

“WHAT’S GREAT IN 598”

The Diablo Toastmasters Club is a community Toastmasters Club that meets every Thursday at 7 PM at El Tapatio Restaurant, 40 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, 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:

CLUB SPEECH CONTEST

It’s that time again! February 18th is the date set for Diablo 598’s Table Topics and International Speech contests, and we always send good contestants on to the Area-level event. So dig into your memory bank or your files and come up with something you can bring to the contest! And, for future reference, the Area B-6 contest has been set for Monday, March 21st at DVC. Mark your calendar now!

P.S. Even if you decide not to compete, there are lots of openings at both events for timers, judges, ballot counters and other high offices such as Chief Judge, Toastmaster, and Contest Chair. Contact Cindy Johnson regarding your interest in the club contest, and Ann Hartwig regarding the Area B-6 contest — contact info for both are on your club roster! But whatever happens, do plan to attend both events — you’ll learn a lot and you’ll be glad you did!

WELCOME!

Welcome to our new member:

Irving Joe

Please support Irving in every way you can on his Toastmasters journey!

New Club Officers Take Charge at Diablo 598

At an installation ceremony on January 7th conducted by Area B-6 Governor and Diablo 598 member Ann Hartwig, Destinee Cooper assumed Diablo 598’s leadership position as President replacing Ann. Destinee has been a club member since April, 2011, and has held several officer positions since then. We’ll be looking forward to new ideas and fresh energy from her — welcome Destinee!

Also sworn in to continue their existing positions were: Ciel Gierke, Vice President of Education;

Russ Rice, Secretary; and Dan Randleman, Treasurer. New officers sworn in for the first time were Mukesh Lal, Vice President of Membership; Aaron Thompson,



Vice President of Public Relations; and Jose Cobangbang III, Sergeant-at-Arms. Shown in the photo are, from left, Jose, Mukesh, Ciel, Russ, Destinee, Dan and Aaron.

This great combination of experience and new blood makes a team the club can be confident in to get their jobs done well, with exciting developments to look forward to! (Aaron Thompson is already developing a plan to form a group that will focus on the Chamber of Commerce’s “Yo-Pro’s.” This should be informative, fun, and also produce some new members for Diablo 598!)

WHO'S WHO



Steve Yang

Steve Yang was born in Seoul, Korea, and arrived in the U.S. when he was a teenager. He has lived in California for the majority of his life. Steve's younger sister and his parents now reside in Southern California.

After graduating from high school, Steve attended the George L. Graziadio School of Business and Management at Pepperdine University, graduating in 2010 with an MBA degree and specializing in international business relations.

Steve then relocated to San Luis Obispo, and began his career as a business consultant with Chevron Corporation. His work took him throughout the Central Coast and part of northern California, working with gas station franchise owners to increase their sales profitability. In 2012, his territory was expanded further and as a result he relocated to San Jose. In 2013, he purchased a home in Brentwood, where he lives now.

A year ago, Steve left Chevron to join Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company as a branded wholesale area manager. His primary responsibility is to grow Tesoro's branded fuels business through its wholesale distribution channels. He plans to get experience in other parts of the Tesoro organization over time, leading him into a commercial role.

Steve's interests include attending musicals, art, movies, comedy clubs, sightseeing and spending time with close friends. He says he is very much a believer in nurturing friendships as against merely amassing a large number of friends.

Steve joined Toastmasters to polish his presentation skills, and his objective is to become an active contributor to Diablo 598. Welcome, Steve!



DESTINEE'S COLUMN

By Destinee Cooper

Thank you, Diablo 598, for assisting Jose Cobangbang in January with his new role as Sergeant-at-Arms! A special thanks to John Peterson for stepping in as SAA while Jose was out for a meeting. As the Club continues to earn CLs and CCs, I wonder who amongst 598 took the opportunity in January to assist Jose by befriending a guest and earning credit towards their CL?

We also had two winners of the drawing for free meals based on who brought their CC and CL manuals. Martha Patt won on January 14th and Nick Sember won on the 28th. Keep bringing those manuals to every meeting, and you could be the next winner in February!

February is shaping up to be a busy month. On the 4th two of our officers, Ciel Gierke and Aaron Thompson, will miss our meeting to attend the TLI make-up officer training session to help the club earn a DCP point and learn their roles. On the 11th there's a mandatory mentor training session to be led by Ciel Gierke, our VPE, from 6-7pm right before the meeting. Our Club's contest is scheduled for the 18th. Please contact Cindy Johnson if you'd like to compete or volunteer to fill a role.

Last (and definitely not least), please say "Hi" to Russ Rice, 598's Secretary. He's been in this role since July 2015. As Secretary, Russ maintains and manages our records, files and correspondence. This includes taking notes at each meeting, which also satisfies the Club's legal obligation for the kind of non-profit we are. You can support Russ by substituting for him when he is out. Since there is a form that can be filled out for the note taking, this is fairly easy. Please talk to Russ if you are interested in filling in for him when he is out.

See you in February!

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FEBRUARY EVENTS



2/5 First Friday Coffee

8:00 AM—9:00 PM
Concord Chamber Office
2280 Diamond Blvd., Suite 200
Chamber Members—FREE
Prospective Members—\$10

2/9 Gov't/Economic Policy Committee Meeting: Guest Speaker Concord PD Cpl. Jason Smith: Homelessness and Your Business

10:00 AM—11:00 AM
Concord Chamber Office
2280 Diamond Blvd., Suite 200

2/11 Women's Networking Group: Guest Speaker Dr. Vanessa Rodriguez of The New Health Chiropractic Center

11:45 AM—1:00 PM
Concord Chamber Office
2280 Diamond Blvd., Suite 200
Concord
Chamber Members—\$10
Prospective Members—\$25

2/15 Presidents' Day

Chamber Office Closed

2/19 California Cruisin' Seafood Feast

5:30 PM—10:00 PM
Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Rd.
Concord
\$55 per person/\$500 Table of Ten

2/23 CYP Meetup @ The New Health Chiropractic Center

5:30 PM—7:00 PM
The New Health Chiropractic Center
4180 Treat Blvd., Suite J
Concord, CA 94518
Chamber Members—Free
Prospective Members—\$10

2/25 Business After Hours Mixer

Loyal Order of Moose
1805 Broadway St.
Concord
5:00 PM—7:00 PM
Chamber Members—FREE
Prospective Members—\$20

Chamber Membership Offers:

- Monthly Mixers
- Committees
- Trade Shows
- Issue & Candidate Forums
- Connections with other Business Owners
- Learning Series
- Ribbon Cuttings
- Young Professionals Group

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Noodles & Company Ribbon Cutting
12/14/15

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