I couldn’t make it through an entire sentence and I never dreamed I could speak in front of a crowd. Now here I sit, in front of all of you, the great supporters of Special Olympics Hawai’i, to perform my first of many public speeches.”*

-Paul Browne, Special Olympics Hawai’i Athlete and Global Messenger Toastmaster at his 2006 Torch Run speech.

Special Olympics Global Messengers are used to carrying the message of Special Olympics Hawai’i throughout the state, the country and around the world. Their voices are a clarion call to people with intellectual disabilities to join Special Olympics and for people everywhere to support them in their efforts to demonstrate competence in sports and other aspects of their lives. In Hawai’i, Global Messengers decided to step it up and take on a new leadership role after the unfortunate loss of a historical figure in both Special Olympics Global Messenger and Toastmasters Hawai’i. Special Olympics Hawai’i champion swimmer and basketball player, Global Messenger and Toastmaster Bill Tyau will always



be remembered; not only for his heartwarming smile and speeches and his athletic capabilities but also for his place as the link for the first ever partnership between Global Messenger and Toastmaster programs. In 2004, at Bill’s memorial service, several Toastmasters along with Special Olympics Hawai’i staff members agreed to resurrect the union between Special Olympics and Toastmasters. After sixteen years of working together off and on, Special Olympics Global Messengers and Toastmasters Hawai’i decided to set in motion a plan to establish the Global Messengers Toastmasters Club to be sponsored by Special Olympics Hawai’i. This culmination, the partnership, between Special Olympics and Toastmasters in Hawai’i is believed to be the first union of its kind in the nation.

“The difficulty confronting Special Olympics Hawai’i Global Messengers was getting enough presentation opportunities for our athletes to work on their speaking skills. We try to get a presentation setup up for the athletes within a month’s time after training but

frequently this was not happening and the athletes were losing the skills they worked so hard to obtain. The safe supportive and 100% positive learning environment of the Toastmasters club provides the opportunity for the athletes to practice their speeches and enhance the skills they have learned. It is amazing to see the progression of our athletes and their speaking capabilities,” said Nip Ho, Special Olympics Toastmaster Advisor & Vice President of Area Services.

## Talk Up Toastmasters membership contest begins February 1st

Talk up Toastmasters is TI’s Spring membership drive. It’s your chance to add new members to your club as well as add a ribbon for your club banner. Clubs who register a minimum of five new members between February 1 and March 31<sup>st</sup> will qualify for the award and it’s ribbon recognition. A simple way to do this is to invite friends to your next Toastmasters meeting. If every member does this you’ll be on your way to a ribbon – and Distinguished Club credit! Set your goal and meet it!





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