







The Mission of Toastmasters

We empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders

The Mission of Toastmasters District

We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence

Table of Contents

General Information and Venue MAP.....	1
Welcome Letter from Alberta Premier Rachel Notley.....	2
Message from Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.....	3
Welcome Letter from Don Iverson, Mayor, City of Edmonton.....	4
Message from District Director Lorraine Wheatley, DTM.....	5
Welcome Letter from Convention Co-Chairs Betty Chaisson ACG, ALB and Lee Cardwell, DTM.....	6
District 99 Officers 2016-2017.....	7
District 99 Division Directors and Area Directors 2016-2017.....	8
C&L Award Recipient Don Neufeld.....	9
Dignitary MLA David Shepherd.....	10
Dignitary City Councillor Mike Nickel.....	11
District 99 Spring Convention 2017 Guest Day Planner.....	12
Keynote Speakers: John Trapp and June Cline.....	14
Education Sessions – Presenters.....	15
2016-2017 District 99 Accomplishments.....	22
International Speech Contest.....	24
International Speech Ballot.....	25
District 99 Speech Evaluation Contest.....	26
District 99 Speech Ballot.....	27
Sponsorship & Advertisements.....	28
Fall Conference.....	33

General Information and Venue MAP

Registration - The registration desk will be open various hours as noted on the Guest Day Planner

Badges - Conference name badges are required at all events

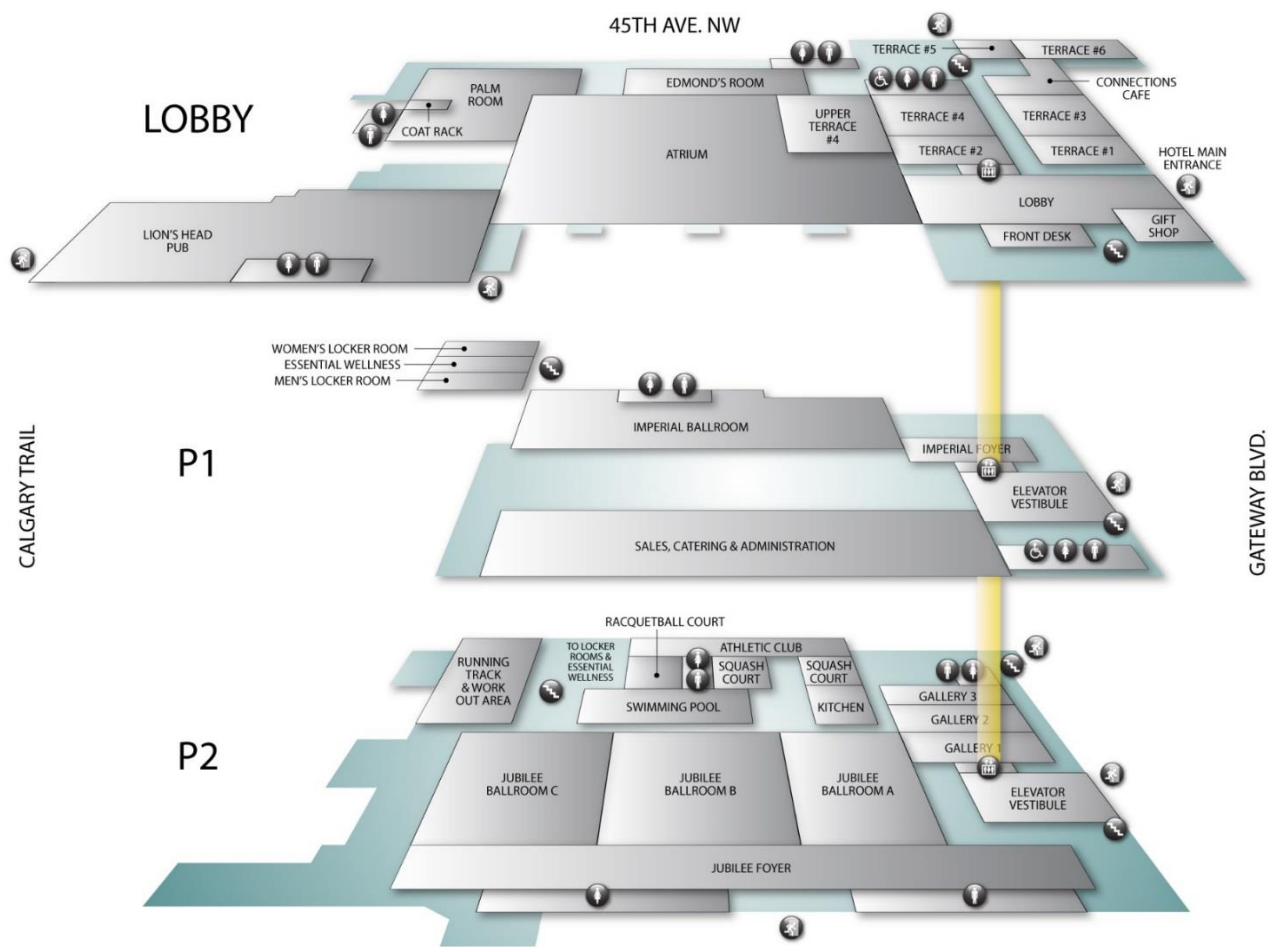
Required Briefings for Contestants, Judges and Contest Officials - Judges and contest officials for the International Speech contest will meet as outlined on the Guest Day Planner

Credentials - Please obtain your credentials when you arrive. Check the Guest Day Planner for times.

Recording Devices – Recording the Educational Sessions is strictly prohibited unless permission has been granted in writing by the Presenter.

Cell Phones – As a courtesy to your fellow convention attendees, please turn off your cell phone or put them in silence mode.

Photo & Video Consent – By attending this event, you acknowledge that you may be videotaped and/or photographed. For further details reference poster at Registration Desk.





Premier of Alberta



Office of the Premier, 307 Legislature Building, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6 Canada

Message from Honourable Rachel Notley Premier of Alberta

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to send greetings to the District 99 Toastmasters during your Annual Spring Convention.

Public speaking is a challenge for many people, but by providing a supportive and collaborative environment, Toastmasters has helped people across Alberta, and around the world, rise to the challenge, face their fears, and speak confidently to audiences large and small.

This year's spring convention offers training and skills development sessions, allowing delegates to expand their understanding of leadership and effective communication. Thank you District 99 Toastmasters for encouraging thousands of people to find their voices.

I hope that Toastmasters who are visiting from outside the area will take advantage of your time in Alberta's capital city and experience our hospitality.

My sincere thanks to all of the organizers of this event, and best wishes to all participants for a successful spring convention.

A blue ink signature of Rachel Notley, written in a cursive style.

Rachel Notley

April 29, 2017



**A Message from Her Honour
The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan**

It is my sincere pleasure to extend greetings on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, to everyone taking part in the Toastmasters International District 99 Spring Convention in Edmonton.

Toastmasters International facilitates valuable experiential learning. I commend all members for taking advantage of this opportunity to strengthen your public speaking and leadership skills. These skills are relevant in the workplace, the community, and even at home. In fact, strong communicators are better equipped to contribute to our democracy.

I wish to thank everyone who donates their time to provide leadership to a Toastmasters Club – thank you for providing this confidence-building, potentially life-changing opportunity. I also wish to thank the committed team that has worked so hard to plan this important event.

Please accept my very best wishes for a productive and successful convention.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Vaughn Solomon Schofield".

Vaughn Solomon Schofield
Lieutenant Governor
Province of Saskatchewan



Message from His Worship Mayor Don Iveson



On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, Alberta's Capital City, I welcome everyone to the Toastmaster District 99 Spring Convention.

I commend the Toastmaster community for fostering an environment that helps people improve their public speaking skills, build confidence, think critically and listen actively. These skills go a long way towards empowering individuals to become leaders in their community – be it through business, volunteerism, activism or advocacy. With its focus on teamwork, bonding and educational sessions, this convention will give District 99 members a chance to reconnect, network and develop their professional skills.

I thank Toastmasters District 99 for organizing this convention. For those visiting our city, I hope you enjoy your stay in Edmonton and take some time to enjoy some of our many attractions and warm hospitality.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Don Iveson'.

Don Iveson
Mayor



DISTRICT 99 TOASTMASTERS

Central & Northern - Alberta & Saskatchewan, Canada



Greetings from the District Director

Welcome fellow Toastmasters and guests to our 2017 District 99 Spring Convention! Immerse yourself this weekend and "Hang on for the Ride." Our Convention weekend will be filled with Celebration, Learning and Recognition.

1. Celebrate our first spring convention as District 99.
2. Celebrate the members who have demonstrated the commitment to compete in the International Speech and Evaluation contests.
3. Learn from a plethora of educational sessions each day.
 - ✓ Recognize and Celebrate Toastmasters who have achieved their Distinguished Toastmaster designation and earned Triple Crown awards.
 - ✓ Recognize and Celebrate our District Team of leaders and elect a new team to continue to lead, strengthen and grow our District in 2017-18.
 - ✓ Recognize and Celebrate our members and their commitment to strengthen their clubs and our Toastmaster community.
 - ✓ Recognize the Spring Convention team and the volunteers who put together this extraordinary weekend of fellowship.

"Hang on for the Ride." We're glad you're with us. #MembersMatter

In Service,

Lorraine Wheatley, DTM
District Director
District 99, 2016-17



**Convention Co-Chair
Betty Chaisson ACG, ALB**

Welcome to our Fellow Toastmasters and Friends



**Convention Co-Chair
Lee Cardwell, DTM**

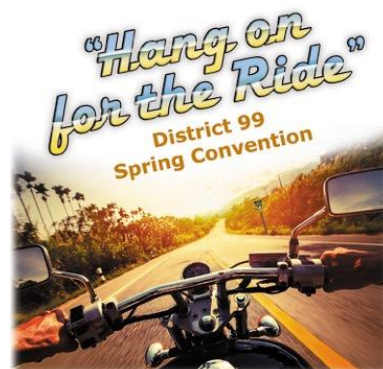
We are so pleased and honoured to have been the Chairs for this first ever District 99 Spring Convention. It has been a “wild ride” to get to the finish line for this event. On behalf of the convention committee we would like to thank you for your participation in the “Hang on For the Ride” 2017 Program. We know that your time and resources are valuable and it means a lot to us that you have chosen to spend some of it here.

In our attempt to embrace the conference theme, we have incorporated what we think will be an exciting event with two keynote speakers and 12 Educational Sessions. We hope that you will find your conference experience a great one and please let us know what you think when you complete your conference evaluation.

No event can happen without an amazing group of volunteers – so thank you to each and every one who has, by their efforts, made this weekend spectacular. You have shown what an amazing group of dedicated Toastmasters can do.

Special thanks to our team:

Don Zurakowski, DTM – Program Quality Director
Marg Faryna, DTM – MxM and Protocol
Teresa Young, DTM – Educational Director
Anny Giguere, DTM – Greeter Coordinator
Lorenzo Heinrichs, DTM – Sergeant at Arms
Cheryl Persson, ACS, ALB – Financial Manager
Omar Neff, ACB – Promotion



District Officers 2016-2017

Great Job District Executive Team!



District Director	Lorraine Wheatley, DTM
Program Quality Director	Donald Zurakowski, DTM
Club Growth Director	Glenn Walker, DTM
Public Relations Manager	Kathy Flett, CC
Administration Manager	Lynell Byrd, DTM
Finance Manager	Cheryl Persson, ACS, ALB
Logistics Manager	Shawn Jones, ACG ALB
Parliamentarian	Diana Bacon, ACS, ALB
Past District Director	Marg Faryna, DTM
<u>Assistants</u>	
Social Media	Glenda Sheard DTM
Statistician	Ken Tanner, DTM, PID
Webmaster	Dan Hardie, DTM, PID

Thank you to all District 99 Division Directors and Area Directors, for a phenomenal Toastmaster Year!

Division Teams

Division A

Division A Director: Judy Szpreglewski, DTM

Area 26 Director Lee Chantal, ACS, ALB
Area 27 Director Audrey Gall, CC, ALB
Area 44 Director Arlene McDonnell, DTM
Area 57 Director D McPherson, ACS, ALB

Division B

Division B Director: Dave Cartledge, DTM

Area 6 Director Lloyd Johnston, ACG, ALB
Area 9 Director Eileen Szakacs, ACB, ALB
Area 22 Director Ryan Falkenberg, ACS, ALB
Area 31 Director Kierra Koetke, ACB, ALB
Area 51 Director Dan McCosh, DTM
Area 62 Director Joan Petruk, DTM

Division C

Division C Director: Cheryl Schofield, DTM

Area 1 Director Kym Schreiner, ACS, ALB
Area 13 Director Annie Giguere, ACS, ALB
Area 16 Director Ann Sutherland, ACS
Area 25 Director Kenneth White, ACS
Area 28 Director Marta Munoz, ACG, ALB

Division D

Division D Director: Teresa Young, DTM

Area 7 Director Chris Pederson, CC, ALB
Area 15 Director Larry Andrews, DTM, PDG
Area 29 Director R Cuthbertson Hulst, ACB, ALB
Area 55 Director Troy Donovan, ACG, ALB
Area 61 Director Brigida Junio, ACG, ALB

Division E

Division E Director: Jackie Diemert, DTM

Area 2 Director James Bykowsky, ACB, ALB
Area 19 Director Vivian Allan, CC
Area 21 Director Rita Lowenberg, ACB, ALB
Area 32 Director Lisa Harron, CC, ALB
Area 37 Director Angie Lam, CC, ALB
Area 40 Director Jason Karras, CC
Area 47 Director Prakash Venglat, ACS

Division F

Division F Director: Carol Penner, DTM

Area 12 Director Sujata Tadeparti, CC, ALB
Area 14 Director K Koehler-Munro, ACB, ALB
Area 17 Director Jae-Hyun Sung, ACG, ALB
Area 30 Director Cindy Erdosi, ACB, CL
Area 58 Director Omar Nef, ACB



Communication and Leadership Award Recipient

District 99 Announces the Communication and Leadership Award Recipient Habitat for Humanity Volunteer



Don Neufeld will be presented with the Communication and Leadership Award by District 99 Director Lorraine Wheatley at the Saturday Banquet.

The Toastmasters International Communication and Leadership Award (informally referred to as the “C&L Award”) “was established to honor a leading citizen in the district for his or her communication and leadership skills.” The C&L Award recognizes that citizen who specifically demonstrates these skills in the field of their expertise and in the community.”

Don and his wife, Kae, are long-time residents of Edmonton and Kae is a proud toastmaster DTM. Both Kae and Don volunteer for the YEGO Program (Youth Empowerment Growth Opportunity) which provides care, hope, healing and reconciliation among the youth affected by the Genocide in Rwanda.

Don’s working career, outside his volunteerism, was with the provincial government, working in the office of the Auditor General and he retired as the Assistant Auditor General.

Don became involved with Habitat for Humanity in Edmonton when it was formed in 1991. Over the years he has contributed over 15,000 volunteer hours and has acted as the account for all aspects of their financial needs. He has also been instrumental in managing Habitat’s Edmonton’s information technology needs, which included networking systems at four separate locations. In 2014, Habitat for Humanity honored Don with the recognition of Volunteer of the Year in Canada. In 2009 and 2014 Don was also honored by the Institute of Chartered Accountants for his exemplary work. In 2016, Habitat awarded Don for his 20 Years of Volunteer Service. Other awards that Don has received are the “Caring Canadian Award” by the Governor General of Canada (2015) and the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012).

Sixty-four families have benefited from Habitat for Humanity’s largest build in Canada, named after Don, Neufeld Landing which was built in Edmonton in July 2013.

We are proud to present the Communication and Leadership Award to a man who has made so many contributions to our community in both communication and leadership. Don exemplifies the passion and commitment that an individual can bring to their community.

Dignitary – MLA David Shepherd



David Shepherd is a first-generation Canadian and life-long resident of Edmonton. His mother arrived from the Netherlands in 1948 and his father from Trinidad in 1967.

Prior to being elected as member for Edmonton-Centre, he held positions in municipal, provincial and the federal public service, most recently serving with the City of Edmonton Transit department as a communications officer.

MLA Shepherd's first love was music and he spent many years as a professional musician and studio engineer. He holds diplomas in music performance and studio recording from MacEwan University and a BA in professional communications from Royal Rhodes University.

In addition to his work as MLA for Edmonton-Centre he chairs the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices and is a member of the Standing Committee on Families and Communities. It may be no surprise to you that David Shepherd is a champion of Edmonton's arts scene but you may not know that he spent three years working with the North Edge Business Association to promote businesses in Central McDougall and Queen Mary Park. He is also an avid cyclist working with community groups to improve safety and accessibility on Edmonton's streets and supporting children to walk or bike to school.

As a proponent of community engagement, he has been a tireless advocate for diversity – in housing that is both inclusive and affordable and in expanding access to services to immigrants and newcomers.

Through this work, he has developed a reputation as a powerful communicator and thoughtful commentator on politics and public policy.

Dignitary – City Councillor Mike Nickel

Mike Nickel
CITY COUNCILLOR - EDMONTON WARD 71



Mike was named among the top ten in the Edmonton Journal's Power 30 for 2015. Mike is a City Councillor who returned to his mission in 2013, to aid the citizens of Edmonton. The target of his attention is getting the maximum value for tax dollars. Mike is committed to a more open, transparent, and accountable civic government.

Previously, Mike was the President of Artisan Stone Furnishings. An import and export stone furniture manufacturing company which is a world leader in ready-to-assemble lightweight stone furniture as well as ultra-thin veneer stone technologies.

Mike continues to assist in the operation of the Nickel Group with his father Helmut Nickel and brother Richard Nickel. Mike has owned and operated several family businesses in the stone and construction fields. Mike Nickel has also sat on several boards and championed initiatives including but not limited to the University of Alberta's Board of Governors, Edmonton Northlands, Fortress Insurance, Front Yards in Bloom and the Amazing Halloween Maze in support of YESS.

Mike first won a seat on Council back in 2004 and was regarded as a an advocate for strong value for citizens tax dollars.

Mike holds a bachelor degree in Political Science as well as a Master's degree in Statistics and Media Studies from the University of Alberta where he also held the position of Student Union President from 1985 to 1986.

Recent Presentations/Speeches:

- Winner of First Ever "Green for Life" Award from Landscape Alberta March, 2016
- Speech, Infrastructure Productivity Forum, Consulting Architects of Alberta, February 2016
- "Fighting for Fiscal Responsibility at the Municipal Level", Generation Screwed Conference Calgary November 2015
- "The Importance of the Urban Canopy", FCM Conference Edmonton May 2015
- "Ultra-Thin Veneer Stone: The New Paradigm Shift"; University of Alberta Faculty of Engineering Modular Offsite Construction Conference April 2015



DISTRICT 99 TOASTMASTERS

Central & Northern - Alberta & Saskatchewan, Canada

District 99's FIRST Spring Convention Guest Day Planner – 2017

Friday, April 28 – 2017

3:30 – 8:00 pm	Registration Desk open	Jubilee Foyer
3:30 – 6:30 pm	Credential Desk open	Jubilee Foyer
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Cocktails	Jubilee Foyer
6:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies/Parade of Flags	Jubilee A/B
6:15 – 7:15 pm	Convention Opening Dinner	Jubilee A/B
7:15 – 8:00 pm	Keynote by John Trapp "Shift Gears for Work Life Balance"	Jubilee A/B
8:00 – 8:45 pm	Candidates Forum - Campaign Speeches for elected offices	Jubilee A/B
8:00 – 10:00 pm	Credentials Desk Open	Jubilee Foyer
9:00 – 9:45 pm	Contestant briefing	Gallery 2
9:00 – 10:00 pm	Special "Ride the Harley" Photography Session	Jubilee Foyer
9:45 – 10:00 pm	Break in Gallery 2	Gallery 2
10:00 – 10:45 pm	Judges briefing	Gallery 2
9:00 – 10:30 pm	Past District Directors Meeting	Gallery 1
9:00 – 12:00 pm	Hospitality and Social Events	Jubilee Foyer A/B
12:00 am	Shut down your engines and gas up for Saturday	

Saturday, April 29 – 2017

6:45 – 8:00 am	Registration and Credentials Desks Open	Jubilee Foyer
9:00 – 10:45 am	Credentials Desk Re-Opens	Jubilee Foyer
6:45 am	Doors Open	Jubilee A/B
7:00 – 8:45 am	Breakfast & Keynote Address – June Cline	Jubilee A/B

9:00 – 9:55 am Concurrent Educational Sessions Part A

Accelerate your TM Experience	Going Off Road in Tough Times	Podcasting & Interviews on Three Speeds
Kathy Johnson, ATMD	Carol Harrison, DTM	Greg Gazin, DTM, PDG
Gallery 1	Gallery 2	Jubilee C

10:00 – 10:45 am Concurrent Educational Sessions Part B

Take the Training Wheels Off	High Performance Evaluations	Overcoming Roadblocks to be a Leader
Louise Lee	Glenda Sheard, DTM	Manwar Khan
Gallery 1	Gallery 2	Jubilee C

10:45 – 11:00 am	Coffee Break	Jubilee Foyer
11:00 – 12:15 pm	District Council/Business Meeting	Imperial
12:15 pm	Doors Open for luncheon	Jubilee A/B
12:30 – 2:15 pm	Communication & Leadership Luncheon	Jubilee A/B
2:30 – 5:00 pm	International Speech & Evaluation Contests	Imperial Room
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Cocktails	Jubilee Foyer
6:15 pm Sharp	Reserved and Head Table Guests Assemble	Jubilee C
6:30 – 9:00 pm	District Directors Banquet	Jubilee A/B
9:00 – 1:00 am	Dance	Jubilee A/B

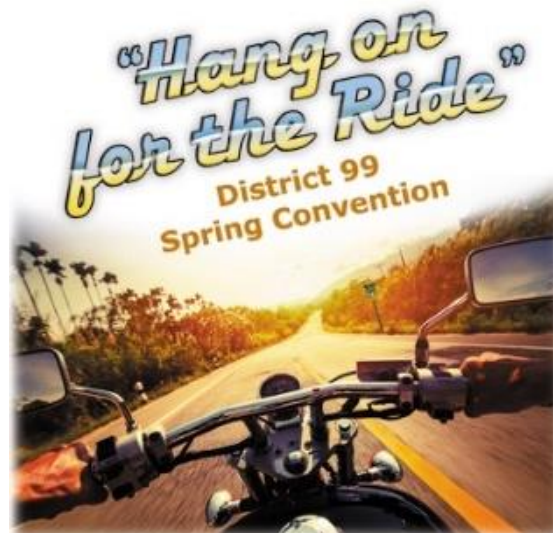


DISTRICT 99 TOASTMASTERS

Central & Northern - Alberta & Saskatchewan, Canada

Sunday, April 30 – 2017

7:30 – 9:00 am	DEC Meeting	Jubilee C
8:30 – 9:30 am	Light Breakfast and Coffee Kickstart	Jubilee Foyer
9:15– 10:00AM Concurrent Educational Sessions Part C		
Sudden Stalls to your Club Growth Progress	Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Toastmasters and Nobody Showed You – Part 1	Pathways – The New Education Program
Dave Shariff Yadallee, ACG, CL	District Leaders	Marg Faryna, DTM
Gallery 1	Gallery 2	Jubilee C
10:15 – 11:00 AM Concurrent Educational Sessions Part D		
Obeying the Rules of the Road	Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Toastmasters and Nobody Showed You – Part 2	From the Ditch to the Road
Bob Barker, DTM	District Leaders	Kuen Tang, ACB, CL
Gallery 1	Gallery 2	Jubilee C
11:15 –12:45 pm	Brunch and Presentation by Keynote Speaker June Cline	Jubilee A/B
12:30 –12:45 pm	Closing Ceremonies	Jubilee A/B
Leadership Training		
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Director Leadership Training	Jubilee C
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Become a Qualified Trainer – Training Club Leaders	Gallery 1





Friday Night Keynote John Trapp – Shifting Gears for Work/Life Balance

John became an entrepreneur, when, like some of us, his parents told him to get a real job. His early career led him to start a successful insulation company while at the same time starting a family.

John has been involved with the Entrepreneurs Organization (EO) since 2004 and that has taken him through many different board positions, culminating as President of the Edmonton Chapter in 2012/2013. He also participated in a three year Entrepreneurial

Master's Program offered jointly by EO and MIT in Boston, MA.

Over the years John has had to learn how to balance his successful business career and his family of one wife, three children, two cats and a dog. He will share with you his experience and knowledge on how to shift gears for a work/life balance.



Saturday Morning and Sunday Brunch Keynote June Cline

President of The Center for Laughing and Learning, June Cline, CSP, is the Southern, Sassy & Savvy Harley Riding Humorist. As a former College Administrator, June turned her collection of hysterical student bloopers in to a 28-year professional speaking career with the earned designation of Certified Speaking Professional. With 2,000 plus presentations, June shares her humor research and expertise with clients such as Toyota, Pet Smart, Auburn University and many other distinguished names you'd recognize. Her audiences leave with a working knowledge of understanding of the power and the value of

creating laughter in Business to increase their bottom line.

Hit High Gear with Humor Every Time: The ROI of LOL

Is there a real return on investment (ROI) of laughing out loud (LOL) with colleagues, clients and those for whom you care? June Cline's Southern answer, "Are a pig's assets pork?" This sassy and savvy Humorist will show you how to rev up your career. Learn the power of initiating laughter in business. June believes humor is the most over looked, underutilized skill Leaders can develop to strengthen cooperation, camaraderie and kindness.

Learn your comedic style plus if it is helping or hurting your personal and professional relationships and profits. Laugh and learn in high gear and all the way to the bank when you lighten up with Certified Speaking Professional, June Cline.

Make Life a Great Ride!

On the last day of our Convention, June Cline will close us out and take us on a fun filled ride with her funniest, most requested "IMo's"...Idiot Moments as she calls them. June has shared these with audiences across the US & Canada. She has turned them into side splitting stories - maybe you have lived through one or two yourself. It's all about choosing to make life a great ride. No matter what bumps are in the road nor the curves life throws you, learn to lean in and lighten up Southern Style with the Sassy & Savvy Harley Riding Humorist, June Cline.

Education Sessions – Presenters



Glenda Sheard, DTM – High Performance Evaluations

Glenda is a fundraising professional for Strathcona County Library, and an entrepreneur. She is a long-time member of the Morning Challengers Toastmasters Club in Sherwood Park, and more recently, she joined the Excell-Orators Advanced Toastmasters in Edmonton. Glenda is the District 42 Toastmaster of the Year for 2015-16.

As our Social Media Manager for District 99, Glenda Sheard has received feedback on many of the social media presentations she has delivered around the District this year.

Are you a good evaluator? Have you given effective feedback to the speakers you've evaluated? Do you want to learn how to deliver high performance evaluations?

Evaluating other speakers is an important skill. Providing the perfect balance of feedback is the challenging task of a great evaluator. As Toastmasters, the more effective we are in our evaluations, the more each one of us will benefit from the experience.

In this educational, we'll discuss tips for delivering helpful, encouraging and high performance evaluations that will accelerate the growth of any speaker. You'll also leave with a greater appreciation of how 'You Evaluate, You Improve'.



Kuen Tang, ACB, CL – From the Ditch to the Road

At the age of 23, Kuen's car went over, an almost 1200m cliff on the Coquaholla highway, she wakes up in the hospital from a coma only to find her independence and future taken. In the midst of all the chaos and confusion, Kuen made a choice to embrace her new life. Now, at the age of 15 (new life years), she has experienced more misfortunes and mishaps than most people will experience in a lifetime, yet she still smiles every day and feeling optimistic for the future at every turn...

Known as The Mighty Kuen, she is the first quadriplegic comic book letterer in the world to work for DC comics and many other world records. On weekends, she turns into a Murderball player, adventure seeker and disability advocate. By night, she either letters comic book projects, or fights the evil villain called "Inaccessibility" by creating comic strips that deal with disability issues.

This session is aimed at expanding one's comfort zone, develop skills to understanding and how to overcome hardship. Through stories, tribulation, and triumph, develop your own G-Resilience skills to live happy in whatever life may bring you.

Where will The Mighty Kuen head to next? Stay tuned and check out her website at www.kuentang.com



Carol Harrison, DTM – Going Off Road in Tough Times

Carol is a storyteller, speaker, published author, teacher and facilitator who shares from her heart with any size of group. She knows first-hand that life does not always go as we planned and she uses the power of story to offer hope and encouragement to others during the choices, changes and challenges of life. Carol joined Toastmasters in February 2003 and has attained her Distinguished Toastmaster designation three times. She continues to mentor others to help them find their voice and reach their fullest potential.

Going off road, on purpose, can be an exciting, adrenaline rush but landing on an unfamiliar and harsh life path often proves to be fearful, discouraging and often frightening. Going off road requires preparation, education, and the proper equipment as well as a support system in case of problems. We will look at these requirements as they relate to the inevitable tough times in our lives and how communication skills play a vital role. Going Off Road in Tough Times – finding those tips, tools and techniques for survival and for sharing your story to offer encouragement to others.

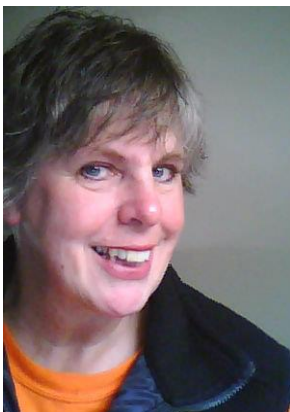


Kathy Johnson, ATMB

Accelerate Your Toastmasters Experience

Kathy Johnson is a member of The Battleford's Toastmasters Club. She has found Toastmasters an excellent support for lifelong learning and practice of communication and leadership skills. In addition to the Toastmasters educational program, Toastmasters has helped Kathy to develop a new sense of personal confidence and willingness to step out of the comfort zone! Kathy's motto is "Learn from Everything".

In this participatory session, we will meet together to share our experiences to energize and grow our clubs and enhance member and guest experience. From club meetings, roles, contests, promotions, social media let's share and learn from each other on 'best practices and 'innovative' ideas that keep Toastmaster's dynamic, fun, challenging and rewarding.



Louise Lee – Techniques to take training wheels off

Louise has been a member of the Peace Challengers Toastmaster Club in Peace River AB. for 3 years. She is married with 4 grown children and 6 1/2 grandchildren. She has had numerous venues of employment and has taken training for a variety of volunteer programs. While she talks a lot and philosophizes even more she has accepted the challenge to present a session at District Convention as an opportunity to engage folks in their own learning process. She will facilitate a fun group process which will allow each person a chance to participate. Louise will provide a session where there will be fun, laughter, encouragement, confidence and the participants will learn their own personal technique to "take the training wheels off".



Manwar Khan

Overcoming Roadblocks to Become a Leader

Though he's normally a soft-spoken and calm IT worker with the provincial government, after he witnessed a brutal beating on the LRT which resulted in the death of the person being attacked he has launched his own campaign - Do Not Be A Bystander -that focuses on what a bystander can do in difficult circumstances. Bystanders can choose a role and fear is what keeps most people from stepping in when witnessing injustice or violence but with the proper tools and understanding of what individuals can do, bystanders can make a difference.

Everyone has qualities that leaders possess, but not everyone encounters the exact set of circumstances in life where those qualities can really shine and be recognized. Everyone can, however, develop their leadership qualities and put them to positive use in life every day, in and out of the workplace. Manwar will be speaking on the topic of "Overcoming Roadblocks to Become a Leader". Leadership skills can be taught and learned. Leaders are not a different breed of people. They are not born to lead, but prepared to lead. "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."



Greg Gazin DTM, PDG

The 3-Speeds of Podcasting and Interviews

Greg Gazin a.k.a The Gadget Guy is a Tech Columnist, small business and technology speaker, blogger, podcaster and now author who demystifies technology in a practical yet fun and entertaining way.

Gadget Greg co-hosts and produces The Official Toastmasters International Podcast and hosts and produces The Toastcaster Podcast that started as a High Performance Leadership project in

2006 and has grown to 80 episodes, 200,000 downloads and 1.5 million feed hits.

A Distinguished Toastmaster Past District Governor and member of New Entrepreneurs for 15 years, Greg has also authored his first book, Corey OutSMARTS the Butterflies, helping readers 8-80 learn the secrets of building confidence & communication skills.

This session is for you whether you're interested in Podcasting or not. How's that for an opening? That's because we'll be looking at podcasting from three sides of the mic – as a host, a guest and as you, the audience.

Toastmasters will gain insights about podcasts; creating, preparing, hosting, moderating or participating in one for your club, speech project or personal endeavour. You'll learn some secret tips and techniques suitable for ANY INTERVIEW or speaking situation including handling sensitive and challenging questions. Of course, no session from The Gadget Guy is complete without a gadget showcase. And one lucky attendee will be featured on an upcoming Toastcaster podcast. Greg can be reached at GadgetGuy.ca.



Bob Barker, DTM, CACE, Public Speaker & Trainer
Obeying the Rules of the Road

Bob has been a member for more than four decades in Districts 64, 21, 42, and now 99. After a brief retirement from Toastmasters, he felt the bug once again and joined Lingo Advanced Communicators.

Bob has received numerous awards and recognitions including District Toastmaster of the Year (1984-85) and

District Citation (1989).

He is an Adult Educator, Safety Trainer/Training Coordinator and upon retirement from his employment he continued as a contract trainer with his company, Creative Synergy. His favorite topics to speak on are creative thinking and effective meetings.

There is no need to fear meetings. In this session, Bob will share the basics of Robert's Rules of Order and meeting management to help your next business meeting run more smoothly.



Marg Faryna, DTM
Pathways - The New Education Program

An active toastmaster for 20 years, Marg Faryna has competed on the District stage in all contests, has held all club offices and served on the District Executive for 6 years. As a trainer, educator and human resources professional (now retired), she has practical experience in bringing the transferable skills learned in Toastmasters to the workplace. As the Pathways Chief Ambassador for District 99, Marg is looking forward to working with a team of Ambassadors to have a highly successful rollout of the new program to members in District 99.

Pathways – The New Education Program - The foundation of our Toastmasters experience is the education program and the “new” program will arrive soon in District 99. Known as Pathways, the new program compliments your club experience by giving you access to more learning tools such as videos, interactive quizzes and activities, feedback and recognition, useful tips and more. There will be online access to educational materials. Benefits for the member include a) tailored, self-paced learning, b) flexibility to choose experience, c) greater access to materials, d) expanded resources and e) real-world applicability. Attendees will learn more about Pathways and how your club can prepare for the rollout to District 99.



Dave Yadallee ACG,CL

Sudden Stalls to your Club Growth Progress

Dave Yadallee ACG , CL has been an Area director and is currently coaching a club.

Dave has been working in the internet since 1995 as an administrator and consultant.

- ✓ Have you felt a dangerous bump or had trouble with a dangerous curve?
- ✓ Are members coming and going?
- ✓ Are you not attracting new members?
- ✓ Are people moving on for one reason or another?

At this interactive discussion, Dave will help you identify issues and give you ideas on how to move ahead and get your club back to charter status.



District Leaders

**Everything you always wanted to know about
Toastmasters and nobody showed you – Parts 1 and 2.**

These Educational Sessions will answer any and all questions about Toastmasters. Learn from the experts!

NOTES:

NOTES:

NOTES:

2016-2017 District 99 Accomplishments

New Clubs as of April 19, 2017

Division	Area	Club #	Charter date	Club Name	Location
C	25	5867270	11/22/2016	AlMigos Toastmasters Club	Edmonton
B	22	5906504	02/06/2017	AMA Toastmasters	Edmonton



Distinguished Toastmaster DTM Awards as of April 19, 2017



Division	Area	Member	Name	Location
E	2	Ferrie, James R.	Saskatoon Club	Saskatoon
F	58	Rheault, Gisele D.	Club Bilingue D'Edmonton	Edmonton
E	21	Diemert, Jackie	Prince Albert Toastmasters Club	Prince Albert
E	40	Mitchell, Barb E.	The Battlefords Club	North Battleford
D	29	Young, Teresa I.	Capital Communicators	Edmonton
C	13	Von Kanel, Liz	TNT Toastmasters	Edmonton
F	58	Fraser, Arlene J.	Foresters Toastmasters Club	Edmonton
B	31	Bertin, Michael	Kitowin Club	Red Deer
C	16	Wheatley, Lorraine	Power Speakers Club	Edmonton
A	26	Phaneuf, Richard R.	Sundowners Toastmasters Club	Spruce Grove
C	28	Gazin, Gregory	New Entrepreneurs Club	Edmonton
C	28	Henderson, Lorraine	New Entrepreneurs Club	Edmonton
F	12	Smith, Donna E.	Morning Challengers	Sherwood Park
F	14	Pucylo, Michael	Excell-Orators Advanced	Edmonton
F	14	White, Linda M.	Excell-Orators Advanced	Edmonton
B	22	Durand, Paul A.	A Talk in the Park Club	Edmonton
B	22	Cardwell, Lee	A Talk in the Park Club	Edmonton
A	44	Schmidt, Katherine J.	Innovative Communicators	Grande Prairie
B	62	Thomson, Doug F.	Nova Toastmasters Club	Red Deer
E	21	Boryski, Lorna Kim	Woodland Communicators	Prince Albert

Congratulations to all!



Triple Crown Awards as of April 19, 2017



Member	Count	Award
Boryski, Lorna Kim	4	CL, ACG, DTM, ACS
Case, Neville E.	3	ACB, CL, CC
Coates, John	3	CL, CC, ACB
Douglas, Crystal	3	CC, ALB, CL
Durand, Paul A.	4	ACG, LDREXC, ALS, DTM
Eliezer, Dotun	4	ACG, ALB, CL, ACS
Ferrie, James R.	4	CC, CL, ALS, DTM
Flett, Kathy	3	ACS, CL, ACB
Gazin, Gregory	3	ACS, ACG, DTM
Giguere, Anny	3	CL, ACS, ALB
Harron, Lisa E.	3	CC, CL, ALB
Heinrichs, Lorenzo	3	CL, ACS, CL
Henderson, Lorraine	5	LDREXC, ALS, DTM, ACG, CC
Henry, Brent A	3	CC, CL, ALB
Kgosisejo, Oarabile Michael	3	ALS, CL, ACS
Ma, James (Renxiang)	3	CC, CL, ALB
Mitchell, Barb E.	3	ALB, ALS, DTM
Olsen, Ginny L.	3	CL, ALB, CC
Penner, Carol	4	CC, CL, ALB, ALB
Petruk, Joan V.	6	LDREXC, ACG, CC, ALB, CL, ACS
Phaneuf, Richard R.	6	ACB, CL, ALB, LDREXC, ALS, DTM
Plunz, Margaret	3	ACB, ACS, ACG
Schofield, Cheryl R.	6	CL, ACS, LDREXC, ALS, CL, ALB
Sheard, Glenda J.	6	ALB, ACG, CL, CL, ACS, CC
Smith, Donna E.	3	ACS, ACG, DTM
Sung, Jae-Hyun	4	ALB, CL, CC, CL
Tadeparti, Sujata	3	CC, CL, ALB
Tam, Gary	3	CC, CL, ALB
Vetter, Karl	3	CL, ACB, ALB
Wheatley, Lorraine N.	3	ACG, ACS, DTM
Young, Teresa I.	5	ALS, DTM, CL, ALB, CC

International Speech Contest

District 99 Chief Judge – Rick Lebeuf, DTM

Contest Chair – Jenafor Andel, DTM

Briefing – Contestants

Contestants will meet in Gallery 2 from 9:00 – 9:45 pm on Friday, April 28, 2017

Briefing – Judges and Contest Officials

Judges/Contest Officials will meet in Gallery 2 from 10:00 – 10:45 pm on Friday April 28, 2017

Division	Contestant Name	Speaking Order
Division A		
Division B		
Division C		
Division D		
Division E		
Division F		

JUDGING ITEMS

Speech Development – Structure, Organization, Support Material

Effectiveness – Achievement of Purpose, Interest, Reception

Speech Value – Ideas, Logic, Original Thought

Physical – Appearance, Body Language, Speaking Area

Voice – Flexibility, Volume

Manner – Directness, Assurance, Enthusiasm

Appropriateness – To Speech Purpose and Audience

Correctness – Grammar, Pronunciation, Word Selection

JUDGES CODE OF ETHICS

1. Judges will consciously avoid bias of any kind in selecting first, second and third place contestants. They will not consider any contestant's club, area, division affiliation. Nor will they consider any contestant's age, sex, race, creed, national origin, profession or political beliefs. They will demonstrate the utmost objectivity.
2. Judges will not time the speeches and will not consider the possibility of under-time or overtime when judging a contestant's speech.
3. Judges will support by word and deed the contest rules and judging standards, refraining from public criticism of the contest and revealing scores and ranking only in accordance with official policy.

International Speech Contest - Ballot

INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST JUDGE'S GUIDE AND BALLOT



JUDGING ITEMS		SUGGESTED POINT VALUES													
		E X C E L L E N T	V E R Y G O O D	G O O D	F A I R										
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Speech Development Structure, Organization, Support Material	C O N T E N T	20	14-19	9-13	0-8										
Effectiveness Achievement of Purpose, Interest, Reception		15	11-14	6-10	0-5										
Speech Value Ideas, Logic, Original Thought		15	11-14	6-10	0-5										
Physical Appearance, Body Language, Speaking Area	D E L I V E R Y	10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
Voice Flexibility, Volume		10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
Manner Directness, Assurance, Enthusiasm		10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
Appropriateness To Speech Purpose And Audience	L A N G U A G E	10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
Correctness Grammar, Pronunciation, Word Selection		10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
TOTAL SCORE (100 Points Possible)															

(Detach and submit to counters)

Judge's Official Ballot – International Speech Contest

Name of Contestant

First Place: _____

Second Place: _____

Third Place: _____

NOTE: Votes must be cast for first, second and third place or the ballot will be voided.

PLACE	RANKING POINTS (for counters' use only)
First Place	3 points
Second Place	2 points
Third Place	1 point

(Signature of Judge)

(Judge's Name, Please Print)

Evaluation Contest

District 99 Chief Judge – Rick Lebeuf, DTM

Contest Chair – Jenafor Andel, DTM

Briefing – Contestants

Contestants will meet in Gallery 2 from 9:00 – 9:45 pm on Friday, April 28, 2017

Briefing – Judges and Contest Officials

Judges/Contest Officials will meet in Gallery 2 from 10:00 – 10:45 pm on Friday April 28, 2017

Division	Contestant Name	Speaking Order
Division A		
Division B		
Division C		
Division D		
Division E		
Division F		

JUDGING ITEMS

Analytical Quality - effectiveness of the evaluation - strengths and weaknesses of the speaker's presentation - clear and logical?

Recommendations -specific recommendations for improvement -practical, helpful and positive

Technique - sensitive to the feelings and needs of the speaker, yet inspire and encourage the speaker

Summation - how the evaluator concludes the evaluation - briefly summarize the evaluator's comments and suggestions, and be positive and encouraging.

JUDGE'S CODE OF ETHICS

1. Judges will consciously avoid bias of any kind in selecting first, second and third place contestants. They will not consider any contestant's club, area, division. Nor will they consider any contestant's age, sex, race, creed, national origin, profession or political beliefs. They will demonstrate the utmost objectivity.
2. Judges will not time the speeches and will not consider the possibility of under-time or overtime when judging a contestant's speech.
3. Judges will support by word and deed the contest rules and judging standards, refraining from public criticism of the contest and revealing scores and ranking only in accordance with official policy.

Evaluation Contest - Ballot

EVALUATION CONTEST JUDGE'S GUIDE AND BALLOT



JUDGING ITEMS	SUGGESTED POINT VALUES													
	E X C E L L E N T	V E R Y G O O D	G O O D	F A I R	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Analytical Quality Clear, Focused	40	28-39	17-27	0-16										
Recommendations Positive, Specific, Helpful	30	22-29	13-21	0-12										
Technique Sympathetic, Sensitive, Motivational	15	11-14	6-10	0-5										
Summation Concise, Encouraging	15	11-14	6-10	0-5										
TOTAL SCORE (100 Points Possible)														

(Detach and submit to counters)

Judge's Official Ballot – Evaluation Contest

Name of Contestant

First Place: _____

Second Place: _____

Third Place: _____

NOTE: Votes must be cast for first, second and third place or the ballot will be voided.

PLACE	RANKING POINTS (for counters' use only)
First Place	3 points
Second Place	2 points
Third Place	1 point

(Signature of Judge)

(Judge's Name; Please Print)



Solutions

FOR FINANCIAL PLANNING

Balancing today's choices  with tomorrow's lifestyle

KEEP
CALM
AND
PLAN
ON



LGK Wealth
Management

WINTER 2016/2017



Complete Care Restoration

Excellence in water, fire, wind & bio-hazard property damage
and insurance restoration claims.



"Artisons Floor Fashions...the ART of a beautiful home."



four elements
ELECTRIC LTD.

MARANDA REPROGRAPHICS

REAL people answer our phones!







DANIE HARDIE
CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS LTD.

Advertising & Marketing Design • Graphic Design • Visual Communications
LOGOS • BROCHURES • PACKAGING • DISPLAYS • WEB SITES



Corporate Sponsorship

Frontier Garage - GOLD

Complete Care Restoration Ltd. CCR - SILVER

LGK Wealth Ltd. – SILVER

Artisans Floor Fashions Ltd. – BRONZE

Four-elements Electric Ltd. – BRONZE

Pure Mechanical Services Ltd. - BRONZE

Maranda Reprographics & Printing – Convention Programs Printing

Air Limousine – donating Limo to pick-up and drop off June Cline our Keynote

Heritage Harley Davidson – Donation of Motorcycle for event and registrants bags

Five Star Promotions – Silent Auction donation

The Balloon Store - 10% discount on order + Silent Auction donation

Shangri-La Exotic Home Décor – 4 Silent Auction donation

FLOWERS by La Terre's – Discount on order + Decor and Silent Auction donation

FREEMANN Audio Visual – extreme discount of Audio and labor

Beach Bad Boy Entertainment – extreme discount on DJ Services and Free Photo booth

Cre8tive Communications – Convention Logo Creation

Mighty Kuen – Incredible Illustration for the front cover

MD Laser Skin & Vein Clinic – Silent Auction

Terwillegar Wellness Centre – Silent Auction

IntellacoreHealth – Silent Auction

Lee Cardwell – Silent Auction

Elysian Spa – Silent Auction

Radisson South Hotel – Silent Auction

Lifestyle Meditation Studio – Silent Auction

The Industry Hair Studio – Silent Auction

DISTRICT 99 FALL CONFERENCE



November 17-19, 2017

Join us in an exciting three-day conference full of humorous speech and table topics contests, informative educational sessions and in welcoming keynote speaker:

World Champion of Public Speaking 2014

Dananjaya Hettiarachchi



Join us in Prince Albert the Gateway to the North and Gateway to Pathways! Take advantage of early registration rates and visit <https://d99tm.org/conferences-and-conventions/fall-conference/> to register online today.