

“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:

<p>May 17, 2008 – D57 Exec. Committee Mtg. June 7, 2008 – TLI – Orinda Community Ctr. June 2008 Region 1 Conference - Seattle</p>
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Jon Florence joined the club on May 1, 2008.

Michael Ginsberg joined the club on May 1, 2008.

If you haven't met **Jon** or **Michael** yet, introduce yourself and help them get started on their Toastmasters adventure!

SPEECH CONTEST RESULTS!

Governor **Howard Adams** presided at the Division B Speech Contests held on April 29 at the Contra Costa Water District Offices. Six contestants in each contest played to an audience of about 50. Our contestants gave their best efforts. **Ron Jue** was runner-up in the Table Topics Contest. Thanks to **Carie Featherstone** and **Ron Jue** for representing Area 6 at this event and helping make it a success.

ASHLEY HARKNESS ELECTED DISTRICT 57 GOVERNOR!

Running on a platform of leadership excellence, training improvement, and membership growth, 10-year Diablo Toastmaster veteran **Ashley Harkness** was elected District 57 Governor on May 10, 2008 at the Spring Conference.

Governor **Harkness** will assume office on July 1, 2008. He will be one of only 76 people in the world to hold this office and he will be responsible for the activities of the 2500 plus members of District 57.

The office of District Governor carries awesome responsibility and our new governor will need your help. Let's all congratulate **Ashley** on his new office and offer our support and assistance.

Carie Featherstone Elected Division B Governor

Riding on her platform of past district-level service, experience, and dedication to the Toastmaster program, **Carie Featherstone** was elected to the office of Division B Governor at the D57 Spring Conference. Congratulate **Carie** and offer your support.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

The **Beat the Clock Membership Contest** began May 1, 2008. If we add five (5) new members by June 30th, we will receive an award from Toastmasters International; a chance at winning a digital video camera from District 57; and a \$50 gift certificate for the Toastmasters Bookstore.

We have registered two new members toward the goal of five so bring your coworkers and friends and help us win an award.

SPRING CONFERENCE REPORT

Pat Welsh and **Carol Sturman** were co-chairs the D57 Spring Conference. This job was a tremendous amount of work and our club members stepped forward once again.

Members supporting the Conference chairs were: Mary Bloxham, John Peterson, Ron Jue, Melody Rabenberg, Christine Riley, and Alice Tsai.

Thanks Pat and Carol and the 598 team for making the conference a success.

CHARTER MONTH BANQUET

Our 2nd Annual Diablo Charter Month Celebration took place on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Grissini's Trattoria in the Concord Hilton!

The agenda included dinner, drinks, awards, and fun. The special highlight of the evening was the traditional roast of the Past President.

Area 23 Governor, **Thomas Cloney** gave us a keynote address and then we moved into the roast.

This year the roastee was **Ron Jue** who was pummeled and praised by **Carie Featherstone**, **Tom Valdriz**, and the

Ronettes: **Ashley Harkness**, and **Carol Sturman**.

Of course, **Ron** had his opportunity for rebuttal after the roast.

Awards were presented for excellence in three areas based upon peer balloting.

The **Most Improved Toastmaster** award for overall improvement in communication and leadership was presented to **Rosa Lynn Adams**.

The **Kramer Award** for overall creativity and inventiveness was presented to **Carol Sturman**.

The **Step –Up Award** for overall taking on roles and responsibilities ensuring program success was presented to **Ron Jue**.

Congratulations to our awards winners for their leadership in making the Diablo 598 the premier club in District 57.

DCP STATUS

On March 1, 2008, our club once again achieved President's Distinguished status. This is the eighth year that we have achieved our standard of excellence by completing a minimum of nine of the ten goals. (We need two new members to complete all ten goals.) Congratulations to each of you who helped sustain our leadership tradition.

598 ELECTION RETURNS

The results of our semi-annual elections for the July 1 – December 31, 2008 term are as follows:

President	Alice Tsai
VP – Education	John Peterson
VP – Membership	Carie Featherstone
VP – PR	Louis Stifter
Secretary	Barbara Valdriz
Treasurer	Rosa Lynn Adams
Sergeant at Arms	Fred Lather