

THE VOICE

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THE VOICE is dedicated to inspiring Toastmasters in District 83 to achieve their goals. Let **THE VOICE** be *your voice* by sending in your success stories—the way that Toastmasters has helped you either personally or professionally. Everyone has a story to share and your experiences can help others find *their voice*. Please send your submissions to Joanne Callahan, your District 83 Newsletter Editor, at greenbriar206@yahoo.com. Photos are welcomed!

International President Michael Notaro facilitates Alcatel-Lucent with Toastmasters' most prestigious Corporate Award, the Crystal Globe

Toastmasters International President Michael Notaro visited Alcatel-Lucent's Murray Hill campus on September 22, 2011, and congratulated the corporation and its two Toastmasters Clubs for their combined 105 years of service to the community.

The Murray Hill location boasts two Toastmasters Clubs - The Murray Hill Speakers Club celebrated its 50th anniversary, having started at Murray Hill in 1961. Cosmopolitan Toastmasters started in Whippany in 1956, and celebrated its 55th anniversary. Today both clubs are open to all employees, and to anyone from the surrounding community who wishes to improve their speaking and leadership capabilities.

The International President of the Toastmasters Organization Michael Notaro presented to each club a handsome plaque to commemorate their anniversary; the plaques were accepted by

Brian Cort, who is President of both clubs. To the Alcatel-Lucent Corporation, Mr. Notaro presented Toastmasters' most prestigious Corporate Award, the Crystal Globe. The award was accepted for Alcatel-Lucent by Dr. Susanne Arney, Head of Bell Labs North America.

During this special event, Mr. Notaro and club President Brian Cort presented individual Toastmaster awards to club members who earned educational awards in the past Toastmaster year. Mr. Notaro also gave an inspiring speech on value the Toastmaster organization brings to people's life. The event was well attended and appreciated by all participants.

The event was held at Alcatel-Lucent's office at Murray Hill, NJ.





About the Clubs

The Cosmopolitan Toastmasters Club was chartered in February of 1956, and is one of the oldest clubs in Northern New Jersey. Originating in Whippany, the club served the employees of AT&T and Lucent Technologies, as well as members of the local community, as they strived together to become great orators and leaders. In June of 2009, Cosmopolitan moved to the Alcatel-Lucent Murray Hill location, where along with the Murray Hill Speakers Club it continues to thrive and bring excellence in public speaking and leadership to the communities served. The Cosmopolitan Toastmasters club has been frequently recognized with achievement of Select Distinguished Club status in 2007, and President's Distinguished Club status in 2006, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

The Murray Hill Speakers Club (MHSC), founded in May 1961, is older than most of its current members and intertwined with the rich history of Bell Labs. This Toastmasters club has always been located in the Murray Hill complex and for years supported all employees including the Bell Labs community of engineers and scientists. Nobel prize winning scientists roamed these halls and may have been, at some point, members of our club. The club was originally a closed corporate club for AT&T and Lucent employees but in 2001 opened its doors to outside members providing a broader audience and new perspectives enriching the club members' experience. During the last six years, MHSC achieved Distinguished Club status for four years, Select Distinguished Club status for two years, and President's Distinguished Club status in 2009 and 2010.



District 83 is pleased to announce the winners of the **Banner Blitz!**

Division A:

**Blue Expressions Club
Gateway 2 Club
Washington Park Toastmasters
No Limits Toastmasters
New Jersey City University Toastmasters
FRX Networkers**

Division B:

**Morristown Toastmasters
Toasting on the Farm**

Division C:

**AT&T Bedminster Club
Midtown Toastmasters
Cosmopolitan Toastmasters
Murray Hill Speakers Club**



Division D:

**AT&T Middletown Club
Art of Speaking
IEEE Live Wires Club
Brunswick Toastmasters Club**

Division E:

TOYMASTERS

Bay Speak

Speak-UPS Toastmasters

Division F:

Nyack Toastmasters

Toastmasters Club of Union

TM of Westfield Club



It should be noted that three clubs are less than one year old, thus securing their reputation as solidly achieving clubs within the District:

Toasting on the Farm

Bay Speak

Nyack Toastmasters

Qualifying winners will receive a newly branded Toastmasters club banner, customized with their club information. It has been a difficult task to win a new banner but twenty-two clubs achieved this amazing feat. In doing so, they have also made their clubs Distinguished at the six month mark!

District 83 will also award these twenty-two clubs a special ribbon to hang on their new banner to indicate their banner was EARNED during this promotion.

The Executive officers of District 83 heartily congratulate these clubs and recognize their efforts. We salute you on your achievement!



Wayne Toastmasters Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Wayne Toastmasters Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a special gala held at the YM-YWHA of North Jersey. It was a full house, with more than 40 in attendance, including past and present members, dignitaries and guests.

Wayne Township's Mayor, Chris Vergano, delivered the keynote speech. Other speakers included club president Mark Lacatena, Distinguished Toastmaster Donna Hook, former Wayne Toastmaster Linda Trignano, and Joanne Kirby, owner of KRG Communications Group. Steve Brossok, club VP of Education, led Table Topics, quizzing members on Toastmasters trivia. Lisa Pantano, Toastmasters District 83 Governor, presented a Certificate of Achievement plaque to Mark Lacatena.

Wayne Toastmasters was chartered by Toastmasters International on September 16, 1961. The ability to communicate well is a highly regarded skill and Toastmasters can help you develop your ability to communicate and become a leader.

"At Wayne Toastmasters, we're all on the same team; each individual success adds up to prestigious distinctions for our club. Personally, Toastmasters has strengthened both my professional demeanor and my self-confidence," said Beverly Margolies, Vice President of Public Relations.

"Our club has meant a lot to me and I'm happy to celebrate such a terrific milestone," added Barbara Keil, Vice President of Membership, who has been a Wayne Toastmaster since 2001.

Whether you want to perfect your 30-second elevator pitch or a keynote speech, Toastmasters offers a mutually supportive environment to hone your speaking and leadership skills. Wayne Toastmasters meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Preakness Wayne Civic Center. Guests are welcome. For more information,







We Need Your Input!



Do you have a photo of a recent Toastmasters event or meeting? Will your club be celebrating an important milestone? Your District wants to know!

Please send me pictures and articles for inclusion in upcoming newsletters. You don't have to be a literary genius or a professional photographer. Just a Toastmaster willing to share with the rest of us what your club already knows — and that is just how special you are!

Please send your submissions to your editor, Joanne Callahan, at greenbriar206@yahoo.com

