

# TEAMWORK

## Member Spotlight

*Diana Sanchez (ATM-B)*



Diana Sanchez works at California State University, San Marcos as a career counselor, working with students and alumni to help them define their career goals and to help connect them with employers. She also works on the board of two professional

organizations, the California Association for Employment in Education and the American Association for Employment in Education. Her career requires her to give presentations, instruct, and network. Diana explains, "Through TM I have gained confidence in my presentation skills, which have definitely helped me professionally." She also enjoys being part of a group motivated toward self-help.

Diana is a charter member of Twin Oaks Toastmasters. She served as one of the very first secretaries of our club. As one of our club's more advanced members, Diana still finds that TM has much to offer. She is currently working to earn her Competent Leader. Diana says, "I strive to improve my skills and benefit the club." One of Diana's favorite TM moments was February 2004 when the club celebrated its fifth anniversary. "That was quite an accomplishment and I am thrilled that we continue to grow and develop."



Diana is busy outside CSUSM and TM, too. She has been a Girl Scout leader for several years with her daughters, Emma and Eiko. In July she will have been married to Sal, a 4th grade teacher, for eighteen years. Diana's hobbies include camping, traveling, and learning about different cultures. She even speaks 3 languages (Japanese, Spanish, and English).

### *Club News*



We have a new group of Twin Oaks Officers set to take office July 1. Congratulations! Twin Oaks will be stronger as a result of your contribution.

President: Dale Spangenberg

Vice President Education: Sassan Haghgoo

Vice President Membership: Monique Cordeau

Vice President Publicity: Nancy Bennett

Secretary: Prashant Borse

Treasurer: Maria Dolores Chadley

Sergeant at Arms: Aparna Vemuri

*President's Tip -- Yvonne Devine (ATM-S)***"Timing" in Toastmasters**

Why do we focus so much on whether speakers are within time? We practice timing in Toastmasters meetings for two reasons: To ensure the smooth flow of our meeting and to teach us how to keep within our predetermined time limits.

I recently attended a graduation that was scheduled from 3-5 in the afternoon. A program detailed the event agenda, but the event "master" and participants did little to keep within the schedule. Even though the speakers included a Nobel Peace Prize recipient and local

celebrity personalities, I heard very little of the speakers' messages once we were 30 minutes over-time on the schedule. I was anxious to congratulate the graduates. The program set my expectations and when the speakers and event "master" disappointed me, they lost me. While some may suggest that I should have been more patient, I'm afraid many of our audiences are made up of individuals just like me. As speakers, we WIN when we keep to our established times.

As Toastmasters we use the colors of a traffic light to help us manage our tim-

ing. The green card means you have met your time requirement. Ideally, you are ready to complete your talk, will finish shortly and sit down. Yellow means "caution"--summarize--time to quit; and red means--time for a compressed two-sentence close--get off the stage--now. Winston Churchill is believed to have said, "Stand up, Speak, Shut-up & Sit Down." A bit harsh, perhaps, but keeps us succinct.

When speaking at an event, always be sure to have your own timing means--just in case no clock or other timing mechanism is present.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Debby Weiner earned her CTM in May.

Welcome to our new member Carrie Dyal.

We earned Excellence in Membership Growth (19 new members since July 1, 2004) and a Special Recognition Certificate of 4 members receiving their Competent Leader Award this year.

Yvonne Devine, current Twin Oaks President, will be our Area 23 Governor next term.

**OUR AWARD WINNING TM'S**

Recently ribbons were awarded to...

**Best Speaker:** Diana Sanchez, Jennifer Helgren, Sassan Haghgoo (CTM), Don Larson (CTM & CL)

**Best Table Topics:** Tanis Brown (CTM & CL), Lela Hankins (ATM-B & CL), Diana Sanchez, Debby Weiner (CTM)

**Best Evaluator:** Tom Savell (ATM-S & CL), Tanis Brown, Jennifer Helgren, Diana Sanchez

**Upcoming Events**

Officer Transition at our regular meeting June 29, 2005

"Welcome Summer" party at the home of Maria Dolores Chadley (2313 Cortina Circle in Escondido) on Saturday June 25th at 3:30 p.m.. It's a potluck so sign up and bring something yummy.