

# TEAMWORK

## Member Spotlight

*Loren Bailey (CTM & CL)*



Loren Bailey has been a member of Twin Oaks Toastmasters since August of 2000. We have missed him over the last few months and are pleased that he plans to return in the next few weeks. Loren works as a security guard and finds that Toastmasters has given him more confidence dealing with the public. Loren's aims are to improve his confidence before a group and to speak succinctly. He is currently just four speeches shy of his ATM-Bronze.

Loren has contributed valuable leadership and service to our club. As the Twin Oaks President in 2003, Loren established the club goal of earning the President's Distinguished Award. With his inspiration, Twin Oaks earned this prestigious award for the first time in 2004. (Happily, we are on track to earn it again for 2004-2005.) In addition to President, Loren has also served as Sergeant at Arms, VP of Education, and VP of Membership.

While Loren remembers earning his CTM as his "first successful achievement" in Toastmasters, he also fondly remembers speaking to a club in Hawaii while on vacation there. He called it "an exciting experience" because it was the first time he had given a speech to a group other than the Twin Oaks club. Loren recommends visiting and speaking to other clubs. It is a terrific way to challenge ourselves, broaden our horizons, and meet people all over the world!



### *Club Elections News*



Are you contemplating serving as an officer for Twin Oaks Toastmasters?

Officer service is great experience for the individual and invaluable to the club. Elections will be held May 11 to May 17 for the July 1 – December 31, 2005 term.

Submit nominations to Jennifer Helgren, chair of the nominating committee, and let the officers know of your interest in running.

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



**Creating an Introduction**

Prior to introducing ourselves or speaking, it is useful to think about "our perspective" and what unique credentials or characteristics we bring to the audience. Ask yourself, "Who Am I?" for this activity or event. If you are speaking to a group of young children, you may present one set of characteristics; if you are speaking to adults from your profession, other credentials may be more important. When you are provid-

ing a Toastmaster or other program narrator with an introduction, think about what aspects of you or your life are most pertinent to the objective(s) of your speech. For example, when I talk to retired Marines, I make sure I provide notes to the person introducing me that include the following: former military job specialty, years of service, perhaps the location/unit of my retirement and rank because that information is an anticipated communication exchange among military retirees; however, if I

were talking to a group of HR professionals, I might include that I am a retired Marine but focus more on my experiences in HR or even as a Toastmaster. Remember, as speakers, during the moments of the introduction, our audiences are already observing our behavior and considering how our "credentials" provide value to the upcoming topic. An introduction is our opportunity to briefly draw in audience attention--followed by a strong opening--and away we go....

DID YOU KNOW?

Prashant Borse and Don Larson (CTM & CL) are the co-webmasters for our club. Thanks for your terrific work.

Congratulations to our President Yvonne Devine (ATM-S) who was honored as runner up at the Area Speech contest in April. She has been asked to compete in the Division Speech Contest on May 7. Good luck, Yvonne.

Two new members recently joined our club. Welcome Aparna Vemuri and Weihong Zhang!

OUR AWARD WINNING TM'S

Recently ribbons were awarded to...

**Best Speaker:** Monique Cordeau, Dale Spangenberg, Maria Delores Chadley, Mark Coger

**Best Table Topics:** April Horton, Diana Sanchez (ATM-B), Cy Chadley, Yvonne Devine (ATM-S)

**Best Evaluator:** Ruby Cole, Diana Sanchez (ATM-B), Lela Hankins (ATM-B & CL), Michael Yee (CTM & CL)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us as a speaker, evaluator, audience member and/or functionary at our first **Speech Marathon** on May 7 from 10:00 – 1:30. Contact Dale ASAP to sign up and let him know how long your speech will be. Seize the opportunity to schedule a longer ATM or CL speech. Or work toward your CTM.