



# ALOHA DISTRICT 49



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## District 49 Reaches Goal – 61 Clubs

-Rich Hernandez, DTM, District PRO

Congratulations to our District Governor Mercedes Balli, DTM, who led the effort on reaching 61 clubs for the Aloha District! Toastmasters International had levied on us the requirement to maintain 60 clubs in good standing or lose the District Charter. This was a “do or die” situation for District 49. Undaunted with the challenge, she worked with her team to develop prospective clubs, run down leads, and resurrect interest in Toastmasters in key organizations.

As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, paperwork has been forwarded to TI HQ, and District 49 can now claim it has 61 clubs. Mercedes is quick to point out accomplishing this was a team effort. Listed below are the newest clubs and updates on transferred charters. Details on meeting places, points of contact, etc, can be found on the District website at [www.District49.org](http://www.District49.org). Thanks to Larry Lands, Lt. Gov of Education and Training, District webmaster for quickly posting club information on our website.

58. *Koinonia Toastmasters*, (#625594, Div B, Area 6) meets Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

59. *Spirent*, (#641435, Div C, Area 11.) Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at 12 noon..

60. *Olelo O American Savings Bank – Downtown*, (#644664, Div A, Area 1) meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, at 12 noon..

61. *American Savings Bank, Kalihi* (#644685, Div B, Area 7) meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, at 1245 p.m.

Welcome also Club #2074, “Babbling Brook,” which took over the charter from Bankoh. They meet in the Bank of Hawaii building, downtown, the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 11:45AM. See the District 49 website for current information on this or any other club in the Aloha District.



## Aloha Toastmasters Judge Local Speech Contest – Michelle J. Santos, TM

The Hawaii Island Christian Speech & Debate Association (HICSDA) held its annual **Individual Event National Qualifier Tournament** on April 2-3, 2004 at Yano Hano Educational Center (Schofield). The members believe formal speech and debate can provide a means for home- schooled students to learn and exercise analytical and oratorical skills, addressing life issues.

For its 5<sup>th</sup> year, 93 students participated in 11 different speech events: Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Impromptu, Duo Interpretation, Expository, Extemporaneous, Humorous, Interpretation, Impromptu, Open Interpretation, Original Oratory, and Persuasive Speaking.



Toastmasters M. Santos, T. Hroncich and D. Kelly with some of the Winners of the event

About 150 judges took part of the event, 6 of them were Toastmasters. After a long rewarding day awed by all the talented young speakers, about 15 students will represent HICSDA to the Nationals in Lynchburg, VA.

“The children had a great experience with so many devoted judges that were willing to give their time and critique to help them become better communicators . Thank you...”, emailed a proud mother and judge worker, Marlene Nations.

There were many lessons learned, but most of all, Toastmasters got to take all the speech fundamentals and principles outside club walls. Take the challenge and Give Rebecca Hergenrader a call at 808.627.0656 and volunteer to coach or judge any of their other events. ☺

## Message from the District Governor

As I write this message, I am very excited and enthusiastic with the progress that I see that is happening with most of our clubs this year. Congratulations to those clubs that have had four or more of their officers trained during each club Officer Training period. For those clubs that faithfully follow the Distinguished Club plan Goals, congratulations. Do you want to know how well your club is doing? Would you like your club to be distinguished for this Toastmaster year? Have you looked at your Distinguished Club Plan (DCP) report lately? Go to the TI website. [WWW.Toastmasters.org](http://WWW.Toastmasters.org) and under Member Quicklinks, click on Club DCP Reports. Click on Launch Reports, then enter your Club#. You will know well in advance what you need to do help your club achieve the goals needed to reach Distinguished status. One very important point to remember is that your club can reach all of your clubs goals, but if you do not have a net increase of five new members, if your club is below 20 members by June 30, 2004 your club cannot be Distinguished. Continue your good work and share your Toastmasters experience with everyone you meet.

This has been a great year for me and the District team. Lt. Gov. Education and Training Larry Lands has achieved his Goals as set forth by Toastmasters International. Lt. Gov Marketing Terrance Roughton has achieved most of his goals also. We are so fortunate to have dedicated Area and Division Governors and district staff members. Every one of them has been working very hard for you the member. I have said this many times and I repeat, when you see them take the time to thank them for their dedication and loyalty. We now have *sixty-one clubs* and are still growing. We have two new American Savings Bank clubs and a third club Spirent. Bankoh Toastmasters club has given their charter to the Board of Water Supply. The new name for club #2074 is "Babbling Brook." Servco Toastmasters Club had a visitor from Saipan Dean Papadopoulos on March 23rd. He came to observe and see a Toastmaster club in action and was very impressed. There is no Toastmasters club in Saipan. He came to observe so that he can help form a Toastmasters Club there.

I hope you're ready for the most exciting Spring Conference ever. The committee has been working diligently planning educational workshops for you. We hope to see all of you at the Conference. See You at The Top!

Mercedes Balli  
District 49 Governor  
"One Team-One Dream"

## One Step Beyond

– Jeff Beard, DTM

Are you a CTM or higher? Looking for a Club to practice your advanced speeches and get advanced evaluation, and even learn how to give advanced evaluations? Then look no further! Laulima Toastmasters is the Club for you. Originally started as a Speakers Bureau over 15 years ago, Laulima has evolved into a diverse mix of seasoned, experienced speakers and leaders, and recent CTMs and ATMs, looking to enhance their Toastmasters experience. We encourage speeches from the Advanced Manuals (although Basic Manual speeches are allowed – some of us go over it a few times!), and encourage evaluators to "raise the bar" on their feedback – give brief yet detailed information on how the speaker can improve. Besides, where else can you join a Club that lists among its members a Past International President (Tim Keck), AND a Past World Speaking Champion (Willie Jones)!

Our meetings are fun and lively (we always meet where there's food and drink), and it occurs on the last Friday of the month. Our next meeting is on April 30<sup>th</sup>, at All-Star Hawaii – 2080 Kalakaua Ave., in the Nike Town building on the corner of Kalakaua and Kalaimoku. The parking garage is off Kalaimoku St., and parking is FREE with validation. The room opens for dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the meetings are from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sound interesting? Then go one step beyond – come visit a Club that has the experience and resources to offer you a higher level of speaking and evaluating – Laulima Toastmasters! Our only requirements are (1) that you belong to another Club, and (2) that you have achieved CTM or higher.

For more information, or just to let us know that you're coming, call Jeff Beard (H) 488-0198, (C) 780-2066, or, Megan Donahue (W) 523-8874.

Jeff Beard, DTM, PDG  
Laulima Club President  
Area 8 Governor



## Area 7 Speech Contest

–Cheryl Mapono, ATMG

The Area 7 Speech Contest was held on Saturday, 3 April 2004, 9:30 a.m., at the Susannah Wesley Community Center. A great big MAHALO to all of you who helped to make the Area 7 Speech Contest a great success! As Area 7 Governor and a neophyte at speech contests, you can well imagine how apprehensive I was, and I wasn't even competing!

MAHALO to Maharlika Express' President and VP, Education, DTM Erlinda Cachola and ATM-B Steven Callo for allowing us the use of the Susannah Wesley Community Center and their club lectern and gavel. Also to DTM Jim Jones for bringing the timing lights and stopwatch. To DTM Greg Ching for jumping in and volunteering for Toastmaster of the Day and guiding all of us through the Speech Contest. (WHEW!) To DTM Mercedes Balli, District 49 Governor, ATM-B Karen Lugo, Division B Governor, ATM-S Joanna Lands, District 49 Database Administrator, and TM Json Nakagawa from Mililani Toastmasters for coming and helping.

Especially thanks to TM Eric Bush from Camp Smith Toastmasters--what an awesome job he did on Saturday!! He had everyone feeling the emotions rise and tears flowing!! What an inspirational speech and what a great tribute to his Mother! His Table Topic was also excellent! Watch out Division A and C competitors!

**Division B Speech Contest** will be held on Saturday, **17 April 2004, 10:30 a.m.**, at Tripler Hospital, Kyser Auditorium. Please come out and support Eric!

Cheryl Mapano, ATMG  
Area 7 Governor



## Upcoming Contests

AREA 6, Div B  
INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST  
AND TABLE TOPICS CONTEST  
DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2004  
REGISTRATION: 6:30 P.M.  
BRIEFING: 7:00 P.M.  
CONTEST: 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER  
(THIRD FLOOR)  
94-428 MOKUOLA ST.  
WAIPAHU  
CONTACT: DAVE SEARS (808) 674-1375  
desears@aol.com

### Division B International/Table Topics Contest

Date: Saturday, April 17  
Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Where: Tripler Army Medical Center, Kyser Auditorium  
Contact: Div B Governor Karen Lugo, 678-0063

### Division C International/Table Topics Contest

Date: Saturday, April 24  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Where: First Hawaiian Center, 999 Bishop St., 6<sup>th</sup> FL., Training Room  
Contact: Div C Governor Mark Sterlacci, 543-5676

*\*The Division A Contest was held Saturday, 10 April.  
Congratulations to the winners who were:*

International Speech  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Daniela Paluselli  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Doug Larsen  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Desiree Lopes  
Table Topics  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Sean Valencia  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Nicole Bremness  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Thomas Trenz

See Page 4 for information on the Spring Conference.



Do you have any questions or ideas of how we can spread the word about Toastmasters? Contact District PRO Rich Hernandez or email the newsletter team at [richard.hernandez14@gte.net](mailto:richard.hernandez14@gte.net)

## Growing ALL Toastmasters!

-Michelle J. Santos,  
Spring Conference Co-Chair

Living in Hawaii, we have firsthand experience at seeing crops growing everywhere. Crops are dependent on the seedling, the type of soil, climate and the farmer's cultivation ability. The same goes for us as Toastmasters. Each of us is offered diverse possibilities to improve ourselves, but before accepting a seed to grow in our lives, we must sit down and see what it will demand of us.

For those of us who have envisioned ourselves better communicators, we choose to plant Toastmasters in our lives. With its good strong seeds (its manuals, structure, and organization), we've chosen to have it planted in our fertile ground. We plant in differing climates, depending on which club we belong to. We've also experienced the cultivating ability of our District leaders and staff. We sow, we grow, and we reap the rewards.

We sow through our educational modules. We grow through our organizational meetings and we reap the rewards in our personal life because of our involvement in the Toastmasters program.

Attend the Spring Conference, to be held at the Ala Moana Hotel on Saturday, May 8, 2004 and see what you can harvest for yourself.

Registration starts at 7.30 am with the conference officially starting at 8:00 am and ending at 5:00 pm. Register now!

**Michelle J. Santos & Joanna Lands**- Co-Chairs

**Nelson Nakagawa**- Contest Chair  
**Lina Carahasen**- Contest Co-Chair  
**Gloria Shishido**- Education Chair  
**Young Kim**- Registration Chair  
**Jhonneth Cordeiro**- Registration Co-Chair  
**Ron Neff**-Facilities Chair  
**Elizabeth Rahr**- Budget & Finance Chair  
**Lynn Calloway**- Decorations  
**Tony Hroncich & John Travis**- Programs & Publicity  
**Rosanne Donohoe** – Secretary/Historian  
**Tricia Evans**- Silent Auction  
**Sherry Imamura-Ryan**- First Timers  
**Ron Mobley**- Conference Chair Emeritus

On that day, expect to be wowed at our educational sessions by our very own **Tim Keck** and **Willie Jones**. Both have garnered accolades and respect for being the only people from Hawaii to reach ultimate Toastmaster status; International President (1999-2000) and World Champion of Public Speaking

(1997). Invited also are **Gwen Clarke Fujie**, known in Hawaii as the "Tongue Fu Master.

We are proud to announce that this year's recipient of our annual Communications & Leadership Award is **Carole Kai**, known for her many contributions, especially her annual event, the well-attended Great Aloha Run. Carole will be honored at our luncheon.

Our District's International Speech and Table Topics champions will be crowned at the conference as the best in Hawaii this year. Our International Speech Champion will then continue on and represent us at the Region II Contest in June.

Scheduled musical performances by Halau of New Hope, Michelle Santos (yours truly) and some surprise local (and perhaps outside Hawaii) celebrity guests. A Silent Auction and raffle with desirable items are also expected. (The TEAM welcomes any basket contributions from various clubs for the silent auction. For more info contact: Joanna Lands, 808.688.9800)

The registration fee is \$45 (after April 16, \$50) with a buffet style lunch. (NOTE: A special prize will be given to the first 50 registrants.) Forms and flyers may be acquired through our District website (<http://www.district49.org>) and through your Area and Division Governors.



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**The mission of District 49** 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 programs by:

- Focusing on the critical success factors as specified by the District educational and membership goals.
- Ensuring that each Club effectively fulfills its responsibilities to its members.
- Providing effective training and leadership development opportunities for Club and District officers.

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