

Around the World... The Journey Continues

District 16

Spring Conference

May 15-16, 2009

Crowne Plaza Hotel

2945 Northwest Expwy

Oklahoma City

Greetings Fellow Toastmasters & Friends,

You are cordially invited to join members of District 16 for our 2008/09 Spring Conference. This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Festivities begin Friday afternoon from 5:00-6:00 P.M. with a reception in the Hospitality Suite honoring Charlotte Howard, DTM, Region III International Director. Maurice and Delores Myles, both Past District Governors, will be Hosts for the reception. Everyone is invited, but the Myles ask that you please RSVP so that they will know how many will be attending.

On Friday evening we'll have an International Fiesta; but you'll need to get plenty of rest Friday night because we commence early Saturday morning with a full day of exciting events.

Following the Banner Parade and the Opening Ceremonies, Saturday morning's Keynote Speaker will be our own, Charlotte Howard. The morning's activities will end with the District 16 Business Meeting, where members will have the opportunity to elect the new District Leadership team for 2009-2010.

At the Awards Luncheon on Saturday, we will showcase accomplishments of our membership, as well as present our 2009 Communication & Leadership Award Recipient, Stanley L. Evans, Assistant Dean of Students at the University of Oklahoma School of Law (*more about Dean Evans on page 5 of this newsletter*). Saturday afternoon will take us on a Journey of incredible educational sessions that will inspire us to grow as leaders and speakers.

We'll conclude this exciting weekend with the International Speech Contest, a Parisian inspired Banquet and a DTM ceremony. You really don't want to miss the opportunity to hear some of the best speakers in our District and congratulate the winner of this coveted prize. This person will represent District 16 at the Region III Conference in Denver, CO on June 19 & 20.

The Conference is some sixty days away, so don't delay. Make your plans early to join us as we continue "**The Journey**" in our quest for the "**Courage to Conquer**" the obstacles that stand in our way of becoming better speakers and leaders.

See you there!

Hobart Richardson, Jr., ACB, District Governor

Toastmaster Friends:

Since the first of July we have been on an incredible "Journey" accomplishing much within District 16. Now is the time for the recognition awards and rewards that we will bestow upon those deserving and dedicated members who have worked so hard and diligently this Toastmaster year.

Some of the highlights of this year's Spring Conference:

- ◆ Friday afternoon reception honoring Charlotte Howard, DTM, Region III, International Director.
- ◆ Passport Activities with First Timer's Chairman, Hillary Welch starting Friday evening and continuing through Saturday.
- ◆ Friday Evening International Fiesta - An international feast and cabaret style entertainment consisting of celebrities, music, comedy and good fun.
- ◆ If you don't have time for breakfast, we'll have coffee and crumpets for those of you arriving early for the Banner Parade and the Opening Ceremonies on Saturday morning.
- ◆ An Asian inspired Awards Luncheon showcasing our Communications and Leadership Recipient, Dean Stanley L. Evans.
- ◆ Afternoon educational sessions with carefully selected presenters and enrichment programs.
- ◆ Saturday afternoon reception for those members whose clubs have achieved "Distinguished" for the Toastmaster year 2008/09.
- ◆ The International Speech Contest and Banquet will follow the red carpet procession of our 2008/09 District Officers and their escorts.
- ◆ At the Banquet, be prepared to enjoy French Cuisine with a Parisian ambience that will tickle your taste buds and delight your nostrils and visual senses.
- ◆ Silent Auction - Bring your checkbook because you won't want to miss out on our several auction items and packets worth hundreds of dollars.

Check-in time at Crowne Plaza is 3:00 P.M. on Friday. Indulge in the several amenities that this beautiful hotel has to offer. Enjoy renewing friendships and conversation with members who live in the area or those who will be arriving early from other parts of Oklahoma.

Or, you may want to spend the morning and early afternoon enjoying some of the sights in Oklahoma City like:

- ◆ The animals and the beautifully landscaped OKC Zoo, one of the top three zoos in the country;
- ◆ Bricktown and the Riverwalk. Enjoy a canal ride or shopping, or one of the fine restaurants along the Walk;
- ◆ The Myriad Botanical Gardens and Crystal Bridge
- ◆ One of our fine museums including the OKC Museum of Art, the OKC National Memorial, the OKC Science Museum (formerly the Omniplex), the Red Earth Museum, the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, or one of the several other fine museums in the area. If you contact us in advance, we may be able to get you a "twofer" or dollars off coupon for many of these sites. Just let us know in advance.

"Around the World...The Journey Continues." Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship and education as we continue our personal and professional journey as knowledgeable and growing speakers and leaders.

Anita Baker, DTM, Conference Chair

James Tucker, ACG, ALB Lt. Governor Ed/Training

I remember the first time I sat in a Conference Educational Session as a young Toastmaster: I couldn't believe the experience. After the conference, at my next club meeting, I was called on to share my conference experience with the club. I didn't know where to begin: I talked about meeting David Brooks, the 1990 World Champion of Public Speaking (WCoPS), all the amazing Educational Sessions, and how Toastmasters would never be the same again. Since joining Toastmasters in November 2002, I have been to 17 Conferences. I've met 6 World Champions, 5 International Presidents, and many International Directions. Meeting all these wonderful people has made me a better Toastmaster and man. The speeches and sessions I've heard at conferences have impacted my life and have actually reshaped who I am.

I remember sitting next to Mike Boatman at the 2008 Regional Conference as LaShunda Rundles, the 2008 WCoPS gave her winning speech. When she finished her speech, I looked at Mike and in the one minute of silence all I could say was "WOW!" I remember looking down the aisle and sitting next to Mike's wife was Kristen Cox, we didn't need words. I knew the speech had impacted her the way it had me. Later that night, I shared a one of my best conference experiences with Jody Santangelo, Dolores and Maurice Myles, Hobart and Sharon Richardson, Mike and Michele Boatman, and Kristen Cox.

Some of my best friendships have been nurtured at District Conferences. I promise if you attend the conference with open heart and mind, you will be changed! Join us at the District Spring Conference: hear amazing sessions and speeches, see Toastmasters in a new way, and you may be as blessed as me by developing friendships that will last for a lifetime.

Charlotte Howard, DTM Keynote Speaker

Charlotte's first impression of Toastmasters was "those people are having way too much fun!!"

Fortunately that didn't deter her and she joined Toastmasters the next week. Since that exhilarating charter meeting in 1995 to today, Charlotte has embraced the Toastmaster experience. From charter club member to district leader, her most memorable experiences are those of Area Governor and Host District Conference Chair for the 2006 Region III Conference.

Charlotte, a native Oklahoman, is active in the Oklahoma City community through her volunteer work. Using her passion for education and her Toastmasters skills she tutors at-risk students in the Oklahoma City Public School System. Employed at the law firm of Andrews Davis, PC as a bankruptcy legal assistant, she will celebrate her 26th anniversary in October with the firm.

From a shy introvert who was having no fun, to an International Director having more fun than the law should allow, Charlotte attributes her successes to Toastmasters. She is a work in progress and a shining example of President Ford's theme for 2007-2008, Shaping Ourselves... Shaping Our World.

Kerry Austin

District 16's own, Kerry Austin, member of Friends of Greenwood Toastmaster Club in Tulsa, will be one of the educational presenters for the Spring Conference.

Kerry is a graduate from Southern Nazarene University with both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree. Upon graduation he received the distinguished student award in Bachelor's program. He has been an adjunct trainer in the Tulsa Community College and his most recent training sessions have been in "Achieving Excellence in Communication" and "Whale Done Leadership." He recently was hired as an Adjunct Professor with the University of Phoenix teaching Oral Communications. He is a 12-year veteran of the United States Air Force.

Kerry was District 16's Humorous Speech Contest Champion in the fall of 2008.

Kerry's presentation at the District Conference will be "**Bootcamp for Speakers.**"

Lezlie McInturff

Lezlie McInturff is an award winning speaker and certified corporate trainer with a master's degree in human resource development.

As a professional in human resources, she successfully coaches and equips employees with strategies and training geared toward helping them to achieve their full potential. She uses her expertise in personality assessment to provide successful training in goal setting, conflict resolution, team building and leadership. Her humor and insight encourages and motivates people to live with passion and purpose.

Lezlie currently teaches classes at the Christian Women Jobs Corp and conducts monthly seminars at the Life Purpose Center in Wichita Falls, Texas. She believes in providing communication strategies that unite people and allow them to SHINE using their unique gifts and talents. Whether speaking, training or coaching, her message is clear: "**Stop Living an Ordinary Life - You Were Meant to Shine.**"

Distinguished Club

Reception

Saturday Afternoon
May 16, 2009
5:00 - 5:30 P.M.
Crowne Plaza Hotel

(at the Gazebo near the Hospitality Suite)

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Around the World!

The Journey Continues!



Speakers include:



The heart of the Toastmasters world is the club, and the lifeblood of satisfaction of its members. But how does each member relate to International on a global scale? The answer lies in the structure of Toastmasters, and all the various ways we provide support and service to the members. International Director Howard will share with you the purpose of the governance proposal that is designed to improve the organization's structure. With your club's vote of approval at the 2009 August Convention, we will achieve two goals: a more fair and equitable system of global representation; and an improved service and support for every member, regardless of where he or she may live in the world.

Charlotte Howard, DTM presents "Shaping the Future of Toastmasters"

Lezlie uses the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and Personality Profiles to facilitate personal and professional development. Learn communication strategies that unite people and allow them to shine using their unique gifts and talents.

Lezlie McInturff presents "Personalities Plus"



Kerry is a former military drill team instructor and district manager for a multimillion dollar corporate business. He is now a business and industry trainer and has traveled coast to coast training leaders of Fortune 500 companies. He is also the 2008 Humorous Speech Contest Champion. Find out if you can handle a boot camp for speakers during this exciting session.

Kerry Austin, CC presents "Boot Camp for Speakers"

On the Road to Success...Discover the COURAGE to conquer. Step into leadership roles, set goals and communicate your vision to others. Move from an emerging leader to a visionary leader and leave a legacy that is enduring and memorable. **There's No Place Like Toastmasters! All Roads Lead to Success!**

Pamela McCown, DTM. Candidate for Region III International Director



Maurice's work as a motivational speaker and hotel development consultant has caused him to travel extensively to most of the earth's continents. He joined Toastmasters in 1995 and has served his district in many capacities. As District Governor, he led his district to Distinguished District status for the 2007-2008 year. Today, Maurice is **Empowering the World through Toastmasters.**

Maurice Taitt, DTM, Candidate for Region III International Director

District 16 International Speech Contest

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Always the highlight of the conference weekend is the International Speech Contest held immediately prior to the banquet on Saturday evening.

This all started with individual club contests held in February. The winners of these contests progressed to the Area level in March and winners from these contests competed again at the Division level in April. Two winners from each of the Division contests will compete at the District Conference in May. Who will be named the Winner? Nobody knows! A Judging Team made up of approximately nine trained judges, two timekeepers and three ballot counters will arrive at this decision based on the performance of the speakers competing that evening.

The District 16 contest winner will compete in the Region III Contest on June 19 and 20 in Denver, Colorado. The winner of that contest will compete with speakers from around the world at the Toastmasters International Conference in August 2009 and one will be named "World's Champion Speaker." Only two Toastmasters from District 16 have held this honor: Harold Patterson in 1987 and Dave Ross in 1991.

Toastmaster of the Evening



The Toastmaster for the District 16 Contest is Mr. Danny King, Advanced Toastmaster Bronze. Danny is the Assistant Director of the Portland Campus of Francis Tuttle Technology Center in Oklahoma City where he has been an educator for 27 years and a member of SpeakUp! Toastmasters for 3 years.

Danny was the winner of the 2008 District 16 International Speech Contest and competed last spring at the Region III Conference in Houston. As many of us know, he has made it his mission in life to promote the career of his weenie dog, Spud so we might have to..... uh.... get to, hear more about this famous canine.

Join us for a night of outstanding speeches from our six contestants and a little bit of shameless promotion of a poor, helpless puppy from our Toastmaster, Danny King.

Eligibility

To be eligible to compete in the International contests, each speaker must complete an *Eligibility Form* stating that he/she is a member in good standing of a club in good standing; has given at least six speeches from the Competent Communication manual prior to the club contest; that the speech is substantially original; and that the contestant has prepared his/her own 5-7 minute speech.

First Timers

If you've never attended a Toastmasters Conference, now is the time to pack your luggage, book your flight, and join us as we journey around the world!

First-time flyers will receive a passport to help them navigate the exciting lands of District 16. Visit each area, collect specimens of exotic flora and fauna, and become a seasoned world traveler with newfound friends all across District 16!

Make this a journey to remember by hailing a taxi, sneaking aboard a ship, or jumping onboard a plane to the Spring Conference!



Hilary Welch,
First Timers' Chair

Silent Auction

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Check out the many valuable items
near the Registration Desk.

Don't Forget Your Club Banner

Visit "Our Oasis"

You're a Toastmaster, not a cactus,
nor a hermit, nor a prude.

So, on breaks from the Conference,
drop by the Hospitality Suite

Our Oasis.

Beer, wine and all kinds of bubbly.

Chips, dips, and snacks.

Jokes, tall tales, and gossip.

Some notaries who may *or* may not appear:

Beyonce, Robin Williams, Jay Leno, Anita Baker,
Survivor Man, Whoopie Goldberg, Toby Keith,
Jimmy Kimmel, and U-2.

Bring a happy face.

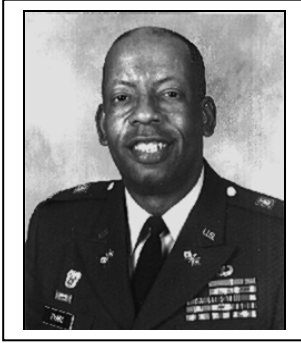
Our Oasis will be located on the first floor,
near the Pool and the Cabanas.

No cover charge.

Lynn Baker, Hospitality



Communication and Leadership Award



Stanley L. Evans, JD. has been selected as the recipient of District 16's 2009 Communication and Leadership Award. He will be recognized for these accomplishments at the Awards Luncheon on May 16 at the District Conference.

He assumed the position of Assistant Dean for Students at the University of Oklahoma College of Law in August, 2003. This was almost exactly three months after his graduation from the College of Law in May of that year. His selection for this position was unprecedented in two ways. It is almost unheard of for a person to be a student one year, and be the Assistant Dean responsible for all student related actions and activities the following year. Second, Dean Evans is the first African American to be appointed to a Dean position at any law school in the state of

Oklahoma. As Assistant Dean for Students, he has responsibilities encompassing the entire range of law student activities and services.

Dean Evans was appointed by Governor Keating, and then again by Governor Henry to the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission. For the past 4 years he has energized the entire state and sought recognition for people that have been giants in this important area of Oklahoma History through his role of managing the State's annual Human Rights Day Program. In 2008, he was selected as the Chairman of the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission. He currently provides leadership to the nine person commission and the two state offices. He recently completed his second term on the Board of Trustees of the University of Saint Mary - Leavenworth, KS.

He retired from the United States Army in March, 2000, with 32 years of military service, and started law school at the age of 54. Colonel Evans' final military assignment was as Dean of Students and Administration for the Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. There, he was responsible for the daily operations and management of the Army's premier academic institution that had a yearly student body of over 5700 officers and an annual budget of \$12,000,000. In the Leavenworth area, he was well known as a motivational speaker and led the Fort's effort to provide over 700 computers to Kansas public schools. He also served on many boards and organizations within the area. In Leavenworth, he was honored as the Alpha Phi Alpha "Man of the Year" in 1998 and again in 1999.

From 1995 to 1997, Colonel Evans was the Garrison Commander of Fort Leavenworth, where twice during his tenure; the Fort was selected as runner-up for "Best Managed Fort in the Army." The winning of this national Malcolm Baldrige competition netted the Fort a \$75,000 cash prize both years. Fort Leavenworth was also designated as the "Best Hometown in the Army" under his leadership.

Born in Athens, Texas, and raised in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, he is a 1964 graduate of Douglass HS. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Degree at the University of Central Oklahoma and was awarded a Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA) at the University of Texas (Tyler). Dean Evans received his Juris Doctor (JD) at the University of Oklahoma. His professional military education includes graduation from the Army Command and General Staff College at Ft Leavenworth, KS and the Army War College at Carlisle, PA.

Colonel Evans is a Viet-Nam War Veteran, who has received numerous Military Honors and Awards, including the *Distinguished Service Medal*, the *Legion of Merit*, and the *Bronze Star*. He also received the Silver Order of Mercury for service as the 5th Regimental Adjutant of the U.S. Army Signal Corps, where he oversaw the revision of the entire Signal Enlisted Soldier Career Structure. He was also selected to the OCS Hall of Fame at Ft Sill, OK in 1997 for other contributions to the United States Army.

He was singled out by the Oklahoma City Urban League to receive its Annual Equal Opportunity Community Recognition Award in 2005. He also received Governor Henry's Commendation for his work in Human Rights in 2003.

Dean Evans and his wife are very active in their church - Wildewood Christian, Oklahoma City - where he was the chairman of a recently completed \$2,500,000 sanctuary construction project. He also leads "Children's Church" on a monthly basis, works with the HS youth, and operates as a counselor when the church sends over 50 youth to a Kids Across America (KAA) weeklong camp in southern Missouri each summer. Several years ago, he chaired the constitution committee that wrote the rules and guidelines under which the church currently operates. He and Saundra have established several scholarships in the memory of their daughter Lee Evans, a former Oklahoma City TV news anchor., including an annual \$1000 scholarship for an Oklahoma City HS senior active in community activities, and an annual \$4000 scholarship for an OU journalism major. Dean and Mrs. Evans currently reside in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Spring Conference Agenda

(Subject to changes)

Friday - May 15

5:00 - 6:00 P.M. Reception for Charlotte Howard, DTM, Region III International Director
Hosted by Maurice and Delores Myles in the Hospitality Suite

5:00 - 7:00 Registration Open
First Timer Registration & Activities

6:00 - 7:00 Credentials Desk Open
Silent Auction Open
TI Store Open

7:00 International Fiesta and Feast

9:30 - 11:00 Hospitality Opens after the International Fiesta



Saturday Morning - May 16

7:30 A.M. Registration Desk/TI Store/Silent Auction Opens

7:30 - 9:30 Credentials Desk Open

7:30 - 8:30 Coffee/Rolls for all Attendees

7:30 - 8:00 Line Up for Parade of Banners

8:00 Opening Ceremonies
Call to Order
Parade of Banners
International Candidates (2)

9:30 Keynote Speech
Charlotte Howard, DTM, International Director "Governance"

10:15 Business Meeting
District Business/Election of new District Officers

11:45 Awards Luncheon
Marketing Awards
Educational Awards
David Brown Fun Award; John Perry "White Hat" Award
Communications and Leadership Recipient Acceptance Speech



Saturday Afternoon/Evening - May 16

2:00 - 4:15 Educational Sessions

4:45 Silent Auction/Bookstore/Registration Closes

4:15 - 5:30 Hospitality Suite Open

5:00 Distinguished Clubs Reception

5:00 Speech Contestants meet with Toastmaster/Judging Team meets with Chief Judge

5:30 Banquet Room Opens

5:30 Processional Line Up

5:45 Processional

6:00 Welcome - Hobart Richardson, District Governor

Speech Contest

Dinner

DTM Ceremony

Awards Presentations

First Timer Awards/Attendance Awards/Conference Committee Report

District 16 Outstanding Area/Division Governor

District 16 Outstanding Toastmaster

District 16 Dedicated Toastmaster

State of the District - Hobart Richardson, District 16 Governor

Installation of New District Officers

New District Governor Acceptance Speech

Announcements

And the Speech Contest Winner is.....

Hospitality Suite Re-Opens after the Announcements



Sunday Morning - May 17

8:30 - 10:00

Hospitality Suite/European Style Breakfast for Conference Committee/Guests

10:00 - Noon

Incoming District Officers Meeting



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Register by May 1 for the Discount

Name:			Circle All that Apply to You	
Home Club:	Home Club #:	First Timer	Non-Toastmaster	
Division: (circle) T O K	Area Number:	CTM/CC	CL	
Mailing Address:		ATMB/ACB	ALB/ALS	
		ATMS/ACS	ATMG/ACG	
City:	State:	DTM		
E-Mail Address:		Past District Governor		
Day Phone:		Past International Director		
Home Phone:		Current District Officer		
Name of Guest(s):		Position: _____		
		Program Presenter		

Order Your Total Conference Package			
All events during the conference - Friday night fun International Fiesta & Cabaret, Saturday continental breakfast, TI store, silent auction, parade of banners, International Candidates, keynote address, business meeting, awards luncheon, three educational sessions, evening speech contest and banquet.			
	Qty	Price (each attendee)	Amount
Early Bird Special (Register by May 1)		\$95.00	
First Timer Early Bird Special (For first time conference attendees.)		\$80.00	
Procrastinator's Special (If you miss the early registration deadline.)		\$120.00	
Ala Carte Conference			
	Qty	Price (each attendee)	Amount
Friday Evening Fun Night International Fiesta & Cabaret		\$25.00	
Saturday - All business and education sessions & gallery seating at the speech contest (No meals)		\$30.00	
Saturday Awards Luncheon		\$30.00	
Saturday Evening Banquet and International Speech Contest		\$45.00	
Saturday Evening Speech Contest Gallery Seating (advance order)		\$10.00	

"It's On The Web" <http://oktoastmasters.org>

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Select Saturday Evening Banquet Meal (BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR GUEST'S CHOICE)	Beef	Fish	Vegetarian
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<p>Make checks payable to: District 16 Toastmasters Send this form and check to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kim Wilkerson 2724 Balmoral Drive, Edmond OK 73034</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Early Bird Registration Deadline - May 1, 2009 Registration Deadline - May 12, 2009 (Meals not guaranteed after May 12)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Conference Chairman: Anita Baker, DTM (405) 722-7394 anita.baker@choicefinancial.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hotel Reservations</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Crowne Plaza Hotel 2945 NW Expressway, OKC, OK 73113 (405) 848-4811 Ask for Toastmaster Rate - \$89.00 per night</p> <p>Newly renovated, free parking, free high-speed Internet, spacious rooms with the Sleep Advantage Program featuring lavender linen spray, eye mask, ear plugs, night light and relaxation CD. Café and bar located in the hotel lobby. Fully equipped fitness center; outdoor pool and whirlpool.</p>
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Noon Express Toastmasters
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Reception

for

Charlotte Howard, DTM

Region III International Director

5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Friday - May 15, 2009

at the

Crowne Plaza Hotel

in the

Hospitality Suite

Maurice and Delores Myles, Hosts

RSVP - myles1@lawtonnet.net or (580) 355-5955

Everyone Welcome