

# U Speak Easy Toastmasters News

*Speak, Lead, Succeed*

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*U Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visitors are always welcome.*

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## MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **Frank Anderson, CC** for completing his 10<sup>th</sup> speech to earn the coveted Competent Communicator (CC). Speaking to an intimate audience, he nevertheless lived up to the title “By Design to Inspire.” He’ll be moving on from Toastmasters to focus on his writing, buoyed by the confidence to speak he’s gained in our club. He promises to help us continue to grow. We hope this includes sending new members our way.

Congratulations are also due to **Lois Watford, DTM**, for passing her exams to embark on her new career with Prudential. She’ll be calling on all her Toastmasters training when making presentations to clients on how to secure their financial futures.

At the June 10<sup>th</sup> club meeting, **Jennifer Woodward** was Toastmaster for the first time. She later said she was nervous, but the audience couldn’t tell. “Brava,” Jennifer, for conquering the fear.

Members who’ve joined recently, take a tip from Jennifer and try on a new role. Be the Toastmaster. Or evaluate a speaker – a great way to hone your speaking and analytical abilities.

## NEW TOASTMASTERS

A big welcome to our newest member, **Tatiana Leshchinsky**. Tatiana visited our June 10 meeting and signed on the dotted line that very night. She’s forging right ahead to give her

Icebreaker at our next meeting, June 24. Her future plans include applying to medical school. She wants plenty of speaking practice to prepare for the rigorous interview process. Come out next Wednesday to cheer on our newest Toastmaster as she introduces herself to the club.

## CLUB OFFICERS

As the current Toastmasters year ends June 30, a big "THANKS" to all our outgoing officers: President **Lianne Morgan**, VP Education **Walker Willingham**, VP Membership **Elena Brenna**, VP Public Relations **Tony Brenna**, Secretary **Dee Herzog**, Treasurer **Marcy Kispert**, Sgt at Arms **Frank Anderson**.

Come meet your new officers at their official installation at our next meeting. (There's still opportunity for someone to fill an open role. Think about stepping up to help your club in the new Toastmasters year from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Speak with Walker or Lois about it.)

**Toastmasters Leadership Institute** (aka Officers Training) was earlier this month. Our officers missed it, but there will be make up training in July, to be announced. It will be conveniently located at the fire station in Poulsbo. All officers should plan on attending so we can start fulfilling our Distinguished Club Program goals. Non-officers are also welcome.

## DISTINGUISHED CLUB PROGRAM

Sadly, we achieved just two of 10 DCP goals this year: #7, four new members and #10, dues reports and officers list submitted to Toastmasters International on time. The club's membership was also too low to qualify for Distinguished this year, even had we achieved more goals. We started the year with 13 members, and ended with 13. Even though we gained five new members, we also lost as many.

The start of a new year is a perfect time to renew our commitment to a healthier club. Ideally we should have 20 members. We've been there in the past and we can certainly do it again. With 20 members it's always easier to fill the duty roster and have an enthusiastic group at every meeting.

Working together this year we can achieve all 10 DCP goals to be President's Distinguished!

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It's time to share with others the great things Toastmasters does for each of us in communication and leadership training.

Bring friends to meetings with you. Wear your Toastmasters pin as a conversation starter. Carry brochures to pass on to someone who needs to know about our valuable program.

With individual efforts and the group activity you'll read about in the next section, we should be well set up to achieve a Smedley award from Toastmasters International by signing up 5 new or reinstated members during August and September. This award is named after the founder of Toastmasters International, Ralph Smedley.

## GRAND OLD 4<sup>TH</sup> ON BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

Come out for a fun day of games, parades, classic cars, yummy food – and talking up Toastmasters! /more...

The first step in our new membership drive is to man an information booth at this year's Grand Old 4<sup>th</sup> on Bainbridge Island. We'll have plenty of printed materials to distribute, but we need real live Toastmasters to talk up the benefits of membership. Talk with Lois or Elena to find out what you can do to help this effort.

It's a fun day out and a way to promote our club and Toastmasters in general.

## TOASTMASTERS – BEYOND OUR CLUB



Steve Russell

**Elena Brenna** attended the Division B breakfast in April where she met fans of our previous newsletters: District 32 Governor **Steve Russell** and Lt. Gov. of Marketing **Cindy Hadfield**. Cindy said, "I love it," and held the last issue up as an example to other clubs in attendance. And Steve thought it was "Neat!"

**Lois Watford** attended the District 32 Spring Conference on May 16. She learned about the new structure being proposed for Toastmasters International and attended valuable educational sessions about Networking and Getting Your Story Down. She said attending was worth the effort.

The highlight of the Conference was watching **Brian Banke** (member of Bremerton 63 Toastmasters, from our own Division B) win the District's International Speech Contest.

New District officers as of July 1 were introduced: District Governor **John (Jay) Melrose**, Lt. Gov. Education and Training **Cindy Hadfield** and Lt. Gov. Marketing **Bill Mansfield**.

The Fall Conference in October will be right in our own backyard, at the waterfront Conference Center in Bremerton.

Contests this fall will be Tall Tales and Table Topics. Start thinking about a possible speech now for competing at the club level, because that's where it starts. More details about the contests will be coming soon at club meetings and in this newsletter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 23, 2009 – **6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of U Speak Easy Chartering** as Toastmasters Club

June 24 – **U Speak Easy meets** 7-8:30 PM, Winslow Arms Clubhouse

**TLI (Officers Training) Make up** – a weeknight in July TBA, Location: Poulsbo Fire Station, 911 Liberty Rd, Poulsbo

July 4<sup>th</sup> – **Bainbridge Island Grand Old 4<sup>th</sup> Toastmasters Information Booth** – come out and spread the word about Toastmasters and the Freedom to Speak!

October 3 – Toastmasters **District 32 Fall Conference**, Bremerton Conference Center – more details to come