



Your Dreams Are Your Possibilities Fulfilling the Promise of Toastmasters in District 55

By Tonia N. Ramirez, DTM
District Governor

Dream – something hoped for

Possibility– the potential for successful future development

Promise – to pledge something; to make a vow to somebody; to make somebody expect something; to assure



Fellow Toastmasters,

Our new International President Ted Corcoran, DTM, has challenged us with this year’s Toastmasters International theme – Your Dreams Are Your Possibilities. As Toastmasters, we have the power to help one another realize our dreams everyday, turn them into possibilities, and change the world - one person at a time. We do that by fulfilling our promise to help each other succeed in the development of our communication and leadership skills.

Throughout this Toastmasters year, I ask you to remember the Toastmaster’s Promise that you made when you became a member of your club. This Toastmaster’s Promise is printed on the back of your membership card and it reads as follows:

A Toastmaster’s Promise

As a member of Toastmasters International and my Club, I promise:

- To attend Club meetings regularly;
- To prepare all of my speeches to the best of my ability, basing them on projects on the Communication and Leadership Program manual or the Advanced Communication and Leadership program manuals;
- To willingly prepare for and fulfill meeting assignments;
- To provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations;
- To help maintain the positive, friendly environment necessary for all members to learn and grow;
- To willingly serve my Club as an officer when called upon to do so;
- To treat my fellow Club members and our guests with respect and courtesy;
- To bring guests to Club meetings so they can see the benefits Toastmasters membership offers;

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**Fulfilling the
Promise of
Toastmasters**

Fulfilling the Promise

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- To adhere to the guidelines and rules for all Toastmasters educational and recognition programs;
- To maintain honest and highly ethical standards during the conduct of all Toastmasters activities.

I carry my membership card with me as a reminder of my commitment to myself and to my fellow club members to give my best in Toastmasters so that I will be empowered to do my best in all my endeavors. The promise of every Toastmaster is to help one another realize the endless possibilities for excellence within each of us and within this organization.

The Toastmasters of District 55 are a special community, a place where magic happens when we help one another fulfill our promise as Toastmasters in our everyday world. We need to share the story how we (as individuals and as clubs) are fulfilling the promise of Toastmasters and turning our dreams into possibilities so that more people can experience the growth that each of us has seen. As we share with one another, the power of possibilities and promise grows. Please let your area and division governors know about the work that you are doing with your fellow club members to fulfill the promise of Toastmasters in District 55. I look forward to hearing your stories of success.

I believe that fulfilling the Toastmaster's Promise on an individual level will ensure our success at all levels - club, area, division, district, and international. When we as individuals keep the Toastmaster's Promise and our clubs collectively focus on the things that help them become the positive, mutually supportive learning environments we need them to be, we will all see the promise of Toastmasters come to life - in ourselves, in one another, and in the world. Here's to a year filled with promise and success for the Toastmasters of District 55 - where Your Dreams Are Your Possibilities!

Commencement...It's A New Beginning, Not The End!

Gloria Williams, DTM

2002-2003 District Governor

We have come to the conclusion of another Toastmaster year. While we did not achieve our goal in 2002-2003 to repeat our success last year and be a Distinguished District once again, it has nonetheless been a *very good* journey with some fantastic highlights! Last August, San Antonio had the privilege of hosting the Toastmasters International Convention, a first for District 55. I saw many of

The District Conference is fast approaching. Here are some highlights.

Highlights of Fall District 55 Conference in Corpus Christi

- Friday night cruise on Corpus Christi Bay and Lip Sync Showcase
- Educational sessions on personal coaching, interviewing skills, professional speaking, and more.
- Special message from our own Lark Doley, International Director from Region III
- 2003-2004 District 55 Hall of Fame (awards, recognition, and more)
- District Council meeting (We need your votes!)
- District 55 Humorous Speech and Table Topics championships
- Fun, food, and fellowship! Check out the conference agenda for more details on pages 6-7.

We'll see you in Corpus Christi!

you there. Our conferences this year were a bit different, and lots of fun. We had a relaxed and casual one day Fall Conference in Kerrville, followed by an elegant Spring Conference in San Antonio. Conference Chairmen Al Vasquez and Dan Jackson worked very hard to make both meetings successful. Both conferences were rewarding, and I hope that you will join us in Corpus Christi in November for the next District 55 Conference. You can register now at www.tmd55.org. This year, for the first time as a District, we have chartered new clubs in every single quarter, with a

www.tmd55.org. In 2002-2003, for the first time as a District, we chartered new clubs in every single quarter, with a total of 15 new clubs. At the same time we lost 8 clubs, which is always sad, no matter what the reason. As of June 30, we also had 6 clubs that have not paid April dues, and one club needed one more member paid to be in good standing.

I realize that some of you wonder why being a Distinguished District is so important. The answer is that “distinguished” is a thermometer with which we can monitor our well-being. Clubs are

distinguished when they have healthy membership, members are achieving educational goals, officers attend training, and dues and officer lists are sent to Toastmasters International in a timely manner. Both TI and District 55 use these lists to communicate with clubs. Areas and Divisions have different goals to achieve, including club growth. The District is assigned goals for membership and club growth, along with educational goals, to reach distinguished status. Overall, from Club to District, the goal is to meet the needs of our members. As a member of

District 55 Toastmasters, each one of us has our own individual goals. We also each bring abilities and talents to our clubs and beyond. I encourage you to share your gifts. If no one has yet asked you to contribute, volunteer! Share this wonderful opportunity with your friends and colleagues.

Club Presidents, please be attentive to the Distinguished Club Program. There are 10 goals, and when your club achieves at least five of these goals, your club will achieve Distinguished status, provided you meet the membership

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Talk—Still the Best Advertisement for Toastmasters

By Elizabeth Sprecher, DTM

Lt. Governor Marketing

Over lunch with a friend one day, I was reminded of the first time I had heard of Toastmasters. I was working at a hotel in Austin, and a sales manager was standing in her doorway, having returned from her noon time Toastmasters meeting. She was relating a humorous speech to the other sales managers that one of her Toastmasters club members told at the meeting. I remember this moment so well because this sales manager was a mentor to me, the image of the professional person I wanted to be.

Rewind to a time shortly after college graduation ... I moved to Austin because I just finished a degree in Communications/Public Relations, and thought, “What better place to find a public relations job than in a town full of agencies that have public relations departments?” In those first few months I

landed one interview out of about 200 positions I applied for. I knew this interview had to go off without a hitch. This was my ticket into the adult world, the launch of my career, and the beginning of the rest of my life.

Since I started telling my story working at a hotel, you probably guessed I didn’t get that public relations job. In fact, grueling one-on-one and panel interviews culminated with my last assignment—a formal presentation before about 20 agency decision-makers. I’m a PR graduate; I should have blown my competition away with my organized, well-rehearsed presentation.

However, when the phone call came that I was not selected for the position I asked the woman for feedback. She said the hiring team had narrowed the field to two people—me and a recent graduate from the University

of Texas. I still remember every word the woman said to me: “Frankly, the team felt she gave a much better presentation than you.” I lost a job to someone with better public speaking skills.

That’s my story ... After losing the only interview I had for a public relations position to someone who gave a better presentation than I, I was determined to find the competitive edge, searching for an avenue to gain two skills not taught in college—communication and leadership. When I overheard my co-worker talk about Toastmasters I found the first available meeting and joined Highroller Toastmasters the night I visited as a guest.

Look around your club. Do an informal survey of the long-term members. Ask them how they first heard about Toastmasters and how they ended up in your club. While it may be true that many of

them found your club through other methods like your web site most will tell you they first heard about Toastmasters from a friend or colleague.

Immediate Past International President Gavin Blakey says that word of mouth is still the best advertising for Toastmasters clubs. Think about that! We could budget millions internationally on advertising, name branding, billboard advertising, but the cheapest way is the most effective!

Talk about Toastmasters every opportunity you get to your friends, family, and co-workers. Many of them are reluctant to attend meetings for many reasons, but you never know when talking to others about our organization and how you’ve benefited will gain another new member for your or another club down the road.

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The Public Relations Race is On!!!!!!

By Altheria Scott, DTM
District Public Relations Officer



ATTENTION All Club Presidents and Interested Members:

By now, your clubs should have received the District Public Relations materials we will be using during our 2003-2004 term. These items include the

1) District 55 Clock - displaying all the “featured” activities scheduled throughout the District year. This Clock is designed to be distributed to **every member in every club;**



2) VPPR Achievement Award Plan – designed to stimulate your current members to become more active in Toastmasters and to bring in new members. This Award Plan is a race to complete a required number of items. It is packed with action!!!!;



3) PR Coordinators Roster– a list of persons who have volunteered to serve as liaisons between the clubs and the media (to avoid having everyone contacting the same media). They are the ones to contact if your club has information to send out to the press.

These PR materials were sent to Club Secretaries and VPPublic Relations (if you sent me their names). They were asked to distribute the Clock to ALL club members and to share

the VPPR Achievement Plan at a club meeting to get the support from other club members.

If you have not received these items, please go to our website www.tmd55.org and click on Public Relations **OTHER NOTEWORTHY PR News:**

Prepare for Mall Days – members can participate to promote your club. Stay tuned for details.

Speakers Bureau - The South Texas Speakers Bureau provides opportunities for you to speak outside your club, give manual speeches to get credit, and promote Toastmasters to more people. Check out our website: www.tmd55.org and click on Speakers Bureau. Download the application and follow the instructions.

HELP NEEDED:

PR Webmaster – to monitor District clubs’ websites and provide assistance to clubs’ webmasters

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Area Council Meetings: Your Resources for Club/Area Success

By Harry Truman,DTM
Lt. Governor Education and Training

I recently had lunch with one of our Area Governors. To my surprise (sic), the conversation was addressing Toastmasters. We went pretty much through the full array of Area Governor duties and I could see this lady was serious about doing a great job and was starting to show the stress. We casually discussed Area Council meetings and then she asked my opinion (I always have an opinion).

We reviewed the first time I was an AG back in Virginia. Council meetings were standard procedure so the club Presidents, Vice-Presidents Education or their representatives were familiar with the routine. Unfortunately, I wasn’t; I thought it was show and tell – show them who is in charge and tell them what is going on. Serious mistake! After that first meeting I learned it was actually shut-up and listen because the clubs were telling me what was important to their members, they were very willing to share ideas and showed me how to simplify my job as an Area Governor. Through effective listening, I had an Area Staff to assist me in helping our clubs grow and develop good programs to hold member’s interest. We actually got to a

point that the Club Officers were telling me what to focus on doing to help the clubs, the type of feedback I should give to my Division Governor and the Top Three, and how to run a good contest. It is amazing how much you can say by remaining silent. We actually made President’s Distinguished Area by mid-April.

So what happened with that group of Club Officers in my Area? For one, information was exchanged openly and freely. They got to know what was going on at the leadership level and the District Leadership learned what was important to sustain the individual Toastmaster Member’s interest and desire to remain in the organization. The club members started to see the benefits of associating outside the club; that led to better competition at contests and lots of outside participation in Speechcraft, Youth Leadership, exchange meetings and the like. Encapsulated, it meant they belonged to an organization focused on them. As for me, I was but the information conduit. An added benefit was a simplified life – I knew what was

important to the clubs and focused on that while my staff of Club Officers basically took over and managed the year for me. As an Area, we grew, we expanded our experience outside the club atmosphere, and our retention was absolutely wonderful. The Council Meetings really did build strong clubs.

So what's the point? Club Officers know better what is important for their members than the District Leadership, clubs have a very positive contribution to the District operations, Club

Officers are the linchpin to success within the District, and Club Officers provide the direction for Area, Division and Top Three officers to travel. If your individual Area Governor hasn't contacted you to set up a council meeting, call him or her and suggest a meeting so you can set the expectations for the year. We all want to succeed so why not do it as a truly unified team.

Meet Goals

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requirement. Meet seven or eight goals to earn Select Distinguished status, and achieve nine or ten goals to earn Presidents Distinguished status. Your club must have twenty members by June 30, 2004, or achieve a net growth of five since July 1, 2003. This past year we had a number of clubs with 5 or more goals met that did not meet the membership requirement. Presidents will be hearing more from me on this matter throughout the year.

To each of you who have earned a Competent Toastmaster, Advanced Toastmaster, Distinguished Toastmaster, Competent Leader, or Advanced Leader designation during the 2002-2003 year, I offer my sincere congratulations. If you are close to achieving one of these designations, press on. If you have only 1 or 2 speeches left to achieve an educational goal, why not set your goal for completion before the next conference? Then set your *next* goal and begin working on it!

If you have not yet set a goal for this year, do it today. Your skills and talents are both needed **and** appreciated in District 55, so whatever your goal is, just do it, whether you want to be an excellent club member, to serve as a club officer, serve the District

as an officer or Conference volunteer, repeat the CTM manual, or something else-and if you do not see your heart's desire listed, tell your new District Governor, Tonia Ramirez, DTM, what it is!

My heartfelt wish for District 55 is that every club be blessed with 20 members or more, so that more and more people can experience the joy of Toastmasters. May no club ever have meeting roles left unfilled. May every officer list and semiannual dues payment be submitted, and all club officer elections and training be done timely. And above all else, may your experience in Toastmasters be richly rewarding for you!

To all of you who have shared the journey this year, thank you. As Bob Hope said, thanks for the memories! Serving as your District Governor has enriched me in countless ways, particularly as I have come to know more of you. Your many contributions have made my task easier, and your friendships are invaluable. Bless you all. I know District 55 will be in good hands for the coming year with the new team, led by DTM Tonia Ramirez. Let us continue to be excellent, as we fulfill the promise of Toastmasters!

Lark Doley Elected to Toastmasters International Board of Directors

At the 2003 Toastmasters International Convention in Atlanta, Lark Doley, DTM, a member of the Today club and the Arthur Storer Club in Austin, was elected as the 2003-2005 International Director from Region III. Lark has been a member of Toastmasters since September 1990. She joined Toastmasters immediately AFTER attending the 1990 Toastmasters International Convention in Dallas, where she saw David Brooks from her home town of Austin, Texas, win the World Championship of Public Speaking. Lark Doley, DTM, served as the first District 55 Governor in 1997-98 and then volunteered to complete the District 55 Governor term of 2000-01.



Bowling Redux

By Margaret Cathey

Everyone had a great time at the first annual Bowling with Toastmasters event on October 12th at Highland Lanes! We had 58 bowlers that came out and strutted their stuff... even the bumper babies did well!



Here's a recap of the winners:

Most Unusual Bowling Technique:

Male - Harry Truman. Female - Cindy Vogel.

Youth - Montgomery (Cindy Krueger's grandson)

DPS Club had the most attendance with 8.

Area J-61 had the most attendance with 13.

Division J had the most attendance with 24.

District 55 Conference Registration

"Fulfill The Promise Of Your Dreams"

REGISTRATION FORM

Questions: Contact Fred Haley at 361/985-2790 or at register@tmd55.org

___ \$109 Full Registration (all activities, educational sessions, meals)
(rate good through November 3, 2003) (\$119 at door)

A La Carte (Cost is per Person)

- ___ \$25 Educational Sessions Only
- ___ \$25 Flagship Cruise Only
- ___ \$20 Saturday Breakfast
- ___ \$30 Saturday Awards Luncheon
- ___ \$10 Saturday Awards Gallery Seating Only
- ___ \$40 Saturday Dinner
- ___ \$10 Saturday Contests Gallery Seating - No Dinner

\$_____ Total Amount A La Carte

Complete for EACH Person Registering:

Name: _____ TM, CTM, ATM, DTM, Guest

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Club Name: _____ Club # _____ Area: _____

Club Office: _____

Is this your FIRST District 55 Conference: [] YES [] No

Meals: [] Vegetarian [] Regular

PLEASE CIRCLE: I would like to help with: Promotion / Registration / Contests / Decorations / Signs / Educational Sessions / Literature / Donations

Save \$31 With Full Registration

Mail Registration and full payment (pay to District 55 Toastmasters)
c/o 2003 Fall Conference, 6714 Opengate Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78413

Internet Registration available at: <http://tmd55.org/conference.htm>

Hotel Accommodations through HOLIDAY INN - EMERALD BEACH

(Discounted hotel rate \$75 Per Night - Limited Rooms Available)

Call 1-800-465-4329 or 361/883-5731 for reservations



District 55 Conference Agenda

Begin	End	Function	Room/Location
<i>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2003</i>			
5:00 PM	7:30 PM	Registration	Convention Center Foyer
7:15 PM	8:00 PM	Buses Leave for Flagship	Convention Center Foyer
8:00 PM	10:00 PM	Bay Cruise on Flagship	Capt. Clark Flagship
10:00 PM	10:30 PM	Buses Return to Hotel	Convention Center Foyer
<i>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2003</i>			
7:30 AM	8:45 AM	Executive Committee Breakfast Meeting	Hospitality Room
7:30 AM	8:45 AM	<i>CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</i>	Beachcomber/Driftwood/Sanddollar
7:30 AM	5:45 PM	Registration	Convention Center Foyer
7:30 AM	3:00 PM	Credentials	Convention Center Foyer
8:00 AM	5:45 PM	Bookstore Open	Catamaran
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	<i>OPENING CEREMONIES</i> - Keynote Speaker	Beachcomber/Driftwood/Sanddollar
10:10 AM	10:30 AM	Session Presenters' Briefing	Longboat
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Education Session 1-A	Seabreeze
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Education Session 1-B	Outrigger
12:00 PM	1:45 PM	<i>AWARDS LUNCHEON</i>	Beachcomber/Driftwood/Sanddollar
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Education Session 2-A	Seabreeze
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Education Session 2-B	Outrigger
3:15 PM	4:45 PM	<i>District 55 Business Meeting</i>	Beachcomber/Driftwood/Sanddollar
5:00 PM	5:45 PM	Reception	Beachcomber/Driftwood/Sanddollar
5:45 PM	7:00 PM	<i>DINNER</i>	Beachcomber/Driftwood/Sanddollar
6:45 PM	7:15 PM	Judges and Officials Briefing	Longboat
6:45 PM	7:15 PM	Contestants Briefing	Outrigger
7:15 PM	10:00 PM	<i>Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests</i>	Beachcomber/Driftwood/Sanddollar
10:00 PM		<i>ADJOURN</i>	

Talk

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I never told my co-worker how her Toastmasters spark got me interested in joining Toastmasters. She moved to another state and probably wouldn't remember me if you asked her about me. But, my story always reminds me to mention Toastmasters at every opportunity I get.

Do you have a similar story about how someone got you interested in Toastmasters through word of mouth? I want to hear about it! Submit your "Word of Mouth" stories to the Flash Editor Don Brown and he'll publish them as he has space.

As November and December quickly approach, we can be thankful for all that we have received from Toastmasters.

Consider giving the gift of Toastmasters membership to people you know. Talk about Toastmasters every chance you get!

**Submit your
"Word of
Mouth" stories
to the Flash
Editor Don
Brown and he'll
publish them...**



District 55 Calendar 2003-2004

Friday, October 3, 2003 - Division I Contests, San Antonio (pm)
Saturday, October 4, 2003 – Division L Contests, Austin (am)
Saturday, October 11, 2003 – Division K Contests, Austin (pm)
Saturday, October 18, 2003 – Division J Contests, Austin (am)
Saturday, October 18, 2003 – Division H Contests, San Antonio (pm)
Saturday, October 25, 2003 – Division G Contests, Rio Grande Valley (pm)

Friday, November 7, 2003 - Fall District 55 Conference, Corpus Christi
Saturday, November 8, 2003 - Executive Committee Meeting/District Council Meeting/
Fall District 55 Conference, Corpus Christi

Saturday, December 6, 2003 - Austin/San Antonio TLI

Saturday, January 10, 2004 – Region III Mid-Year District Leadership Training, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Saturday, January 17, 2004 - Executive Committee Meeting, Austin

Saturday, January 31, 2004 - RGV TLI

Saturday, January 31, 2004 - Corpus Christi TLI

February, 2004 - Club Contests (Evaluation & International Speech)

March, 2004 - Area Contests

Saturday, March 6, 2004 - Executive Committee Meeting, Victoria

Saturday, March 27, 2004 – Division K Contests, Austin (pm)

Saturday, March 27, 2004 – Division G Contests, Corpus Christi (pm)

Friday, April 2, 2004 - Division I Contests, San Antonio (pm)

Saturday, April 3, 2004 – Division H Contests, San Antonio (am)

Saturday, April 3, 2004 – Division L Contests, Austin (pm)

Saturday, April 17, 2004 – Division J Contests, Austin (am)

Friday, April 30, 2004 - Spring District 55 Conference, Austin

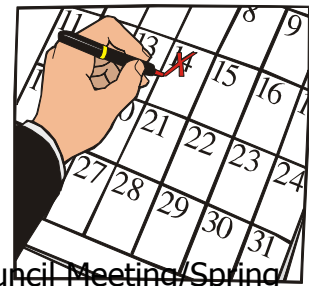
Saturday, May 1, 2004 - Executive Committee Meeting/District Council Meeting/Spring
District 55 Conference, Austin

Sunday, May 2, 2004 - Spring District 55 Conference, Austin

Saturday, June 5, 2004 - Joint Executive Committee Meeting with 2004-2005 team,
San Antonio

Saturday, June 12, 2004 - Austin/San Antonio TLI

June 17-18, 2004 - Region III Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico



**CLUB PROXY FORM for the DISTRICT 55
COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING**

**Exercise your club's voting rights!
Attend your 2003 Fall Conference in Corpus Christi, November 8, 2003**

We need your presence in order to have a quorum to conduct business at the District Council Meeting.

Your Club President and Vice President of Education are voting delegates. We encourage you to visit the Credentials desk **BEFORE** 2:45 PM on Saturday, November 8, 2003 to pick up your ballot. The Business Meeting begins promptly at 3:15 PM. If you are NOT one of these officers, we need you to carry their voting proxies (see form below) if one or both of them will not be attending the business meeting. **Please have your President and/or Vice President of Education SIGN the proxy form below and bring it with you to the Credentials desk at the conference.**

PLEASE help us have a quorum on November 8. Your club's votes are important!

CLUB PROXY form for the District 55 Council Business Meeting

I hereby authorize _____, a member in good standing of the
_____ Club, Club # _____, to cast my vote

at the District Council Meeting on Saturday, November 8, 2003 at the Holiday Inn Emerald Beach,
Corpus Christi, Tx.

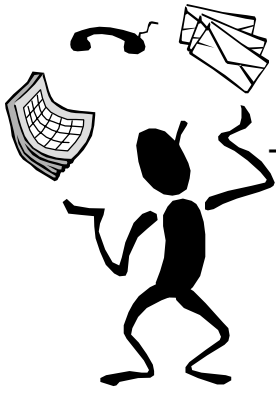
Club President Signature _____

Club Vice President of Education Signature _____

(Reproduction of this District Proxy form above **IS** acceptable. Signature reproduction is **NOT** acceptable. **Signatures must be original.**)

NOTE: A club President or Vice President of Education may designate, in writing, any other member of their club to act as the club proxy at the District council Business Meeting. Each member of the District Council or their proxy is entitled to cast one vote. A Toastmaster carrying both club proxies is entitled to cast 2 votes. Voting District Officers may cast up to 3 votes (their District officer vote and 2 votes from clubs of which they are a member and for which they have signed proxy forms OR from clubs of which they are a President or Vice President of Education.) All other Toastmasters are limited to a maximum of 2 votes. Questions? Contact Gloria Williams, DTM, Credentials Committee Chairman at (210) 344-2246 or amglory@sbcglobal.net

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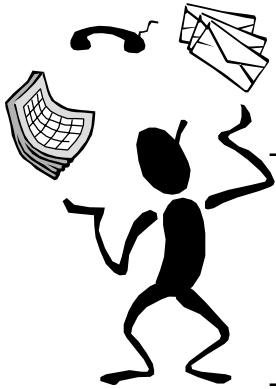
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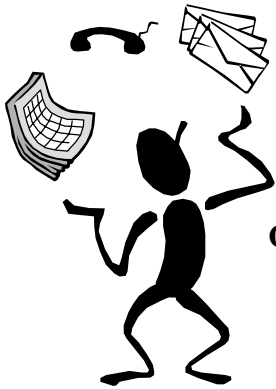
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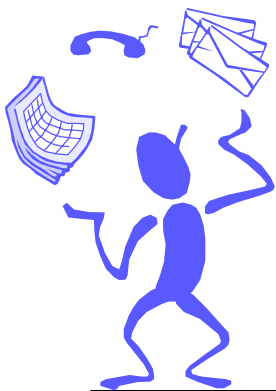
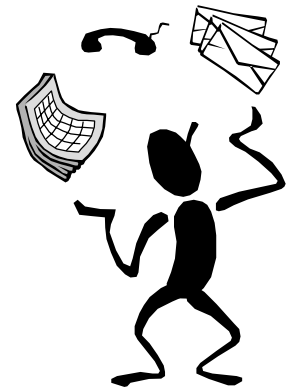
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Caught on Camera

The Toastmasters International Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, August 19-24, 2003.



This group from District 55 just wanted a picturesque moment with our two International Directors. Elizabeth, Tonia, Cindy, Lark (International Director), Jana (International Director), David, Gloria, and Sonia Gaillard.

Do you have photos?
Send them to me,
Don Brown, at
springap@texas.net.
The format can be
.jpg, .tif, .gif. I also
accept hard copies (I
will return them).
Send to
12802 Rampart,
Austin, Tx. 78727.
Be sure to include a
caption and identify
the faces in the
pictures.



Many people came out to support Lark in her successful campaign for International Director. Pictured here are David Estrada, Lark Doley, and Paula Tunison. Lark extends her gratitude to all who came out to help her during the campaign.

Top Ten Reasons to Attend the Fall Conference

It is that time of year when our District 55 members convene at our semi-annual conference for an unforgettable experience. If you have attended our previous conferences, you know what they are all about. If you are a “first timer”, this is one you would not want to miss. Why should you attend?

The Anna Lopez Top Ten Reasons to attend the District 55 Fall Conference:

- 10 Purchase bookstore items and save shipping
- 9 Meet and mingle with new and old (seasoned) Toastmasters
- 8 Learn the tricks of the trade from other clubs and Toastmasters members
- 7 Attend the District business meeting and voice your opinions
- 6 Enjoy fine cuisine in the beautiful beachfront Holiday Inn—Emerald Beach
- 5 Release you inner feelings with Friday Night’s Bay Cruise on the Flagship
- 4 Take a midnight walk on the beach...barefoot
- 3 Enjoy the best competition during the Table Topics and Humorous Speech Contests
- 2 Enhance your professional and social skills by attending all Education Sessions
- 1 Have **FUNI FUNI FUNI** The spirit of comaraderie will be strong and the training, entertainment, and meals will be well worth your time and attendance.

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