

## “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:

**December 17, 2009 – White Elephant Gift Exchange/Holiday Meeting.**

7:00pm to 9:00pm  
Sizzler—Willow Pass Rd.  
Concord, CA

### NEW MEMBER!

Diablo 598 welcomes its new member:

Dilek Alkaya

Dilek stopped by for a visit and joined us on the spot! Please welcome our new member and help her get off to a fast start with her Toastmasters adventure!

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### LEADERSHIP CHANGES!

We now embark on the Second Term of the John Peterson Administration! That’s right. President John Peterson has been unanimously re-elected as President of Diablo 598. His second administration will have some new faces.

President—John Peterson  
Vice President Education—Jerry Horton  
Vice President of Membership—Lynn Kelly  
Vice President of Public Relations-- Mike Daley (2<sup>nd</sup> term in office)

Secretary---- Maria Nomura (2<sup>nd</sup> term in office)  
Treasurer---Rosa Lynn Adams (23<sup>rd</sup> term in office)  
Sergeant at Arms—Jeffrey DeSalles

Please join me in congratulating, and thanking, John Peterson on his re-election. Remember: you, the membership are the Implementation Team for President Peterson’s Administration. You, therefore, must assist the Club Leadership in their tasks.

Please contact any and all officers and ask to serve on one of the numerous Diablo 598 committees. It is up to you to keep this Club on its road to success!

We also thank our outgoing officers:

Vice President Education-- Michael Ginsberg  
Vice President Marketing—Carrie Featherstone  
Sergeant at Arms—Jerry Horton

Thanks. Without you, we would not enjoy the success we have, over the past six months.

**DIABLO 598 WINS BEST WEBSITE AWARD!!**

At the recent Fall Conference, Diablo 598 was awarded the District 57 Best Website Award as the Club with the BEST website in the District! Diablo 598 owes a debt of gratitude to Rose Falgout, its Web Master, for keeping the site in tip top shape. Thanks Rose!

The Club also thanks VPPR-Emeritus Louis Stifter for his work in ensuring that the site was well stocked with useful information during the time-period of the judging. Thanks, Lou, we do miss you...

## **DISTINGUISHED CLUB PLAN**

Our Distinguished Club fiscal year began on July 1. That means we are approaching the half-way point for the year. We are slightly behind schedule for another award, so don't slack off. Set your goals high and strive to meet them. We have been a "Distinguished Club" since before Ron Jue was born, so let's not let that streak die!

So, everyone should set a goal to attain at least one communication goal (CC, ACB, ACS, etc.) and one leadership goal (CL, ALB, ALS, etc.). Set your goals high and ask your mentor or fellow club members to help you stay on track!

Are YOU bringing your Competent Leader Manual to each meeting and asking your neighbor to evaluate your performance in your meeting role? If not, you should be! Don't let the Competent Leader Award escape you, simply because you forgot to bring the manual!

## **MEMBERSHIP BUILDING**

Let's keep inviting friends to our Club and get the word out there: We are by far the FUNNEST CLUB in District 57 (though I do hear that Laughlovers is sometimes pretty fun)!

Keep in mind that membership building is also a place for individual achievement. If you sponsor 5 new members, you will receive a tricked out and unique pin to recognize your efforts. If you recruit 10 new members, you receive the Silver Star pin! If you recruit 15 new members, you receive a Toastmasters tie or scarf, and if you recruit 25 new members, you win dinner at Sizzler with President John Peterson and his Executive Committee (so we can learn how to do such great recruiting!). Make sure that every member you recruit fills in the sponsor section of the application with your name!

## **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

Fellow Toastmasters,

The Holidays are upon us. It is a time to be thankful for what we have. And we have a lot. I want to thank everyone for their support and good cheer. This Club is truly something special, and it is an honor for me to serve as your Editor for this newsletter.

For those of you who long to be a journalist, now is your chance! Diablo 598 is STILL applications for reporters! Apply now!

Happy Toastmastering!

Michael J. Daley, ACB, CL **Editor**

## **Quote from the Editor Emeritus**

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

**LJS**

## **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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