



Quote of the Week

The best way to escape a problem is to solve it.

Alan Saporta

Promote Your Club

Submissions to *The Hub* are welcome. Let us know about your club's educational and membership achievements, or special events. Short articles about any Toastmaster-related topic. Submit .doc or pdf files to:

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Correction from last issue on Tuesday Talkers' achievements...

It is **Michelle** (not Maxine) **DeBuck** who recently accomplished her Competent Communicator.

This club is on its way to a perfect "10" for the Distinguished Club Program.

Club 404 holding new officer installation banquet

Club 404 will hold its new officer installation banquet at Pietro's Backdoor Pizzeria, 2728 Birchcrest Dr., SE, Grand Rapids at 6 p.m. on June 21.

The cost is approximately \$12.65. Contact **Gina Goris** at golden.girl@att.net to RSVP.

New officers includes: **Jason Swett**, President; **Terry Rogers**, VP of Education and Training; **Alan Talens**, VP of Membership; **Gina Goris**, VP of Public Relations; **John Smith**

Club officers and all Toastmasters welcome to attend Toastmaster Leadership Institute June 25, Ramada Inn, Lansing

Whether you are a new club officer, serving a second term, or a Toastmaster interested in learning more about leadership -- you need to be at the **Toastmaster Leadership Institute, Saturday, June 25** at the Ramada Inn, Lansing.

Training is from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. with a cost of \$10 per person. This includes continental breakfast, lunch and materials.

Sessions will be held on attracting new club members, how to use freetoasthost to promote your club via the web, and charting your club's success plan.

Breakout sessions for each individual officer role will be held. You'll learn how to motivate club members to achieve their goals, and promote your club with new public relations tools. We'll discuss how to use a "Passport for Success" and hold a coach's corner.

The training will also include how to get club members excited about entering the fall tall tales contest, and you will learn how to successfully put together a club contest, including selecting and training judges.

Other sessions include advanced leader projects, conducting effective evaluations, and the module, "Moments of Truth" from the *Better Club Series*.

Every club officer and Toastmaster will come away with a better understanding of how to help club members attain their educational and leadership goals, and how to keep the club growing and thriving. Many clubs pay the \$10 fee for club officers to attend. It's a small price to pay for information that can help you and your club achieve success in the 2011-2012 Toastmaster calendar year.

Speech Topics Are a Dime A Dozen

by Rebecca Drury, E Division Governor

You've procrastinated. You've signed up to give a speech in only three days. You can't back out now because it's not fair to those who wanted your speaking slot. What are you going to do?

Upcoming Events (further details at www.62toast.com)

Sat. June 25

Toastmasters Leadership Institute (all incoming club officers and all Toastmasters)

Ramada Inn, west Laning

Building on the idea of TEAMWORK...

Teamwork among district officers and incoming club officers was a frequent theme of the recent District Executive Council training on June 4.

This training was for incoming area and division governors. They will be working with clubs to help them achieve educational and leadership success.

The core concept is for each area and/or division to form a council that includes the area and division governors and club presidents and vice presidents of education and training.

In Tony Dungy's book, *Mentor Leader*, he talks about how integrating teamwork among the coaching staff and players is essential if the team is to be successful

Dungy says it's important for any group to have a common long-term vision that unites and motivates each individual to share their unique talents and

Treasurer; and **Carol Hendershot**, Sgt.-at-Arms.

Thank to the outgoing club officers: **Don Goris**, President; **Carrie Clark**, VP Education and Training; **Gina Goris**, VP of Membership; **Jacob Reed**, VP of Public Relations; **Asha Kiran**, Treasurer; and **Adam Vankuik**, Sgt.-at-Arms.

Club 404 has achieved 10 Distinguished program points.

You have to write, practice, time, and work the kinks out of your speech. All that seems easy, compared to coming up with a topic. Have you ever been in that situation?

If you're like me, you've got a bank of stray ideas on a hard drive, or a file folder, or both. In a file folder, I keep clippings on topics that appeal to me with plenty of scribbles in the margins. On my computer, I call the file *Speech Ideas 1, 2...* When I get up to 10 topics, I start to look at them. Sometimes they add up to something; sometimes not. My rhetoric teacher called these files the 21st Century version of Socrates' *Common Place* book that he taught pupils to keep.

Sometimes when you gather your ideas, you find a common denominator and perhaps you will find a speech. For example, after listening to a club member give a speech about her childhood in China, I had an idea for diversity, customs and culture exchange. A few weeks later, a club member gave a speech about the value of eating onions, and I made big scribbles on a handout about antioxidants.

In my file, I'd been keeping pictures of various teapots because I wanted to get in the habit of drinking tea. SPEECH IDEA! A tea demonstration.

I realized I could combine all three topics -- cultural diversity, antioxidants, and my re-acquired love of tea. It made a very nice demonstration speech.

My suggestion is: keep a cache of ideas for speech subjects and maybe you'll find that topic you've been searching for. Anyway, that's my two cents worth.

Toastmasters Leadership Institute Training - Saturday, June 25

Our Toastmasters Leadership Institute training (for **all** incoming officers and those members interested in future club leadership) is set for Saturday, June 25, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Ramada inn, Wst Saginaw Highway, Lansing.

A minimum of four club officers should attend this training to get a head start on your upcoming club year and receive credit for your Distinguished Club Program goals for the first half of the year.

Besides learning specifics about what each club officer needs to know in order to succeed in his or her role, we will be learning how to attract new club members, understand the Distinguished Club Program, plus there will be time for each club to begin work on their Club

success.

Dungy was head coach of the Indianapolis Colts through 2009.

Toastmasters clubs can often be insular, and never work with Toastmasters at other clubs around them.

The benefits of collaboration make for sharing ideas that contribute to the success of all clubs.

When an area or division council sets a long-term vision for the calendar year, each council member understands how the club and area/division can work hand-in-hand to achieve goals.

This can include helping with speech contests, holding demonstration or youth leadership projects, combining efforts on a membership drive, or holding special events outside club meeting times.

By working as a team, clubs win, areas and divisions win, and District 62 wins.

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Success Plan.

We'll discuss communication and leadership tracks that offer all club members opportunities for growth. We're also offering Speech Contest Judges' Training, a session on How To Put On A Great Club Speech Contest, and Coaches' Corner. This is a brainstorming tool that brings members' speech ideas to a group setting. This concept has benefited many clubs and members in other districts.

This is a training you won't want to miss. You can sign up at www.62toast.com

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