

TOASTMASTERS



District 42
Alberta/Saskatchewan

A Brief History

1954-2011

INTERNATIONAL

District 42

At the Annual Business Meeting and District 20 Conference, held on April 25, 1953 at Moorhead, Minnesota, the following resolution was adopted:



Created July 1, 1954

"Moved by Lt. Governor Hope J. Moffatt that, for the good of the Toastmasters organization, the Canadian - American District 20 be divided to form one District in Canada and one in the United States."

Two sets of officers were elected at that meeting, one for the new Canadian District and one for the American District. Hope J. Moffatt of Winnipeg was elected District Governor of the Canadian District, serving from July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954.

On July 1, 1954, the Canadian District was officially recognized as District 42, composed of the following clubs:

250	Winnipeg, Man.	1224	Devon, Alta.
293	Brandon, Man.	1318	Prince Albert, Sask.
313	Winnipeg, Man.	1432	Camrose, Alta.
419	Winnipeg, Man.	1445	Edmonton, Alta.
450	Saskatoon, Sask.	1448	Rosetown, Sask.
489	Edmonton, Alta.	1452	Edmonton, Alta.
577	Regina, Sask.	1494	Calgary, Alta.
667	Calgary, Alta.	1512	North Battleford, Sask.
831	Winnipeg, Man.		

George R. Tatlock of Winnipeg was elected District Governor.

In August 1959, the Board approved the division of District 42. District 64 was created to cover Manitoba and that part of Ontario west of the Great Lakes.

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Past District Governors

1954-55 George Tatlock	1983-84 W. Peter Francis DTM*	* Distinguished District
1955-56 Elwood Gorrie	1984-85 Ken Tanner DTM***	** Select Distinguished District
1956-57 Byron Jones	1985-86 Helgi Goodman DTM**	*** President's Distinguished District
1957-58 George Cameron	1986-87 Melodye Kunnas ATM***	
1958-59 Berk McGibbon	1987-88 Carol Blair DTM*	
1959-60 A. Ernie Pallister	1988-89 Majeed Mustapha DTM*	
1960-61 Roy V. Maber	1989-90 Clif Skrypyk DTM	
1961-62 Cec J. Primeau	1990-91 Elizabeth Pasioka DTM**	
1962-63 Peter Podmaroff	1991-92 David Fulton DTM*	
1963-64 Steven Varro	1992-93 Dona Wheaton DTM	
1964-65 Robert D. Kerr	1993-94 Flo Mawson DTM*	
1965-66 Bruce Godwin ATM	1994-95 Buffy da Silva, DTM	
1966-67 Al B. Ripley	1995-96 Larry Andrews, DTM	
1967-68 Harold C. Bickel ATM	1996-97 Tim Lambert, ATM	
1968-69 Ron M. Chapman DTM	1997-98 Brad Korbo, DTM*	
1969-70 Harry G. Shuttleworth DTM	1998-99 Danie Hardie, DTM	
1970-71 Eugene Thompson DTM	1999-2000 Linda Hawk, DTM	
1971-72 Al Fahlman DTM	2000-01 Karen Egge, DTM*	
1972-73 Robert L. Jones ATM	2001-02 Drew Kirk, DTM	
1973-74 Fred G. Lawson DTM*	2002-03 Jacquie Schnider, DTM	
1974-75 John Koyko DTM	2003-04 Barry Matthews, DTM	
1975-76 Russ A. Holmberg DTM	2004-05 Mavis Oberding, DTM	
1976-77 Jim Thompson ATM*	2005-06 Troy Wruck, DTM	
1977-78 Neil Wilkinson DTM*	2006-07 Mona Cooley, DTM*	
1978-79 Al Munroe DTM*	2007-08 Larry Verbitsky, DTM	
1979-80 Peter Kossowan DTM**	2008-09 Joan McAulay, DTM*	
1980-81 Irene B. Murray DTM	2009-10 Tim Hubick, ATM-G	
1981-82 Rick Sydor DTM*	2010-11 Greg Gazin, DTM	
1982-83 Everett W. Ritson DTM**		



George Cameron



1957-1958

Peter Kossowan had occasion to interview George Cameron, who is in good health and "lights up" when enthusiastically relating the benefits Toastmasters has provided to leaders in our community. The following is a transcription of their telephone conversation:



George Cameron originally came from Winnipeg and worked for a welding supply company, Allen Latton Ltd., in sales. This position allowed him to visit all the clubs in the District. At that time, the District included Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. Most of the clubs then had 10-15 members. He cannot recall a minimum requirement of 20 members to charter, as we have now.

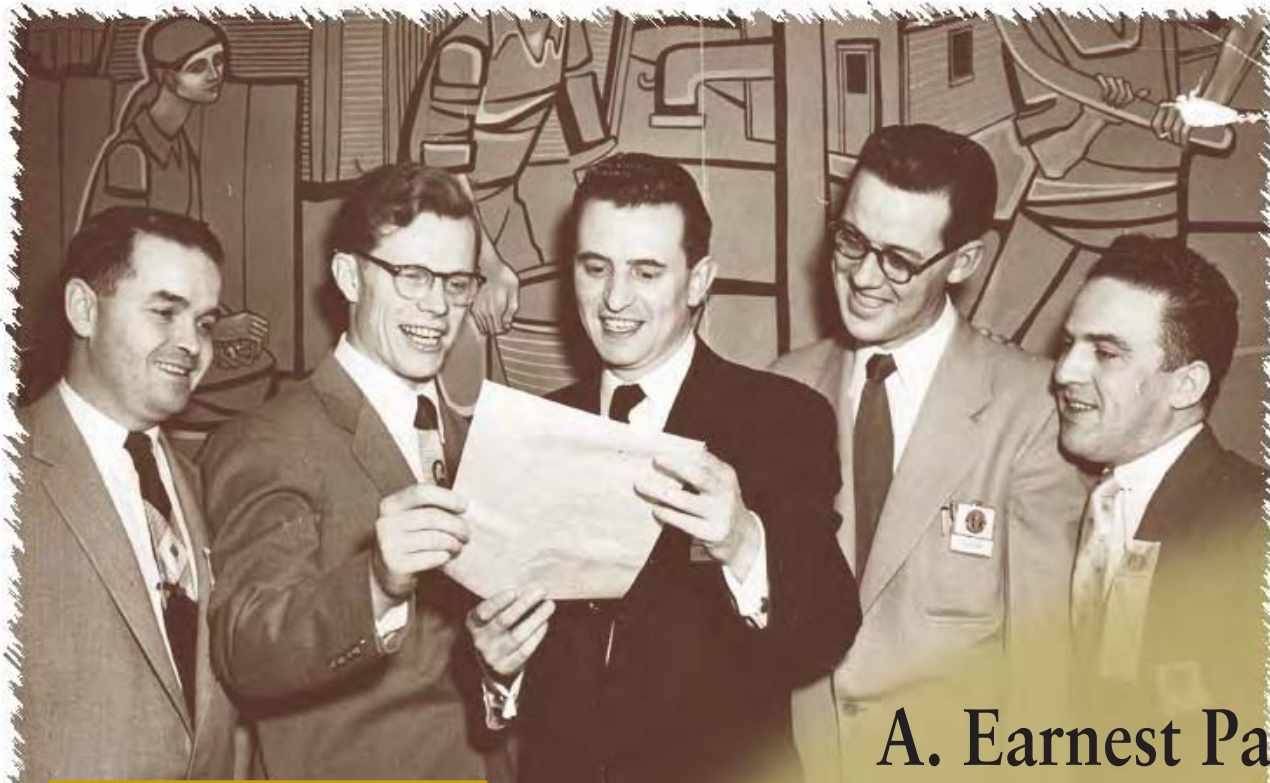
He recalls two clubs in each of Edmonton, Calgary, Regina and Saskatoon, and one club in each of Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Camrose, Sherwood Park, Leduc and Grande Prairie. George was a charter member of Club 1452 in Edmonton. Other members' names he could recall were: Steve Eleniak, Jock Finlayson, Hugh Stanton, Dave Eustace, Muggsy Forbes, Earl Leonard, Ron Ballard and Bob Losie. In his bid for the position of District Governor, George ran against Ernie Pallister. Ernie later went on to become the first International Director from Alberta and Saskatchewan.

He believes that the 1955-56 Convention was hosted by Calgary, which spurred on the growth of Toastmasters in that area.

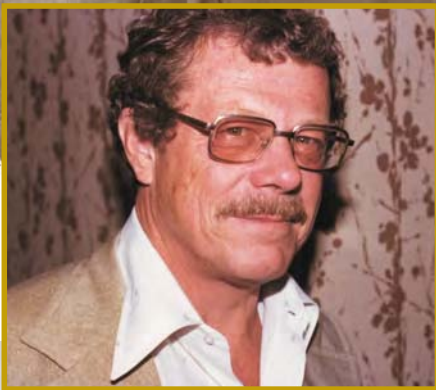
The Spring Convention in his year was hosted at the King Edward Hotel in Edmonton, with 400 people in attendance. William Hawrelak, then Mayor of Edmonton, was in attendance and brought greetings and a welcome to Edmonton on behalf of the City. Dinner at the event was \$5 a plate.

Submitted by Peter Kossowan, DTM

1957-1958



A. Earnest Pallister



1959-1960

Top: Ernie Pallister leading a group of club executives as they read a pledge.

Left: Ernie Pallister, circa 1980.

Below: Toastmasters International Board, circa 1965, International Director Ernie Pallister is first person in the back row. (left to right)



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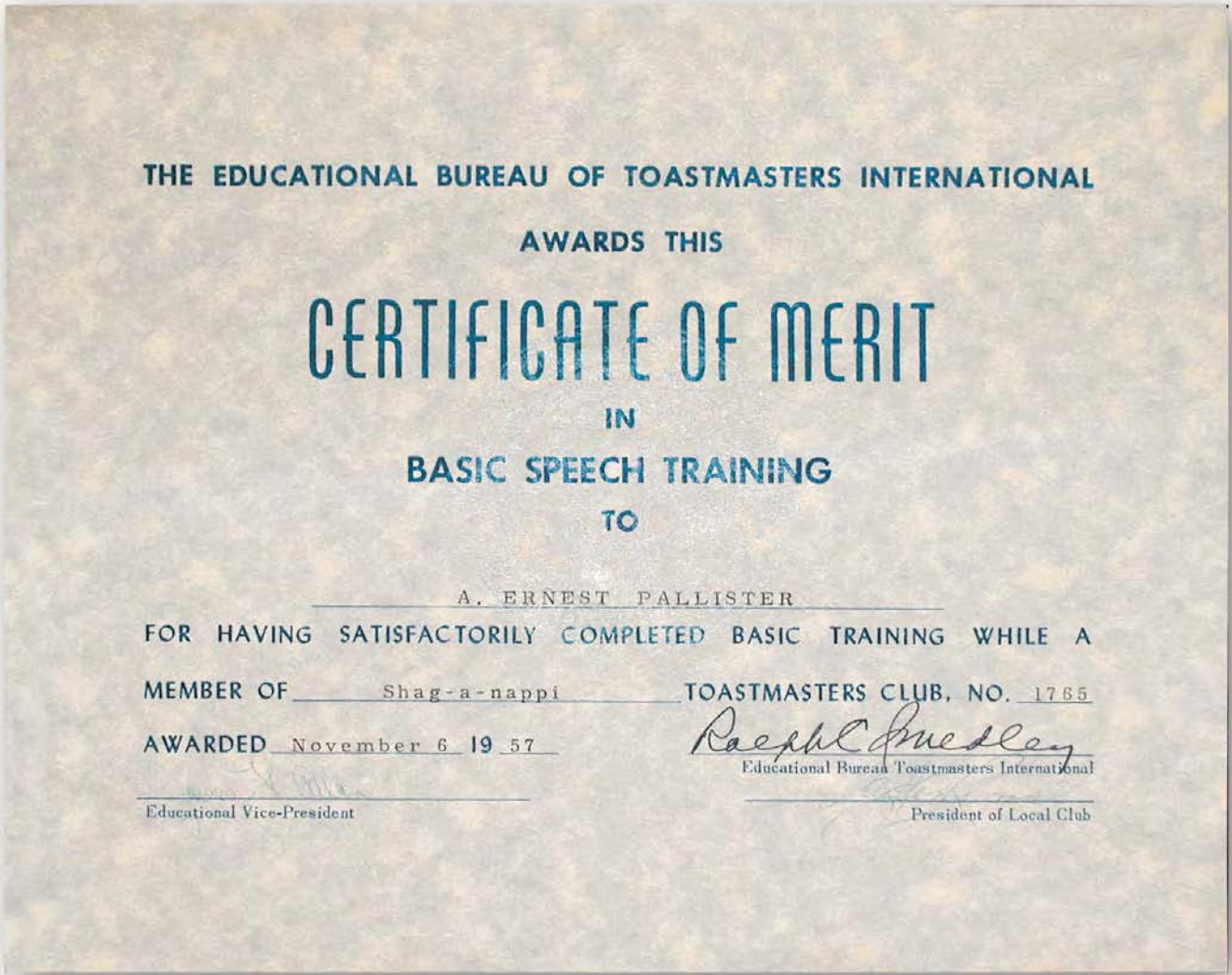
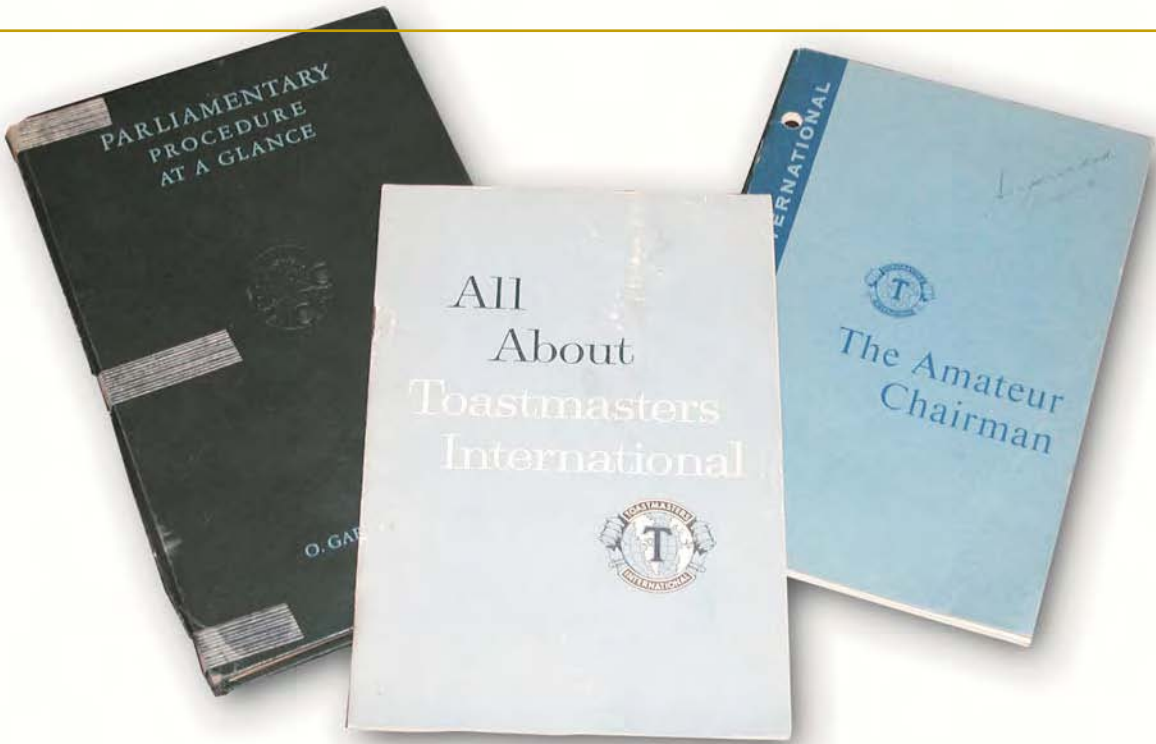
1959-1960



Ernie Pallister, District 42's first District Governor, receiving the new District 42 banner from International President ?????.

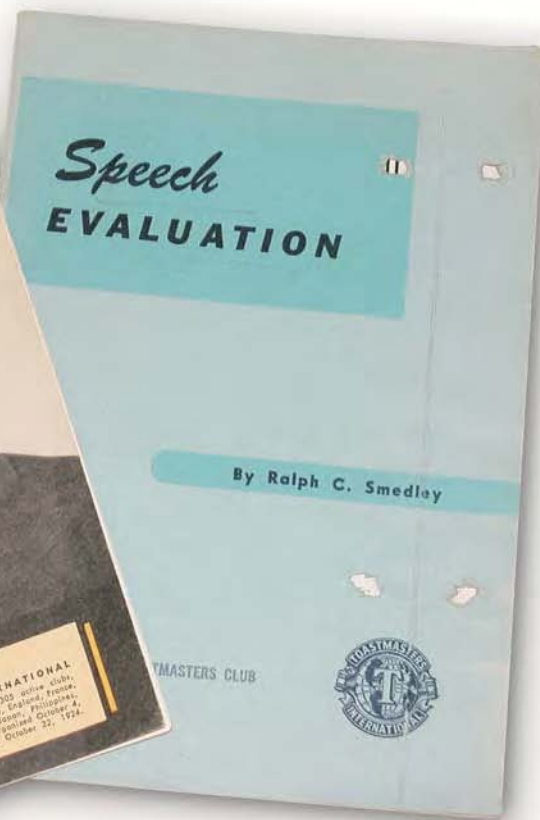
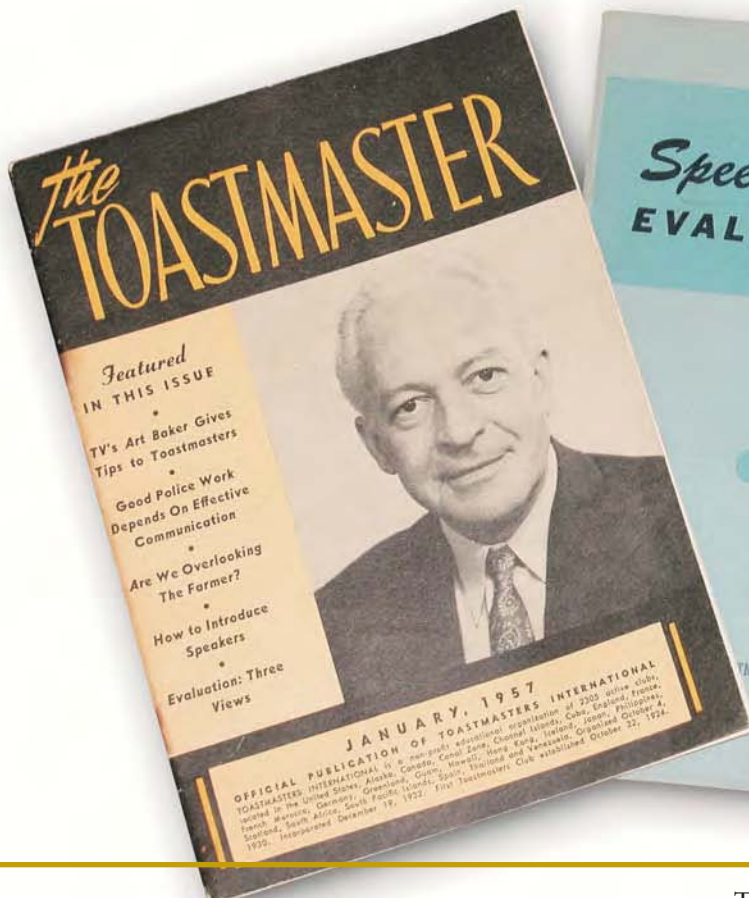


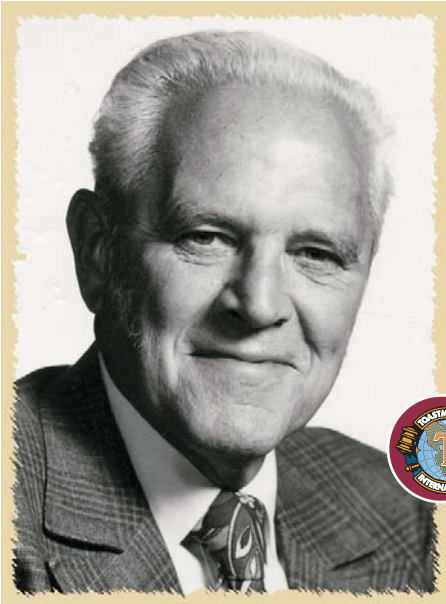
Ernie Pallister (centre facing right) at the Toastmasters Internation Convention circa 1959.





Educational Manuals





Harold C. Bickel, ATM



1967-1968

I have nothing but admiration for you and your people collating the District 42 History. Unfortunately, I have no recollection of statistical information and very little of personal matters that could be of interest in 1994 and beyond. I guess I am more interested in what is ahead for me than in looking back over my shoulder to what has been... and at age 80 this July, I'm not supposed to have a very good (or accurate) memory.

I do remember that the clubs in Saskatchewan felt rather isolated and neglected at that time, so I resolved to visit them all, which I believe I accomplished. I remember a horrible drive on pure ice from Prince Albert to Meadow Lake, SK to Cold Lake, AB to attend the joint charter celebration of two clubs as the military base there. For company I had my assistant, an elderly gentleman from Prince Albert who was terrified by my alleged driving skills.

I remember talking a reluctant Gene Thompson from Saskatoon into running for District Governor, and a very good one he was.

I remember great warmth everywhere I went in Saskatchewan and believe I helped the Toastmasters there to become a more integral part of the District.

I still believe utterly in the Toastmasters concept and am still active at the club level (Foothills Club in Calgary) where I get my jollies from watching and helping and enjoying the progress of others.

Sincerely,
Harold C. Bickel, ATM
May 24th, 1994

1967-1968



Ron M. Chapman, DTM



1968-1969

Past District 42 Governor Ron Chapman (right) presents charter to club President Par Monroe of Yellowknife (NWT) Club 3829-U. Witnessing the presentation is Assistant Territorial Commissioner Clarence Gilchrist.

Special Remembrances:

District 42 was very fortunate when Don Paape's employer transferred him from Tulsa, OK to Calgary, AB. Don was Past International Director (1964-66) from District 16. District 42 and District 16 jointly supported Don in his successful run for Third Vice President at the 1969 International Convention, and he later went on to become President of Toastmasters International.

When District 42 hosted a double Charter Presentation at Cold Lake for Starfighters and Sergeants' Mess Clubs, it was believed to be the first in the history of the organization. It resulted in a picture and write-up in *The Toastmaster* magazine.

A few months later, on February 1, 1969 in Edmonton, we again broke records by hosting a triple Charter Presentation (Kingsway, Union and Northern Nooners, Edmonton's first lunch-hour club). Don Paape, PID, presented the charters and Mayor Ivor Dent represented the city. The event marked the end of a record 26-day stretch of sub-zero F° temperatures in Edmonton.

The Spring Convention at the Chateau Lacombe was a bargain by any standard. \$25 per couple included the major meal events for the weekend. The real "smash hit" of the event was a 2-1/2 hour presentation by Mr. Leland Val Van De Wall. For the dance, the band was the "Comb-ettes." I recall the debate we had in committee as to whether we'd book the five-piece band for \$77 or pay the extra \$15 to also hire the vocalist. We decided to go whole hog. Many of you will recognize the names of two of the people involved: the band leader was John Pasioka and the vocalist was Liz Pasioka, Past District Governor.

Many noteworthy events occurred during my year as District 42 Governor. Toastmasters International replaced the "Basic Training Manual," the "Advanced Speaker" and "Leadership Through Speech" with the "Communication and Leadership Manual" and the "Advanced Communication and Leadership Manuals."

The idea of recognizing clubs with 40 members as "President's 40 Club" was first introduced. Also, TI's Hall of Fame was established that year.

*Ron Chapman, DTM
District Governor
1968-1969*

1968-1969



Dual Charter Presentation - A dual charter presentation banquet was conducted at CFB Cold Lake, Alta., Canada, for Starfighter Club 1048-42 and the Sergeants Mess Club, 1959-42. Here District Governor Ron Chapman (center) presents charters to Lloyd Kuhn, Starfighter club president (right), and Alex Johnston, Sergeants Mess club president.

My home club, the "Y" Club #2478, walked off with Best Club honors at the 1969 convention again. The club had captured top marks in the Club Achievement Manual for five years running. Past President Rene Charrois came up with the brilliant idea of presenting the District with a holder / standard for the club banner to be presented each year to the best club. The award was called "*The Ron Chapman Standard of Excellence*" and has never been won by the "Y" Club since!

The trips with the "Flying Squad" to start new Toastmasters clubs are some of my fondest memories of the period from about 1966 to 1971. We must have had very understanding wives as we would often be gone for a whole weekend to some community in Northern Alberta where Cec Pepper (a District Extension Chairman par excellence) had "sold" some local men to get together and we'd put on a "model meeting." We would then talk informally about how they could organize a club and get themselves chartered. Afterwards, we'd go back to the motel and feast on some of Jim Bodman's famous moose roasts.

Awards and Achievements:

In 1968-69, the following individuals were recognized for their outstanding achievements:

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| International Top Ten District Bulletin | Jim Miller, editor of Prairie Horizons |
| Toastmaster of the Year: | Al Fahlman. |
| Area Governor of the Year: | Dave Francis. |
| Best Club Bulletin | "Pekiskwawin," "Y" Club #2478, Ron Chapman, editor. It was also named an International Top Ten Club Bulletin that year. |



Triple Charter – A historic triple charter presentation in District 42 involved the principals (from left): Robert Schimmel, charter president of Union Club 1863-42; District 42 Governor Ronald M. Chapman, charter president of Northern Nooners Club 1084-42; District 42 Educational Lt. Gov. Tom Meager; Past International Director Donald W. Paape; and Howell Williams, charter president of Kingsway Club 3484-42.

Harry Shuttleworth, DTM

1969-1970

My time in Toastmasters started in 1961 when I became a member of a club at Prince Rupert, B.C. My membership continued when I relocated and I was elected President of the Kamloops, B.C. club and served my term there in 1964. Two more transfers with the CNR as a line supervisor found me in Calgary in 1968 and still active with my Toastmasters training.

In 1969, I was approached by several of my club members and asked if I would let my name stand as our club's nominee for District Governor. After confirming with company management that they would support my involvement, I agreed. I was elected to serve as District Governor for the term 1969-70. While I cannot say that my company enthusiastically supported my work and efforts as District Governor, there was no active opposition either. I was able to devote a good deal of time and effort to the furtherance of our District's goals.

The Regional training meeting was an eye-opener. I was introduced to the concept of organized planning for the future of our District. This event was followed by my attendance at the International Convention at Cleveland, Ohio and on my return, the year officially started.

Several planning meetings with our District Executive produced goals that we started moving toward, such as Club expansion, educational goals, District meetings and planning our Spring Convention. Officers were selected to fill the various District and Division positions and my efforts were then directed to keeping in touch and monitoring their progress.

I attended as many Toastmaster club meeting as a busy personal and business calendar would allow. I found this side of my year most rewarding, as I observed and encouraged members in their speaking progress.

I found my District Governor year to be one of the most rewarding in my Toastmasters experience and would encourage all Toastmasters to become active in events beyond the Club level.

Try the volunteer approach! Call your Area Governor and let him/her know that you're available and would like to volunteer your help wherever it is needed in Area and District activities. The response is likely to surprise you, and you too will find yourself growing and serving and your skills developing as you stretch beyond the Club level.

*Harry Shuttleworth, DTM
District Governor 1969-1970*

1969-1970

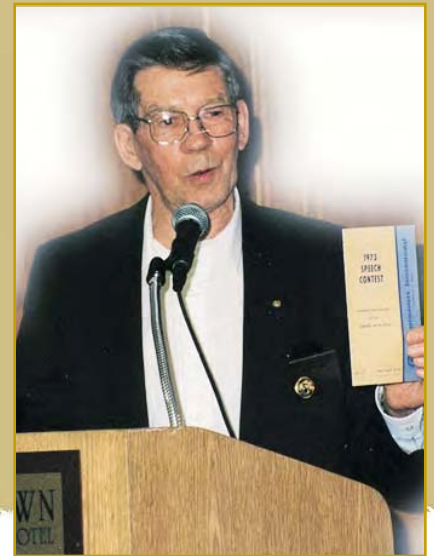
Gene Thompson, DTM



1970-1971



In my year as District 42 Governor, there were between 35 and 40 clubs. The District consisted of just three Divisions: Division A was Northern Alberta, Division B was Saskatchewan and Division C was Southern Alberta. Division B had only two areas. Area 2 was Northern Saskatchewan and Area 4 was Southern Saskatchewan. I remember Alberta as having only four or five clubs.



Leadership Learnings:

I am concerned about the lack of commitment to learning. Remember the Toastmasters motto, "For better listening, thinking and speaking." Years have brought into being a modern, automated society, one that is in many ways very cold. "Big" as in big cities tends to isolate people. "Bigger" is not always "Better."

I find it disturbing to see the "learning process" watered down for the sake of getting more clubs. Rural areas often cannot sustain a Toastmaster club without commitment and help from their mentors, sponsors, and experienced Toastmasters.

*Gene Thompson, DTM
District Governor 1970-1971*

Special Events:

When Don Robson was Area 2 Governor, he scheduled an Area Speech Contest at the Sheraton Cavalier hotel in Saskatoon. Five clubs were involved and drew over 130 people to an enjoyable banquet and contest. There was a live band for the dance that followed. Don continues to "pinch hit" as an Area Governor when called upon. Little wonder why he received the District Citation Award in 1993.

During my year, I sensed a certain friction between Toastmasters in Alberta and Saskatchewan. This became evident when an executive meeting was scheduled to be held in Saskatchewan. An incident that is still vivid in my mind occurred when an Alberta member said "It's easier for you to drive to Edmonton or Calgary than it is for us to drive to Saskatoon!" Frowning, I recall my somewhat terse reply as, "It's the same distance from Calgary to Saskatoon as it is from Saskatoon to Calgary." This was not the spirit of Toastmasters that I wanted to see. It then became my goal to mend fences and improve relations between provinces. Ben Waldron and I made many trips to Calgary and Edmonton. To this day, the bond we helped establish then is still in place and thriving.

1970-1971



Gene and Lil Thompson

Top Left - Gene Thompson receiving a Presidential Citation from Gavin Blakey President 2002-2003

Below - Past District Governors – circa 1989
 (Back Row): Ken Tanner, Evert Ritson, Neil Wilkinson, Helgi Goodman, Peter Kossowan.
 (Centre Row): Carol Blair, Melody Kunnas.
 (Front Row): Gene Thompson, Peter Francis, Majeed Mustapha and Evan Haas, International Director from Region IV.

Awards and Achievements:

- Area Governor of the Year: John Koyko
- Toastmaster of the Year: John Koyko
- Bulletin of the Year: "Pekiskwawin," "Y" Club #2478
 Ron Chapman, editor
 (also winner of International Top 10 Bulletin)





Al Fahlman, DTM



1971-1972

In memory of a very special Toastmaster:

*I go through this world but once,
Any good therefore that I can do
Or any contributions I can make to assist
The welfare of my fellow man and society,
Let me do it now.
Let me not falter, defer or neglect it,
For I may not pass this way again.*

This was Al Fahlman's life-long code, from which he never swayed.

Remembering Al:

Al's beginnings were humble. He was born on a farm in Kronau, Saskatchewan during World War I. The Depression of the 1930's, which he often referred to as "The Dirty 30's" influenced him throughout his life. To pay his fees at Notre Dame College in Wilcox, he "rode the rods" looking for work. How hungry he must have been! He often spoke of a can of tomatoes being "the meal" for two days. How grateful he sounded, even 50 years later. He often relived the farm years of drought, rust, grasshoppers and the curse of "interest" that all threatened their farming existence.

In 1969, Al joined Toastmasters, becoming a member of the "Y" Club in Edmonton. He learned the skills demanded in the manuals very quickly. In less than four years, Al progressed through "the chairs" of the Club, received several awards, including the Al B. Ripley Award for Toastmaster of the Year, and the Hall of Fame Award as District 42 Outstanding Toastmaster. In May 1971, Al was elected District 42 Governor. He served as President of the "Y" Club in 1972 and was a charter member of the Rooster Rousers, the first breakfast club in the district, and then later joined the Poplar Bluffers in Wildwood.

Only Al's closest friends were aware that his successes and achievements were won against many odds. His eyesight deteriorated during the early 70's, necessitating operations. Some were successful, some were not. He lived in fear of going blind. But his attitude was always positive. He typed his own speeches in large print, with large spacing. It was fortunate that Al had a brilliant memory. Once he learned his speech, he no longer had to rely on the written word. His success in Toastmasters came through persistence, determination and a strong faith in God. I remember the year Al supported a blind Toastmaster in his bid to be International Director. Al readily identified with this candidate because of his own sight problems.

As District Governor, Al felt very responsible for the success of the Convention, held at the Chateau Lacombe in Edmonton. He had served as Secretary to many government boards and was always precise in his duties. He took his responsibilities seriously. When he discovered after the Convention that it had run over budget, he worked diligently with the hotel. After hours of long meetings, negotiations and much discussion, he succeeded in having the debt cancelled and the books were balanced.

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1971-1972



Al never ate his dinner before speaking. He said it was easier to breathe on an empty stomach. There were many speeches and many adjudications over the years. Al was a very patient person who believed strongly in sharing what he learned with others, especially the newcomer or the "rookie" in Toastmasters. His counsel was often sought and he never tired of helping others. He lived Toastmasters to the fullest and believed that it had given him so much. He wanted desperately to pass his experiences and knowledge on to others. I would be remiss not to acknowledge some of the many Toastmasters who were Al's closest friends and who played such major roles in his life during those years: Rene Charrois, Ken Richard, Ron Chapman, Jim Bodman, John Koyko, Ken Swan, Harry Shuttleworth, Gene Thompson, Harry Wilson, Don Paape (PIP) and Dave Posey.

Upon his retirement, we travelled extensively, then built a home on our farm near Seba Beach. Al was happy to have another Toastmaster- farmer nearby, the John Koykos. Al's heart was always in the country, which he called "God's Country" because God's presence was always felt there. Throughout his remaining years, Al was an ambassador for Toastmasters. In the 1980's, he encouraged people in Yellowhead to start a Toastmaster's club in Wildwood. When they did,

he became a Charter member of the club, the Poplar Bluffers. Al was never very far from Toastmasters. He always said it meant more to him than any University degree. His only regret was not knowing about it sooner in his life.

Recently I was very pleased when Peter Kossowan invited me to a Toastmasters International event in Edmonton to honour Neil Wilkinson, the first Albertan and fourth Canadian to become International President. Many people there remembered Al. I thank

them for remembering, some 20 years later, Al and many of his speeches. They remarked on the beautiful quality of his voice. It was most heartwarming for me to reflect on some of his speeches again, such as "*Carpet of Roses*, *Strangers in Need*, *Robert Service's Cremation of Sam McGee*, *Dr. Ralph Smedley*, *Quo Vadis*," *In Touch with the Past*, *In Tune with Tomorrow*, *The Value of a Smile*, *The Happy Prince*," and "*The Small One*."

I thank Peter, among others, for asking me to remember and call to paper the love of a very special man for this great organization, which helps so many people of all ages to achieve a sense of being, of self-worth, and to achieve goals far beyond their imagination, and to enjoy that success.

Al always enjoyed meeting people, in particular the newcomers or "rookies" in Toastmasters, with whom he shared his own achievements and inspired in them their own successes.

I thank Toastmasters for initiating the "Rookie of the Year Award" in memory of a sincere and very caring person, my husband and your friend, Al Fahlman, DTM.

God Bless You.

Dr. Lila Fahlman

Awards and Achievements:

Top Ten District Bulletin Award:

Toastmaster of the Year:

Best Club Bulletin:

Area Governor of the Year:

C&L Award Recipient:

Humorous Contest:

Evaluation Contest:

Prairie Horizons editor Ron Chapman

Dave Posey

"Grapevine", TNT #2291, editor Fred Lawson.

Gerry Dubord.

Hon. J.W. Grant MacEwan.

Ken Richard

Ken Richard



Robert Jones, ATM



1972-1973

District Governor Robert (Bob) Jones (right), in discussion with International President, Donald Paape (also from District 42).

When I first joined Toastmasters in 1957, there were three Provinces in District 42 – Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. So my first International Convention was in Winnipeg, before the formation of District 64.

My term of office as District Governor in 1972-1973 had a few highlights.

It was a pleasure to participate in “Hands Across The Border.” Area 6 from District 17 (Montana, USA), and Area 3 of District 42 (Alberta, Canada) combined forces at Elkwater Provincial Park. Toastmasters from Brooks, Calgary, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat from Alberta, and from Chinook, Billings, Havre and Malta from Montana rounded out this goodwill meeting.

International President

Don Paape was International President during my tenure. He was living in Calgary at the time, so he was able to attend our meetings of Shaganappi 60 from time to time.

Inmates

Jim Ockley and I went to the penitentiary in order to present the charter to Tempus Fugit 72 Gavel Club. The unique club was made up entirely of inmates, some in for life. Jim was most instrumental in the formation of that club, consistently going out every other Friday for nine months. Talk about total dedication to Toastmasters.

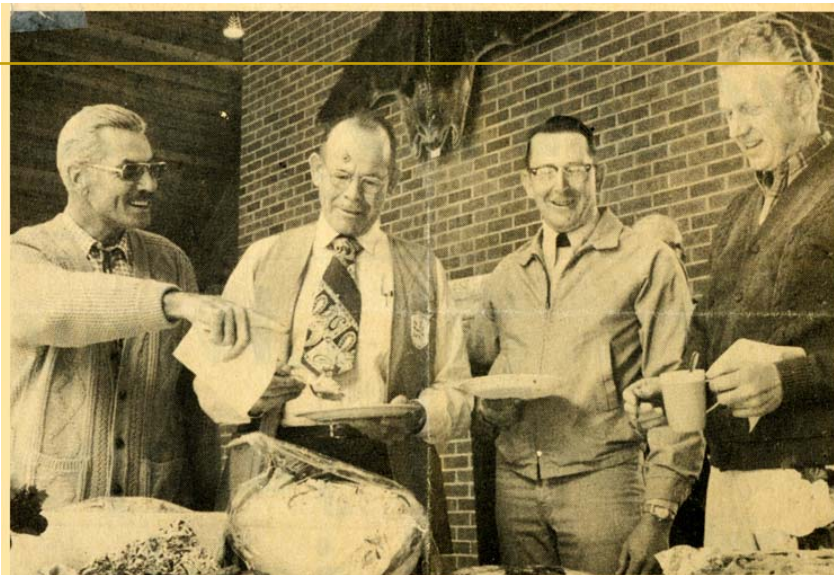
Diefenbaker

The communication & Leadership award was given to former Prime Minister John G Diefenbaker, who wished that Toastmasters had been around when he first began his law practice.

In my 49 years with Toastmasters, I have discovered that Toastmastering is decidedly a way of life, always receiving from it more than I could possibly contribute, 1972-1973 was a very good year.

*Robert Jones, ATM
District Governor 1972-1973*

1972-1973



HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER — Members of Toastmasters International from Alberta and Montana met at the Elkwater Chalet Sunday for a "Hands Across the Border" get together. Twenty members from two Montana chapters were present as well as Toast-

masters from Medicine Hat, Brooks, Lethbridge and Calgary. In the picture from left to right are: Doug Middleton of Medicine Hat; Dan Gill of Chinook, Montana; Jim Faber of Havre, Montana and Bob Jones of Calgary. (NEWS photo by Frank Webber)

Hands Across The Border - Robert Jones (far right) with Toastmaster members from both Alberta and Montana, as reported in the Medicine Hat News, Tuesday June 12, 1973.

Awards and Achievements:

- Toastmaster of the Year: Eldon Dahl
- Best Club Bulletin: "Northern Nugget" Northern Lights #489
Ron Chapman - editor
- Area Governor of the Year: Garry Guedo
- C&L Award Recipient: Rt. Hon. John G. Diefenbaker
- International Contest: Dan Conroy

Toastmasters help give inmates new confidence

By Frank Dabbs
(Herald Staff Writer)

Five days a week, sometimes seven, Jim Ockley sells for a truck leasing firm in Calgary; every other Friday he goes to prison at Drumheller to lead an inmate Toastmasters group.

And yet he specifically stresses he isn't a do-gooder and doesn't want to be mistaken for one.

He says that when he started going to Drumheller, he

Toastmasters for assistance in founding a special group.

The inmates had been involved in a similar club at the Saskatchewan Penitentiary, Prince Albert, and wanted to continue on after transfer to Drumheller.

Although the charter says the new gavel club is a "special group," the program is identical to Toastmaster meetings all over the world.

"The Toastmaster program develops leadership and communication skills; it gives any man confidence and a sense of worth," says Jim Ockley.

important turning point in your lives; what you learn in this club will help you make your decisions the right decisions.

"Each one of us can have a more effective life — as we evaluate one another, we strengthen each other," Mr. Jones said.

After the charter was presented, the inmates participated with nearly a dozen Calgary Toastmasters in a regular workshop session.

For two hours, in impromptu and prepared speeches, they discussed communal living, the divorce rate, charities spending, nudity in films, and

"I'll be there every other Friday, and this is what we are going to do, and this is what I think will happen!"

"Well, he's been there, and they've followed the outline, and they've had good results, some of those things have happened."

The inmates told Mr. Signer that much of their life is spent dealing with the frustration of people who play at it fast and loose with the truth.

Said Mr. Signer, "They say Ockley hasn't been like that, he's been consistent and he's been straight."

Jim Ockley said, "I don't know if the men will use their new-found skills in criminal activities when they get back on the street. I don't think that's the point."

"They will be more confident, more capable men. It's the same thing Toastmasters has done for most members."

Said one of the inmates: "For 15 years I've been earning my living and gone to jail by lying — by fraud."

"Now, through the Toastmaster's, I'm learning how to tell the truth, and developing the confidence to practice that skill."

"It's damn hard."



District Governor, Robert (Bob) Jones presents the Club Charter to the Tempus Fugit Gavel Club president as Jim Ockley beams in the background.



Russ A. Holmberg, DTM



1975-1976

1975-1976



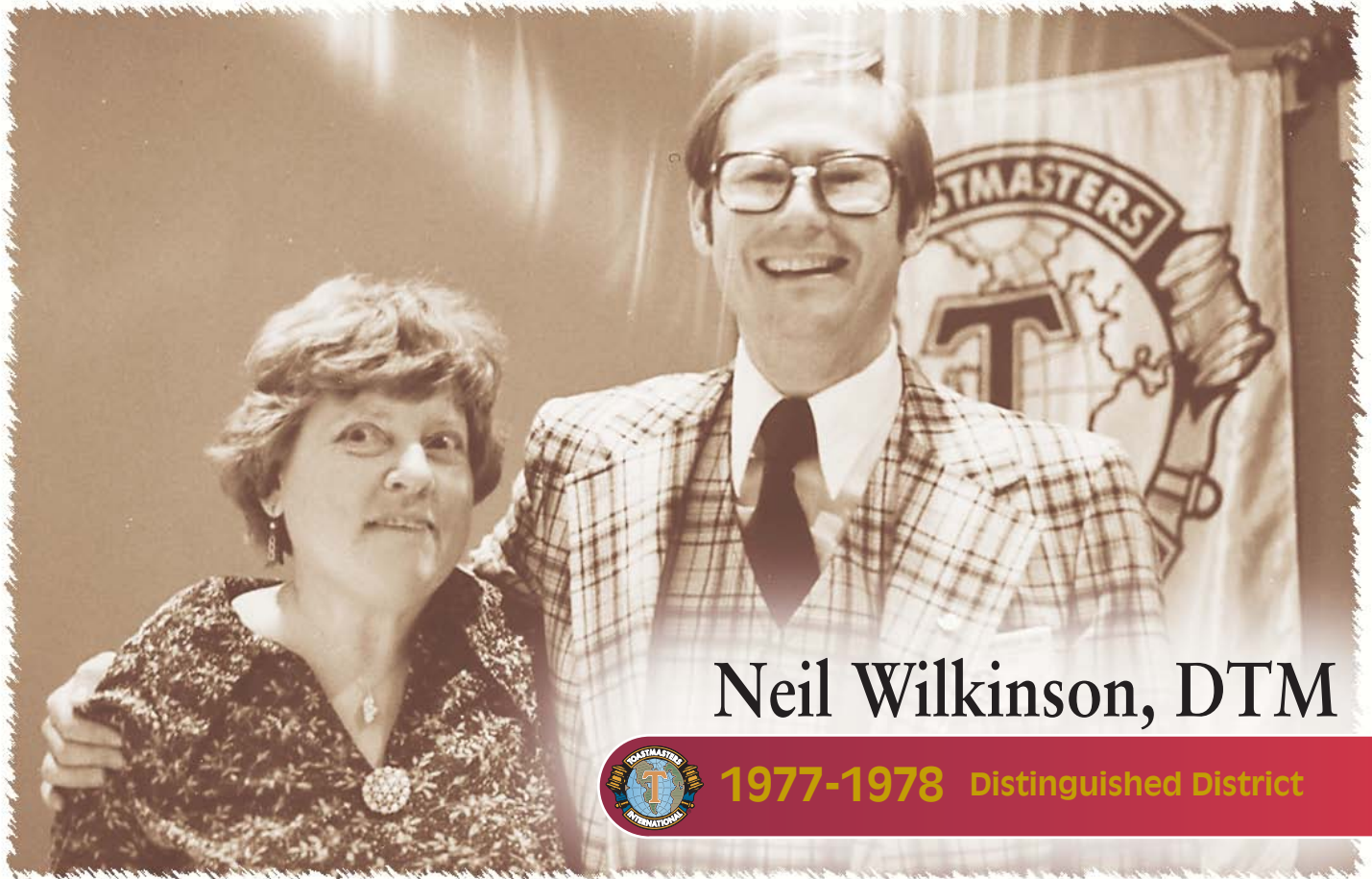
Jim Thompson, ATM



1976-1977 Distinguished District

District Governor Jim Thompson, ATM with future District Governor Irene Murray.

1976-1977



Neil Wilkinson, DTM



1977-1978 Distinguished District

"Growth Through Sharing"

Neil had occasion to learn the role of a District Governor before he was elected to the position. In the 1976-77 year, then District Governor Jim Thompson of Edmonton transferred to Calgary. The demands of his new job were beyond his expectation, so he delegated his duties to Neil. That Toastmaster year ended in traditional District 42 fashion as Distinguished District.

The 1977-78 year was the beginning of the "upsurge" in Toastmasters activities in District 42. The Fall conferences were still staged in series, one Saturday in Saskatchewan, the next Saturday in Calgary and the final Saturday in Edmonton or on a similar rotating basis. In the fall of '77 Ed Tackabury, International Director from Winnipeg, visited on the final day of the conference at the Convention Inn South. There are pictures of this great event somewhere.

The District team was on a roll, with Ben Waldren as ELG (Educational Lieutenant Governor) and Irene Murray as ALG (Administrative Lieutenant Governor). Neil claims this is when he learned how to delegate and how to run a business, a benefit in taking on a leadership role. Bigger events were on the horizon.

Neil Wilkinson

District Governor 1977-1978

The Leadership Team:

The other members of my District leadership team for 1977-78 were:

Education Lt. Governor:
Ben Waldren

Administrative Lt. Governor:
Irene Murray

Past District Governor:
Jim Thompson

1977-1978



Special Events

The President of Toastmasters was scheduled to visit Edmonton. Neil recruited as many people as he could to stage a memorable welcome. After making corporate calls in Calgary, Toastmasters International President Durwood English and his wife Mary arrived in Edmonton and were hosted by Neil and Jean. The next day would mark some memorable events. The dignitaries, Durwood and Mary English and Neil and Jean were escorted to the Glenora club for a Presidential banquet, hosted by the Forum club and directed by Floyd Crowder. A police motorcade, with the officers dressed in historic police uniforms, ushered the dignitaries into the banquet. Ron Chapman arranged this impressive show.

The Spring Convention was an absolute hit. The day was full of educational sessions, as always. Saturday was a highlight as then Premier Peter Lougheed was awarded the Communication and Leadership Award by International President Durwood English. Spring Convention chairman, Peter Kossowan, had booked the Westin Hotel for the celebration and the Citadel Theatre for the Golden Lectern activities. This convention was truly a smashing success! With enthusiasm running high, plans were made to attend the Region IV Conference in Fargo, North Dakota. Fargo, here we come!

International Director Eddie Dunn, urged Neil to run as a candidate for International Director against Mario Pedercini. Neil handily won, with the help of supporters such as his wife Jean, Rose MacPherson, Peter Kossowan, and a theme of "Neil Will."

Top - Neil Wilkinson, DTM with International President, Durwood English, DTM 1977-1978

Middle - Neil Wilkinson receiving his District Governor plaque and ribbon from TM President, at the International Convention 1976-1977

Bottom - Neil Wilkinson shares a moment with Brian Papineau, at the International Convention, 1977

Al Monroe, DTM



1978-1979



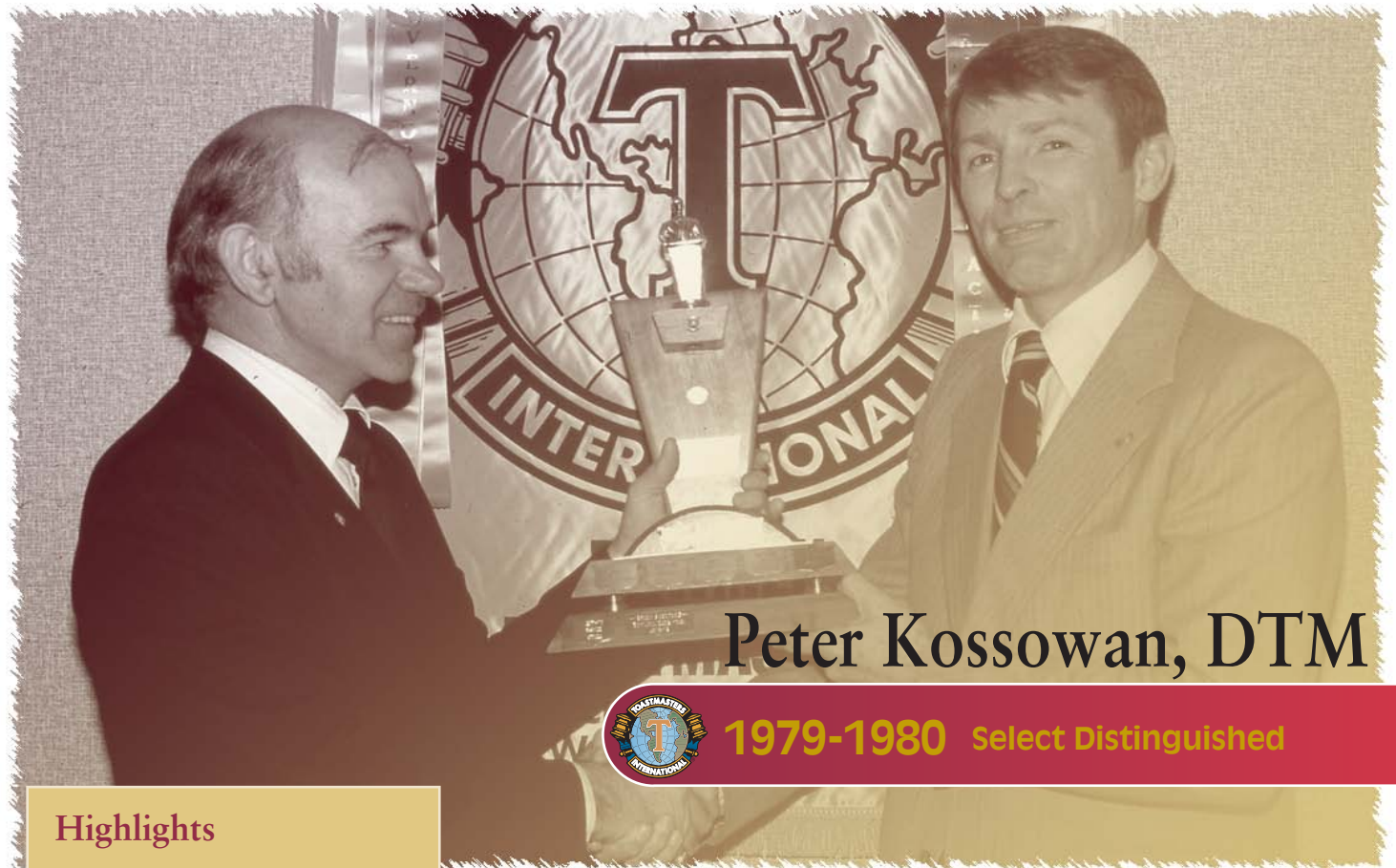
The Leadership Team:

Al Monroe, DTM	District Governor (bottom left)
Alister Ferguson	Lt Governor Education (upper left)
Irene Murray	Lt Governor Administration and Membership (bottom right)
Neil Wilkinson, DTM	Immediate Past District Governor (upper right)



District Governor, Al Monroe and his wife, Gwen, circa 1978.

1978-1979



Peter Kossowan, DTM



1979-1980 Select Distinguished

Highlights

Dick Caldwell of Calgary won the World Championship of Public Speaking at Twin Cities, Minnesota, with his speech titled "I Have A Dream." A celebration dinner was held in Red Deer to honour Dick's achievement.

District 42 achieved Top Ten Select Distinguished District status for the first time.

We had seven DTM's, tying with Founder's District for the most DTM's that year.

*Peter Kossowan, DTM
District Governor 1979-1980*

A long time ago, forgotten by many, our District consisted of three divisions. Division One, with boundaries covering Northern Alberta (Red Deer and North), Division Two, all of Saskatchewan, and Division Three, Southern Alberta (south of Red Deer). At the start of 1979, we had 57 clubs and by year-end we had 65. For the first time ever, District 42 achieved "Top Ten Select Distinguished District" status.

District 42 Toastmasters have always been politically active and competitive. Maybe that's what makes our District so remarkable. We always staged outstanding Spring Conventions. Elections for the top District Executive positions were wide open then. It was not uncommon for a candidate to get elected "from the floor."

During these pioneering days, three business meetings were staged in three separate fall conferences. A fall conference was initiated in one of the major cities and moved from one division to the other until the circuit of three divisions was completed. Whatever motions were placed at the first meeting could not be altered or amended at meetings held in the remaining divisions. At the final meeting, the votes were tabulated and the results announced. Letters were sent to each club, stating the final results.

There were no competitions at the Fall Conference. The three speech contests were held at the Spring Convention and included the International, Humorous and Evaluation. The "Golden Lectern" was a "hot" event unique to District 42. Divisions bid to host the Spring Convention, as we still do today.

1979-1980



Awards and Achievements:

The District year 1979-80 was a success in large part due to the outstanding, dedicated and committed Toastmasters, some of whom are listed here:

Toastmaster of the Year:	Floyd Crowder
Best Bulletin of the Year:	"Wascanner," Wascana #577 Tom Wieclawski, editor
Division Governor of the Year:	Brian Papineau
Area Governor of the Year:	Ken Tanner
Evaluation Contest Winner:	Rick Sydor
International Speech Contest Winner:	Bob Parsons
C&L Award Recipient:	Dr. Chester Ronning, Canadian Ambassador to China, Resident of Camrose, AB.

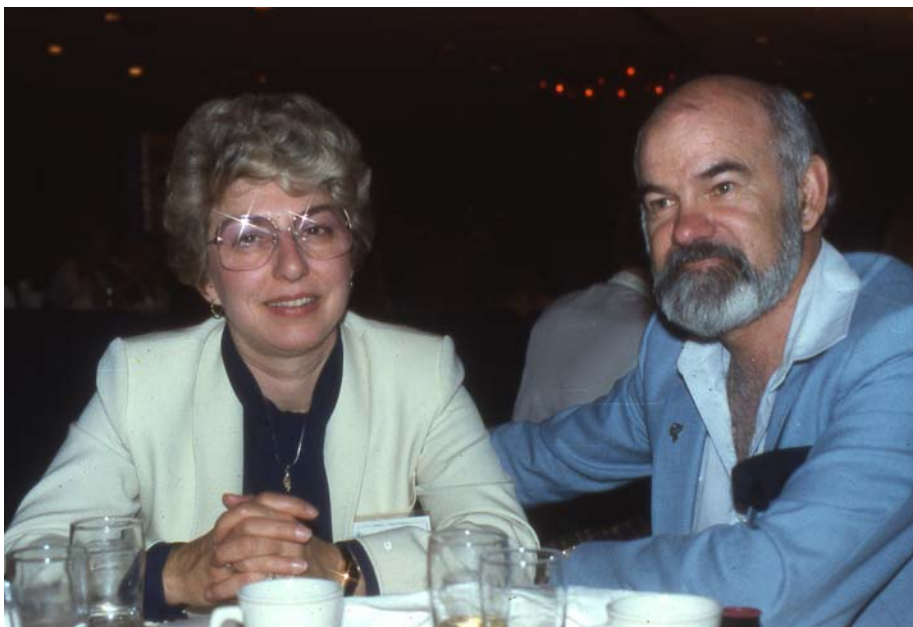
Special Events:

Leading candidates for the Top Three positions on the District Executive were defeated by candidates running "from the floor". This created hard feelings, discord and some animosity among territorial leaders. However, by the time the year concluded, the "rift" had healed and the District Executive Committee had worked extremely well together, allowing District 42 to excel in its achievements.

As District officers travelled the circuit amongst the three Divisions, they were billeted at the home of fellow officers. It was a fine way to get better acquainted. Similarly, with mid-year regional meetings and International Conventions, life-long friendships were forged with fellow Toastmasters, District Governors and International Presidents who remain friends to District 42 still today.

Top Left: District officers at the International Convention; Ken Tanner, Irene Murray, Peter Kossowan, Rick Sydor and Alex Pendrigh

Bottom Left: Millie and Peter Kossowan



Leadership Lessons:

A significant lesson I learned, that may be of value to future District Governors, is to build relationships with your executive team members early. Establish respect for each other's goals and values. It is only then that each member will gather the courage and make the commitment to achieve the unbelievable.

In conclusion, if anyone is contemplating serving as District 42 Governor, I encourage you to do so. It will be the experience of a lifetime.



1980-1981



Top - Irene Murray presents the Area Governor of the Year award to Kathy Pendrich

Middle - Ken Tanner receives the Division Governor of the Year award from Irene.

Bottom - Iren takes the pledge from Eddie Dunn, DTM, International President.

1980-1981



Rick Sydor, DTM

1981-1982 Distinguished

The District 42 theme for this year was "Learn and Enjoy," a shortened version of International President Bill Hamilton's theme, "Learning + Enjoyment = Achievement."

In 1981-82, District 42 was quite distinct from the way it is today: The 1981 Fall Conference was held in two locations, October 17th in Red Deer, AB and October 24 in Regina, SK. The unique thing about having two portions of the Fall Conference is that in the Business Meeting, only motions that were presented at the first location could be discussed. If you think that's bad, maybe you don't realize that a few years prior to this term, the Fall Conference was held in three different locations!

At the one in Red Deer, the featured luncheon speaker was the Hon. J.W. Grant MacEwan, sharing with us "Memories from our Past." He had been the District's C&L Award recipient in 1971 and it was a delight to have him return to an appreciative Toastmaster audience at our Red Deer Fall Conference.

*Rick Sydor, DTM
District Governor 1981-1982*

"Learn and Enjoy"

The Leadership Team:

At the Business Meeting of the Spring Convention, held at the Hotel Saskatchewan on May 2, 1981 in Regina, Rick Sydor was elected to serve as the 1981-82 District 42 Governor.

Also elected were:

Education Lt. Governor:	Ed Cox, CTM
Administrative Lt. Governor:	Peter Francis, ATM
Division A Lt. Governor:	Rick Prentice, CTM
Division B Lt. Governor:	Everett Ritson, ATM
Division C Lt. Governor:	Eugenie Bobier, ATM
Division D Lt. Governor:	Gern Sabourin, CTM

Others appointed to serve in supporting roles during the term were:

District Secretary:	Norma Ewashen, CTM
District Treasurer:	Grant Hanna, ATM
Y/L Chairman:	Chuck Hayes, ATM
S/L Chairman:	Ken Tanner, ATM
Prairie Horizons Editor:	John Epp, CTM

In addition, 17 Area Governos were appointed. International Director Mario Pedercini, DTM, installed the newly elected officers during the Saturday evening banquet. District 42 was 67 clubs strong and growing.

1981-1982



Special Events:

As District Governor, I travelled over 50,000 km, visiting 52 of the 71 clubs in District 42, chartered six clubs and one Gavel Club, and issued a monthly letter sent to all Club Presidents.

Here are some of the memorable events that I attended in my year:

- 5th Annual Charter Night for Pika Toastmasters in Banff, held at the Rafter Six Guest Ranch.
- Regional Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota, where I was honoured to invite Region IV Toastmasters to District 42 when we would host the 1983 Region Conference to be held in Calgary.
- John Yerxa of Camrose represented District 42 for the second consecutive year in the International Speech Contest and for the second time placed second at the Regional Level.
- District 42 Toastmasters were selected as the official "Public Relations Orators" for the 1983 Universiade Games in Edmonton. Under the leadership of Edmonton Toastmasters like Peter Kossowan, many District 42 Toastmasters took advantage of this opportunity for their "outside speaking engagements" in their advanced manuals.
- I attended the Al Munroe Roast in Moose Jaw, the Mid-Year Region IV Conference in Fargo, ND, the 30th Anniversary of Club 450 in Saskatoon, and the 13th annual TNT Nite in Edmonton.

It was during this year that Peter Kossowan, Past District Governor, made arrangements with the Federal Government to have special Income Tax Forms printed for District 42 Toastmasters to claim their dues as an educational deduction. This was a first for District 42 and for Canadian Toastmasters.

June 1981 was a tragic month for District 42 Toastmasters. The Post Office went on strike in Canada. Many important items were "in the mail" and never did make it on time for year-end at June 30th. We failed to achieve Distinguished District status for 1980-81. However, all those educational completions and new member applications got the 1981-82 year off to a flying start for my leadership team!

Leadership Learnings:

What would I do differently? There were two important people on my District team who felt slighted that I didn't give them the "public recognition" at the Spring Convention of which they were deserving. Oh, to turn back the hands of time! I would use the telephone more to establish better communications with the District team; and lastly, I would visit the clubs I didn't get a chance to see during my years as a Senior District Officer.

I remember and regard 1981-82 as a year that strengthened the base of Toastmasters in District 42. I look at its growth from that period to today and am just amazed. However, I believe this is just the tip of the iceberg. With the efforts of many motivated Toastmasters, future growth can outdo even the wildest dreams of our current District 42 leaders.

My only wish for Toastmasters in District 42 is to put political differences aside and work together for better Toastmastering. I will be watching the growth and development with great interest for many years to come.

*From sunny California, yours
sincerely ...*

Rick Sydor, DTM

Awards and Achievements:

Toastmaster of the Year:	Brian Papineau
Sponsor of the Year:	Peter Kossowan, DTM
Bulletin of the Year:	"Nooner News", Northern Nooners #1084, Glen Norton - editor
Area Governor of the Year:	Wayne Rutton
Division Governor of the Year:	Eugenie Bobier
Top Club of the Year:	Bowmen #2161
Top 10 District Bulletin Award:	Prairie Horizons, John Epp, CTM - editor

District 42 received "Distinguished District" status, placing 25th in the world.

A C&L Award was presented to Hugh Campbell, coach of the Edmonton Eskimos Football Club at the Spring Convention, May 21-23, 1982 in Edmonton. Under the leadership of Chairman Gunnar Anderson, ATM, we enjoyed one of our most successful conventions to date. The theme was "Fuel for the Future" and our keynote speaker was Dr. Mark Victor Hansen.

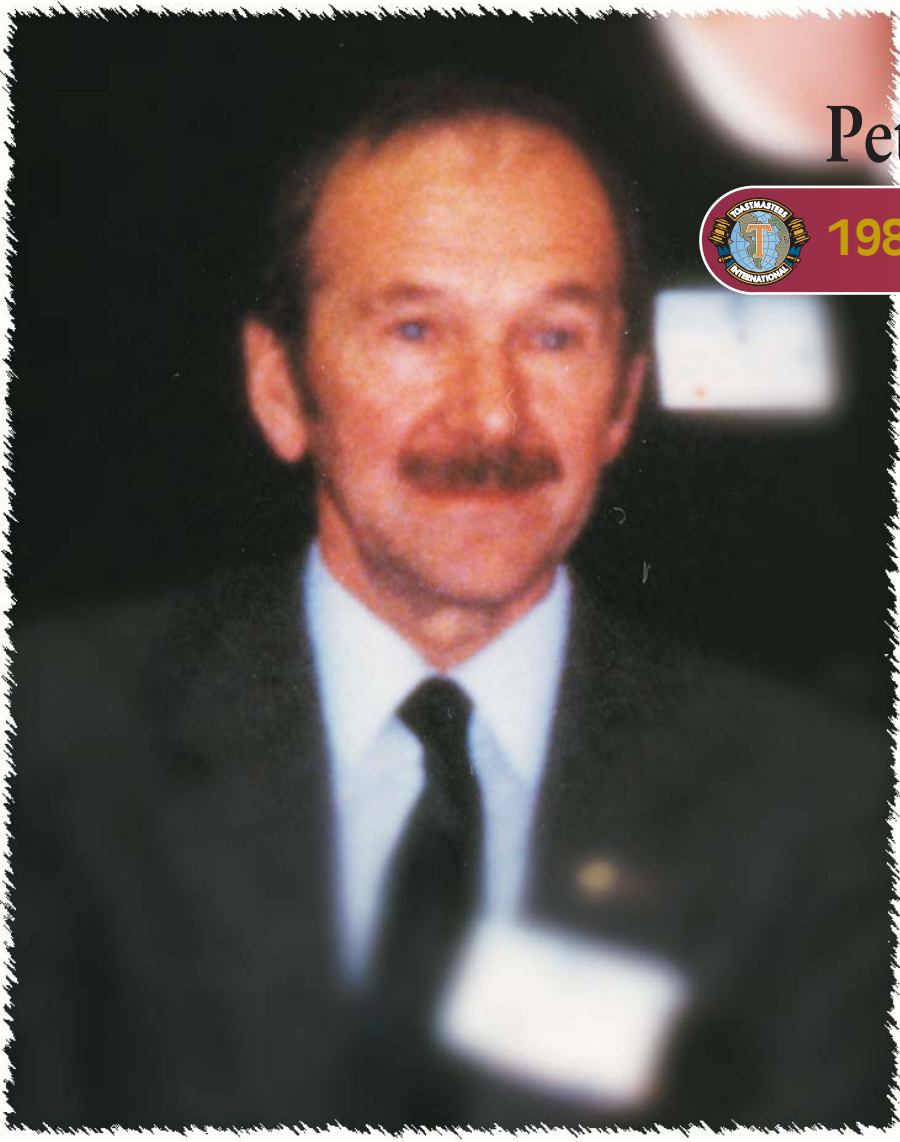
Everett W. Ritson, DTM



1982-1983 Select Distinguished



1982-1983



Peter Francis, ATM



1983-1984 Distinguished District

The year 1983/84 could best be described as a "good news/bad news" year for District Governor Peter Francis. The year was very successful for District 42 and was the culmination of a career of Toastmasters achievement for Peter. However, it was during this year that the symptoms began appearing of the illness which eventually caused his untimely death in October 1993.

Peter is gone but not forgotten. Peter's achievements and wise counsel live on in Division B. "The Peter Francis Communication and Leadership Award" is awarded annually to a Toastmaster in Southern Saskatchewan who best exemplifies the qualities of enthusiasm, leadership and achievement which Peter so ably demonstrated throughout his career.

Peter was a role model for us all. Thank you, Peter!

1983-1984

"Navigate for the Future"

The Leadership Team:

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| District Governor: | W. Peter Francis, ATM |
| Past District Governor: | Everett Ritson, DTM |
| Lt. Governor Education: | Ken Tanner, ATM |
| Lt. Governor Administration: | Helgi Goodman, ATM |
| District Secretary: | Flora Richenberger |
| District Treasurer: | Ross Kennedy, DTM |
| Bulletin Editor: | Paul Roch, DTM |

The leadership team also was comprised of four Divisions and 36 Areas. The following served as Division Lt. Governors:

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| Lt. Governor Division A: | John Haas, ATM |
| Lt. Governor Division B: | Wayne Rutten, DTM |
| Lt. Governor Division C: | Grant Hanna, ATM |
| Lt. Governor Division D: | Lanny Coulson, CTM |



Special Events:

The 1983 Fall Conference was held in Grande Prairie, Nov. 18-20, 1983, with Joe Calenda as Chair. The winner of the Tall Tales Contest was Clif Skrypnyk. The Evaluation Contest was won by Shirley Sarens.

The Spring Convention was held in Calgary, May 4-6, 1984 and was Chaired by Darlene Bell. A Communication and Leadership Award was presented to Ken Taylor, who was Canadian Ambassador to Iran during the U.S. embassy hostage crisis in 1979. The International Speech Contest was won by Jim Mahone, while Clara Jonsson was the winner of the Humorous Speech Contest.

The District year began with 85 clubs and ended with 92 clubs in total, a growth of seven clubs. No clubs were lost during the year.

The highlight of new club activity was on March 24, 1984, when International President Eddie Dunn, DTM visited Edmonton to present charters to four new clubs (B.O.A.S.T., Energizers, Peace River and Wild Rose).

*Submitted by
Helgi Goodman, DTM
on behalf of Peter Francis, 1983-84 District Governor*

Awards and Achievements:

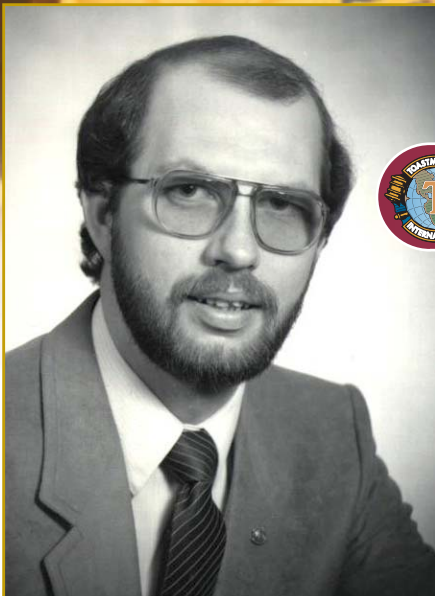
The following Toastmasters were recognized for their achievements in 1983-84:

Toastmaster of the Year:	Clif Skrypnyk, Division E
Sponsor of the Year:	Peter Kossowan, DTM
Bulletin of the Year:	"Foot Notes," 3500 Foot Club #1319, Donna Naylor, editor
Area Governor of the Year:	Joe Calenda, Area 13
Division Lt. Governor of the Year:	Lanny Coulson, Division D
Top Club of the Year:	Bowmen #2161 of Sherwood Park, Alberta.

The District achieved Distinguished District status, finishing 17th in the world for its activities during the year.



Ken Tanner, DTM



1984-1985 President's Distinguished

"Give - Receive - Achieve"

The Leadership Team:

The other members of my District leadership team for 1984-85 were:

Education Lt. Governor:	Helgi Goodman
Administrative Lt. Governor:	Jim Beaubien
Past District Governor:	Peter Francis
Secretary:	Dave Blau
Treasurer:	Wayne Rutten
Bulletin Editor:	Bob Barker
S/L & Y/L Chairman:	Grant Hanna
CMP Chairman:	Tom Rogers
Audit Chairman:	Phil Creaser
PDG Advisory Committee Chairman:	John Koyko
Speech Contest Chairman:	Paul Roch
Bylaws Chairman:	Ray Gall

There were 22 Areas and five Divisions this year.

The Division Lt. Governors were:

Division A:	Herb Ashley
Division B:	Ken Jones
Division C:	Darlene Bell
Division D:	Melodye Kunnas
Division E:	Jim Weber

My theme for the year as District Governor was "Give - Receive - Achieve." This proved to be prophetic, as District 42 had an exceptional year of accomplishment, both as a District and as a dedicated team of individuals. There were many "firsts" achieved in a period of rapid growth for Toastmasters in Alberta and Saskatchewan, growth attributable mainly to the massive dedication of many people who showed outstanding leadership and dedication to the Toastmasters program.

*Ken Tanner, DTM
District Governor 1984-1985*

1984-1985



Special Events

We began this year with a new Division being created in Saskatchewan, which brought us to a total of five Divisions, two in Saskatchewan and three in Alberta. We chartered 19 new clubs and lost one, for a net growth of 18 clubs this year. It was during this year that the 100th club and 105th club in our district were chartered. International President, John Latin, DTM, made those presentations to the Meewasin Valley Club #5721 and the Engineers Club #5820 on June 1, 1985 in Saskatoon. This presentation was the highlight of a gala weekend of Presidential events, interviews, club visits and social mixers.

I attended the 30th Anniversary celebrations of the Bow Valley Club in Calgary and also attended the annual TNT night in Edmonton. In addition, I conducted officer installations at many clubs in the Regina area.

It was my honour to present charters to 12 of the 19 clubs chartered this year. These new clubs show so much energy and promise that one often wishes more of the older, established clubs would exhibit the same.

Awards and Achievements:

The Fall Conference was held at the Sheraton Cavalier in Saskatoon. Special guest was International Director, Charles Rust, DTM.

The Spring Convention was held at the Sheraton Centre, Regina, with a special visit from International Director, Jack Gillespie, DTM. The theme was "Sow Your Opportunities." Our C&L Award was presented to E.K. (Ted) Turner, President of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

Speech Contest winners were:

International:	Jim Mahone
Humorous:	Clara Jonsson
Evaluation:	Ray McLeod
Tall Tales:	Gordon Miskow
Canada Day (E):	Dusty Cunningham

"Of the Year" Awards were presented to the following outstanding individuals for their contributions and achievements in 1984-85:

Toastmaster of the Year:	Bob Barker
Sponsor of the Year:	Peter Kossowan
Bulletin of the Year:	"Bull Sheet," Bow Valley #1494, Terry McDonald, editor
Area Governor of the Year:	Ron Kelly
Division Governor of the Year:	Darlene Bell
Top Club of the Year:	Bowmen #2161

At the International Convention in Orlando, Florida in August, Peter Kossowan was presented with a Presidential Citation in recognition of his outstanding club sponsorship record. District 42 achieved the President's Distinguished District status for the first time, placing 4th overall in the world of Toastmasters. We also received a President's Extension Award for the first time. We were one of the top three Districts in the world with the highest net club growth.

We also received a President's 20+ Award for the first time, as one of the top three Districts in the world with the highest percentage of clubs with membership at or above 20. To cap off this tremendous year of accomplishment, Prairie Horizons editor Bob Barker was recognized for producing a Top Ten District Bulletin.

Leadership Learnings:

I learned that ... you shouldn't accept a new job (also relocating to a new city) the day you begin your term as District Governor!

I learned that ... making a fun challenge can spark members and officers to achieve. I challenged District 16 Governor, John Perry, DTM, to a "champagne challenge". As we were nearly equal in size at the beginning of the year, I thought our Districts should compete for year-end placement in the Distinguished District Program. The pay-off was that the higher placing District would be toasted with champagne purchased by the other District. Fortunately, District 42 had an exceptional year and we were on the receiving end of the toasts! I used this informal challenge during the year as a focus for the District Leadership Team. I had fun with it and I think they did, too.

There were so many memorable events for so many reasons. Certainly, District 42 enjoyed a remarkable year of accomplishments that will provide wonderful memories for years to come. I was proud to accept the recognition on behalf of the members of District 42 for their outstanding efforts in 1984-85.



"Working Together, Growing Together"

Helgi Goodman, DTM



1985-1986 select Distinguished

My year as Governor of District 42 will always be memorable for me. The District had experienced high growth in membership, club numbers and educational achievement for several years. It was therefore very important to me, both that these growth levels be maintained during my year as Governor and also that the District be left in good healthy condition for Governors following. Both of these goals were achieved. I continue to take great pride in the excellent results generated by District 42 in subsequent years, by executives following.

The year was one of personal growth for me. I also came to realize, more than ever, the importance of a strong leadership TEAM. A District as large and as diverse as is District 42 cannot be managed by individual action alone.

*Helgi Goodman, DTM
District Governor 1985-1986*

The Leadership Team:

District Governor:	Helgi Goodman, DTM
Lt. Governor Education:	Jim Beaubien, ATM
Lt. Governor, Administration:	Darlene Bell, CTM
Past District Governor:	Ken Tanner, DTM
Secretary:	Brien Charlton, CTM
District Treasurer:	Ron Koehli, CTM
Bulletin Editor:	Bob Barker, DTM

We had five Division Lt. Governors and 26 Area Governors. The following served as Division Lt. Governors:

Division A:	Bill Shaw, ATM
Division B:	Ron Kelly, CTM
Division C:	Sheila Cooper, CTM
Division D:	Majeed Mustapha, DTM
Division E:	Clif Skrypnik, DTM

Special Events

The Fall Conference was held in Red Deer, Nov. 9-11, 1985 at the Red Deer Lodge. Carol Blair was Fall Conference Chairman. The Tall Tales Contest was won by V.J. Tukkimaki and the Evaluation Contest was won by Dave Almond.

The Spring Convention was held in Edmonton, May 9-11, 1985 with Chairman Lanny Coulson at the helm. The "Communications and Leadership Award" was presented to Mel Hurtig, Hurtig Publishers, who had just completed the publishing of "The Canadian Encyclopedia." Irene Murray won the International Speech Contest and the Humorous Speech Contest was won by Ron Wolch.

1985-1986



Special Events:

The District began its year with 110 clubs and ended with 125 clubs in total, for a growth of 15 clubs. Five new clubs had been chartered by Christmas with the balance chartering in the new year. No clubs were lost during the year.

The highlight of new club activity was a 5 club charter night in March 1986 in Edmonton. New club charters were presented to Golden Mountain, City Lights, Confidence Builders, Heritage and Paragon Toastmasters Clubs.

The National Canada Day Speech Contest was won for District 42 by Saskatoon Toastmaster, Dennis Herr, who presented his winning speech on Parliament Hill on July 1st.

Awards and Achievements:

The "Of the Year Awards" were presented to the following deserving Toastmasters:

Toastmaster of the Year:	Gayle MacKay
Sponsor of the Year:	Peter Kossowan, DTM
Bulletin of the Year:	"Achiever" CBA #2882, Saskatoon, Kathy Hoenecke and Mary Kalyn, editors
Area Governor of the Year:	Anna Amadouny, Area 11, Div. C
Division Lt. Governor of the Year:	Clif Skrypynyk, DTM, Div. E
Top Club of the Year:	Southern Lights #3684
Top 10 District Bulletin:	"Prairie Horizons", Bob Barker, editor

In recognition of its activities during the year, the District achieved Select Distinguished District status, ending the year 10th in the world.

Leadership Learnings:

The successes of 1985/86 were the result of commitment by people in all corners of the District to the common goals of Toastmasters International. They possessed the knowledge of what needed to be done, and the energy to do the job. These are the same reasons that District 42 continues to be strong today.

Members of past executives gave me those committed people. The principle responsibility that any management team must have is to pass that commitment on to the future leadership teams.

I couldn't begin in this document to name all the people who were responsible for the success with which I became associated in 1985/86. I know who you are! You know who you are!

Thanks for the great ride!



Melodye Kunnas, ATM



1986-1987 President's Distinguished

The District 42 team of 1986-87 can be proud of accomplishing many significant things, including:

- President's Distinguished District - #2 in the world
- Club Extension Award - for formation of 24 new clubs
- Top Ten District Bulletin
- Policy and Procedures document closer to completion with Phase One finished (updating and revision of District Constitution and Bylaws)
- Initiation and completion of Phase One of a project to assess Leadership Effectiveness and recommend ways to train and evaluate leaders in Toastmasters.

*Melodye Kunnas, ATM
District Governor 1986-1987*

"Keep the Spirit Alive"

This year, we focussed our efforts on visibly, actively and, in a very personal way, encouraging and supporting all club, area, division and member goals and activities through supporting individual member spirit. Our theme of "Keep the Spirit Alive" was adopted from the International President's theme. The District team worked diligently to attend as many functions within the District as possible, to foster creativity and confidence, and to recognize all achievements within the District. One strong indicator of spirit was that, near the end of the District year, club members were calling us to ask what they could do to increase our standing in the world of Toastmasters! Their efforts and success are obvious in our final standing as #2 in the world.

1986-1987

Photo: 1986-1987 District Team at Regional Mid-Winter meeting. Left to right: Lou Novak, International Director, Majeed Mustapha, Administrative Lt. Governor, Melodye Kunnas, District Governor, Carol Blair, Education Lt Governor, Ken Tanner, International Director.



The Leadership Team:

It was most meaningful to me to have the privilege of working with District Officers and committees who were equally committed and diligent in working toward the success of everyone in our District. Especially meaningful was having the opportunity to work with Carol Blair and Majeed Mustapha, and having them both in Edmonton where we could meet often and frequently review goals and strategies.

The 1986-87 leadership team consisted of:

Education Lt. Governor: Carol Blair, CTM
 Administrative Lt. Governor: Majeed Mustapha, DTM
 Past District Governor: Helgi Goodman, DTM

We had six Division Lt. Governors and 33 Area Governors this year.

The Division Lt. Governors were:

Division A: Myrna Thomas, ATM
 Division B: Irene May, CTM
 Division C: Phil Pazdor, ATM
 Division D: Liz Pasieka, DTM
 Division E: Sandy MacLean, ATM
 Division F: Dave Fulton, CTM

Our team was supported by Jan Fraser, CTM, District Secretary and by Doug Kilgour, CTM, District Treasurer.

Special Events / Challenges:

The District grew from 149 to 173 clubs this year. This was managed through six Divisions and 33 Areas, with Division G being formed the following year.

I faced two "major" challenges in my year as District Governor. First, my election to office was something of a "political uprising" because I had not followed the traditional channels of leadership succession. This caused a significant rift between factions of the District who supported or did not support my election. This resulted in a "divided" team of District Officers. My challenge was to find a way to create a team that would be united in spirit, goals and approach to District members and operations. In the end, as evidenced by our success, we became committed "friends" as well as fellow District Officers. Second, I faced having to question the operations of one of my Division Lt. Governors, and had to request an audit of Division books that resulted in the resignation of the DLG at the mid-year point. It was an uncomfortable time for all but fortunately, another Toastmaster immediately stepped in to complete the work that needed to be done and did so most successfully.

My biggest personal challenge was to ensure that every District 42 member with whom I came in contact would feel enriched, supported and special in our interactions. This goal / value was so important to me. I tried to model high spirit, personal interest in and acceptance of everyone. I believe I contributed to the overall spirit of District 42 in this way and my best memories are of the friendships I developed through reaching this goal.



Father Lucien Larre, Communication and Leadership recipient, addresses the Spring Convention.

Awards and Achievements:

At the Fall Conference, the C&L Award was presented to Father Lucien Larre.

Of the Year (OTY) Awards were presented to the following outstanding and dedicated Toastmasters:

Toastmaster:	John Pasieka, CTM
Sponsor:	Peter Kossowan, DTM
Bulletin:	"Golden Chronicle", Golden Gavel #438, Bob Shirley, Marlene Johnson, Carmell Gatt, editors
Area Governor:	Jim Phelps
Division Governor:	Liz Pasieka, DTM
Top Club:	CBA #2882

Speech Contest Winners

International:	Keith Hesseldon
Humorous:	Dale Hackinen
Evaluation:	Leigh Anderson
Tall Tales:	Jeff McCann
Canada Day:	Gabriela Orban

Conference, Convention

The Fall Conference '86 was in Medicine Hat. The theme was "The Pioneer Spirit" and it was chaired by Calgary TM Sheila Cooper.

The Spring Convention '87 was wonderfully "Bizarre" (not the theme). It was held in Saskatoon and was Co-chaired by Jim Weber and Clif Skrypnyk. (It was the first time we had co-chairs for any convention.)



1987 Past District Governor's meeting: (l-r) Melodye Kunnas, Ken Tanner, Everett Ritson, Dick Flis and Helgi Goodman.



Left: The District 42 "Spirit" lead the charge to the International stage to receive the President's Distinguished District award at the 1987 International Convention.



Bottom Left: Melodye accepting the Distinguished District plaque from International President Theodore (Ted) Wood, DTM.

Leadership Learnings

As I reflect on my experience, it seems the time was all too short. If I could do it all over again, I would follow succession channels that would allow me three years instead of one to learn, grow and more effectively serve the needs of District 42 and its members.

I learned that our District is "ahead" and well respected in the world of Toastmasters for both our spirit and our quality of achievements.

I learned much about how other Districts and the organization work as a whole.

I learned that serving as District Governor requires a tremendous commitment in terms of time and effort, and should not be taken lightly.

I learned that people are different and special and need to be recognized as such.

I learned that serving as District Governor is the most rewarding experience of all!

Thank you.
Melodye Kunnas, ATM



Carol Blair, DTM



1987-1988 Distinguished District

“Achieve Through the Personal Touch”



Beginning my year as District Governor was somewhat daunting, as we had just ended an incredibly successful year where our District was recognized as President’s Distinguished District – #2 in the world! What a fabulous achievement! Now the pressure was on – could we sustain the momentum and record another very successful as one of the top districts in the world? With a strong and dedicated team that was committed to “achieve through the personal touch,” we did continue our standard of excellence and concluded our year as a Distinguished District – in the top twenty! I am proud to share some of our highlights as a District and the success that we achieved as a team, working together with all the Toastmasters in District 42!

The Leadership Team:

Our District Leadership Team was comprised of:

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| Educational Lt. Governor | Majeed Mustapha, DTM |
| Administrative Lt. Governor | Clif Skrypnyk, DTM |
| Past District Governor | Melodye Kunnas, ATM |

Seven Division Lt. Governors and 36 Area Governors were also important members of our team. The Division Lt. Governors were:

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| Division A | Peter Koroluk, CTM |
| Division B | Bob Neal, ATM |
| Division C | Grant Hanna, DTM |
| Division D | Hugh MacKinnon, DTM |
| Division E | Kathy Hoenecke, DTM |
| Division F | Dona Wheaton, DTM |
| Division G | Jim Walker, CTM |

Our District Secretary was Jeanne Byron, CTM and our District Treasurer was Doug Kilgour, ATM.

1987-1988



Special Events:

- Chartering of 20 new clubs...among the top six in the world! The new clubs took us to Peace River, Manning, Westlock, Castor, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Edmonton, Taber, Vegreville, Winfield and Pincher Creek in Alberta and to Saskatoon and Watrous in Saskatchewan. Who could ever forget the Charter Night for the Watrous Club in January, 1988 when a major blizzard blew in, closing down the highway! Our leadership team and other Toastmasters had an unexpected stay in a motel that night – with no overnight provisions! The generosity of the Watrous Toastmasters shone as they supplied us with toiletries and cookies!
- The oldest club in District 42, Wascana Club #577 of Regina, celebrated its 40th anniversary on March 19, 1988.
- Ken Tanner, DTM, Past District Governor, completed his term as a most successful International Director!
- Wayne Rutten, DTM received a Presidential Citation from International President, John Fauvel, DTM.
- Our District Communication and Leadership Award was presented to Mr. Ron Southern, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ATCO Ltd. and Canadian Utilities Limited.
- The whole year was a special event with two fabulous district conferences: Feel the Heat – District Fall Conference in Regina and Fanning the Flame – District Spring Convention in Calgary.

Awards and Achievements:

Our District Citation Award was implemented to recognize those Toastmasters in the District who demonstrated outstanding or unique contributions which furthered the Toastmaster spirit and ideals and which were not otherwise recognized through existing district and international programs. Five Toastmasters had the honour of being the first recipients of this award: Herb Ashley, CTM; Al Foster, ATM; John Hanlin, DTM; Wayne Rutten, DTM; Jim Weber, DTM.

In the International Speech Contest, one of our Toastmasters, Bob Schoepp, ATM, went on to place third in the Region IV International Speech Contest!

Our Toastmasters who were received awards or won contests were:

Best Club of the Year:	C.B.A #2882, Saskatoon
Best Bulletin of the Year:	The Golden Chronicle, Golden Gavel Editors C. Gatt, M. Johnston, B. Shirley.
Toastmaster of the Year:	John Pasieka, DTM
Sponsor of the Year:	Peter Kossowan, DTM
Area Governor of the Year:	Larry Andrews, ATM
Division Governor of the Year:	Kathy Hoenecke, DTM
Golden Lectern Winner:	Wascana Club #577
Speech contest winners:	
International	Bob Schoepp, ATM
Humourous	Clancy Patton, ATM
Canada Day (English)	Jerry Kiriak
Canada Day (French)	Yvan Choquette
Evaluation	Lanny Coulson, DTM
Tall Tales	Jeff McCann, ATM

Right: Carol Blair presenting John Pasieka, DTM with the Toastmaster of the Year Award.

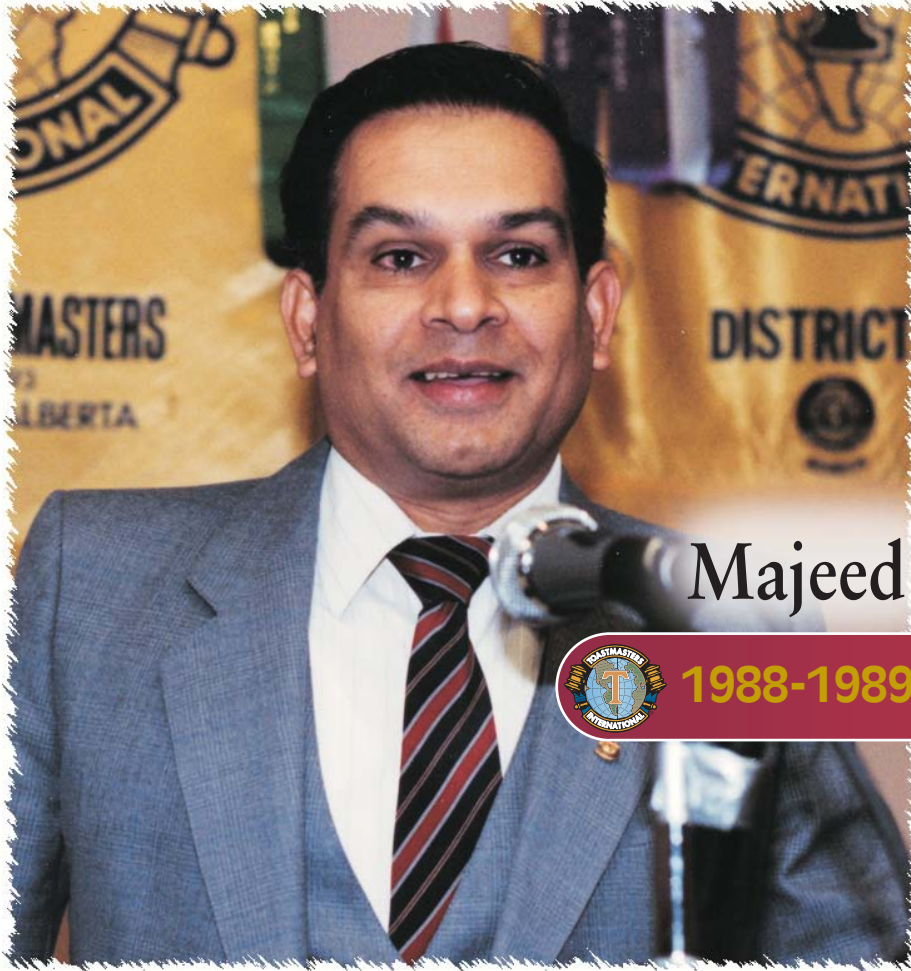
Leadership Learnings:

- Focus on the standards of excellence and the highest quality of all communication and leadership activities, and the “numbers” will be achieved!
- Remember people are first and foremost in our organization... understand what motivates them and respect them for who they are...enable them to excel in whatever they do... and recognize them for their efforts!
- Deal with leadership problems immediately! When it becomes apparent that someone in a leadership position cannot or is unwilling to serve in that capacity, allow the individual to exit gracefully and find a replacement as soon as possible. Our members and clubs depend on the support of the leadership team...we must fulfill the roles and responsibilities that we committed to!

My year as District Governor will always be a highlight of my Toastmasters career! I was so fortunate to work with a wonderful team and to experience the support and achievements of all our Toastmasters and clubs throughout the District! Many events and fond moments flood my thoughts and heart as I write this history! Thank you for enriching my life and enabling me to realize my personal leadership goals!

*Carol Blair, DTM
District Governor 1987-1988*





Majeed Mustapha, DTM



1988-1989 Distinguished District

The Leadership Team:

Our District Leadership Team was comprised of:

Educational Lt. Governor	Clif Skrypnyk, DTM
Administrative Lt. Governor	Liz Pasioka, DTM
Past District Governor	Carol Blair, DTM

1988-1989



Special Events:

Leadership Learnings:



Awards and Achievements:



Clif Skrypnyk, DTM



1989-1990

Leadership Learnings:

Personally, the travel requirement was the most challenging and difficult. Fortunately, being self-employed, I was able to coordinate much of my District travel with my business travel. If I could do it again, I would clear my calendar of all other activities (with the exception of family and work). I found I was involved in too many other things that could have waited until my year as District Governor was over.

On the other side of the coin, I learned that Toastmasters in District 42 are a tremendous bunch of people! I found everyone to be extremely cooperative and dedicated, not only to their own personal development but to furthering Toastmasters throughout the District, as well.

*Clif Skrypnyk, DTM
District Governor 1989-1990*

The Leadership Team:

Our District Leadership Team was comprised of:

- Education Lt. Governor: Liz Pasieka, DTM
- Administrative Lt. Governor: Irene May, DTM
- Past District Governor: Majeed Mustapha, DTM
- District Secretary: Kathy Weber, DTM
- District Treasurer: Jim Evans, ATM

The Division Lt. Governors were:

- Division A: Claudia MacLellan, ATM
- Division B: Kathy Pendrigh, ATM-S
- Division C: Dave Fulton, DTM
- Division D: Ed Agoto, ATM
- Division E: R. Glenn Walker, CTM
- Division F: Juergen Abildt, CTM
- Division G: Alan J. Gibson, ATM

The supporting players this year were:

Flo Mawson, DTM, District Bulletin Editor; Grant Hanna, DTM, Audit Committee Chairman; Lanny Coulson, DTM, Parliamentarian; Ken Tanner, DTM, Database Administrator; Majeed Mustapha, DTM, PDG Committee Chairman.



1989-1990



There were many exciting and interesting events throughout the 1989-1990 Toastmaster year in District 42. In the fall, we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of Toastmasters in Fort McMurray, chartered the Hanna Honkers Club, Rural Expressions in Rosetown, SK, Biggar and Better Speakers in Biggar, SK and the Eyeopeners in Lethbridge, AB. A couple of special anniversaries occurred, with Edmonton's Norwood Club celebrating 15 years and 3500 Foot Club in Calgary celebrating 10 years.

In the new year, I presented Club Charters to the Summit Club in Rocky Mountain House, to Kelsey Trail Club in Carrot River, SK, to LavaLingo, Co-opOrators and the Royal Bank Clubs in Calgary, to the Indian Head Club in Indian Head, SK and the Derrick Club in Drayton Valley, AB. Several anniversary events were also attended, including Rocky Mountain Club's 10th, the Chinese New Year Celebration at the Golden Mountain Club in Edmonton, Tuesday Nooners' 25th Anniversary in Calgary, and Plains Club's 30th Anniversary in Regina.

What an outstanding year of accomplishments, milestones and celebrations. It was exciting to be part of it all.

Awards and Achievements:

I attended the 58th Annual TM Convention in Palm Desert, CA on August 15-19, 1990. As always, this was an outstanding event but was made especially memorable by the incredible facilities and interior designs of the Marriott's Desert Springs Resort. There was a lake in the lobby and a boat was available to take you to a Japanese restaurant out on the lush grounds that included two 18-hole golf courses!

District Citation Awards were presented this year to Robert (Bob) Barker, DTM and Ben Waldron, DTM for their outstanding and unique contributions to our District.

It was my honour and privilege to present the following "Of the Year Awards" in recognition of outstanding service / efforts:

- Rookie of the Year: Maureen Seyler
- Toastmaster of the Year: Lanny Coulson
- Sponsor of the Year: Dave Fulton
- Bulletin of the Year: "The Achiever," CBA #2882, Ruth Schellenberg, editor
- Area Governor of the Year: Buffy da Silva, ATM
- Division Governor of the Year: Kathie Pendrigh, ATM-S
- Top Club of the Year: Pursuers #6901

Congratulations to all of these outstanding clubs and individuals.



Special Events:

Thanks to the incredible efforts of Melodye Kunnas, Liz Pasioka and Majeed Mustapha, who did an outstanding job of organizing and rewriting the District Bylaws and the District Policies & Procedures, these two documents are now fully reviewed, revised and reproduced for everyone's use.

The Fall Conference was held at the Marlboro Inn, Prince Albert, SK, from November 3-5, 1989. The theme was "Reap Your Rewards." The Conference was chaired by John Thompson, ATM. Our special guest was International Director Ian Edwards, DTM and the keynote speaker was Serge Kujawa, Crown Prosecutor, Saskatchewan Justice Department.

The Spring Convention was held in Edmonton, May 4-6, 1990, chaired by Millie Kossowan, CTM. Our special guest was International Director Pat Kirk, DTM. With more than 720 Toastmasters and guests in attendance, this convention established an attendance record that will not likely be surpassed for many years.

Accompanied by Flo Mawson, DTM, I completed the 12-hour drive (each way) to Fort McMurray to attend the 10th Anniversary of Toastmasters there. Hosted by Brian and Phyllis Papineau, the event was superb. We were treated to a very interesting Syncrude plant visit, hosted by Toastmaster Prakash Mullick, a Syncrude employee.

Past District Governors: (clockwise from top) Carol Blair, Clif Skrypnik, DTM, District Governor, Majeed Mustapha, Melodye Kunnas, Dick Flis, Irene Murray, Ken Tanner and Toastmasters International President, Ian Edwards and Neil Wilkinson.



Liz Pasieka, DTM



1990-1991 Select Distinguished

"The Spirit of Sharing"

Together, in the "spirit of sharing," we achieved Select Distinguished District, 10th in the world out of 70 districts! This achievement is a reflection of the dedication, positive energy and enthusiasm demonstrated by our members and District Officers in 1990-1991.

The Leadership Team:

During my term as District Governor, our District Leadership Team was comprised of:

- Education Lt. Governor: Dave Fulton, DTM
- Administrative Lt. Governor: Kathy Weber, DTM
- Past District Governor: Clif Skrypnik, DTM

We had 42 Area Governors and seven Division Lt. Governors, as follows:

- Division A: Jeanne Roska, CTM
- Division B: Randall Edge, ATM-S
- Division C: Buffy da Silva, ATM
- Division D: Audrey Kotelniski, CTM
- Division E: Mary Ore, ATM
- Division F: Lee MacKay, DTM
- Division G: Arun Bhatt, CTM

In addition to the above, the following appointments were made to assist Division Lt. Governors in their duties and responsibilities:

- District Secretary: John Pasieka, DTM
- District Treasurer: Aldine Bohaychuk
- Public Relations Chairman: Jim Weber, DTM
- Bulletin Editor: Joan McAulay, ATM
- Production Editor: Ruth Schellenberg, CTM

Quadrant Leaders were also appointed for Membership Growth, Club Maintenance and Club Extension.

1990-1991



Special Events:

Thanks for the memories ... of our Five-Club Charter Evening, where International President, A. Edward Bick, DTM, and I had the honour of presenting Charter Certificates to five clubs, one of which was the 200th Club to charter in District 42. Overall, we chartered 21 clubs during this District year, and finished with a total of 205 clubs.

Thanks for the memories ... of our District Bulletin, "Prairie Horizons," being named a Top 10 District Bulletin at the International Convention... of Club 6131, Daybreakers, in Regina, earning a President's Top Five Distinguished Club award.

I recall the 1990 Fall Conference in Lethbridge. We were challenged "To Grow With Pride" and that we did as we were treated to a great conference that included a dinner-theatre on the Friday evening. At our 1991 Spring Convention in Saskatoon, we were invited to "Reach Out to the World of Toastmasters" and we shared education, fellowship and fun. For the first time, we had a parade of CTM's.

Awards and Achievements:

At the Fall Conference, a C&L Award was presented to Tony Dagnone.

At the Spring Convention in Edmonton in May 1991, a District Citation Award was presented to Bob Hawrelak for his outstanding contribution in special effects/multi-media work for the Spring Convention itself.

The following worthy recipients were named winners in the "Of the Year Awards" category below:

Rookie of the Year:	Shannon Zwicker
Toastmaster of the Year:	Majeed Mustapha
Sponsor of the Year:	Peter Kossowan
Bulletin of the Year:	The Torch", Wordrunners #5847 Cliff Balog, editor
Area Governor of the Year:	David Wing, ATM
Division Governor of the Year:	Buffy daSilva, DTM
Top Club of the Year:	Daybreakers #6161



Leadership Learnings:

While serving as District Governor, it soon became evident to me that in a district the size of ours, follow-up is important. Even though we are encouraged to follow lines of communication, as a leader, one needs to take full responsibility and, occasionally, deal directly with areas of concern. This applies, in my opinion, to tasks as well as people. My biggest challenge was maintaining a balance between District and individual priorities. I quickly learned that, when the first sign of a misunderstanding occurs in this area, it needs to be addressed immediately to keep harmony and goals on track.

Serving as District 42 Governor was very special to me. It rewarded me with friendships that I will cherish forever. The year was a voyage of discovery... about our dynamic organization, about people and about myself.

My heart fills with pride as I recall the team spirit, the active sharing throughout the District... sharing of knowledge, ideas and talents. People helping people, and contributing to individual and District accomplishments. I remember it all... and I say,

Thanks for the memories!

Liz Pasieka, DTM
 District Governor 1990-1991

Past District Governor, Carol Blair and Millie Kossowan share a nibble with District Governor Liz Pasieka.



Dona Wheaton, DTM



1992-1993

*"Dream,
Dare,
Deliver"*

July 1, 1992 was more than Canada's birthday. It was the day I picked up the reins and became District 42 Governor. I chose the theme "Dream, Dare, Deliver" in keeping with the International President's theme, "Dynamic Clubs Deliver." We had pins and stickers made and distributed to all members of the leadership team, committee chairs, and so on. We struck committees for Speaker's Bureau, Marketing, Membership, Public Relations, Youth Leadership, Club Rescue, Education and Training, Nominating, Audit, and Success/Leadership Modules. Four "Train the Trainer" courses were conducted in Edmonton, Calgary, Regina and Saskatoon to assist Toastmasters in presenting training sessions throughout the year.

*Dona Wheaton, DTM
District Governor 1992-1993*

The Leadership Team:

Our year would not have been a success without the hard work and contributions of the following:

Lt. Governor Education and Training:	Flo Mawson, DTM
Lt. Governor Marketing:	Buffy da Silva, DTM
Public Relations Officer:	Larry Andrews, DTM
Bulletin Editor:	Betty Ann Coderre, CTM
District Secretary:	Jean Wilkinson, CTM
District Treasurer:	Suzanne Tully, ATM
Parliamentarian:	Jack Mawson, DTM
Database Administrator:	Ken Tanner, DTM

The District Leadership Team consisted of seven Division Governors and 47 Area Governors, all of whom "delivered" for their clubs, Areas and Divisions in 1992-93.

The Division Governors were:

Division A:	John Riley, ATM
Division B:	Robert Stedwill, ATM
Division C:	David Wing, ATM
Division D:	Teja Singh, ATM
Division E:	Henry Heinrichs, DTM
Division F:	Tim Lambert, CTM
Division G:	Grant Hanna, DTM

1992-1993



Special Events:

During the fall of 1992, I attended many Charter nights for new clubs. The first club to Charter this year was the Old Northwest Club in August, in Division E. They were followed closely by the Lacombe Bluebird Speakers in November, in Division F. We started the year with 114 clubs and finished with 119. I also attended a dinner meeting at the Envisioners Club at the Edmonton Institution and one of the members received his CTM that evening.

Our Fall Conference was held in Grande Prairie and chaired by the vibrant Carrie Warren. Over 320 people attended! First-timers received a "Rookie Cookie." World Champion of Public Speaking David Brooks was the keynote speaker and, as it was his birthday that weekend, we closed off his presentation with a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday," of course.

In March, the Top Three had a religious experience, as Flo, Buffy and I competed in the District 42 Variety Night Lip-Sync Contest dressed as nuns! "I Will Follow Him" will never again be viewed in quite the same way following our presentation!

In May, the Spring Convention was held in Regina with Irene May, DTM as Chairman. The Hon. Sylvia Fedoruk, Lt. Governor of Saskatchewan, received the C&L Award. Grady Jim Robinson was the keynote speaker.

May also saw a double Charter presentation in the Grande Prairie area. On the Friday night, I presented their Charter to the Reading Network #9397. What a special group. Most of them have English as a second language. To raise money for their membership fee, they sold woven willow furniture they had made. On the Saturday night, I presented the Charter to A.M. Talkers in Spirit River, another great group of individuals.

Awards and Achievements:

A District Citation Award was presented to Don Robson, DTM, for his outstanding contributions to the District over his many years of membership.

The "Of the Year Awards" were presented to the following dedicated and outstanding Toastmasters:

Rookie of the Year:	Gwynn Alcorn-Kencayd, CTM
Toastmaster of the Year:	Leni Wedenig, DTM
Sponsor of the Year:	Peter Kossowan, DTM
Bulletin of the Year:	"The Rainbow Connection" Rochdale #6374, editors Kathy Weber, Al Cathcart
Area Governor of the Year:	Karen Egge, DTM
Division Governor of the Year:	Tim Lambert, CTM

At the International Convention in Las Vegas, Betty Anne Coderre won a Top Ten District Bulletin Award for Prairie Horizons.

"We will follow him" - District Executive perform at the annual Variety Night social.



Front: 1992-1993 District Executive Dona Wheaton, DTM, DG, Flo Mawson, DTM, LGET and Buffy DaSilva, DTM, LGM

Rear: International Directors Dick Richards, DTM and Doug Couto, DTM.

Leadership Learnings:

Overall, 1992-93 was a fantastic year! I learned that people are unpredictable and follow-up is a MUST. One thing I would have done differently is to assign two or three people in each of the four major centres to personally pick up April semi-annual reports from those clubs whose weren't in by May 1. We missed being a Distinguished District because one club was too late in sending in their dues.

I also learned, however, not to let one negative take away from the many positive experiences encountered throughout the year.

Dream, Dare, Deliver ... it works!

Dona Wheaton, DTM



Flo Mawson, DTM



1993-1994 Distinguished District

"Hitch Your Wagon to a Star"

To promote the District theme "Hitch Your Wagon to a Star" we had labels made up and provided them to all Division and Area Governors and to Quadrant Leaders. We also had some t-shirts made up with the theme imprinted on them to sell at the Bookstore at the Fall Conference and Spring Convention.

1993-1994

The Leadership Team:

I was very fortunate to have three dedicated individuals serving with me on the Leadership Team for 1993-94:

Lt. Governor Education and Training: Buffy da Silva, DTM
Lt. Governor Marketing: Larry Andrews, DTM
Past District 42 Governor: Dona Wheaton, DTM

The rest of the Leadership Team consisted of 46 Area Governors, seven Division Governors, a Chief Judge, Contest Chairman, and Recognitions Co-ordinator, a Membership Programs Co-ordinator, the District Bulletin Editor, District Directory Editor and Speakers Bureau Advisor. We also had a District Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Auditor, Database Administrator, Protocol Advisor and an "Of the Year Awards" Co-ordinator.

The Division Governors for 1993-94 were:

Division A:	Claire Clark, ATM
Division B:	Marlene Keam, ATM
Division C:	Jim Powers, DTM
Division D:	Rick Leaker, CTM
Division E:	Susan Skrypnyk, CTM
Division F:	Margaret Bobowski, CTM
Division G:	Lori Leppke, ATM



Special Events:

The 1993 Fall Conference was held at the Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon and was attended by approximately 240 people. During our Educational Sessions, we had a training for Area Governors on how to conduct Official Club visits.

In February 1994, we had a special meeting with Division Governors. We called this "Circle Your Wagons" and brainstormed many ideas such as Speech Contest Review, Finances for Divisions, and Of The Year Awards. Recommendations were made regarding a re-write of these awards. Division bank accounts were to continue but Area bank accounts would be closed out. The District Governor would become a signatory on all Division bank accounts.

The 1994 Spring Convention was held at the Convention Inn South in Edmonton, with approximately 600 people in attendance. Several new ideas were tried by Convention Co-Chairs Melodye Kunnas and Liz Pasieka, with two venues being used (the hotel and the Convention Centre in downtown Edmonton). Buses were used to transport everyone downtown for the Saturday morning and afternoon sessions and the council meeting was held during lunch. International Director Ron Giedd, DTM, attended this convention representing Toastmasters International.

A Speech Contest Review Committee was appointed by the District Governor to review all aspects of Speech Contests. Ken Tanner, DTM, Past International Director and Past District 42 Governor, was appointed to chair with a representative from each quadrant. The committee's recommendation was passed by District Council that we have only four speech contests in District 42: Humorous and Table Topics in the Fall; Evaluation and International in the Spring.

Leadership Learnings:

Set District goals as a team. Listen to the ideas of your team. When a problem arises, deal with it right away. Update the team monthly as to achievement of goals. Keep in touch with team members weekly or more often, if necessary. We had a "buddy system" wherein the Top Three phoned two or three Division Governors every week, just to say "Hi, how's it going?" and help solve any problems or issues they might have. The Top Three kept in touch with regular Sunday night conference calls.

Give lots of "pats on the back" to team members and always, Celebrate Accomplishments."

*Flo Mawson, DTM
District Governor 1993-1994*

Awards and Achievements:

District Citation Awards were presented to three very deserving Toastmasters at the Spring Convention in Edmonton: Joe Calenda, DTM; Irene May, DTM; and Emma Collins, DTM.

Of the Year Awards were presented as follows:

Rookie of the Year:	Bill Zbitniff, CTM
Toastmaster of the Year:	Judy Dola, DTM
Sponsor of the Year:	Dave Fulton, DTM
Bulletin of the Year	Speakers Talepipe, Speakers' Pipeline #7801, Editors Colleen Kiras, Dan McCormack, Ronaye Willington,
Area Governor of the Year:	Robin DesLauriers, CTM
Division Governor of the Year:	Margaret Bobowski, CTM
Top Club:	Grande Prairie Morning #3489

Our District was successful in attaining Distinguished District status and placed 23rd in the world. We had one Select Distinguished Division, four Distinguished Divisions, 16 Select Distinguished Areas and 15 Distinguished Areas. I attended the International Convention in Louisville, KY in August where our District received the following honours:

Distinguished District Plaque:	Flo Mawson, DTM
Excellence in Education & Training:	Buffy da Silva, DTM
Excellence in Marketing:	Larry Andrews, DTM

Presidential Citations were presented to Ken Tanner, DTM, Dick Flis, DTM and Herb Ashely, DTM.

Gifts of appreciation and acknowledgement were presented to Neil and Jean Wilkinson at a champagne reception in the District Governor's suite (champagne at Flo's expense!) and to Buffy, Larry and Kirk Jensen (PRO) in appreciation of their efforts to help the District achieve its goals this past year.



Buffy DaSilva, DTM



1994-1995

"Grow-Change-Become"

The Leadership Team:

The success of the 1994-95 year was a direct result of the efforts, knowledge and endless contributions of the following team:

Lt. Governor Education and Training:	Larry Andrews, DTM
Lt. Governor Marketing:	Tim Lambert, ATM
Past District 42 Governor:	Flo Mawson, DTM
Public Relations Officer:	Cathy Sewell, DTM
Prairie Horizons Bulletin Editor:	Glenn Croteau, CTM
District Secretary:	Julie Hushagen, CTM
District Treasurer:	Rick Leaker, ATM
District Parliamentarian:	Kathie McFarland, DTM
Database Administrator:	Ken Tanner, DTM

I can't say enough about their support for me and the District. Everything they did made my year as District Governor immeasurably easier and much more fun. Thank you, all!

The District Leadership Team consisted of seven Division Governors and 49 Area Governors, an unprecedented high for District 42. While this was exciting, it made timely and effective communication that much more important.

The Division Governors were:

Division A:	David Crone, ATM
Division B:	Brad Korbo, ATM
Division C:	Graham Hoard, ATM
Division D:	Jeff Gibbs, ATM-B
Division E:	Jonathan Matthews, DTM
Division F:	Debbie Swanson, ATM-S
Division G:	Mavis Stegen, DTM

In addition, Quadrant Leaders were appointed as quickly as possible to assist in the role of training and to act as a resource person throughout the Divisions in their quadrant. These individuals were also assisted by the District Chief Judge, Susan Skrypnik, CTM, the Contest Chairman, Cheryl Kuzyk, DTM, Speakers Bureau Advisor, Mary Ore, DTM and the other key members of the District Leadership Team.

In my inaugural address, I drew an analogy between the caterpillar and Toastmasters. "The caterpillar cannot be a butterfly until it prepares to be one. If a caterpillar never takes the action needed to be a butterfly, it won't become one. It must crawl into the unknown and do what it has never done before, purely through faith. Sometimes we're like that in Toastmasters, too."

The theme was supplemented with a graphic, which I used on letters, memos, reports and envelopes. I had labels made up and distributed them to all the District Executive Team. They were used on all of their correspondence, Division and Area Contest literature, and Council Meeting information notices, programs, and so on.

The theme really helped to unify the District Team and butterflies abounded throughout the year.

*Buffy DaSilva, DTM
District Governor 1994-1995*

1994-1995



Special Events:

Our Fall Conference was held in Medicine Hat, AB, November 11-13, with the theme "Circle Your Wagons in Cactus Country." Our keynote speaker was a member of the Grande Prairie Morning Toastmasters, Sandi Saari, DTM. Table Topics and Humorous Speech Contests were conducted and "Of the Year" Awards were presented for the 1993-94 District year.

The Spring Convention was held in Saskatoon with the theme "Come Bloom in Saskatoon," flowers abounded. We were honoured to host International President, Pauline Shirley, DTM, and her husband, J.D. Shirley. Pauline attended the First Timers' Welcome, the District Business Meeting and presented a keynote address at the Saturday night District Governor's Banquet.

The Golden Lectern Contest was a lip-sync contest, with one entry from each Division (or two, if some Divisions didn't enter). This was an hilarious way to showcase the talents of members of our District. Drew and Cindy Kirk were the winners as "Frank and Dagmar." An outstanding performance.

The C&L Award recipient was Charles E. (Chuck) Childers, President and CEO of the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan.

The Evaluation and International Speech Contests were held at this Convention and officers for the 1995-96 term were elected. The Bookstore was a very successful operation this year, with a profit of just under \$1,000, attributable to the favorable US\$ exchange rate we enjoyed this year. A truly remarkable ending to a very successful Spring Convention.

Awards and Achievements:

The District Citation Award was presented to Lanny Coulson, DTM, from Edmonton, AB. Lanny is a member of both Wordrunners and Wild Rose and has conducted more Evaluation and Parliamentary Procedure modules during his time in Toastmasters than anyone else in our District. He is constantly sharing his knowledge with others.

At the 1995 International Convention, Carol Blair, DTM, Past International Director for Region 4, was presented with a Presidential Citation for her outstanding contribution, service and dedication toward the goals and ideals of Toastmasters.

It gave me a great deal of pride and pleasure to name the following as the 1994-95 Of the Year Award recipients:

Rookie of the Year:	Cindy Kirk, CTM
Toastmaster of the Year:	Audrey Wight, ATM
Sponsor of the Year:	Cathy Lee Tipper
Bulletin of the Year:	Autumn Leaves, Excel Club, Mary Ore, DTM, Editor
Area Governor of the Year:	Sharon Freeman, ATM, Area 35
Division Governor of the Year:	Brad Korbo, ATM

The Top Clubs of the Year were:

40+ members:	Pursuers #6901, Edmonton
30-39 members:	High Risers #1171, Calgary
20-29 members:	Confidence Builders #4699, Edmonton
Less than 20:	Victoria on the Park #8849, Regina

In addition, several Division Governors were recognized with "Excellence Awards" for meeting their goals as follows:

David Crone, ATM, Division A Governor:	Excellence in Education and Training.
Brad Korbo, ATM, Division B Governor:	Excellence in Marketing; Education and Training; Leadership, Commitment and Support.
Graham Hoard, ATM, Division C Governor:	Excellence in Marketing; Education and Training; Leadership, Commitment and Support.
Debbie Swanson, ATM-S, Division F Governor:	Excellence in Education and Training; Leadership, Commitment and Support.
Mavis Stegen, DTM, Division G Governor:	Excellence in Leadership, Commitment and Support.

My sincerest congratulations and thanks to these outstanding leaders and achievers. Their experiences and contributions in Toastmasters will serve them well wherever they go in the world.

Leadership Learnings:

The District struggled to achieve its Per Capita goal and Club goal this year but neither one was realized in the end. However, we did achieve our educational goals and administrative requirements. Also, 26 out of 49 Areas achieved either Select Distinguished or Distinguished Area status and two of the seven Divisions achieved Distinguished Division status. While we did not achieve Distinguished District status this year, many Toastmasters did "Grow - Change - Become" through their efforts. They had fun, met new people, challenged themselves to try something new, and in the end, achieved the goals they set for themselves for the year.

I learned many things from my year as District Governor. I learned to communicate frequently, by phone, mail or in person. I learned the importance of following up in writing to document items for future reference. I learned to keep good files. I learned the importance of having fun and making it fun for others. I learned that Murphy's Law applies even to Toastmasters. No matter how carefully you plan and prepare, things come up that you couldn't possibly anticipate. Deal with them immediately and move on. Keep your ultimate goal in sight.

And finally, I learned that leaders take people on a journey to a place they've never been before and, in the process, oftentimes end up somewhere they've never been either! What an incredible learning experience. Thank you for this opportunity.



Larry Andrews, DTM



1995-1996

"Toastmasters - Share the Vision of Excellence"

This year I adopted the International Presidents theme, and it was evident from my travels throughout the District that it was readily embraced by all Toastmasters. The quality of Club Meetings, Educational Sessions, and Speech Contests that I observed, showed that they truly Shared the Vision of Excellence.

*Larry Andrews, DTM
District Governor 1995-1996*

The Leadership Team

The Leadership Team:

Education Lt. Governor	Tim Lambert, ATM
Marketing Lt. Governor	Brad Korbo, ATM
Past District Governor	Buffy da Silva, DTM

Our District consisted of 46 Areas and eight Divisions.

The Division Lt. Governors during this term were:

Division A	Cathy Sewell, DTM
Division B	Jim Ollett, CTM
Division C	Judy Dufort, ATM
Division D	Cheryl Kuzyk, DTM
Division E	Alice Hanlin, DTM
Division F	Shiraz Kanji, ATM
Division G	Jeff Pallister, ATM
Division H	Karen Egge, DTM

The District Leadership Team also consisted of several appointed members:

Public Relations Officer	Danie Hardie, DTM
Bulletin Editor	David Crone, ATM
Secretary	Dolly Carlson, ATM
Treasurer	Tim Schaufele
PDG Advisory Committee	Flo Mawson, DTM
Database Administrator	Ken Tanner, DTM
Contest Chair	Bev Bedford, ATM
Chief Judge	Frank Hammell, DTM

1995-1996



Special Events

Division H, in Alberta was added to the District at the beginning of the year.

The Fall Conference was held in Regina, SK, with International Director Bruce Trippet, DTM, in one of the more memorable events that I recall from my term was the District Fall Conference in Regina, where I gave the closing comments while being locked up in a stockade, as my fellow Toastmasters tried to stone me to death with wet sponge balls.

The Spring Convention was held in Banff, AB, and the C&L award was presented to the Hon. Ralph Klein. Certainly, having the Spring Convention in Banff Alberta, with two past International Speech Contest winners, David Brooks, and Morgan McArthur in attendance was a highlight of the Year.

Attending Charter Presentations for new clubs was one of the most enjoyable parts of my term, and I especially remember the evening that we presented the Charter to the first Native Club in Edmonton.

The high degree of camaraderie and the spirit of teamwork that existed among the District Executive will always stand out in my mind.

Starting into a new business venture the same day my term as DG started certainly presented a challenge, but it did help to tie me down to my desk so that I could complete my administrative duties.

How quickly time flies is one of the things I learned during my term of office. It seemed that the year had just started and then it was over, which is a good reason to really be on top of things.

What a great honor it was to have served as your District Governor, and I thank all of my fellow Toastmasters for that opportunity, and I especially thank you for "*Sharing the Vision of Excellence*" with me.



District Governor, Larry Andrews in disguise as the Devil with the Blue Dress at the annual Variety Night Lip Sync event.

Speech Contest Winners:

International
Humorous
Evaluation
Table Topics

Shona Sekulic
Jim Ferrie
Drew Kirk
Arlene Jorgensen

Awards and Achievements:

Toastmaster of the Year
Rookie of the Year
Sponsor of the Year
Bulletin of the Year

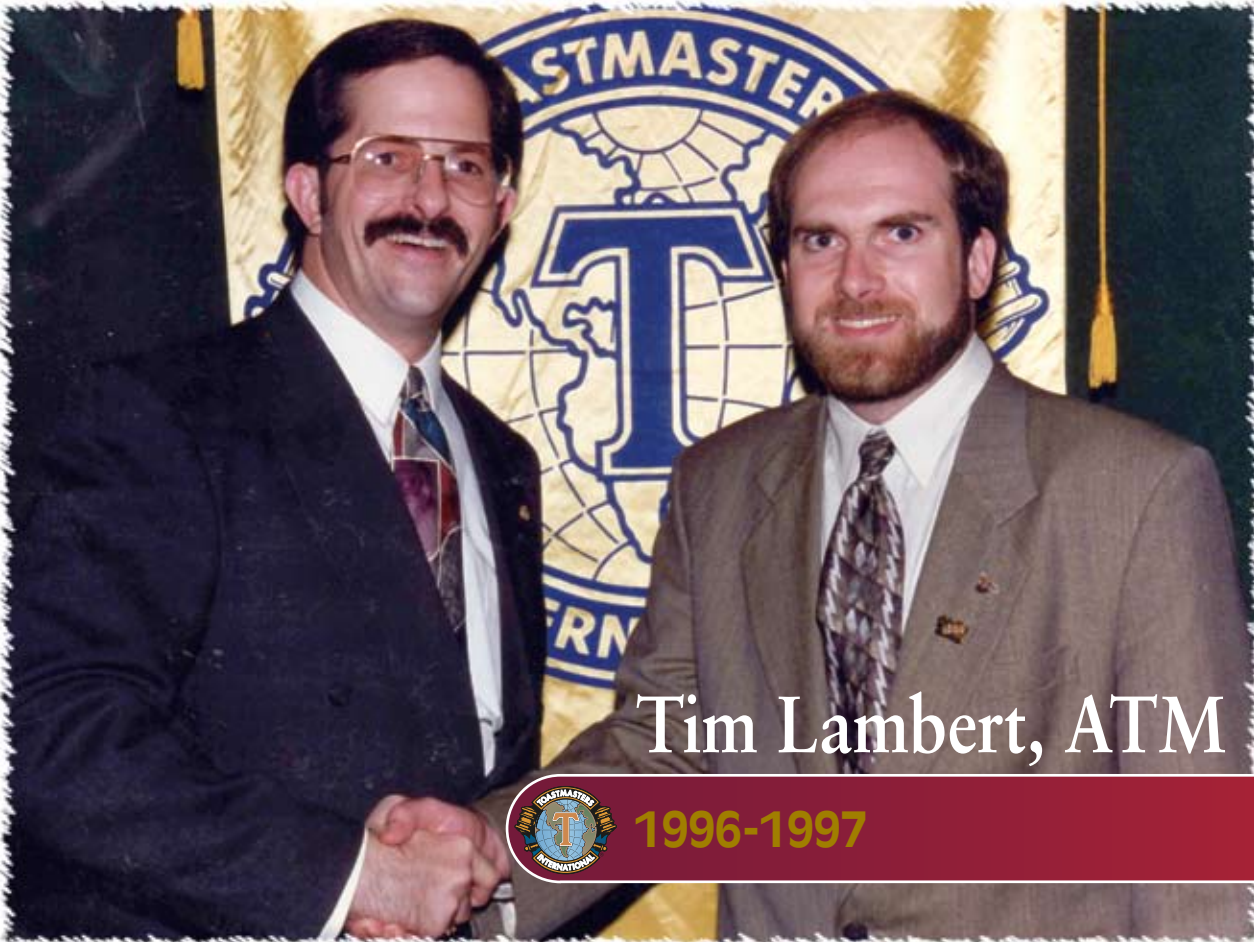
Henry Hanna
Kathleen Walls
Graham Hoard
"The Advocate" - Eloquent Albertans
Editor - Karen Hesson
Linda Hawk
Judy Dufort
Grande Prairie Morning #3489

Area Governor of the Year
Division Governor of the Year
Best Club Award



Larry Andrews, DTM shares another head table as he awaits being installed as the 1995-1996 District Governor.





Tim Lambert, ATM



1996-1997

The role of District Governor was a meaningful experience in my Toastmasters career. As DG, I learned how dedicated our members are to Toastmasters. Working with so many capable, good people made it easy to advance the theme I had chosen for the year - Believe and Achieve.

Within this executive, we placed a strong focus on communication. We would have a weekly conference call, a tradition set up the previous year by Larry Andrews. We routinely contacted the Division Governors to discuss any concerns and work with them to assist the clubs.

I had a conversation with a DG from the 1970's about the challenges we faced with communication. He noted that he could phone his eight Area Governors and talk with them in one night.

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The Leadership Team

I was supported during my term by an outstanding leadership team of the following members:

Lt. Governor Education and Training	Brad Korbo
Lt. Governor Marketing	Danie Hardie
Public Relations Officer	Kathy De Benedetti
Immediate Past District Governor	Larry Andrews
District Secretary	Robin DesLauriers
District Treasurer	Pauline Lyons

I was fortunate to have the following Division Governors as part the extended team:

Division A	Franco Panizzon
Division B	Spencer Silver
Division C	Audrey Wight
Division D	Jean Wilkinson
Division E	Geoff Cooke
Division F	Bev Tindall
Division G	Maurice Benjamin
Division H	Carol Loewen

1996-1997



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I mentioned that in one night I could call my eight Division Governors and leave messages on their answering machines. The focus on communication was reinforced by my \$1200 budget for phone calls. Such an expense was then routine given the size of the District. The system worked well but by the end of the year a few of us trendsetters had started using a new form of communication - email!

The District started and ended the year with 219 clubs, down from the high of 228 three years previously. It was a time of economic downturn in Alberta and Saskatchewan. New finance rules from TI also presented us with the challenge of cutting the District budget by 20%. Reinforcing our focus on communication, the leadership team sent out a reduced budget with explanations of our plans. The budget passed without much comment.

It was also my pleasure to recognize the following District award and speech contest winners:

Speech Contest Winners:

International	Carrie Warren
Humorous	Jim Ferrie
Evaluation	Lori Leppke
Table Topics	Arlene Jorgensen

Awards and Achievements:

Toastmaster of the Year	Velda Clermont
Rookie of the Year	Margaret Probst (Faryna)
President of the Year	Shairl Honey-Zicha, Aimcriers #4966
Sponsor of the Year	Peter Kossowan
Bulletin of the Year	"The Advocate" - Eloquent Albertans #6110 (Editor: Karen Hesson, CTM)
Area Governor of the Year	Bill Wickson
Division Governor of the Year	Spencer Silver
Best Club Award	Pursuers #6901
International Top-Ten Bulletin	Linda Hawk, editor
Communication and Leadership award	Dale Eisler

Leadership Learnings

As DG, I learned that it may seem more difficult to motivate volunteers than employees and that sometimes people will ask you for advice but not follow it.

But these lessons reveal part of the heart of being a leader. It's not about people just doing what you ask of them or not taking your advice. To have people accept you as a leader they need to understand and believe in your goals to help you achieve them.

In turn, your role as a leader is to help them to find their path and their own way of doing things without being judged. You have to believe in their goals and what they can achieve.

I fully believe in the message from a General Motors Employee contest: *"My foreman thinks I have more ability than I think I have. So I consistently do better work than I thought I could do."*

Tim Lambert, DG, 1996-1997



Above: Bruce Trippett, DTM, International Director and Tim Lambert, District Governor, present Arlene Jorgenson with the District Table Topics Trophy.

Left: Debbie Swanson and Buffy da Silva, DTM, Past District Governor, Co-Chairs of the Fall Conference in Red Deer, Alberta are presented with plaques to thank them for their contributions by District Governor Tim Lambert, .



Brad Korbo, ATM

1997-1998 Distinguished District

Leadership Learnings:

Commitment, the Key to Success

Commitment has been defined as the ability to follow through long after the excitement of the moment. I realized from previous District roles that it is difficult to maintain the momentum of the District team from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

I initiated a number of ways that I hoped would help to keep the commitment throughout the year. Each week the top four on the team held a conference call to maintain our focus. Starting in January, I sent monthly handwritten mailings to Area Governors recognizing their successes and encouraging them to focus on their goals. As District Governor, I used my year to complete the High Performance Leadership Program. By having to report to my mentoring team periodically on how well we were doing towards achieving Distinguished District, I was able to maintain my focus on the goal.

Through the commitment of everyone on the District team, we did achieve Distinguished District. I followed up with letters of thanks and congratulations at the end of the year. From the following response, I believe they were appreciated:

"I am sure that many other Toastmasters receiving these letters in the mail will have a smile on their faces, as I did."

*Brad Korbo, DTM
District Governor 1997-1998*

International Directors

Joan Johanson, DTM
Joy Pirkel, DTM

International Director, Joan Johanson, DTM helped the Districts through subtle motivation by saying "I will accept nothing less than Distinguished District."

The Thrill of Success

The Distinguished Leadership Team:

Education Lt. Governor	Danie Hardie, DTM
Marketing Lt. Governor	Linda Hawk, DTM
Past District Governor	Tim Lambert, DTM
District PRO:	Cindy Kirk, ATM
District Secretary:	Marg Ollett, ATM
District Treasurer:	Debbi McCaig

Division A: John Fleming, CTM
 Division B: Cindy Schwindt, CTM (Select Distinguished)
 Division C: Rosmin Madhani, ATM (Select Distinguished)
 Division D: Carolyn Bennett, CTM (President's Distinguished)
 Division E: Stewart Foss, CTM (Distinguished)
 Division F: Wiggert Hessels, CTM (President's Distinguished)
 Division G: Mavis Oberding, ATM (President's Distinguished)
 Division H: Jacquie Schnider, ATMB (President's Distinguished)
 Division J: Dorothy Jones, ATM (President's Distinguished)

1997-1998



International Convention and “Lunch with Len”

International President: Len Jury, DTM, Auckland, New Zealand

International President Elect: Terry R. Daily, DTM, International President,

Len Jury, challenged all District Governors at the beginning of their term to be Distinguished and have “Lunch with Len”.

As District 42 Governor, I had the privilege of representing District 42 at the head table during the Golden Gavel Luncheon and had “Lunch with Len” at the 67th Annual Convention, Palm Desert, California, August 19-22, 1998. The top three from District 42 received recognition at the Hall of Fame Pageant on August 21.

The keynote speaker was Jeanne Robertson who at 6’2” is the tallest contestant to not win the Miss America Crown. She is a former Miss North Carolina, who turned into a professional speaker as a result of that experience.

World Champion of Public Speaking Winner was Brett Rutledge with his speech “My Little World.” He represented Districts outside North America.



Distinguished Team receiving their recognition from International President Len Jury, DTM

Distinguished District

District 42 was one of 18 Districts in the world and one of two in Region IV to Achieve Distinguished status.

Region IV District Governors:

District 6: Shirley Daniel, DTM

District 17: Lorna Karn, CTM

District 19: Jacqueline L. Johanson, DTM

District 20: Gerald Ziesemer, ATM

District 24: Jacquelyn J. Gfeller, ATM-B

District 41: JoAnn M. Edstrom, DTM
(Distinguished District)

District 64: Ken Perrett, DTM



Members of District 42 at the international Convention in Anaheim joined International President Len Jury on stage to commemorate Distinguished District status. L-R: Len Jury, Brad Korbo, Dan Hardie, Linda Hawk, Fern Hardie, Ken Tanner, Therese Chauvin, Jacquie Schnider and Greg Archibald.



Special Events

District 42 Conference/Convention

The 1997 District 42 fall conference was held in Medicine Hat.

The 1998 District 42 spring convention was held in Edmonton with the theme "Passport to Success." I had the honour of presenting the District 42 Communication and Leadership Award to The Honourable Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.



Awards and Achievements:

The winners for the District 42 speech contests were:

International:	Helen Rokek
Humorous:	Jim Martin
Evaluation:	Sandra Langford
Table Topics:	Drew Kirk

The winners for the "Of the Year Awards" were:

Toastmaster:	Drew Kirk
Rookie:	Tony Cote
Sponsor:	Peter Kossowan
President:	Drew Kirk, Bridge City #5107
Club Bulletin:	"The Airdrie Discovery," Airdrie Discovery Club #6344, editor Yvonne Leduc
Area Governor:	Karen Haggarty
Division Governor:	Jacque Schnider

Educational Achievements

This was the transition year for the move from Able Toastmaster to Advanced Toastmaster awards. 1997-98 was the first year for the CL and AL Awards.

	World results:	District Results
CTMs:	15,174	339
ATMs:	5,687	225
DTMs:		406
CL:		2,539
AL:		88

Top 5 Distinguished Clubs

The Bridge City Club #5107 from Saskatoon, Drew Kirk President, finished 4th in the world for clubs with 20 to 29 members.

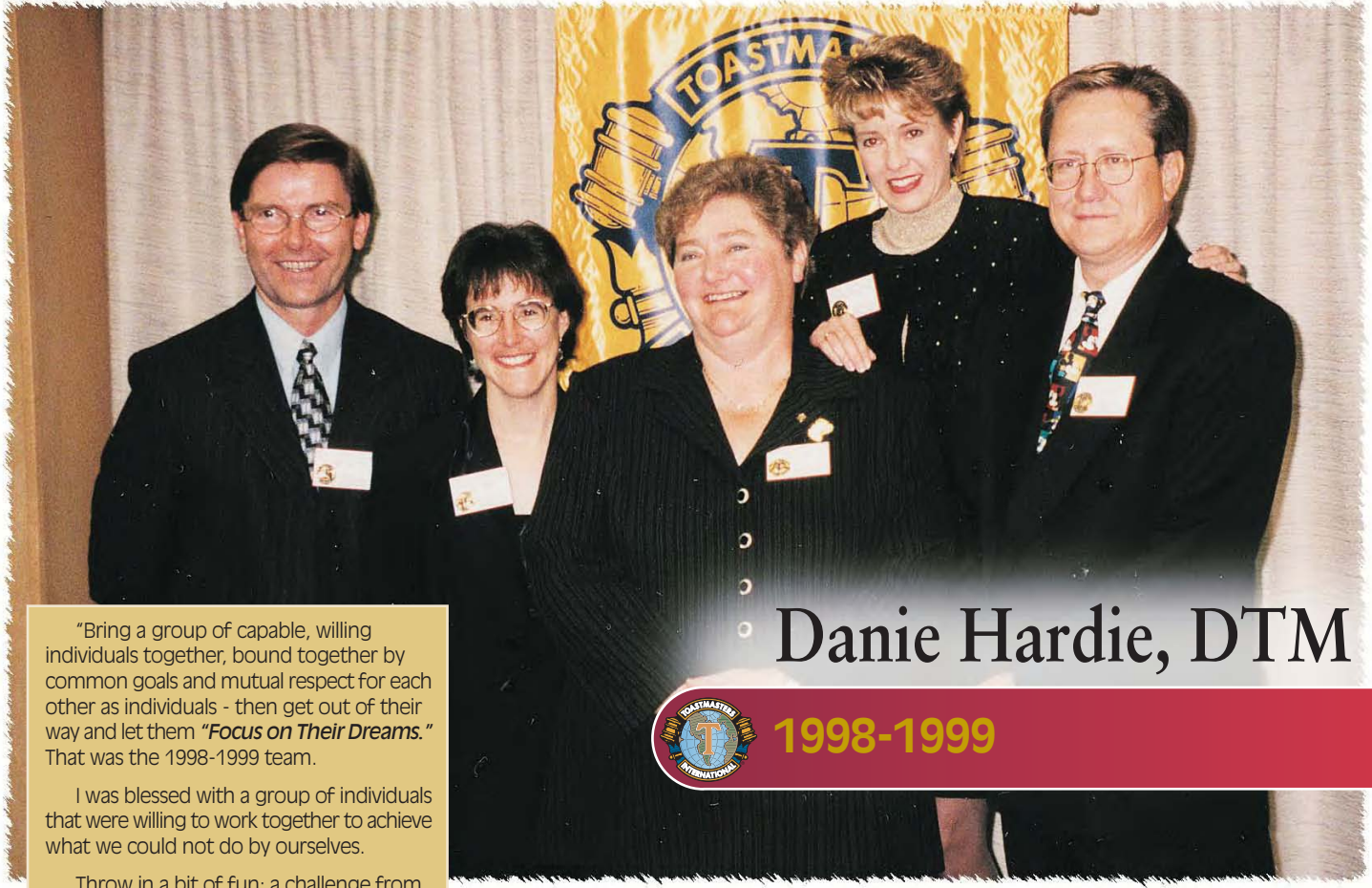
Past District Governors:

Back row: Buffy DaSilva, Liz Pasieka, Ron Chapman, Carol Blair, Ken Tanner, Tim Lambert, Neil Wilkinson
Front row: Peter Kossowan, International Director Joan Johanson, Melodye Kunnas, and ??? PDG from District 24 Nebraska.

Below

International Convention - New Orleans
District Governor Brad Korbo poses with some of the other celebrities present, Ed Sullivan, Cher, Scott Long (District 5) and PDG Ken Tanner.





Danie Hardie, DTM



1998-1999

"Bring a group of capable, willing individuals together, bound together by common goals and mutual respect for each other as individuals - then get out of their way and let them **"Focus on Their Dreams."** That was the 1998-1999 team.

I was blessed with a group of individuals that were willing to work together to achieve what we could not do by ourselves.

Throw in a bit of fun; a challenge from them, that when they achieved Distinguished District, I would wear a dress to the celebration dinner. Talk about mixed feelings about goals.

I tried to help them to remove the obstacles, real or imagined, that kept them from achieving the goals they set for themselves. I encouraged all of the team, senior executive and Division Governor's to be in constant contact with their own teams and to share the successes when possible.

And their success were many; eight Distinguished or better Divisions, 28 Distinguished Areas and 16 new clubs, there was always something to celebrate. The District team shared the pleasure of officiating at the charter celebrations, this also meant that we were able to make the most of our time and resources, and not spend all the time on the road.

They really kept working right up to the end, with two divisions chartering clubs in the last week to meet their goals.

Unfortunately, we did not make Distinguished District, fortunately I did not have a need to "Dress Up." But the year was a success, good friends made, new friends joined the District and many great memories to cherish forever.

*Danie Hardie DTM
District Governor, 1998-1999*

Focus On Your Dreams

The Leadership Team:

- Lt. Governor Education: Linda Hawk, DTM
- Lt. Governor Marketing: Karen Egge, DTM
- Past District Governor: Brad Korbo, DTM

District 42 consisted of nine Divisions led by the following Division Governors:

- Division A: Janet Rolfson, DTM (Select Distinguished)
- Division B: Edwin Haid, CTM (Select Distinguished)
- Division C: Terry Wight, ATM (President's Distinguished)
- Division D: Barry Matthews, ATM (President's Distinguished)
- Division E: Ross Welford, ATM-B (Select Distinguished)
- Division F: Ross McLean, ATM (Select Distinguished)
- Division G: Terry Egan, ATM
- Division H: Greg Archibald, ATM-S (Select Distinguished)
- Division J: Eric Jackson, ATM (Select Distinguished)

Of the 45 Areas, 28 were Distinguished or better.

In addition to the above District 42 leaders, the following appointments were made:

- Public Relations Officer: Jacquie Schnider, DTM
- District Treasurer: Howard Dudley, CTM
- District Secretary: Carolyn Bennet, ATM
- District Parliamentarian: Graham Hoard, DTM
- Prairie Horizons Editors: Nicole Saylor, CTM

1998-1999

Special Events

The year brought so many great events, starting with the chartering of the Grande Prairie Advanced Club and finishing with the chartering of a club in Moose Jaw just before the deadline in June 1999.

The Fall Conference in Calgary was literally a picnic (Teddy Bear's) with a team that worked together to make it an enormous success.

In February the Senior Executive reprised our Lip Sync entry from Calgary to win the contest at Variety Night in Edmonton.

Then in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan for the Spring Convention, we were asked to "Swing into Spring," as Arlene Jorgenson stepped things up as we celebrated another great year in the District.

At the International Convention in Chicago, Il in August Peter Kossowan was honoured for chartering or rescuing over 100 clubs in his TM history, truly a remarkable feat that has not been achieved or surpassed to date.

And it was in Chicago that I decided to let my name stand as a candidate for International Director from Region IV for 2000-2002, a new Dream to Focus on!



Awards and Achievements:

The District Citation Award was presented to Alice Hanlin, DTM.

At the 1999 International Convention, Peter Kossowan was recognized for chartering over 100 clubs, an international record.

The following are the 1998-1999 Of the Year Award recipients:

Rookie of the Year:	Pushtarajah Thavarajah
Toastmaster of the Year:	Tony Cote
Sponsor of the Year:	Peter Kossowan, DTM
Bulletin of the Year:	"The Chant," Chanticleer #8696 Steve Peckitt, CTM - Editor
Area Governor of the Year:	Molly Strickland, DTM
Division Governor of the Year:	Barry Matthews, ATM

The Top Clubs of the Year were:

40+ members:	Pursuers #6901, Edmonton
30-39 members:	Bridge City #5107, Saskatoon
20-29 members:	Athabasca Landing #9386, Athabasca
Less than 20:	Old North West #8990, Saskatoon



The Senior Executive at the 1998 Regional Conference in Bloomington, Minnesota at the start of the year: Linda Hawk, DTM. Karen Egge, DTM. Jacquie Schnider, ATM and myself take a break from training to go to the Mall of America.

Leadership Learnings

As team leader my achievements were the collective achievement of all the other team members. My success depended on them and I made it my goal to help them however I could.

I took every opportunity to add a little social interaction with my team, BBQ's, dinners, a little reward for their keeping their commitments, and I felt that it brought us together and strengthened the bonds between us.

Everyone had different strengths and weaknesses, work with each as an individual to make the most of their strong points and overcome the weak points.

I will always remember the good times and the good friends I made this year.

Thank you, team!



The International Convention in August was the culmination of a great year as District Governor, joining me in Chicago was; **Back Row:** Hans Egge, Karen Egge, Tony Cote, Jean Wilkinson, Neil Wilkinson **Middle Row:** Tim Lambert, Gloria Gordica, Carolyn Kaldy, Carrie Warren, Jacquie Schnider and Peter Kossowan **Seated:** Myself (Danie Hardie, DTM), Outgoing District Governor and Linda Hawk, DTM, Incoming District Governor..



Linda Hawk, DTM

1999-2000

In the crypts of Westminster Abbey, there is a verse written on the tomb of an Anglican Bishop from 100 A.D.:

As I grew older and wiser, I discovered that the world would not change,

So I shortened my sights somewhat and decided to change only my country.

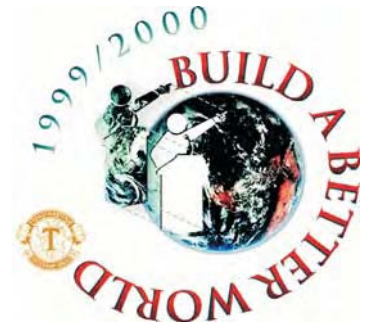
But, it too seemed immovable.

As I grew into my twilight years, in one last desperate attempt, I settled for changing only my family – those closest to me.

But, alas, they would have none of it.

And now, as I lay on my deathbed, I suddenly realized if I had only changed myself first, Then by example I might have changed my family.

From their inspiration and encouragement, I would than have been able to better my country, and who knows, I may even have changed the world.



Leadership Learnings:

The experience of serving as District Governor for District 42 is one that will likely never be surpassed. I will always cherish the friendships made and the support and encouragement from members across Alberta and Saskatchewan as I attempted to keep the communication and administration in balance.

The most important leadership role in a District the size of ours is, without a doubt in my mind, follow-up. Recognition of achievement also helped to build a feeling of contribution and pride in the organization.

Although the statistical results were not close to what I had hoped for as District Governor, I hope that in some way I was able to strengthen the commitment to growth through Toastmasters, and to people building people.

*Linda Hawk, DTM
District Governor 1999-2000*

The Leadership Team:

Lt. Governor Education & Training: Karen Egge, DTM
Lt. Governor Marketing: Drew Kirk, DTM
Immediate Past District Governor: Danie Hardie, DTM

District 42 consisted of 45 Areas, each with an Area Governor at the helm, and nine Divisions led by the following Division Governors:

Division A: Stacey Moynes, DTM
Division B: Connie Paus, DTM (President's Distinguished)
Division C: Larry Dahl, CTM
Division D: Marg (Probst) Faryna, DTM (Distinguished)
Division E: Frances Wach, CTM (Select Distinguished)
Division F: Greg Alcorn, DTM (Distinguished)
Division G: Spence Fawkes, ATM-G (Select Distinguished)
Division H: James Smith, CTM (Select Distinguished)
Division J: Bev Swan, ATM-G

In addition to the above District 42 leaders, the following appointments were made:

Public Relations Officer: Ross Welford, ATM-B
District Treasurer: Wiggert Hessels, CTM
District Secretary: Mavis Oberding, ATM
District Parliamentarian: Jack Boddington, DTM
Prairie Horizons Editors: Ron Pidskalny, ATM-B & Sandy Arndt, CTM

Each Division Governor appointed members within their Divisions to serve on a variety of committees including education, club extension, member recruitment and retention, public relations, and speech contests. Other committees were developed as needed by each Division.

1999-2000



Above: Members of the 1999-2000 Senior Executive: Drew Kirk, Lt. Governor Marketing, Linda Hawk, District Governor and Karen Egge, Lt. Governor Education and Training

Right: Ken Tanner, DTM, PDG and Gene Thompson, DTM, PDG both received Presidential Citations.



Awards and Achievements:

Our District made an excellent showing at the Hall of Fame at the 2000 Toastmasters International Convention. In addition, several District awards were presented to very worthy recipients.

- Rookie: Carol Spence
- Toastmaster: Thavarajah Pushparajah
- Sponsor: Cindy Kirk
- Club Newsletter: "The Schooner News",
Prairie Schooners #6372,
Editor: Richard Jackson
- Area Governor: Dave Rodwell, CTM
- Division Governor: Connie Paus, DTM
- President: Sharlene Smuk,
Treasure Chest, #1245
- Top 10 District Newsletter: Prairie Horizons
Editors: Ron Pidskalny
and Sandy Arndt
- Top 5 Member Building: Treasure Chest
Toastmasters #1245
- Top 10 Club Newsletter: "The Arrow"
Bowmen #2161
Editor: Rhys Davies
- Excellence in Education and Training: Karen Egge, DTM

In addition to these celebrations in Miami, District 42 was proud to witness one of it's own elected to the Toastmasters International Board of Directors – Past District Governor Danie Hardie, DTM.



Special Events

District 42 is known world-wide for it's well-attended and quality conferences.

Fall 1999 took toastmasters to Regina to celebrate "Hats Off to 2000!" In addition to a pre-celebration of the new year, we recognized the achievements of our members and were entertained by keynote speaker Dale Goldhawk, CTV's Ombudsman.

Winners of the speech contests were:

- Humorous – Janet Kwasniak
- Table Topics – Bob Rodgers

The Spring 2000 Convention was hosted by Calgary, and in the spirit of the year's theme, District 42 Toastmasters were challenged to "Build a Better World, One Person at a Time!" The new District leaders for 2000-2001 were elected, Calgary Chief of Police Christine Silverberg was presented with the Communication & Leadership award, and the Heritage Luncheon recognized both educational and leadership accomplishments as well as long-term Toastmaster members.

Winners of the speech contests were:

- International – Trina Bandi
- Evaluation – Lori Lund



Above: Members of the Golden Mountain Club # 0864 - hosted the Chinese New Year's celebration where Linda was the keynote speaker.

Left: Linda with International President Tim Keck, DTM at the International Convention in Chicago.



Karen Egge, DTM



2000-2001 Distinguished District



“Friends Helping Friends Succeed”

I started my District leadership journey from the far reaches of Northern Alberta as Lt. Governor of Marketing with the theme ‘Strengthen the Connection’ and had the wonderful opportunity to learn and train from extraordinary district officers on how to build a team across two provinces! When International President Jo Anna McWilliams chose the above theme our whole District was poised and eager to meet the challenge of Distinguished District or better. We were celebrating the new millennium with the goal of every Club, Area and Division Distinguished in District 42.

“But just what do we mean by ‘leadership’? It would appear to be the capacity to look ahead, think ahead, plan ahead, and then influence other people to go ahead on the plan.” Dr. Ralph C. Smedley

The Leadership Team:

Lt. Governor Education & Training: Drew Kirk, DTM
 Lt. Governor Marketing: Jacquie Schnider, DTM
 Immediate Past District Governor : Linda J. Hawk, DTM

District 42 consisted of 46 areas, each with an Area Governor at the helm, and nine Divisions led by the following Division Governors who also built support teams:

Division A: Tony Cote, DTM (President’s Distinguished)
 Division B: Faye Andrusiak, ATM-B (President’s Distinguished)
 Division C: Carolyn Kaldy, ATM-B (President’s Distinguished)
 Division D: Sami Fahmy, ATM-B
 Division E: Troy Wruck, ATM-B (Select Distinguished)
 Division F: Carol Litteljohn, DTM
 Division G: Gayle Oleksiak, ATM-G (Select Distinguished)
 Division H: Tony Prybysh, CTM
 Division J: Steven Yu, CTM (Select Distinguished)

At year end we also celebrated 25 Distinguished Areas, 8 Select Distinguished Areas and 2 President’s Distinguished Areas. There were 26 Distinguished Clubs, 22 Select Distinguished Clubs, and 26 President’s Distinguished Clubs as well as 26 new Charter Clubs.

2000-2001



Special Events

Our Fall and Spring Meetings are an exceptional opportunity for friends to gather and celebrate personal achievements, make new friends, attend valuable education sessions and have fun together through sing-a-longs, dancing lessons and hospitality rooms where you receive the best advice ever! Did I mention the late night PDG meetings and the Business meetings...reports indicate my chairing created great interest and unexpected laughter!

The Fall 2000 Conference was held in Grande Prairie with International Speech winner David Brooks back for a return visit.

Winners of the speech contests were:
Humorous – Loren Letourneau
Table Topics – Marg Faryna

The Spring 2001 Convention was hosted in Regina with guest speaker Arthur Black and the presentation of the District 42 Communication and Leadership Award presented to Curling Olympian Joan McCusker.

Winners of the speech contests were:
International – Brigid O'Shea
Evaluation – Connie Paus

I believe our officer training events fall into this category too. A lot of planning and travel was involved in these events and we really tried to provide good information and activities that would encourage, energize and build individual strengths as we worked together to serve the members in the District. Billet nights to the Tanner Manor and Hardie Hacienda are clear in my memory as well as the Kindersley Inn (8 years in a row!)

Finally, I wanted to mention the impact attending the Charter ceremony of new clubs had on me. I was able to attend 14 of the Charter nights and other District Officers attended the rest. To see a new group of people come together and use the tools of the toastmaster organization to advance their personal and sometimes company goals was so rewarding. We must never forget the importance of visiting and supporting our clubs especially when in a leadership role.

Awards and Achievements:

It was my honor on behalf of District 42 to receive the **Distinguished District** plaque in Anaheim, California. The achievement is shared with the District Governors before me as well as the outstanding team of Toastmasters I had the privilege to work with in 2000-2001. During the International Hall of Fame awards presentation we also received:

Excellence in Education and Training:	Drew Kirk, DTM
Excellence in Marketing:	Jacque Schnider, DTM
International Top Ten District Bulletin:	Marg Faryna/Shelley Veats

District awards were presented to:

Rookie of the Year:	Dorothy Hudson
Toastmaster of the Year:	Peggy Zubyk
Sponsor of the Year:	Della Bruce
Club Newsletter of the Year:	"The Fishcreek Bravehearts" #9035
Club President of the Year: (2) (Neil Wilkinson Award)	Terry Andriuk, Norwood #284 Jerry Bulmer, Athabasca Land #9386
Area Governor of the Year:	Dayle Bowman B42
Division Governor of the Year:	Troy Wruck Division E

Team Continued...

We also appointed other District leadership positions:

Public Relations Officer:
Barry Matthews, DTM
District Treasurer:
Wiggert Hessels, CTM
District Secretary:
Suzette Cabral-Mackey, CTM
District Parliamentarian:
Bill Wickson, DTM
Prairie Horizons Editors:
Marg Faryna, ATM-B,
Shelley Veats, CTM
District Chief Judge:
Greg Alcorn, DTM
Fall 2000 Conference Chair:
Gladys Blackmore, ATM-S
(Grande Prairie)
Spring 2001 Convention Co-Chairs:
Cindy Schwindt, ATM,
Robert Stedwill, DTM (Regina)

I would also recognize the outstanding work of our District Database Administrators Tim Lambert, DTM and Ken Tanner, DTM. Staying on top of all the stats required for effective tracking and training for a District this size is truly amazing.

Leadership Learning's

As I reflect on my extraordinary experience as District Governor some key points really stand out for me:

- A strong District needs to keep the focus on building strong clubs so members have positive experiences and receive value for their participation
- Building relationships and following up on situations is critical to team effectiveness
- Keep the investment in exceptional training opportunities
- The District Governor needs to be a keen listener and keep communicating the vision of the critical success factors when problem solving

Joining Toastmasters was like a college education for me. It helped build my career and continues to open doors for me professionally. The people I have met and worked with across Saskatchewan and Alberta are important to me and I am so proud to be part of a District where "Friends Help Friends Succeed"

Sincerely,
Karen Egge. DTM



Top: District 42 turned out in mass to wave both the District and the Canadian flag as they took the stage with District Governor Karen Egge, DTM to accept the Distinguished District award at the International convention in Anaheim, California.

Left: The District Team with their awards; Drew Kirk, Lt. Governor Marketing; Excellence in Marketing; Karen Egge, District Governor, Distinguished District and Jacquie Schnider, Excellence in Education.



Drew Kirk, DTM

2001-2002

“REACH FOR THE MOON”

was our District theme for the year which began with the Toastmasters International Convention in Anaheim, California. It seemed like a good destination to take the whole family along to on a road trip. Unfortunately, while camping at the Grand Canyon, my ten-year-old daughter Andrea became gravely ill and had to be airlifted to an intensive care unit in Phoenix where she was diagnosed with diabetic ketoacidosis. Andrea’s illness certainly put that Toastmasters year in perspective and helped me realize what was important and what wasn’t. I found inspiration throughout that year and ever since in seeing Andrea grapple daily with a new illness that would be with her for life.

I’m happy to report that as I write she’s doing well despite now having had diabetes for most of her life.

The Leadership Team:

Lt. Governor Education & Training: Jacqueline Schnider, DTM
Lt. Governor Marketing: Barry Matthews, DTM
Immediate Past District Governor: Karen Egge, DTM

Back in the early 2000’s the email and the internet were pretty new and communication was an odd mix of telephone, snailmail, and emailing. We had a great District team that year and I learned a lot from the leaders I worked with. It was a wonderful experience to meet so many Toastmasters around Saskatchewan and Alberta who truly reached for their own personal dream.

Leadership Learnings:

Ensure everyone is properly recognized for his or her accomplishments.

Be available and keep in touch with people.

See more in people than they see in themselves.

Plan, plan, plan.

2001-2002



C&L Luncheon - Drew Kirk, District Governor at the head table with the Honourable Lois Hole, Lt. Governor for the province of Alberta and Danie Hardie, DTM, International Director.

Awards and Achievements:

Excellence in Education and Training: Jacquie Schnider, DTM

District awards were presented to:

- Rookie of the Year: Helen Mah
- Toastmaster of the Year: Tim Burchill
- Club Newsletter of the Year: "Autumn Leaves" - Excel #8903
Juana Henriquez, Editor
- Neil Wilkinson-Club President of the Year: Judy Mooney, Canorators #6823
- Area Governor of the Year: Dan McCosh
- Division Governor of the Year: Anne Stewart
- Communication & Leadership Recipient: Hon. Lois Hole
- District Citation: Sheila Cooper, Fern Hardie, Glenn Walker

Contest Winners:

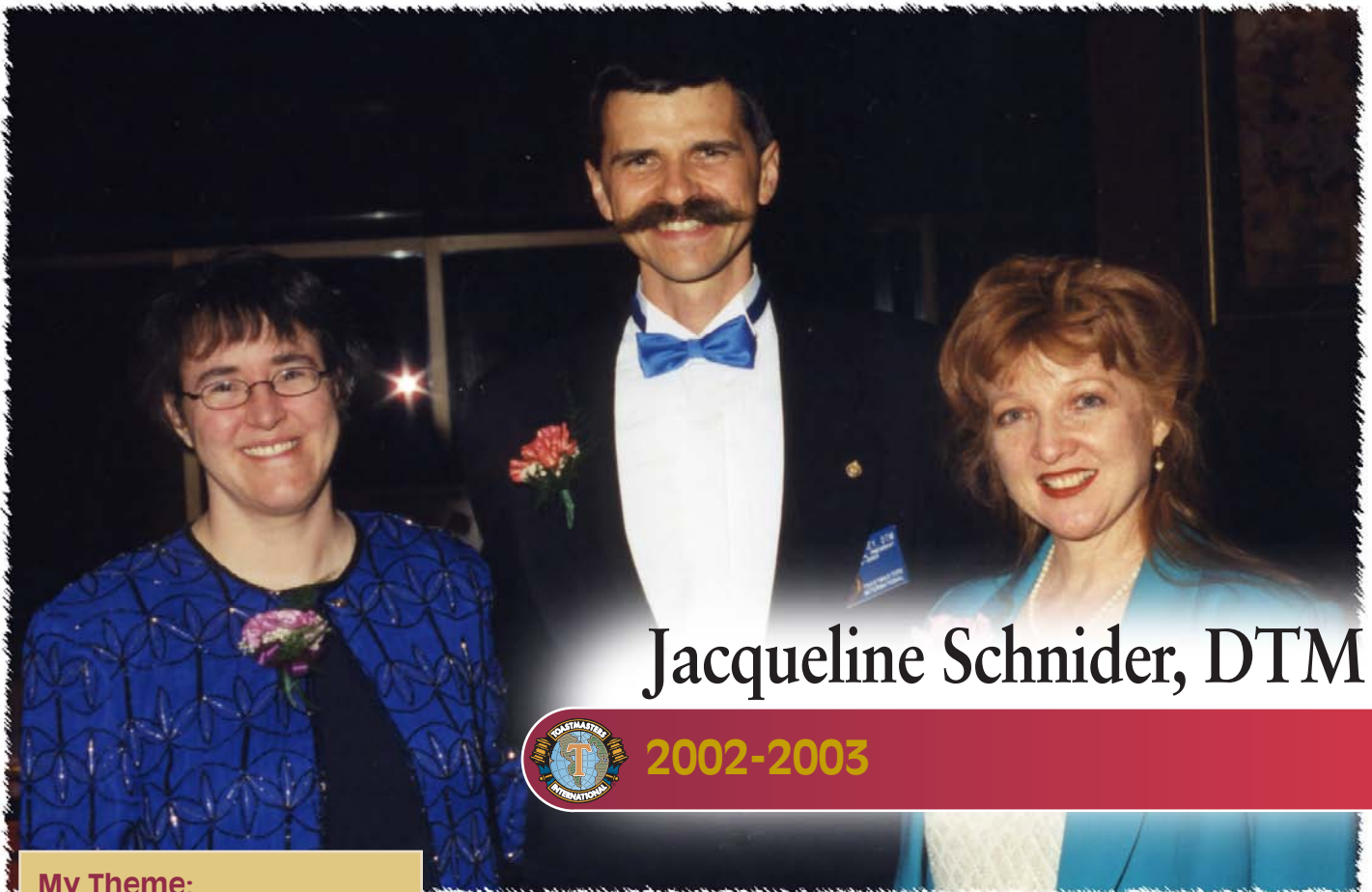
- International Speech: Rowena Romaro
- Humorous: Loren Letourneau
- Evaluation: Harvey Taphorn
- Table Topics: Shiraz Kanji



Above: Drew Kirk presents Past District Governor Karen Egge with her DG plaque for outstanding service.

Below: District Governor Kirk presides over the fun night at th Fall Conference.





Jacqueline Schnider, DTM



2002-2003

My Theme:

My theme for my year as District 42 Governor was “Bring out Your Best” emphasizing that everyone was the most important member in our organization. In meeting the communication and leadership goals of our individual members, we were all going to achieve phenomenal success.

What did I learn:

- People appreciate when you pay attention to them individually.
- Be prepared to speak without any notice
- People appreciate having you talk to them.
- Even if you do not achieve the “big” goal, there are always opportunities for caring, fun and bringing out the best in others.

*Jacquie Schnider
District 42 Governor 2002-2003*

The Leadership Team:

Lt. Governor Education & Training:	Barry Matthews, DTM
Lt. Governor Marketing:	Mavis Oberding, DTM
Immediate Past District Governor:	Drew Kirk, DTM
Public Relations:	Jeanne Antosh
Parliamentarian:	Glenn Walker
Secretary:	Colleen Ritchie
Treasurer:	Pat Grant

Division Leaders:

Division A	David Rodwell, DTM
Division B	Irene May, DTM
Division C	Marvin Henry
Division D	Peggy Zubyk, DTM
Division E	Joan McAulay
Division F	Craig Brenzan
Division G	Anthony Chim, DTM
Division H	Ilse Cramer
Division J	Mark Ward

All of the Area Governor positions were filled by Toastmasters who had a passion for communication and leadership and members.

2002-2003



Special Events

During the year we achieved
 CTM's
 ATM's
 1605 New members
 New clubs



Several clubs celebrated significant anniversaries which I was able to attend:

- 5th anniversary of the Thursday's Toasters Toastmasters
- 10th anniversary of the Valley Echo Toastmasters
- 15th anniversary of Pursuers Toastmasters where Danie Hardie, Past District Governor and Past International Director was honoured as a sponsor of the club
- 20th anniversary of CBA (spell it out)
- 25th anniversary of the Westwinds Toastmasters club where Irene May, past District ? was honoured as one of the sponsors
- 40th anniversary of
- 45 anniversary of
- 50th anniversary of Northern Lights Toastmasters which included an original charter member in attendance
- 55th anniversary of Wascana Toastmasters, the oldest club in the District

Several clubs were chartered as well during the year:

- Gospel Lights
- Nex to Speak
- High Level Toastmasters
- CTI Toastmasters
- Sunny South Speakers
- Colt Toastmasters
- ITE Toastmasters
- Mobility
- Le Club Bilingue

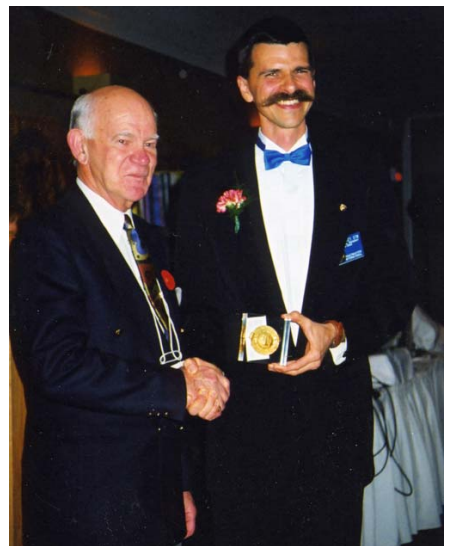
A Toastmasters presidential visit is always a highlight for any district. Gavin Blakey and his wife Bea from Australia honoured our district with a week filled with a variety of corporate and media visits. Calgary's hospitality shined starting with a "White Hat" welcome at the airport on their arrival. Gavin got to walk on water in Banff. Bea got to do some professional visits with Alberta Agriculture.



Jacquie and Past District Governor Buffy DaSilva



Jacquie and Past District Governors Linda Hawk (l) and Karen Egge (center)



International President Gavin Blakey recognized Peter Kossowan for his club building efforts.

Awards and Achievements:

Excellence in Education and Training:

Barry Matthews, DTM

District awards were presented to:

Rookie of the Year:

Tim Hubick

Toastmaster of the Year:

Lloyd Gwilliam

Sponsor of the Year:

Peter Kossowan

Club Newsletter of the Year:

"Autmn Leaves" - Excel #8903
 Juana Henriquez - editor

Neil Wilkinson-Club President of the Year:

Dorothy Hudson, Seven Seas #3296

Area Governor of the Year:

Darlene Davies

Division Governor of the Year:

Irene May, Division B

Communication & Leadership Recipient

Rev. Dale Lang

District Citation:

Bill Brown, Molly Strickland

Contest Winners:

International Speech

Todd Dyck

Humorous

Brad Maurer

Evaluation

David Benjatschek

Table Topics

Tim Detrich



Barry Matthews, DTM



2003-2004

Key Learnings:

I find it hard to express the learnings from this year. I gained so much as a leader and a person. I truly hope that I provided the venue for others to make their dream their possibility.

- I was pleased that I chose a historical person to base many of our learnings around. Earnest Shackleton was something that our members could relate to and helped them remember. I want to thank Drew Kirk for his example of using the Apollo adventure.
- I chose not to post goals for the year and to focus on the membership thinking with that the goals would be achieved. While I am still pleased we took less focus on the goal and more on the team, on reflection I wonder if I neglected those team members who use goals as a motivator.
- As my good friend Danie Hardie told me "Toastmasters is not real life." I am pleased that we had so many first timers taking on roles and that we had members trying things differently. Toastmasters is a learning organization let's make the most of it.

The Leadership Team:

Lt. Governor Education & Training:	Mavis Oberding, DTM
Lt. Governor Marketing:	Troy Wruck, ATM
Immediate Past District Governor:	Jacqueline Schneider, DTM
Public Relations Officer:	Linda White

Support Team

Treasurer:	Wiggert Hessels
District Secretary:	Leigh Mumford
Parliamentarian:	Carolyn Reilly
District Bulletin Editor:	Brenda Gordon Ginter
District Webmaster:	Jeff Sieben

Division Governors

Division A:	Willard Robitaille
Division B:	Mary Hewson
Division C:	Andrew Humphreys
Division D:	Michelle Devlin
Division E:	Robin Ingram
Division F:	Dan McCosh
Division G:	Heather Miller
Division H:	Jeff Scribner
Division J:	Rowena Romero



I wish there was room in this forum to list our area governors. They worked tirelessly helping our member Clubs and their members achieve their goals. We had the highest turn out to Area Governor training in recent years with 99% of our team being trained at the district events. I believe that was a great indicator of the level of commitment of the team. I know I hold fond memories of those days in Kindersly, Davidson and in the Otwell Church basement in Edmonton.

2003-2004



Theme and the thoughts behind it

I chose to support Ted Corcan's theme "Your Dreams are Your Possibilities" for two reasons. Firstly for me it was important to have a consistency with the International organization. The International organization was working hard at raising the brand of Toastmasters. Secondly I felt it was a good theme. The biggest reward in my opinion from Toastmasters is the ability to increase ones confidence level. Your dream may be to speak to a large group, or it may be to try skydiving. Either way Toastmasters can give you the confidence to live your dream.

I chose to model the theme around the explorer Earnest Shackleton. Shackleton was an explorer from the early 1900's. He was most famous for his attempt to reach the South Pole aboard his ship the Endurance. Although unsuccessful to reach the South Pole he was famous for his attention to his people. His commitment to bring all his men home safely was not common in those days. I had lots of fun bringing excerpts from Shackleton's journey into our Toastmaster events. From the feedback that I received from the members, they too had fun.

This add from Shackleton's adventure appeared in the first edition of Prairie Horizons in 2003.

"Men wanted for hazardous journey. Low wages, bitter cold, long hours of complete darkness. Safe return doubtful. Honour and recognition in event of success."

At the end of our term my team presented me with a framed picture of the Endurance with Earnest Shackleton's team's signatures around it and then framed with my team's signatures. This picture will always demand a prominent place in my home. I am truly grateful to have had the opportunity to work with so many great people.



Top: District Governor Barry leads the charge at the District Conference.

Bottom: District Governor Barry Matthews receiving his plaque from International President Joanna McWilliams

Awards and Achievements:

Excellence in Education and Training: Mavis Oberding, DTM

District awards were presented to:

Rookie of the Year:	Collin Greene
Toastmaster of the Year:	Anthony Chim
Sponsor of the Year:	Carol Litteljohn
Club Newsletter of the Year:	"The Kossowan Communicator" - Peter Kossowan Communicators, #1084 - Kim Burgess - Editor
Neil Wilkinson-Club President of the Year:	Jade Gritzfeld, Club 13, #6161
Area Governor of the Year:	Nandini Vankatesan
Division Governor of the Year:	Michelle Devlin, Division D
Communication & Leadership Recipient	Jim Gray

Contest Winners:

International Speech	Kathy Sheppard
Humorous	Mary McLean
Evaluation	Ilan Cooley
Table Topics	Shiraz Kanji





Mavis Oberding, DTM



2004-2005

Leadership Learnings:

The Leadership Team:

Lt. Governor Education & Training: Troy Wruck, ATM
Lt. Governor Marketing: Mona Cooley
Immediate Past District Governor: Barry Matthews, DTM

2004-2005

Special Events



Awards and Achievements:



Troy Wruck, ATM



2005-2006

Valued Lessons I learned.

It was truly an honor and a privilege to have been blessed with the opportunity to serve the members of District 42 as District Governor. I approached my role not as an expert, but as a student, and pursued it as though I was gaining a PHD in leadership and communication.

My experience really cannot be defined by a single year. The journey began at the club level when members breathed their confidence in me to serve beyond the club as an Area Governor. It was that experience that opened my eyes to the Toastmasters opportunity to develop a skillset that would prove to serve me well beyond this great organization. And it was the relationships developed during my Area and Division Governor terms that guided me to serve in the consecutive senior district officer positions that followed.

It is my sincere belief that Toastmasters teaches members how to take control of what becomes of our lives. Many join the organization solely to improve our confidence in speaking, but those of us who immerse ourselves in leadership opportunities, benefit far greater than ever imagined. ... *continued*



The Leadership Team:

Lt. Governor Education & Training:	Mona Cooley, DTM
Lt. Governor Marketing:	Larry Verbitsky, DTM
Immediate Past District Governor:	Mavis Oberding, DTM
Public Relations Officer:	Lynne Christenson, DTM

Support Team

Treasurer:	Deb Johnstone, ATM-S
District Secretary:	Joan McAulay, DTM
Parliamentarian:	Glenn Walker, DTM
District Bulletin Editor:	Rhys Davies, ATM-S
District Webmaster:	Rick Dola, CTM

Division Governors

Division A:	Fern Hardie, DTM
Division B:	Tim Hubick, ATM-S
Division C:	Chris Jessop, ATM-B
Division D:	Bill McKenzie, ATM-S
Division E:	Tim Burchill, DTM
Division F:	Leigh Mumford, DTM
Division G:	Douglas Kalin, DTM
Division H:	Carolyn Smith, ATM-B
Division J:	Judy Mooney, DTM

2005-2006



Awards and Achievements:

Toastmasters International

Excellence in Education and Training:

Presidential Citation:

International Top Ten District Bulletin:

Mona Cooley, DTM

Danie Hardie, DTM

Rhys Davies, Editor

District awards were presented to:

Rookie of the Year:

Toastmaster of the Year:

Sponsor of the Year:

Club Newsletter of the Year:

Neil Wilkinson-President of the Year:

Area Governor of the Year:

Division Governor of the Year:

District Citation:

Communication & Leadership Recipient:

Cindy Miller

Nandini Vanketesan

Roy Babiuk

"Petals and Sepals" - Wild Rose #5374
(Editor: Teja Singh)

Gerda Timm, Fluor Communicators, #3950

Greg Gazin

Judy Mooney (Division J)

Grant Hanna

Kenneth Charlette

Speech Contest Winners:

International:

Humorous:

Evaluation:

Table Topics:

Allan Goff

Rowena Romero

Nandini Venkatesan

Bob Elwood



District Governor Troy Wruck and his wife Alissa.

Watching numerous new members, who needed encouragement to take on club leadership roles, later do wonderful things in their communities and professional lives was the philosophical foundation behind my chosen theme "Designing Your Desitiny".

Years later while reflecting back on what I learned, I could fill a book or two on my lessons. However, here is a summary of key learnings my apprenticeship taught me:

- Relationships were the cornerstone of my success. By helping friends and colleagues every opportunity that I could, I found they would reciprocate. It was the same friendships developed during my Area and Division Governor terms, that I relied on most during my District Governor term.
- Aligning my actions with priorities. For me, that means family and close friends come first. During my successive terms as District Governor, I sometimes allowed my pursuit of District values to suppress those of my family's. While there is something to be said about becoming laser-focused on accomplishing a goal, I learned not to do so at the expense of something I value greater.
- Less can be more. While it may seem like a contradiction, this is one of my greater lessons learned. Working 7 days per week, continuously, I exhausted myself. In my career today, I work only 5 days per week and by recharging I find I can accomplish more. The same principle applies to sending long (or too many) emails or speaking too long – you will lose members of your audience and fewer will understand the message.
- Being cautionary towards naysayers. Everyone knows it's important to filter out the complainers, however, I found this easier said than done. By the time I became District Governor I learned the importance of accepting criticism gracefully. Learning to discern the difference between a complainer and a valid complaint allowed me to focus energy where it mattered.
- Being cautionary towards the YAYSayers. I also learned it is equally important to be cautionary towards the yaysayers--those who supported me frequently. Making decisions for the greater good, when unpopular with those whom have been helpful and supportive, forces you to decide between doing what you feel is right and pleasing people who you respect. When we decided to stop publishing the printed version of Prairie Horizons, the decision was not popular with some influential members whose opinions I valued.

But it saved the District thousands and I think time has proven it to be a very good choice. Nonetheless, it was difficult to oppose those whom I respected.

To conclude, I quote Frank Sinatra in his famed song *My Way*:

"Regrets, I've had a few. But then again, too few to mention. I did what I had to do and saw it through without exemption. I planned each charted course, each careful step along the byway. And more, much more than this, I did it my way."

It was only through my Toastmasters experiences that led up to becoming District Governor that I was able to serve District 42 with enthusiasm and confidence. This has impacted me positively, beyond Toastmasters in my personal life and profession. I am passionately grateful to every member who nudged, prodded, and maybe even pushed me a little along the way. For it was your confidence in me, when I didn't have enough myself, that has helped define who I now am.



Mona Cooley, DTM



2006-2007 Distinguished District

Distinguished District:

On June 29, 2007 District 42 achieved **Distinguished** status thanks to the dedicated efforts of the entire District over the past six years.

In 2006-7, District 42 surpassed its Club Extension, Membership Growth, Competent Communicator and Advanced Communicator goals.

Goal	Achieved
Competent Communicator	
312	364
Advanced Communicator	
89	184
Membership Payments	
9104	9175
Club Extension	
249	251

The team of 9 Division Governors, 47 Area Governors, the Brassy 4, 40+ district assistants (see attachment) and every single club member "dug deep" to achieve the victory of being distinguished.

The Leadership Team:

Lt. Governor Education & Training: Larry Verbitsky, DTM
 Lt. Governor Marketing: Joan McAulay, DTM
 Immediate Past District Governor: Troy Wruck, ATM

District 42 was part of an International Record Breaking Year for achieving goals.

	Goal	Achieved
Clubs	10,800	11,304
Membership	215,000	226,033

New Clubs chartered 1024 – another new record
4822 clubs achieved Distinguished or better - up 1% from last year
Educationals soared to 40,804, up 2% from last year

District 42 was the only District in Region 4 to be Distinguished.

Larry Verbitsky achieved Excellence in Education and Training
 Joan McAulay achieved Excellence in Marketing
 5 Divisions achieved President's Distinguished)
 21 Areas achieved Distinguished or better
 82 Clubs achieved Distinguished or better.
 Simply Amazing!

Larry, Joan, Anthony Chim PRO, Division Governors and Area Governors kept their sights on the Vision *To be Distinguished* and the Mission *Lead with Purpose, Communicate with Confidence.*"

2006-2007



Highlights

- Attending Charter Parties, Club Anniversaries and Division J's 10th Anniversary
- Attending the International Convention in Washington to watch Rhys Davies eagerly step on stage to accept the Award for Top 10 District Newsletter and to accept the award for Excellence in Education and Training on behalf of Larry Verbitsky
- Attending all the Spring Division Contests in Edmonton – even though I went in circles
- Attending the 3 Fall Division Contests in Southern Alberta, enjoying the special cake brought by Division G
- Organizing visits to Grande Prairie, Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, Saskatoon and Regina from the District Team
- Speaking French at the Inspiration Bilingue charter party
- Being treated to dinner at the Saskatoon Berry Farm by Division Governor Philip Asea and a team of people. A special tour of a special island outside of Saskatoon
- Attending the Legislature in Regina, touring the Legislature and being introduced by Minister Hagel as the District 42 Governor at the Legislature. Speaking to Minister Hagel for 10 minutes
- Hosting the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, His Honour Dr Barnhart and Her Honour Mrs Barnhart at the Regina Spring Convention.
- Attending the Lethbridge Fall Conference with a special tour and meeting at the Naturally Speaking Club
- Being interviewed by the Provost News and being rewarded with 3 full pages documenting the District Training
- Training incoming Division and Area Governors at Grande Prairie, giving the Keynote address on Leadership, witnessing the energy of Division H adding more tables for their trainings, enjoying being hosted by Carrie Warren with her special breakfast of eggs and dinner with Division Governor Carol Edwards and a team of people.
- While attending the Grande Prairie officers training, I welcomed Albert Alexander, who was in the process of forming a club at the Grande Cache Institution. Clubs are being formed in institutions in the States with success. This will be our first when they charter
- Climbing a 27-foot pole at the Red Deer Training, standing on top of the pole and leaping into space to slap the duck for the third year in a row!
- Receiving a call from International President Johnny Yu at 5:00 AM congratulating District 42 on achieving Distinguished District status





- Receiving phone calls and emails from Members throughout the District telling us they have another CC, AC, or more members. It was very rewarding and exciting to know the members were supporting the District team all the way to Distinguished
- Sitting at the Head Table at the Golden Gavel Luncheon on August 16, 2007 in Phoenix, Arizona
- Standing on stage in Phoenix at the Toastmasters International Convention on August 17, 2007 with District representatives – Danie Hardie, Ken Tanner, Linda Hawk, Carolyn Kaldy, Pierre and Maria DuPlessis, Larry Verbitsky and Joan McAulay. Jacquie Schnider was supporting us in the wings while she gained knowledge of her new role as Chairman for the International Convention in Calgary in August 2008.
- Shaking hands and receiving hugs from the Region 4 team who stood at the base of the stage to congratulate us - which caused me to cry with joy
- Having Region IV sing Happy Birthday to me on August 18 at 7:30 AM at the Region IV meeting with a piece of cake and card included
- Standing on stage in Phoenix, Arizona was a proud moment. It was an honour to represent District 42's 4300+ members, 50 areas, 9 Divisions and 251 clubs.
- District 42, you showed how to *Lead with Purpose, Communicate with Confidence*. You are Simply Amazing!!
- Thank you kindly for your contribution and support throughout the three years I was in office. **It has been the best learning experience of my life.** Now, I am moving forward to continue to apply my skills by helping families with mental illness.



New Initiatives

New Initiatives were implemented such as:

- Phoning 12 and under clubs to determine what help they needed
- Mailing out Bookmarks promoting Toastmaster Leadership Institutes
- Calling clubs that were close to achieving Distinguished
- Hosting District Trainings in new locations – Provost and Camrose
- Following the District Assistance Plan initiated by Toastmasters International
- Adopting Areas Working Together suggested by Jennifer Johnson
- Scheduling monthly conference calls including the Brassy 4 and Division Governors
- Focusing on Succession Planning. In her year, Mavis Oberding PDG made a decision to work on achieving Distinguished. Troy Wruck PDG established a solid foundation for this year's success. There is a 3-year plan in place to continue being Distinguished
- Adopting a District Plan focusing on Communication, Membership, Club Extension, Coaching and Recognition
- Conducting train the trainer sessions with the guidance of Dave Maller
- Using the Talent Search to get a list of potential leaders and assistants
- Recognizing the achievements of clubs with banners, timing lights, lecterns and educational material



- Recognizing the achievements of clubs with banners, timing lights, lecterns and educational material
- Increasing awareness of Toastmasters by promoting the use of 5 display booths throughout the District
- Promoting Summer Sunshine clubs – encouraging clubs to continue over summer
- Promoting 7 out of 7 – rewarding clubs who had all 7 officers trained
- Focusing on enhanced Club Officer Training throughout the District
- Improving the website making it easier to access information
- Publishing 4 Prairie Horizons newsletters focusing on 4 themes - Lead, Purpose, Communicate, and Confidence - with Division Governors putting in articles about their Division's activities
- Initiating Podcasts - thanks to Greg Gazin
- Conducting Focus Groups throughout the district to better understand if we were meeting the members needs. This initiative was highlighted in the Toastmasters International Bulletin.

Awards and Achievements:

Excellence in Education and Training: Larry Verbitsky, DTM
 Excellence in Marketing: Joan McAulay, DTM

District awards were presented to:

Rookie of the Year:	Natalie Kelly, Mountain Mumblers
Toastmaster of the Year:	Rhys Davies, Fun Speakers
Sponsor of the Year:	Peter Kossowan
Club Newsletter of the Year:	"The Telegram" - Telecommunicators #2158 Karen Tober - editor
Neil Wilkinson-Club President of the Year:	Patricia Rijavec, Fun Speakers
Area Governor of the Year:	Myrna Cretney, D7
Division Governor of the Year:	Carol Edwards, Division H
Communication & Leadership Recipient	Pat Fiacco
District Citation:	

Contest Winners:

International Speech	Allan Goff
Humorous	Russ Dantu
Evaluation	Carolyn Kaldy
Table Topics	Nandini Venkatesan



Our District theme for the 2010-2011 year was *Catch Your Second Wind*, it was not about starting over, nor a new beginning, and not about having to have failed first. It was about transformation, getting off the treadmill and moving forward and taking that first step. Many members in District 42 embraced that as we saw many first steps and incredible transformations in individuals and clubs.

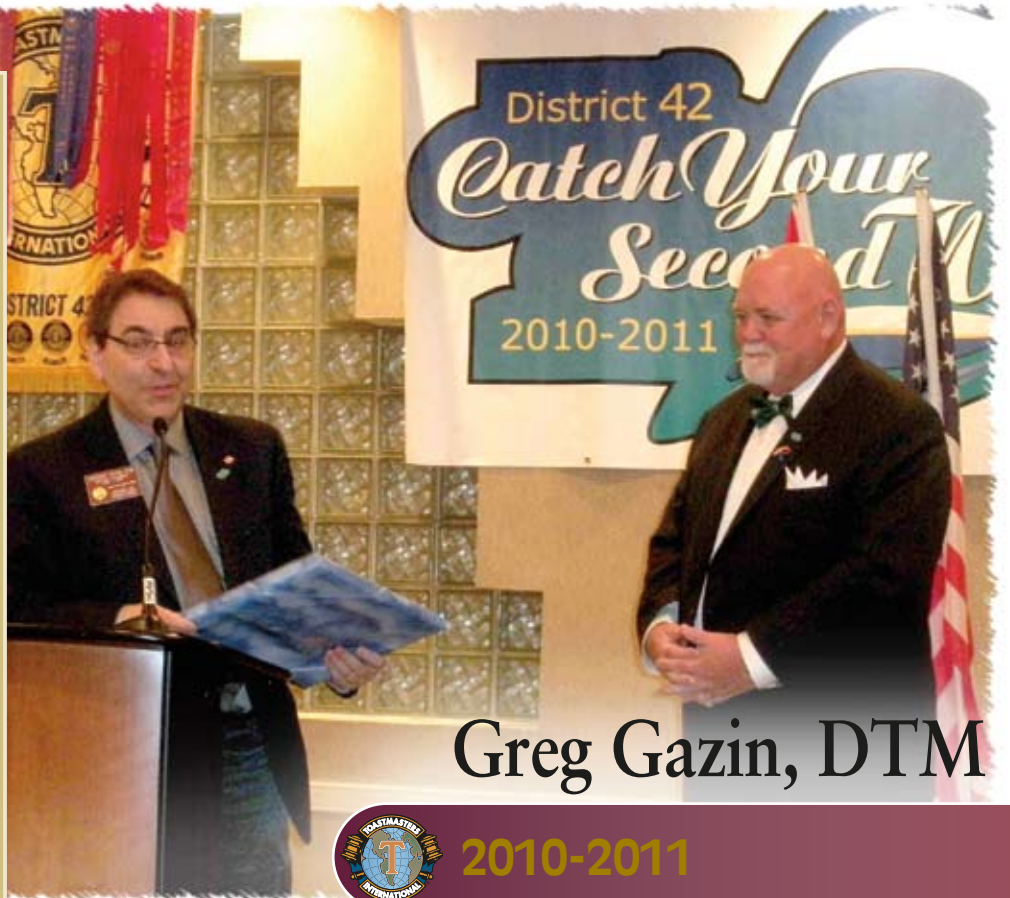
For our District, it meant becoming Distinguished and taking our geographically dispersed District and a vision of *Achieving Greatness Together* (International theme) by focusing on improving the quality and achieving consistency in Education & Training district-wide.

One method was with the boot camp. By using a pre-conference setting and delivering a train the trainer session lead by its creator Elaine Saxer-Gillies they were more successful this year District wide.

We didn't quite meet our goals. We fell short on clubs and member payments, still feeling the pain of the economic downturn and having entire clubs wiped out by corporate downsizing. On a positive note, the new reality also led to monitoring of retention rates to more club coaches being appointed and leads generated which were to bear fruit in 2011-2012.

Furthermore, we did however, blow away our CC goal and doubled our expected AC goal. There were 11 DTM awards including Willard Robitaille's 3rd. There were 49 Triple Crown awards lead by Doris Henn with 10 designations and three other members with 5 each.

We did add 6 new clubs. While each one is special, one that certainly came close to my heart was the arrival of Chrysalis Social Butterflies in Edmonton. Chrysalis is an organization for people with disabilities. The club was formed to serve staff, volunteers and clients. It chartered with 31 members; 27 were clients. Alvin Law, an incredibly dynamic motivational speaker born without arms, keynoted the charter party.



Greg Gazin, DTM



2010-2011



2010-2011

The Leadership Team:

Lt. Governor Education & Training
 Lt. Governor Marketing
 Immediate Past District Governor
 Public Relations Officer

Chuck LeBlanc, DTM
 Don Francis, DTM
 Tim Hubick, DTM
 Jade Gritzfeld, DTM

Support Team

Secretary
 Treasurer
 Parliamentarian
 Prairie Horizons Editor

Bev Ward, DTM
 Cindy Westergreen, DTM
 Brad Korbo, DTM
 Jay Atienza, ACS

Division Governors

Division A
 Division B
 Division C
 Division D
 Division E
 Division F
 Division G
 Division H
 Division J

Judy Szpreglewski, DTM
 Doris Dunphy, DTM
 Iris Talbot, ACS, AL
 Sharon Maclise, DTM
 Cecile Coppens, ACG, CL
 Alice Elliot, DTM
 Bev LeBlanc, DTM
 Katherine Sheppard, ACS, CL
 Keith Lee, ACS, ALB



The Youth Leadership Program in Northern Alberta received significant community support as businessman, philanthropist and former Edmonton Toastmaster Larry Anderson made a generous donation of \$10,000 to cover YLP materials and marketing over a period of 5 years.

District 42 has always been ahead of the wave with the adoption of technology. Of course being the Gadget Guy, I'm a huge proponent. We continued this tradition to benefit our members by implementing its use not only in day to day operations, but within Education, Training and of course Communications & Public Relations. We spread our reach to D42 members and other Toastmasters around the world as we sent out regular tweets on Twitter and updated our Facebook community page with exciting news and important information. 2010-2011 saw District 42 hold its first ever webinar training session.

What I learnt on this journey and the years leading up to today would fill chapters in a book, but to take on what amounts to a CEO Leadership role for a Gadget Geek like me who once upon a time preferred to sit behind a keyboard has been life altering. As I've said publicly, leadership for me was never on my radar, let alone becoming a District Governor.

I still have to pinch myself sometimes to see if it's real.

It was however quite a ride, at times smooth sailing, but there also were ups and downs and bumps in the road along the way with some challenges being quite tough, and quite uncomfortable.

But it's Toastmasters, the program, the people – coaches, mentors and members - working as a team with your team that can help you through. You may not be successful at each step and you can't do it all in one year but in many cases you are planting the seeds for the future.

In Toastmasters, we truly learn by doing.

While we didn't meet 100% of our goals, I felt we were still successful and I'm proud of my incredible team. Many clubs and members caught their second wind – growing, learning and transforming. We heard of promotions, new careers, renewed confidence and better relationships. Some of our other achievements have been highlighted below.

So when you hear the success stories and see those results, you forget those days you might want to pull your hair out. You say to yourself – this is so worthwhile.

Transformation was not just in D42. This was the year that saw Toastmasters expand 14 regions (from 8 plus DNAR) and the first time all District Top 3 from around the world were trained together in Palm Desert at the International Convention in August. We also moved to a monthly budget. The new year also saw the election of our own Jacquie Schneider as International Director from Region IV.

Of the Year Awards

Rookie Toastmaster	Barbara Cipriano – OEM Speech Wagon
President	Doris Henn – Bottom Line
Bulletin of the Year	Laura Kennett - Pipe Up
Area Governor	David Wing – Chinook Winds
Division Governor	Lorraine Wheatley - Area 26
	Alice Elliott - Division F

District Citation Award

Elaine Saxer-Gillies
(for Toastmasters Boot Camp)

Communication & Leadership Award

Fall:	Andrew Brash
Spring:	Jim Hopson

Contest Winners

Humorous	Garrett Ulmer - Igniters Club
International	Kevin Mark - MVP Advanced Club
Table Topics	Kelly Kaur - Singles and Friends
Evaluation	Kelly Kaur - Singles and Friends

Major Accomplishments New Initiatives

- **23 Milestone Anniversaries:** Seven Seas (50), Pile O Bones (45), Foresters (40), Power Speakers and Evergreen (35). Three others celebrated 30 years; Nine clubs at 25 and six at 20 years!
- **Major PR Initiative/Contest:** Capture Your Second Wind - Use the power of story and YouTube to share how Toastmasters helped you Catch Your Second Wind. Over 100 videos were shot. Winner received a custom Flip camera.
- **Introduced Pre-Conference Train the Trainer & Fireside Chat.** The 1st resulted in successfully delivering Toastmasters Bootcamp in all Divisions; the second spun-off the District's first Webinar as a follow up.
- **Redefined PRO Role as a Project Management Role** overseeing the website, Prairie Horizons, Toast-Blast and Social Media as we continue to embrace technology and introducing the active use of Social Media; Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Blog
- **Introduced Go Getter Award:** early recognition of DCP achievements for clubs that achieved 5 DCP goals by Jan 15th.
- **Introduced the Triple Crown Award:** Recognition of members who achieved obtained 3 or more designations during the Toastmasters year. We ended the year with 49.
- **Introduced a Tracking System** monitored by the LGM to track match potential Sponsors, Mentors and Coach candidates with Clubs that need them.



Above: Chrysalis Social Butterflies - charter members



Keith Lee, DTM

Key Learnings:

Move with Purpose – the words we choose for ourselves can help focus our work. The Time, Recognition, Example and Encouragement given by District and Club Leaders motivated me through a challenging year. Having clarity of vision about what we wanted to achieve enabled us to Move With Purpose and exceed our initial goals.

Mentors Matter: We could not have achieved our goal if not for the tremendous support and focus within the trio and District Leader team. Doris Henn is a personal hero to me for her incredible focus and strategic savvy; I appreciate the mentorship and support from PDG Chuck Leblanc.

Leave a Legacy: The Prairie Horizons team led by Carol Harrison, DTM, produced four amazing issues of the district bulletin this year that helped recognize achievement and success within the District. The combination of stories, photographs and tips served as testament to the hard work and dedication of members within D42.



2013-2014 select Distinguished District

The Leadership Team:

- Lt. Governor Education & Training: Doris Henn, DTM
- Lt. Governor Marketing: Marg Faryna, DTM
- Immediate Past District Governor: Chuck Leblanc, DTM
- Public Relations Officer: Geetha Nicodemus, DTM
- District Secretary: Christina Kruis, DTM
- District Treasurer: Shannon Vinter, DTM
- Webmaster: Eloise Blackstock, DTM
- Prairie Horizons Editor: Carol Harrison, DTM

- Division Governors**
- Division A: Kamran Akbarzadeh, DTM
 - Division B: Brian Smyth, DTM
 - Division C: Abraham George, ACS, ALB
 - Division D: Wang Yip, ACG, ALB
 - Division E: Lynne Marr, CC, ALB
 - Division F: Willard Robitaille, DTM
 - Division G: Rochelle Anderson, CC, CL
 - Division J: Johnathan Bauer, ACG, ALB

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Move with Purpose/The Power of TREE

District 42 achieved Select Distinguished status for the second year in a row, and was a Distinguished District for a third year in a row, earning the “Excellence in Leadership” award for the District from Toastmasters International. This was only possible due to the invaluable leadership of Past District Governor Chuck Leblanc, DTM for 2011-12 and 2012-13, as well as the pioneering strategies of Doris Henn, DTM, who provided an incredible example of how collective success is achieved through mobilizing individuals to pursue personal goals that dovetail with the interests of many.

There were 22 new clubs chartered in District 42, bringing the total number of clubs to 285. Of these, a whopping 134 clubs achieved Distinguished status or better, including 38 Distinguished clubs; 39 Select distinguished, and 57 Presidents Distinguished.



Special Events

Increased support for smaller centres including Red Deer, Grande Prairie and Fort MacMurray. Credit to Doris Henn for leading teams to conduct club officer training and district leader training in these centers.

District incentives focused on combinations and synergistic award achievement esp CC/CL, CL/ALB, Triple Crown.

District support of Youth Leadership, Speechcraft and Open House efforts.

Emphasis on Club Fitness – administrative integrity – ensuring members are accounted for with TI and information up to date.

Great work by club sponsors and mentors to charter 22 new clubs in District 42.

Amazing efforts by 20 club coaches to support 14 clubs to reach Distinguished status or better.

Use of Anymeeting, webinars, Survey-monkey and other technology to facilitate communication with members and district leaders.

Outstanding conventions! Unforgettable experience in Fort McMurray focused on “Mining Your Potential” – special thanks to Convention Chairs Pierre Du Plessis, DTM, Larry Andrews, DTM and Sangeeta Hull, CC, as well as keynote speaker Anne Barab. Tons of fun at Edmonton Spring Convention -- reminding us that “Leaders are Forever”—special thanks to Convention Co-Chairs Greg Laskey, DTM, Juliana Wafula, CC, and Ken Buchanan, ACS, ALB.

Awards and Achievements:

District awards were presented to:

Rookie of the Year:	Adam MacDonald
Toastmaster of the Year:	Carol Harrison, DTM
Public Relations of the Year:	Fluor Communicators #3950 VP PR: Wanda Weston
Neil Wilkinson-Club President of the Year:	Judy Young, Kakwa Toastmasters Club, #3068
Area Governor of the Year:	Mary Schoendorfer, ACG, ALB
Division Governor of the Year:	Johnathan Bauer, ACG, ALB

Contest Winners:

International Speech	Johnathan Hallett, ACB, ALB
Humorous	Jackie Diemert, CC, ALB
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