



Excelsior Toastmasters  
Club #699

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## CLUB BUSINESS



- Officer Installation this meeting June 7. Come join us to celebrate a new beginning and enjoy a special meal price courtesy of Excelsior Toastmasters.
- Congratulations to our newly elected District 5 Officers who will begin their term July 1.

District Governor – Rhonda Walthall

Lt. Governor Education & Training – Woody Wilson

Lt. Governor Membership – Ed Gain  
(yes OUR Ed Gain!)

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**Excelsior Toastmasters meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the El Fandango Restaurant at Old Town State Historical Park.**

*a community club welcoming Toastmaster AC's & above*

**Next Meeting: June 7, 2011 - 6 p.m.**

(See below for assignments)

## Message from our President

Joyce Persichilli  
President



## How Will You Stand and Deliver for Excelsior This Coming Toastmaster Year?

As we approach the new Toastmaster Year I think that now is a good time to review: "A Toastmaster Promise" that each of us agreed to when we joined our club. By doing this we can each decide how we will "Stand and Deliver" for Excelsior in 2011-2012.

Being a Toastmaster is not just a matter of paying dues every six months. It takes time, commitment and effort to receive the benefits for which we signed in the first place. These benefits might include - improved public speaking skills, leadership development, and the friendly interaction that exists within the Toastmasters setting. But whatever you are looking for in our Club, you'll have a far better chance of having it if you are aware of and practice the principles which make up "A Toastmasters Promise".

There are three parts to the promise: participation; interacting with others and meeting atmosphere. Take a moment to read through the promise and evaluate your present commitment to Excelsior.

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## President's Message

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As a member of Toastmasters International and my club, I promise...

- To attend club meetings regularly
- To prepare all of my speech and leadership projects to the best of my ability, basing them on projects in the *Competent Communication*, *Advanced Communication* or *Competent Leadership* manuals
- To prepare for and fulfill meeting assignments
- To provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations
- To help the club maintain the positive, friendly environment necessary for all members to learn and grow
- To serve my club as an officer when called upon to do so
- To treat my fellow club members and our guests with respect and courtesy
- To bring guests to club meetings so they can see the benefits Toastmasters membership offers
- To adhere to the guidelines and rules for all Toastmasters educational and recognition programs
- To maintain honest and highly ethical standards during the conduct of all Toastmasters activities

This promise is not just to our fellow Club members or to the organization of Toastmasters International; it is a promise to yourself. Considering how our other promises have turned out like the New Year's resolutions, it is probable that we won't always be letter-perfect in fulfilling each aspect. But it is a code to aspire to, and the more consistent we are in following it, the more we will benefit from our Toastmasters experience.

I want to this time to focus on some areas of the "Toastmaster Promise" that I feel we as a club can improve upon:

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Words for the leader in us all

***If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea.***

***~Antoine de Saint-Exupery~***  
French writer & aviator

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Frank Jonasson** and **Edna Nerona** lent their voice talents as announcers for the Allied Garden's SpringFest 2011 Parade on May 13.



**Norm Nomura** spoke for TM Kathleen Behrens' Youth Speaking Workshop on May 14.



**Norm** also visited Hawaii in May and spoke at Kapolei Toastmasters (pictured above with club president Kimberly Okamura). He also spoke at Waikiki Toastmasters where he was coached by 1997 World Champion of Public Speaking Willie Jones..

**Note:** when you're the editor, you can put your own picture in as many times as you want to!



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The first one being - *To prepare all of my speech and leadership projects to the best of my ability, basing them on projects in the Competent Communication, Advanced Communication or Competent Leadership manuals.*

During the past couple of years I have seen the same members consistently giving our club educational awards. Our club has received one educational award from me each year for the past three years. Another member of our club has given our club an educational award each year for the past 5 years. With our large membership others need to step forward and start doing their part. When was the last time you gave an educational award to Excelsior Toastmasters? At our June Meeting I will have four "Competent Communicator" manuals available to members who want to contribute to our club's continued goal of being a Distinguished or Better Club. Will you be one of the four giving a commitment to our club by achieving goals 1 and 2 of the DCP?

The second area we can improve upon - *To serve my club as an officer when called upon to do so and to treat my fellow club members ..... with respect and courtesy.*

As a club we should not have to send out repeated emails to ask for members to be a club officer. As the club president I must say that what I experienced this year by the actions of several of our members was very disappointing.

As a club that others look up to we need to take to heart and practice "A Toastmasters Promise".

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Pictured above proudly holding their hardware as a result of their hard work, are Edna Nerona, winner of the Table Topics contest (pictured with District 5 Governor David Carroll) and Norm Nomura, winner of the International Speech Contest, (pictured with LGFT Rhonda Walthall and David Carroll).

## Spring Conference

May 21, 2011

The District 5 Spring Conference was held on May 21 at Palomar Pomerado Health. It was an excellent venue and one that we can look forward to visiting again.

Our new slate of district officers were elected to lead us through the next Toastmaster year. Our featured guest speaker was Patricia Fripp, and her keynote and workshop were outstanding and educational.

Excelsior was well represented. **Eileen Hope** Conference Chair. **Jim Tucker** Toastmaster. **Alma Church** - Chief Judge. **Elisa Castaneda** - Programs. **Jan Lewellyn** - Registration Desk. **Diana Greg** - Ballots. Other helpers and supporters in attendance: **Linda Parker, Jean Douglas, Helen Blanchard, Frank Jonasson, Earl Chinn, Malcolm Pusey, David Allen, Ed Gain, Ruth Hobson, Richard Wira** and **Joyce Persichilli**.

And two more Excelsior members in attendance showed up and did quite well, **Edna Nerona** WON the District 5 Table Topics contest and **Norm Nomura** WON the District 5 International Speech Contest. Congratulations to them both.

**Helen Blanchard** presented the second annual Trailblazer award named in her honor. The recipient this year was **Cristoph Kubitz**.

Once again Excelsior Toastmasters served as an example of leadership and support that all clubs can aspire to.



Meeting: June 7, 2011

Theme:

*Officer Installation*

July 5, 2011

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Thought	Helen Blanchard
Toastmaster	Malcolm Pusey
Topic Master	Alma Church
General Evaluator	Jan Lewellyn
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Timer	Jim Tucker
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Excelsior Officers – 2010/2011

President – Joyce Persichilli  
VP Education – Alma Church  
VP Membership – Bryan Lubic  
VP Public Relations – Norm Nomura  
Secretary – Eileen Hope  
Treasurer – Linda Parker  
Sgt. At Arms – David Allen