

TEAMWORK

Our Road to the Presidents Distinguished Club Award

A repeat performance for the second time...



Toastmaster International offers three levels of club awards: Distinguished; Select Distinguished; and Presidents Distinguished club. The latter being the most cherished award a club can receive.

Members of our club worked hard during 2003-2004 to reach that highest award, **Presidents Distinguished Club**. We are on-track again in 2004-2005 to achieve the award again. We gained over twelve new members since July 1, 2004 as more people attend our meetings to improve their speaking and leadership skills. Almost all of our new officers for the January through June term are new members working on their CTM and CL awards. We have members at many levels of experience from beginners to Advanced Toastmasters. We all work together to help one-another with strong mentoring and support activities. Many of our members have participated and won Speech Contests. More importantly, our members become more productive and effective in their life ambitions. Our members, that's our roadmap to success!

Presidents Distinguished Club

Toastmasters International establishes ten annual goals that every club works towards for the three levels of club awards mentioned in the main article. Every club achieving five goals is eligible for Distinguished Club status. A club achieving seven goals is in the next group, Select Distinguished Club.

The highest level is Presidents Distinguished Club. A club must work hard to meet nine or all ten goals for this award.

Only clubs that work hard and strive for excellence, by definition, can reach this award.



President's Tip -- Yvonne Devine (ATM-S)



The Speaker's Waltz

When we speak, we often find ourselves required to move around the room to accomplish a variety of delivery objectives. Examples include: to engage audience members seated in different areas of the room; to check our notes that may set on the

lectern; demonstrate a prop; read from materials; or advance a presentation slide. As Toastmasters, we know our objective is to avoid turning away from the audience and risk losing audience attention, and yet, we sometimes feel awkward

or step on ourselves trying to get around the room.

TIP - Before you are called upon to speak, practice "the speaker's waltz" by stepping sideways and walking backward so that throughout any talk, you are able to comfortably move around the room and still maintain eye contact with your audience.

DID YOU KNOW?

Four new members have joined our club since the beginning of the year. Welcome Monique Cordeau, Michael Munyer, Harry Riback, and Carole Herbster.

Seventy years separates the age of our oldest and youngest member.

Tanis Brown (CTM & CL), Bridgette Keene (CTM), Diana Sanchez (ATM-B), Yasuko Shirakawa (CTM), and Michael Yee (CTM & CL) are charter members of our club. All served as past officers.

Maurizio Borsoto (former Sgt. At Arms) has decided to return to Italy with his family. He will be missed.

OUR AWARD WINNING TM'S

Recently ribbons were awarded to...

Best Speaker: Nancy Bennett, April Horton, and Mark Cogger.

Best Table Topics: Cy Chadley, Carole Herbster, and Lela Hankins

Best Evaluator: Maurizio Borsotto, Michael Yee (CTM & CL), Diana Sanchez (ATM-B), and Cy Chadley



UPCOMING EVENTS



Our Area 23 Governor, Kathleen Coso, will be here on February 23, 2005.

The Area Speech and Evaluation Contest is scheduled for April 2, 2005. Please contact Dale or Yvonne if you desire to volunteer to represent the club in either the speech or evaluation portion of this contest.