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Special Fall Conference Edition Warning: D19 Conferences May Be Addictive

Julia Venzke, DTM, Public Relations Officer

One evening in 1994, I walked into an Iowa City Sunday school room and attended my first Toastmasters club meeting. After two years, I began to yearn for more speeches, more education sessions, more Toastmasters. Luckily, I became acquainted with a Collins Avionics club member, Jamie Ward, who introduced me to something addictive—a District 19 Fall Conference.

On a Friday night in November 1996 in Newton, Jamie escorted me into a ballroom full of people dressed in a variety of costumes, including characters from the Wizard of Oz. I soon learned that these were fellow Toastmasters from all over Iowa dressed for a lip synch contest. I had a wonderful time watching the contest and meeting new people.

The next day, I got my first exposure to educational presentations by veteran D19 members, a keynote address from a past winner of the World Championship of Public Speaking, and an awards luncheon. The conference ended with a banquet, then karaoke.

This former tongue-tied wallflower had had such a good time, that she found herself on stage singing “California Dreamin’” with Jamie and another Toastmaster she didn’t even know. What great memories!

At that conference, I made friendships that last to this day- Diane Stone, Pat Amadeo, Reginald Williams, to just name a few. I became hooked on the opportuni-

ty to learn from D19 Toastmasters, to meet International Toastmasters dignitaries, to be silly during Friday night entertainment, or be moved to tears by an inspirational speech.

Friends, I haven’t missed a District 19 Conference since. Jamie and I have been to 29 District 19 Fall and Spring Conferences



in a row! These conferences have given me the opportunity to be a Chief Judge, an education session presenter, the conference chair, the paperwork wrangler... roles that have helped me reach new heights.

If you are a new Toastmaster, don’t miss out on the Fall Conference November 5 and 6 in Sioux City. If you are a long-time Toastmaster who hasn’t been to a conference in ages, join us and renew some friendships!

As this Transmitter issue reveals, the conference committee has been working night and day to bring you a top-caliber program.

I hope to see you in your Price is Right costume Friday night!

Educational Session: Effective Evaluation

Speaker: Cyndi Hansen
7:00-7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5

Cyndi Hanson obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management from Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa. In 2002, she obtained her Master of Science degree in Adult Learning, Training and Development from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

Ms. Hanson has enjoyed working in various facets of Human Resource Management including selection, staffing, compensation, benefits, training and development.

Cyndi is a strong advocate of continuous personal and professional development. She earned her Professional in Human Resources designation from the Human Resource Certification Institute in 2003 and achieved the highest honor awarded in Toastmasters International, the Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM), in 2008.



Educational Session: Toastmasters Showcase Showdown—The Price of Success

Speaker: James Sandin
7:30-8:00 p.m., Friday Nov. 5

A Toastmaster since August 2004, James has successfully served District 19 as a Club President (Greater Des Moines TC, 2005-2006 President's Distinguished), Area Governor (2005-2006 Area 54 Distinguished, and 2006-2007 Area 74 Distinguished), and Division Governor (2006-2007 Division 'D' President's Distinguished, Division Governor of the Year).



He has also earned the Distinguished Toastmaster Award (2006), was a District Toastmaster of the Year Finalist (2005), and was appointed District SMARTeam Director for 2007-2008 by then District Governor Loren Toomsen. He is currently a member of Nexus Toastmasters Club/#645182.

A native Iowan—he was born in Des Moines—James is single, and the owner of a private communications consultancy. His interests include church, Toastmasters, writing, travel, volunteering, and the Old West. He is a genuine CyHawkPanDog.

Educational Session: PROPER Speech Ideas

9:45-10:15 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 6
Speaker: Pat Hannan

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Educational Session: Adding Humor to Your Speech

9:30-9:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 6

Speaker: Jenny Herrick, DTM

Jenny's expertise, comfortable presentation style and life-changing message offers audiences an uplifting, memorable experience. A nationally recognized motivational speaker, Jenny offers fast-paced humorous presentations peppered with personal anecdotes and real-life experiences including how in one day she abruptly became a widow and single parent at age 27.



She talks about many personal challenges including career changes, family losses and disappointments, all with unshakable optimism. She says, "Without my deep faith and sense of humor... who knows where I'd be or what I'd become?"

Jenny brings laughter and encouragement, delighting her audiences as she offers life-changing material.

Two experiences that profoundly changed her life happened in 2000 and 2001. In 2000, Jenny joined a Fun Medicine Delegation of clowns led by Dr. Patch Adams traveling to hospices, orphanages and healthcare facilities in China to spread smiles and joy and reinforce the power of a positive attitude and laughter.

In 2001, only nine weeks after 9/11, she joined fellow clowns at Ground Zero in New York City to provide "mirth aid" to rescue teams and recovery workers.

Learn more at Jenny's website at: www.allkiddingside.biz

Educational Session: The Price is Right for Toastmasters Membership Building

Jacquie Schnider, DTM, ID

8:30-9:00 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 6

Does your club have guests come on down to play as a member on contestant's row? How many of those contestants come make it onto the stage to win the big prize of membership, improved leadership or communication skills?

Do your contestants stay long enough to spin the wheel for the big money gained as a club leader?

How can we get our contestants to make the right bid in the showcase showdown? This session will look at how we recruit, register and retain in the game of Toastmasters.



About Jacquie Schnider

Jacquie Schnider, DTM, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, is a public health inspector for Alberta Health Services. She is also a board member for the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada and the Alberta Public Health Association. She has also been a trainer and leader with Girl Guides of Canada for 25 years.

Schnider has been a Toastmaster for 21 years and is a member of the Calgary Morning club in Calgary. She has held a number of distinguished leadership positions within the organization and has attained the Distinguished

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Toastmaster designation, the highest level of achievement in Toastmasters.

She says her Toastmasters training plays a key role in her job as a public health inspector. "I speak to people every day because of Toastmasters," says Schnider. "I also have been asked to serve on boards of directors because of my leadership experience in Toastmasters."

As a member of the Toastmasters International Board of Directors, Schnider is a "working ambassador" for the organization. She works with her fellow Board members to develop, support and modify the policies and procedures that guide the organization in fulfilling its mission.

The Price is Right for the Fall 2010 Conference

By Michelle Lessman, Area 11 Governor

The Fall 2010 Conference is at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1110 Larsen Park Rd. in Sioux City on November 5 and 6.

On Friday evening, conference attendees can play *The Price Is Right* just like on television complete with a host and a Toastmaster's version of announcer Rod Roddy. The Barker Beauties were unavailable, *however*, Lindaman's Lovely Ladies *will* be there.

Contestants will be announced, just like on the show, and will "come on down" to bid on items. The contestant whose bid is closest to the correct price will come onstage to play a game. Some of the games to be played are:

Plinko (of course!)

Cliffhanger (the game where the mountain climber hikes up the mountain to a yodeling tune)

Hole-in-One (the putting game)

The Race Game (race against the clock in placing prices on prizes)

The Shell Game (ball under one of a number of large shells)

Three Strikes (5 numbers and 3 strikes in a bag where the contestant draws one at a time trying to avoid 3 strikes)

There will also be a large wheel to spin for the contestants to determine who is advancing to the Showcase Showdown!

You can find links to each game on YouTube by searching for *The Price is Right* and the name of the game

Contestants are encouraged to dress in costumes like the people on the TV show. Some wear t-shirts with slogans on them, some wear military garb, and others wear bright-colored shirts to stand out.

We will give away prizes but they will *not* be cars, trips, living room sets, or cash.

Who will be the host? Who will be the Toastmasters version of Rod Roddy? Come to the conference and find out!

Don't Forget About Raffle Baskets!

Conference Chair Marvin Johnson requests that each club consider donating a basket of items for the raffle. Baskets can be based on the conference theme or a theme of your choosing. If your club prefers to donate cash, a basket can be assembled for you. Contact Michelle Lessmann at m.lessmann@gwccnet.com



Due to scheduling conflicts, Alfred Mensah is unable to attend the District 19 Fall Conference. International Director Jacquie Schnider is now our keynote speaker. Watch the district website's conference information for more updates.

General Information: District 19 Fall Conference, Sioux City, Iowa

District Business Meeting & Proxy Form

The District Business meeting will be held from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m., Saturday, November 6.

Club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education who are not able to attend should give their proxies to another officer or club member attending the District Fall Conference. You cannot give your proxy to a member of another club or your Area/Division Governor.

The proxy form is available on the District 19 website at <http://www.district19.camp9.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=461240> More information on email proxies will be emailed to the presidents, VPEs , and executive council from Proxy Chair Jamie Ward at visual-eyes@trxinc.com.

Banners

Show off your club by participating in the traditional Parade of Banners during the Opening Ceremonies Saturday morning. Help your Division be the one with the most clubs represented by bringing your club banner. Banner line-up begins at 7:50 am.

Contact

For more information or to help with conference planning, contact:

Marvin Johnson, DTM
Fall Conference Chair
marbud@cableone.net
712-251-7583

Conference Information & Registration

Conference registration:

\$ 90 by October 22

\$100 Oct. 23 - Nov. 1

\$110 Nov. 2 - 5

Register online at <http://district19.camp9.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=28523> Individual event registration rates are also available.

Accommodations

The conference is at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1110 Larsen Park Road, Sioux City, IA. A block of rooms has been reserved at a special Toastmasters rate of \$89 per night. The rate is good until all rooms are booked.

See the registration form on page 8 or the conference website at <http://district19.camp9.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=28509> for hotel registration information. Your credit card is charged the weekend of the conference. Reserve today!

Saturday Banquet

For the Saturday night banquet, wear what you wore to the conference, or if you feel like dressing up, pull those tuxes and little black dresses out of your closet! At right, Martha Hedberg-Latta and Mark Latta step out at the spring 2010 conference.



District 19 Fall Conference

Friday, November 5

Time	Activity	Room
4:00-5:30 pm	Registration desk and bookstore open	Banquet Entrance
5:30-5:45 pm	First timer's gathering	Salon III
5:45-7:00 pm	Gathering for hors d'oeuvres & networking	Salon III
7:00-7:30 pm	Educational session: Effective Evaluation by Cyndi Hansen, DTM	Salon I and II
7:30-8:00 pm	Educational session: Toastmasters Showcase Showdown: The "Price" of Success by James Sandin	Salon I and II
8:00-8:15 pm	Break	Banquet Entrance
8:15-8:45 pm	Toastmaster of the Year Speeches	Salon I and II
8:45-9:30 pm	The Price is Right Showcase Showdown	Salon I and II
9:30 pm	Hospitality Suite opens	TBD

Saturday, November 6

7:00-7:45 am	Breakfast	TBD
7:30-8:00 am	Registration/Credentials/Bookstore open	Banquet Entrance
7:50-8:00 am	Parade of Banners lineup	Banquet Entrance
8:00-8:15 am	Parade of Banners	Salon I and II
8:15-8:30 am	Opening remarks Welcome by Mayor Hobart	Salon I and II
8:30-9:00 am	Educational session: Membership Building by Jacquie Schnider, DTM, ID	Salon I and II
9:00-9:30 am	Educational session: Adding Humor to Your Speech by Jenny Herrick, DTM	Salon I and II
9:30-9:45 am	Break Registration/Credentials/Bookstore open	Banquet Entrance

9:45-10:15 am	Educational session: PROPER Speech Ideas by Pat Hannan, DTM, District 24	Salon I and II
10:15-11:45 am	Business meeting	Salon I and II
11:45-Noon	Break Registration Bookstore open	Banquet entrance
Noon to 1:30 pm	Hall of Fame and Lunch	Salon III
1:30-1:45 pm	Break Registration/Bookstore open	Banquet entrance
1:45-2:15 pm	Contest Briefing-Contestants	Riverfront B (tentative)
1:45-2:15 pm	Contest Briefing-Judges, Timers, Ballot Counters	Salon I and II
2:15-3:15 pm	Evaluation Contest	Salon I and II
3:15-3:30 pm	Break Registration/Bookstore open	Banquet entrance
3:30-4:30 pm	Humorous Speech Contest	Salon I and II
4:30-5:45 pm	Break	Salon I and II
5:45-6:00	Seating for Dinner	Banquet entrance
6:00-8:30 pm	Banquet with Keynote Speaker	Salon III
8:30 pm	Hospitality Suite Opens	TBD
	The End--Drive Safely!	

Attention, Seven Out of Seven Winners!

by LeAnn Blankenburg, Lt. Governor of Education and Training

For the clubs who had seven out of seven officers trained during the fall Toastmasters Leadership Training, there was a drawing for a free fall conference registration for one club from each division. Here are the club presidents who won the drawing:

Division A: Siouxland Ciceros - Michelle Lessmann

Division B: River City - Andrew Smith

Division C: CDS Global Toasters - Joseph Fazio

Division D: iToast Toastmasters - Kayoka Kirmura

Division E: Golden Speakers - Seth Braun

To use your free conference registration, contact Marvin Johnson, Fall

Contest Chair, at marbud@cableone.net. To help the planning committee, please make your arrangements by October 29.



November 5 & 6, 2010

Hilton Garden Inn
1110 Larsen Park Road, Sioux City, Iowa

Name (to be printed on badge) _____

TM Level(s) achieved (CC, AL, DTM, etc.) _____ Guest? _____

E-mail address _____

OR mailing address) _____

Phone: _____ Is this your first District 19 Conference? _____

Home Club Name _____ Club Number _____

Full Conference Registration

May 16 – Oct. 22	\$ 90
Oct. 23 – Nov 1*	\$100
Nov. 2 – Nov 5	\$110

Individual Event Registration

Registration Only (no meals):	\$50
Plus: Breakfast	\$15
Plus: Saturday Lunch	\$20
Plus: Saturday Banquet	\$35

Meal Selections (please circle one, if applicable):

Friday evening: Hors d'oeuvres

Saturday Breakfast: The Gambler (includes: coffee, juices, scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausage, muffins, & butter)

Saturday lunch: Grand Deli Buffet (sandwiches, salads, soup, and hot entrée)

Saturday Banquet:

1.) Top Sirloin	2.) Chicken
3.) Pork Loin	4.) Salmon

Special dietary needs: _____

*Meals cannot be guaranteed for reservations received after November 1st.

Make check payable to: "District 19 Toastmasters" and mail with registration form to:

**Marvin Johnson, DTM
4409 Natalia Way
Sioux City, IA 51106**

Questions: marbud@cablone.net or 712-251-7583

Accommodations: A block of rooms have been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn. Call 712-255-4200 and ask for the Toastmaster rate of \$89.

The District 19 web-site will be updated to include events, schedules, online payments, etc.