



**Read below for personal messages from the District 39 Trio  
and a list of upcoming Toastmasters events.**

Fellow Toastmasters,

In the last 2 months, my mom turned 80; my dad, 84. A close friend welcomed a healthy baby boy into the world one year after losing her daughter at birth. My manager lost both his mother and grandmother.

All were reminders of the ebb and flow of human existence.



On December 12, I retired after 40 years working for the same company. It's a change that I've been anticipating. Still, I'm asking myself, "What's next?"

Where did those 40 years go? I can still remember starting my career as a bag boy at the Bel Air store on Fruitridge Road in Sacramento as a junior in high school as vividly as my last day at work as a Consumer Insights Analyst.

It was time to take my leave even though it wasn't entirely my decision. At first I thought of only the negative connotations. Now I see it differently: They gave me my pension and a severance package that I see as a golden opportunity to pursue a job in communications. That's where I worked early in my career. It's brought me the most joy.

Right now I have no plans other than to make more club visits and spend even more time helping make our district successful.

I tell you my situation for one reason: I am a believer that when opportunity knocks be sure to answer. It may not knock again.

Will you answer the door? I plan to open the door wide. I can't wait to see what is coming next!

Pursue your dreams. Follow your passion. Find opportunities where

others see only obstacles.

Wishing you and yours a very happy holiday season.

Brian Hatano, DTM  
District Governor

Fellow Leaders,

I hope you are enjoying this holiday season as much as I am. It is a wonderful opportunity for quality time with family and reflection on life. It is a time to count our blessings and be grateful for what we have. Unfortunately, we can only appreciate the good through comparison with our lesser fortunes.



On December 12th we lost a Toastmasters family member, Mary Margaret Xifo-Rankin of Blue Tahoe Toastmasters Club in Tahoe City. For countless years Mary Margaret was a tireless worker of positive influence who provided energy, enthusiasm and esprit de corps. She led Blue Tahoe with compassion and intelligence, displaying pride in the club she loved. She was encouraging without nagging or preaching. She made sure the club was represented at outside events. Mary Margaret either competed in or judged speech contests. She was always the lead in coordinating club events. Most importantly, she attended as many club meetings as she could and made sure it was a quality experience for all.

Though she is physically gone, she is still here in our hearts and memories. She is the quintessential example of a quote by Albert Pike, "What we do for ourselves alone dies with us. What we do for others remains immortal." Her example is a wonderful gift.

As you move forward into 2015, take strength from the example set by Mary Margaret and other dedicated Toastmasters. Rededicate yourself to your passion and work for the good of all. Do just a bit more. If you begin to experience discouragement or burnout think, "What would Mary Margaret do?" or whoever is your role model and/or mentor. By using that inspiration to continue forward your burden will lighten. Your efforts will provide a warm, intoxicating and contagious feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment. It is a formula that works for all aspects of life, giving purpose and enhancing the quality of life. Life will be a little sweeter. Happy 2015!

John L. Davis, DTM  
Lt. Governor Education & Training

Fellow Toastmasters,

Congratulations on your accomplishments in the first half of the 2014-2015 Toastmasters year. Thus far we have chartered five new clubs with another seven working to reach charter strength. Three new club demonstration meetings are scheduled for the month of January. Club coaches have been assigned to 17 low membership clubs. New Club Building 101 and a Club Coach discussion will both be held during the Sacramento January TLI. Look for more information on the District 39 website calendar.



Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Toastmasters program and to the members of District 39. I hope you enjoyed a relaxing holiday season and wish you continued success in 2015!

Sondra Nunez, DTM  
District 39 Lt. Governor Marketing

## ***District 39 January Events***

**Club Officer Training**-Offered on various dates in Reno, Sacramento, Carson City, Nevada City, and Auburn. See the website for a complete listing, updated regularly: <http://www.district39.org/tli-club-officer-training-dates-location>

**District Executive Committee Meeting (DECM)**-Saturday, January 10, 9:30 am-11:30 am at the Sacramento County Administration Building, 700 H Street, Sacramento, CA. Free Parking. All District 39 members are welcome.

**Area Governor Enhancement Training**-Saturday, January 10, immediately following the January DECM. Free training. All District 39 members are welcome to attend.

**Judges Training**-Wednesday, January 14, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm at the Franchise Tax Board, 9646 Butterfield Way, Sacramento, CA 95827. Free training for speech contest judges.

**Judges Training**-Friday, January 16, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm at Superintendent of Schools, 112 Nevada City Hwy, Nevada City, CA. Free training for speech contest judges.

**Club Officer Training and Enhancement Session, Reno, NV (TLI)**-Saturday, January 24, 10:00 am-12:00 pm at University of Reno, room to be announced. Free Training.

**Club Officer Training and Enrichment Session, Sacramento, CA (TLI)**-Saturday, January 24, 9:00 am-12:00 pm at University of Phoenix, 2860 Gateway Oaks Dr, Sacramento, CA. Free Training.

## ***District 39 February Events***

**Club Officer Training**-Offered on various dates in Auburn, Reno, Truckee, Sacramento, and Citrus Heights. See the website for a complete listing, updated regularly: <http://www.district39.org/tli-club-officer-training-dates-location>

**Leadership Breakfast, Reno, NV**-Saturday, February 7, 9:00 am-12:00 pm at Atlantis Casino Resort, 3800 South Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502.

**Leadership Breakfast, Sacramento, CA**-Saturday, February 14, 9:00 am-12:00 pm at Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Ave, Carmichael, CA.

**District Executive Committee Meeting (DECM)**-Saturday, February 14, 9:30 am-11:30 am at the Sacramento County Administration Building, 700 H Street, Sacramento, CA. Free Parking. All District 39 members are welcome.

**Club Officer Training and Enhancement Session, Reno, NV (TLI)**-Saturday, February 21, 9:00 am-12:00 pm at University of Reno, room to be announced. Free Training.

**Club Officer Training and Enrichment Session, Sacramento, CA (TLI)**-Saturday, February 21, 9:00 am-12:00 pm at University of Phoenix, 2860 Gateway Oaks Dr, Sacramento, CA. Free Training.

**Please see the district calendar for more information.**

<http://www.district39.org/calendar-events>

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