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EXCELSIOR TOASTMASTERS



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NEW HORIZONS:

*A MESSAGE FROM
OUR PRESIDENT,
NORMAN NOMURA*

When I first heard of Excelsior Toastmasters, I was in my second year as a Toastmaster. I remember thinking, "Oh my gosh, these people are the epitome of this district." I put anyone who would be worthy of an advanced club on a pedestal. I looked up to Excelsior, probably staring with my jaw dropped, any time a member walked by.

Years passed, and I inched closer and closer both in Toastmaster designation and in mindset. Finally, I joined Excelsior in 2008. I was right. The members who I had placed on a pedestal deserved to be there. You are legends of international

leadership, speaking champions, and district officers. Although you would shy away from accolades, your humble presence only cements my opinion.

At a recent district event, I noticed that how I felt in 2000 is a common feeling today. I overheard an obvious new Toastmaster comment to his friend, "...she's a member of that advanced club. I think you have to be a DTM or a champion or something to join." He was referring to one of our esteemed members. It has been said that with great recognition comes great responsibility. I couldn't agree more. Many Toastmasters look up to



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TOASTMASTERS...BY THE NUMBERS

1924

In a YMCA in Santa Ana, California, Ralph C. Smedley held the **FIRST** meeting of what would eventually become Toastmasters International.



1973

In August 1973, **MEMBERSHIP OPENS TO WOMEN.**

1982

Membership reaches **100,000** in October 1982.

1993

In September 1993, Toastmasters International charters its **8,000th** club.

2004

Toastmasters International charters its **10,000th** club. Membership reaches **200,000**.

2009

In June 2009, Toastmasters International charters its **12,500th** club. Membership reaches **250,000** in **106** countries.

2011

August 17-20, 2011 is the **80th** annual International Toastmasters Convention.

Source: <http://www.toastmasters.org/timeline>



Viva Las Vegas!

80th Toastmasters International Convention

Dates: Aug. 17–20, 2011

City, State: Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

Location: Bally's Las Vegas Hotel

Why?



ENJOY, LEARN,
and **SUPPORT** the **D5 Champion**,
Norman Nomura

Visit the web site to register:

www.toastmasters.org/Members/Convention.aspx

WISDOM FROM THE WEB

Check out the following web sites from some of the World Champions of Public Speaking:

David Brooks (1990)
<http://davidbrookstexas.com>

Mark Brown (1995)
www.qsp.com/us/markbrown1.aspx

Darren LaCroix (2001)
www.humor411.com

Lance Miller (2005)
www.lancemillerspeaks.com

Ed Tate (2000)
www.edtate.com

Craig Valentine (1999)
www.craigvalentine.com

OTHER EXCEPTIONAL SPEAKER RESOURCES:

Lola Gillebaard
www.laughandlearn.org

Patricia Fripp
www.fripp.com



**SUMMER 2011
TOASTMASTERS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (TLI)**

Saturday: July 30, 2011
Palomar Pomerado Health Facility
12853 Black Mountain Road,
San Diego CA, 92126

For a full agenda and registration, please visit
the D5 web site: d5toastmasters.org



Excelsior Toastmasters *IN ACTION*

The following Excelsior members are contributing their expertise to the Toastmasters Leadership Institute:

TLI Chair: Marcy Hays

President's Training

9:15 AM

John Murphy, ACS, ALB

Treasurer Training

9:15 AM

Jan Lewellyn, DTM, DTM, D5 Treasurer

Guerrilla Marketing for Toastmaster Clubs

10:30 AM

Ed Gain, ACG, ALB, D5 LGM

Treasurer Beyond the Club

10:30 AM

Jan Lewellyn, DTM, D5 Treasurer

Special Occasion Sergeant-At-Arms Training

10:30 AM

Malcolm X. Pusey, ACS, CL, D5 SAA

Orchestrating a Club/Area or Division Contest

11:30 AM

Richard Dial, D5 Contest Chair

Why should I compete in Contests?

11:30 AM

Norm Nomura, DTM

2011 D5 International Speech Contest Winner

Promoting Youth Leadership Projects

1:00 PM

John Murphy, ACS, ALB

The Art of Effective Evaluations

1:00 -2:30 PM

Malcolm X. Pusey, ACG, CL

President's Message *(continued)*

us and our club. It then becomes our responsibility to present ourselves in the manner in which we are perceived.

How we present ourselves at district events is a given as we maintain our "lofty" place in the opinions of our Toastmaster peers. How we conduct our meetings should be a model for all who would visit with the intention of joining us. How we relate to each other can only serve to keep us where we want to be.

I am proud of the relationships that we have with each other. The friendships and camaraderie are what keep me looking forward to the first Tuesday of every month, even moreso than the stellar evaluations as I continue on my personal preference to pursue the communication track over the leadership track.

I am honored to have been elected to lead Excelsior as its president. My personal leadership track will undoubtedly see improvement through my term. I ask for your assistance where you feel you can help. As a leader I will serve this club to the best of my ability - mistakes and all. I will accept the responsibility for my actions. Please know that whatever actions that I take will be, in my opinion, in the best interests of the club.

The Excelsior pedestals remain solid in my eyes. If all goes well, I'd like to earn my place along side each of you. Standing tall to serve as an example for any Toastmaster who will see the value of the Toastmaster program, and will strive to accomplish what we have. Let us encourage them to stand on a pedestal of their own.

Norman Nomura

President, Excelsior Toastmasters

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2011 - 2012 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Norman Nomura
President

Jan Lewellyn
Vice President, Education

Jean Douglas
Vice President, Membership

Edna Nerona
*Vice President, Public Relations
and Newsletter Editor-In-Chief*

Linda Parker
Treasurer

Malcolm Pusey
Secretary

Harry Sundblad
Sergeant-At-Arms

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Jan Lewellyn
Edna Nerona
Norman Nomura
>>YOUR NAME HERE<<

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETING DAY:
FIRST TUESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

TIME:
6:00PM-8:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:
EL FANDANGO
RESTAURANT
(2ND FLOOR)
2734 CALHOUN ST.
SAN DIEGO, CA
(OLD TOWN)



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AUGUST SCHEDULE:

THEME: Creative Characters
Thought: David Allen
Toastmaster: Rose Waring
General Evaluator: John Stark
Ah Counter: Ed Gain
Timer: Linda Parker
Grammarian: Eileen Hope
Topics Master: Malcolm Pusey



SPEAKERS:

Prior to the meeting,
please remember to
EMAIL the following
information to the
Toastmaster:

- Speech Title
- Project
- Manual
- Timing



If you need help with
your stage preparation,
please coordinate with
the Toastmaster AND
the Sergeant-At-Arms.

SPEAKERS:

- [1] John Murphy
- [2] Norm Nomura (*practice for Convention*)
- [3] Elisa Castenada
- [4] Norm Nomura

COMING IN SEPTEMBER:



CLUB CONTEST

Humorous Speech and Evaluation Con
tests

September 6, 2011

Wanted: Contestants, Judges, Func
tionaries

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

80th Annual Toastmasters Convention	Weds - Sat	Aug 17 - 20
World Champion of Public Speaking Contest	Saturday	Aug 20
Labor Day	Monday	Sept 05
Excelsior Club Contest (Evaluation & Humorous Speech)	Tuesday	Sept 06
Area 12 Contest	Sunday	Sept 11
Southern Division Contest	Sunday	Sept 25
Semi-Annual Club Dues due at TI	Friday	Sept 30
Veterans Day Holiday	Friday	Nov 11
D5 Conference & Humorous Speech Contest	Saturday	Nov 12

NOTE: Consult the D5 Calendar as dates and times may change without notice, <http://d5toastmasters.org/>