

“WHAT’S GREAT IN 598”

The Diablo Toastmasters Club is a community Toastmasters Club that meets every Thursday at 7 PM in the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord, CA.



The mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb .17, 2009 – Division B Make-up Officer Training – Contra Costa Water District

Feb. 21, 2009 – D57 Executive Committee Meeting – San Leandro Luckeys Market

February 26, 2009 – 598 Speech Contests Impromptu and International

March 7, 2009 – VP – Education Breakfast Gary Wong’s Home – Piedmont

May 9, 2009 – D57 Spring Conference California Maritime Academy

for three classes of 5th graders at a local elementary school. This is an eight-week program sponsored by Chevron and your participation can be applied to fulfillment of one of the requirements for the Advanced Communicator - Gold award. If you would like further information, contact the editor or the Chevmasters via the D57 website.

IT’S CONTEST TIME

Contestants should be ready for the Diablo 598 Impromptu and international Speech Contests to be held on February 26, 2009.

Winners will compete in the Area 6 Contest on March 23. Any member is eligible to complete in the Table Topics Contest but eligibility for the International Contest is limited to those members who have completed a minimum of six (6) speeches prior to the contest. Enter one contest or both.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Maria Nomura joined Diablo 598 on February 12, 2009. Say hello to **Maria** and help her get off to a fantastic start with the Toastmasters program.

PUBLIC SERVICE OPPORTUNITY YOUTH LEADERSHIP

We had two special guests at our February 12th meeting. Alan Paolini, President, and Jerome Omoletski, VPE, of the Area 6 Chevmasters Toastmasters Club, attended not only to observe how we conduct our meetings but also to offer an opportunity to participate in a Youth Leadership Program

DCP STATUS

We’re eight months into the year and have completed 8 of the 10 goals in the DCP program. One (1) CC or one (1) AC and we meet our standard of excellence as a President’s Distinguished Club.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF MEETING

Our regular meeting on January 22, 2009 was different! Toastmaster **Carol Sturman** and VPE **Michael Ginsberg** cooked up a grab bag meeting at which each member pulled his/her role from the bag as they came into the room. **Howard Adams**, **Louis Stifter**, and **John Peterson** drew speaker roles with other members filling the balance of the positions. Our Table Topics was an exercise in telling a story with one member after the other continuing the adventure. **Louis Stifter** won the Best Table Topics award for his completion of the story by channeling Elvis Presley, **Denise Kalm** scored in the Evaluation category and **John Peterson** won the Best Speaker award for his Sailing the North Sea adventure.

This meeting went very well and all the members seemed to like this diversion from our normal format. Thank **Carol** for the idea and see **Michael** if you would like to do it again.

DUES TIME APPROACHES

We will all soon hear from our Treasurer, Rosa Lynn Adams, about our dues. We must have our dues payments in the hands of Toastmasters International by April 1, 2009. Standby!

Factoid

February 22 is the birthday of not only our first president, George Washington, but also the 131st birthday of our founder, Ralph Smedley!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Those are the facts -- I can't fake it: If you want the news, ya gotta make it!

Happy Toastmastering! *Editor*

HAVE A STORY? HAVE AN IDEA?

The editor invites our members to share their Toastmasters story with their peers. To be considered for publication, articles must be well written, must be related to Toastmasters activities, and submitted in *Word* format. The editor reserves the right to accept or reject all submissions.

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