

“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.

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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:

August 8, 2009 – District Executive Committee Meeting.

9:00am to 12 noon
Lucky’s San Leandro, CA

NEW MEMBERS!

Diablo 598 welcomes our 5 new members:

Jeff Desalles
Roxanne Tesar
Derek North
Lynn Kelly
Nancy Dadami

Please welcome our new members and help them get off to a fast start with their Toastmasters adventure!

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND DIABLO 598 MEMBER ASHLEY HARKNESS GETS ROASTED!

One of the skills that Toastmasters teaches us is leadership skill. Not only do we have the opportunity to learn leadership skills within our club, but also there is a whole range of leadership opportunities beyond the club level. I’m talking about leadership within our District 57.

For most new members, you may not realize that there are a slew of leaders organizing, planning and dreaming about Toastmasters events. You don’t believe me? Just ask our Immediate Past District Governor, Ashley Harkness. At the end of each District leader term (6/30), the District throws a dinner party to thank the Leadership for all the hard work done over the prior year. This year was no different.

The Roast

On Saturday, July 11th, nearly 100 past and present District leaders attended the fabulous dinner, held at the Pier 29 Restaurant in Alameda. This year was special because it was the first year to have a Roasting contest of the outgoing District Governor. Seven Toastmasters competed for a chance to be the best Roaster that night. Our own Pat Welsh prepared a delightful roast with references to a few of Ashley’s past speeches. Pat placed 2nd in the contest!



After the official roasting “contest”, there were additional roasters, I guess they were shy about competing. Of course, after sitting in the hot seat for so long, Ashley had an opportunity to refute some of the roasts and threw back some jabs at the roasters. In the end, a song and a poem were written about Ashley. Ashley even took to the keyboards and attempted to play some tunes to entertain the crowd. Many were sad to see his term come to an end, where there would be no more “Yes, Ashley!” cries, but I think his wife is happy about this one....



The Awards

One of the best attributes of being in Toastmasters, is the recognition you receive for your achievements. This night had no shortage in awards. There were awards for Distinguished Toastmasters, Dynamic Duos (couples in Toastmasters), Double Ten Clubs (achieving all 10 DCP goals), and the Triple Crown Winners (achieved 3 educational or leadership awards).

Out of close to 200 clubs in the District, Diablo was 1 out of 6 clubs that received the Double Ten Club award. The Double Ten club award is for achieving 10 out of 10 Distinguished Club Program (DCP) goals. We have also been awarded the “President’s Distinguished” ribbon by Toastmasters International for achieving the minimum 9 out of 10 DCP goals. Diablo

598 has long had a tradition of achieving Toastmasters excellence and this year was no different.

There was another award which we still have to wait on and that is for the “Beat the Clock” contest. The goal was for clubs to sign up 5 new members from 5/1-6/30, and Diablo achieved it just in time. We should be in the running for the drawing of a DVD video camera. Unfortunately, on the date of the awards dinner, Toastmasters International did not have all the results. So we have to wait and see if we win a video camera...

Officer Installation

As the Toastmaster year come to an end, it’s time for the changing of the guard. Many current officers will depart, and new ones will come in and take their places to keep the District running smoothly. Having served as an Area Governor twice, I have to say this is one of the most interesting, challenging and rewarding experiences I’ve ever had. You meet a wide variety of new people, visit interesting clubs and perform quite a bit of event planning. All to ensure that members receive the best Toastmasters experience. All of the people who take on District leadership are volunteers, and all spent countless hours devoting their efforts for the betterment of the members.

If you ever have the opportunity to step up to District leadership, don’t be afraid to take on this rewarding challenge.

Your immediate past President,

Alice Tsai

DISTINGUISHED CLUB PLAN

Our Distinguished Club fiscal year began on July 1. We will now need to complete our 10 goals as a club by June 30, 2010.

This means that each member should now set personal educational and leadership goals. Each time a member meets one of these goals, Diablo 598 gets credit toward the DCP goals for the Club.

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!

I am informed that Diablo 598 has met its Club Goals almost every year since Ike was in the White House.

MEMBERSHIP BUILDING

Our next Membership Building Event will be the Smedley Award. This event runs from August 1 through September 30. Clubs who have inducted 5 new members during that time receive recognition from WHQ.

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,

Summertime is upon us. Many of our members are on vacation or are taking in a

ball game or otherwise spending their time on leisure activities. We hope you enjoy the great weather and the free time. Just make sure you list yourself as absent on the Club Website!

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

Happy Toastmastering!

Michael J. Daley, CC, 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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