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Past District 42 Governor Ron Chapman (right) presents charter to club President Par Monroe of Yellowknife (NWT) Club 3829-U. Witnessing the presentation is Assistant Territorial Commissioner Clarence Gilchrist.

Special Remembrances:

District 42 was very fortunate when Don Paape's employer transferred him from Tulsa, OK to Calgary, AB. Don was Past International Director (1964-66) from District 16. District 42 and District 16 jointly supported Don in his successful run for Third Vice President at the 1969 International Convention, and he later went on to become President of Toastmasters International.

When District 42 hosted a double Charter Presentation at Cold Lake for Starfighters and Sergeants' Mess Clubs, it was believed to be the first in the history of the organization. It resulted in a picture and write-up in *The Toastmaster* magazine.

A few months later, on February 1, 1969 in Edmonton, we again broke records by hosting a triple Charter Presentation (Kingsway, Union and Northern Nooners, Edmonton's first lunch-hour club). Don Paape, PID, presented the charters and Mayor Ivor Dent represented the city. The event marked the end of a record 26-day stretch of sub-zero F° temperatures in Edmonton.

The Spring Convention at the Chateau Lacombe was a bargain by any standard. \$25 per couple included the major meal events for the weekend. The real "smash hit" of the event was a 2-1/2 hour presentation by Mr. Leland Val Van De Wall. For the dance, the band was the "Comb-ettes." I recall the debate we had in committee as to whether we'd book the five-piece band for \$77 or pay the extra \$15 to also hire the vocalist. We decided to go whole hog. Many of you will recognize the names of two of the people involved: the band leader was John Pasieka and the vocalist was Liz Pasieka, Past District Governor.

Many noteworthy events occurred during my year as District 42 Governor. Toastmasters International replaced the "Basic Training Manual," the "Advanced Speaker" and "Leadership Through Speech" with the "Communication and Leadership Manual" and the "Advanced Communication and Leadership Manuals."

The idea of recognizing clubs with 40 members as "President's 40 Club" was first introduced. Also, TI's Hall of Fame was established that year.

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Dual Charter Presentation - A dual charter presentation banquet was conducted at CFB Cold Lake, Alta., Canada, for Starfighter Club 1048-42 and the Sergeants Mess Club, 1959-42. Here District Governor Ron Chapman (center) presents charters to Lloyd Kuhn, Starfighter club president (right), and Alex Johnston, Sergeants Mess club president.

My home club, the "Y" Club #2478, walked off with Best Club honors at the 1969 convention again. The club had captured top marks in the Club Achievement Manual for five years running. Past President Rene Charrois came up with the brilliant idea of presenting the District with a holder / standard for the club banner to be presented each year to the best club. The award was called "*The Ron Chapman Standard of Excellence*" and has never been won by the "Y" Club since!

The trips with the "Flying Squad" to start new Toastmasters clubs are some of my fondest memories of the period from about 1966 to 1971. We must have had very understanding wives as we would often be gone for a whole weekend to some community in Northern Alberta where Cec Pepper (a District Extension Chairman par excellence) had "sold" some local men to get together and we'd put on a "model meeting." We would then talk informally about how they could organize a club and get themselves chartered. Afterwards, we'd go back to the motel and feast on some of Jim Bodman's famous moose roasts.

Awards and Achievements:

In 1968-69, the following individuals were recognized for their outstanding achievements:

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| International Top Ten District Bulletin | Jim Miller, editor of Prairie Horizons |
| Toastmaster of the Year: | Al Fahlman. |
| Area Governor of the Year: | Dave Francis. |
| Best Club Bulletin | "Pekiskwawin," "Y" Club #2478, Ron Chapman, editor. It was also named an International Top Ten Club Bulletin that year. |



Triple Charter - A historic triple charter presentation in District 42 involved the principals (from left): Robert Schimmel, charter president of Union Club 1863-42; District 42 Governor Ronald M. Chapman, charter president of Northern Nooners Club 1084-42; District 42 Educational Lt. Gov. Tom Meager; Past International Director Donald W. Paape; and Howell Williams, charter president of Kingsway Club 3484-42.