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## Gary Pettigrew, DTM District Governor



I recently had the privilege of attending the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Masters Toastmasters Club one Thursday afternoon. As usual, I was welcomed with open arms, and as I sat down at the table I noticed a young man across the room who was rather quiet. Soon thereafter a lady came and sat next to him. Both of them immediately engaged in a dialogue, using sign language! I asked a fellow Toastmaster about the circumstances, and she told me that Byron was one of their newest members, and that he was giving his ice breaker today! I was anxious to see how this was going to play out.

As his name was announced, and with a little help from his interpreter, he confidently walked to the lectern and delivered his entire speech in sign language. We "heard" the speech through his interpreter and it was one of the most compelling I have ever heard, highlighting every point with gestures, wit, and humor. Needless to say, he won best speaker. As I approached him after the meeting, he soon shared with me, again through his interpreter, that Toastmasters has given him the opportunity and courage to sharpen his communication skills, and he is looking forward to delivering many

more speeches. He is now serving as the Club's Sergeant-at-Arms, and is one of their more active members!

Simply another example of how our program can shape someone's life. There are thousands of stories like Byron's, people willing to step out of the box in a safe environment, on their journey towards self-improvement. I'm sure that Byron would be elated to hear that by you sharing his story of self-improvement with others, more people might come to know about the life-changing benefits of Toastmasters. Byron has truly

**LET HIS LIFE SPEAK!**

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## Spring Conference May 17

Join us for District 39's Spring Conference. Use the enclosed registration form and save with the Early Bird sign up.

We will have educational sessions on topics you want, plus keynote speakers, awards, the District Evaluation and Speech Contests, elec-

tion of the new District Officers, good food and fun! Our C&L Award recipient will be Edie Lambert from Channel 3 TV. Don't miss her speech!

If you are a first-timer, don't miss the first-timer events to ensure your experience is all

you hoped.

If you can help, contact Elizabeth Schroeder, CTM – see website at: [district39.org](http://district39.org).

See

Edie Lambert at the Spring Conference and hear her presentation.

Register TODAY!

## Debra Ledsinger, DTM



### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

District 39 has **4 new DTM's**, Linda Schrieber of Redding Evening Club, Myra Golson of Mastermind Toastmasters Club, Christine Williams of Bits 'N Speeches Toastmasters, and Neal Cobb of Washoe Zephyrs Club.

Please be sure to congratulate these Distinguished Toastmas-

ters!!

**Educational Achievement Awards**—So far you have earned 162 CC awards, 85 AC awards, 42 CL awards and 9 DTM awards!!!

**Club Officer Training**—Thank you to all of the club officers who attended club officers training during the months of December, January and February. A total of 63 clubs have 4 or more

### Toastmasters in a prison?

What a novel idea! It certainly doesn't fit the stereotype, but what about those who've decided they want to make a real contribution to the world? Some time after I became Area 41 Governor I found out that

ters!!

**Outstanding Toastmasters**—Connie Sudath and Russ Steele are the first Outstanding Toastmasters to have completed the Outstanding Membership Program! They participated in activities and made accomplishments in the areas of Communication, Leadership, Membership and Training. Connie earned 4850 points and Russ

officers trained. You have helped your clubs move one step closer to reaching distinction!

Congratulations to the following clubs for having all 7 officer trained! The presidents of these clubs will be entered into a drawing. The lucky club President whose name is drawn at the next Executive Council Meeting will receive

there were 50 guys at California State Prison Solano in Vacaville where I work who are interested in Toastmasters. The prison is in Area 41. We've scratched the surface a little and the original 50 has mushroomed into 132! And, another 35 guys at Vacaville's California Medical Fa-

earned 4725 points. They will both receive a beautiful Outstanding Member pin at the Spring Conference to recognize their accomplishments. Don't worry. There is still time for you to earn yours. Simply complete the outstanding membership form located at [www.district39.org](http://www.district39.org) and mail it in. The forms must be post-marked by April 30<sup>th</sup>

a FREE Spring Conference Registration!

Keep up the excellent work!!!

*For the full list of Club President's entered into the drawing, see the TransSierran at the District website: [district39.org](http://district39.org).*

### Continue to Let Your Voice Speak Through Toastmasters!

cility are interested in Toastmasters. Wow!

For more information, contact **Arnold Kunst** at 916 213-7463.

For additional information, testimonials, and **Pat Ramsey's** reflections on mentoring a Gavel Club, see the FULL ARTICLE at: [district39.org](http://district39.org).



Sacramento  
President's Breakfast  
was enjoyed by all!

The Secret of our Success  
is found in our  
Daily Agenda.

John Maxwell

### DIVISION SPEECH CONTESTS

Watch for details on the  
Website:

[www.district39.org](http://www.district39.org)

## Joe Velky, DTM



Imagine the airwaves are alive with the sound of Toastmasters! Starting March 1, radio Station KHITs (92.1 FM) began encouraging listeners to check out Toastmasters to increase their speaking skills. More is to come, all relating in one way or another to Toastmasters, so we can tell the Toastmas-

ters' story. We will monitor this first foray into radio advertising, so stay tuned for updates! New members help clubs reach Distinguished Club Program (DCP) goals and retaining and nurturing them helps a club accomplish more goals. During the remaining months of this Toastmaster year, work on meeting the

needs of every member. One way to do that is to use the Club Mentor Program and Mentor Kit, Item 1163 at the Toastmaster International Store. Every club should have one and use it to mentor all your club's members. **SEE FULL ARTICLE**  
**A T :**  
[ditrict39.org/transsierran](http://ditrict39.org/transsierran)

"Each of us will be the same in 5 years as we are today—except for the people we meet and the books we read."

Og Mandino

## Suzan Hawbaker, DTM



We all joined Toastmasters for a reason. For some of us, we needed to improve our speaking skills; for others, we wanted to be more effective as a presenter; some even joined because they wanted a way to meet people or network. Regardless of why we joined, we had to hear about it somewhere.

We may have heard a family member or co-worker talking about it. We may have searched online, or for most of us, we had a friend who recommended Toastmasters. The Public Relations team has the responsibility to get the word out and make information about our programs available.

The Public Relations

Officer has a team, consisting of the Speakers Bureau led by Brenda Roper, Advertising team led by Robin Mason, the Community Judging team led by Herb Long, the Historian led by Marcia Sydor, the Newsletter led by Beth Mora, the Directory created by Mike Churchill, and the Webpage managed by Mark

Holtz. As a member, YOU are also on the team. As you enjoy the benefits of Toastmasters, you can share your experience with other people.

We have lots of ways to share. If you want to participate in the speaking activities and help spread the word, let the Speakers

Bureau know. If you meet someone and want to help them find a club, direct them to the web page at [ditrict39.org](http://ditrict39.org) and show them how they can find a club near them. If you are interested in any of the other activities, please let us know. We can help provide the tools you need and we can even

give you opportunities to take those skills to the public in programs like Borders Books. Be an advocate! Help us raise awareness and in the process bring new members to your clubs and Toastmasters.



## Public Relations Officer

### District Executive

### Committee Meeting.

The next District 39 Executive

Committee Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at

9:30 AM at the Sacramento

County Admin Bldg

700 H Street.

Area council meetings will

take place at 8:30 AM.

All are WELCOME!

## Dues Are Due

April 1 is the deadline for paying your club's dues to receive Distinguished Club Program credits.

Dues may be paid on-line at: [toastmasters.org](http://toastmasters.org), then click on Conduct Club Business. Use this area to also update member addresses or other contact information.

### Check Out The FULL ARTICLES

By Pat Ramsey and Arnold Kunst on Gavel Clubs and Debra Ledsinger's list of Club Presidents entered to win FREE CLUB REGISTRATIONS to the Spring Conference at the **District Website:**  
[district39.org/transsierran](http://district39.org/transsierran)

## Club Anniversaries



### Congratulations to all!

*July 2007*

Susanville, Susanville, CA  
40 years

*October 2007*

Jibbomm, Truckee, CA  
20 years

Kit Carson, Carson City, NV  
50 years

*November 2007*

First Nevadans, Sparks, NV  
30 years

*December 2007*

Early Risers, Grass Valley, CA  
25 years

Klassy Talkers, Sacramento, CA  
20 years

Distinguished Speakers,  
Sacramento, CA 20 years

*January 2008*

Harry Hoffman, Stockton, CA  
20 years

*February 2008*

Capital Nevada, Carson City, NV  
40 years

Folsom Intellectuals, Folsom, CA  
20 years

*March 2008*

Foothill, Roseville, CA  
25 years

Tax Talkers, Sacramento, CA  
20 years

Dixon, Dixon, CA

20 years

### Reminders . . .

**New IRS Filing Requirements for US Clubs.** The IRS 990-N electronic filing is now available on the IRS website, and all clubs in District 39 are required to fill it out by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Toastmasters International has provided detailed instructions on their website at: [toastmasters.org](http://toastmasters.org) on how to fill out this new, required form.

**District Nominations Open.** Nominations for Division Gov. and up are now being accepted. The nomination form is on the District 39 webpage. Send to Cheryl Bumford-Brewer, 5211 Laguna Oaks Drive Unit 10, Elk Grove, CA 95758 or e-mailed to [cbumford@comcast.net](mailto:cbumford@comcast.net). Nomination forms must be post-marked or e-mailed by March 31, 2008.