



**Is this your first District 39 conference? Are you a FIRST TIMER?**

**Or are you curious what to expect from this conference?**

**We are here to help!**

Here are some tips to help familiarize you with [District 39 Spring Conference](http://www.district39.org/2014-spring-conference):

1. **UPON ARRIVAL:** Please follow the signs to the REGISTRATION desk and register.  
If you are a first timer: After you register, look for the "First Timer's" section in the registration area and play the game – this will be explained when you register.
2. **MEET:** Plan to meet *at least* two people from different clubs, find out what part of the district they are currently active.
3. **CONFERENCE PROGRAM:** please review the program and consider which events and educational sessions you would like to attend; you can always change your mind later.
4. **WHAT TO WEAR?** for the conference:
  - **FRIDAY NIGHT:** *Fun* night theme: "Diamonds are a girl's best friend". Dress to Impress! Your favorite cocktail or evening wear and dress it up with diamonds and bling.
  - **SATURDAY DAY:** Business casual attire minimum. Dress in layers no matter what the weather is like outside to accommodate for room temperatures.
  - **SATURDAY DINNER:** This is your opportunity to dress up in your formal wear.  
Don't forget your DTM medal! Wear it proudly, you earned it!
5. **CANDIDATES NETWORKING HOUR:** Friday, 6-7 pm is your opportunity to meet the qualified candidates that are running for Division and District office. Come with your and your club's questions to ask the candidates.
6. **FRIDAY FUN NIGHT:** Be entertained and meet Toastmasters from all over District 39. There will be an opening act, Triple Crown recognition, ice-pictures, dancing, socializing and District 39 history.

7. **SATURDAY OPENING CEREMONY:** Kick off the conference with pride! Saturday is filled with our keynote Ed Tate ([www.edtate.com](http://www.edtate.com)), educational sessions, the Table Topics and International Speech contests, the business meeting, and a plethora of opportunities to meet great Toastmasters and to have *fun*.
8. **CLUB REGISTRATION:** Toastmasters who are not [registered](#) for the full conference are able to attend the keynote speaker and educational sessions for no charge if the club pays the \$15 registration fee. A la carte pricing is also available for the meals, contests and the Sunday morning breakfast with Ed Tate.
9. **VOTING:** If you are voting on behalf of your club, please locate the credentials desk and pick up your ballots before the Saturday business meeting.
10. **RAFFLE:** Every club is encouraged to donate a raffle basket. Proceeds help offset the costs of the conference. Get creative and create a themed basket! Some past basket themes included: book lovers, wine, gardening, coffee, movies, etc. Conference attendees purchase raffle tickets and put their tickets by the basket they would like to win. The winning tickets are drawn throughout the event and posted so check back often. Baskets values are from \$20 to over \$100 so winning is always worth the cost of tickets. The raffle is a fun and exciting activity that will keep your energy flowing.
11. **BONUS BREAKFAST WITH A CHAMP:** On Sunday morning experience Ed Tate “unplugged”. Ed Tate will answer all of your questions at breakfast. There is a separate registration and charge for this incredible event.
12. **RELAX, LEARN and ENJOY the conference.**

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# What does that mean? Decoding the District 39 Lingo

You may hear some unfamiliar acronyms and other District 39 lingo during the conference. Here are some of the more commonly used expressions:

1. **PDG:** The Past District Governor is the person who previously served as a District Governor. Since 2013-2014 is the sixtieth anniversary of the District, many PDG's will be there.
2. **District Governor:** The District Governor is an elected position who oversees the District's day to day operations, finances and resources.
3. **LGET:** The Lieutenant Governor Education and Training (pronounced "L get") is an elected District 39 officer, responsible for the District's education and training programs.
4. **LGM:** The Lieutenant Governor, Marketing is an elected District 39 officer who is responsible for club building, membership building and district retention efforts.
5. **PRO:** The Public Relations Officer is an appointed District 39 position responsible for publicity efforts between the District its members and the public.
6. **Trio:** The District 39 Governor, LGET and LGM
7. **Quad:** The Trio and the PRO.
8. **Division Governor:** The Division Governor is an elected District 39 leader who is responsible for one of eight divisions (labeled A through H) in District 39 and reports to District 39 Governor.
9. **AG:** The Area Governor is an appointed District 39 leader responsible for one of four to six areas within a division (labeled as 11 - 85) in District 39 and reports to their respective Division Governor.
10. **DECMs:** The District Executive Committee Meetings pronounced "deck ums" are held monthly (usually the second Saturday) during the year with all of the District leaders and is open to all members.
11. **TlIs:** The Toastmasters Leadership Institutes are trainings hosted by the district or a division for club officer trainings and usually includes enrichment classes.
12. **COTs:** Club Officer Trainings are trainings are officer specific trainings hosted by a club, or district leader, without enrichment sessions.

## FAQs:

1. **Where?** Peppermill Hotel Spa and Casino, Reno, Nevada.
2. **When?** May 16-18 starting at 6:00 PM on Friday, May 16, 2014.
3. **What?** 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of District 39, networking, International and Table Topic speech contests, the 2000 Toastmasters International World Champion of Public Speaking Ed Tate([www.edtate.com](http://www.edtate.com)), educational sessions, and fun.
4. **Why?** Experience so much more of what belonging to Toastmasters has to offer than what can be shared at the club level.
5. **How?** Register and make a commitment to be there!

**Still have questions?** Please contact: **Carmen Carr** Conference Chair.  
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or [npotts4wcr@aol.com](mailto:npotts4wcr@aol.com). **At the conference:** Ask for Nancy, anyone on the First Timer Attendees Committee, or check with anyone at the registration table.