



Welcome once again to **District 21's** newsletter, “**The Link**”.
This is a **Special Historical Issue** for **2007**.

2007 started with Françoise Baroux DTM at the helm of District 21 as Governor.

This year's Spring Conference held in Vernon, which elected Rae Stonehouse DTM as the 62nd District Governor since 1946, in which year Barry Gault was the 1st district governor.

Joanne Morrison DTM (formally Wardle) was elected Lt Governor of Education and Leonore (Leni) Richardson DTM as Lt Governor of Marketing.

The District International Speech contest was won by Daren Wride from Kelowna, and the 2007 Evaluation Champion was Vernon's own Valerie Trevis ACB, CL.

The newly elected Triumvirate traveled to Sacramento for their District Training and Daren Wride represented us in the Regional International Speech Contest. Rae Stonehouse DTM took over from Françoise Baroux DTM, and headed off to Phoenix for the 2007 International Convention.

District 21 [the oldest surviving non United States District in the World] was well represented as usual. Some notable attendees were Pat Johnson DTM of Camosun #797 of Victoria, who was elected 3rd Vice-President, and Françoise Baroux DTM our Past District Governor.

The fall conference was held in Harrison Hot Springs. At the General meeting The executive team was confirmed, including Linda Schellenberg DTM as Public Relations Officer, Margaret Trombley ATMS as Secretary, Stan Kodric CTM, CL as Treasurer, Doug Anderson DTM PDG as Auditor.

Under new business a motion was made by Brian Dodd ACB, CL to revive The Link Newsletter, that had been discontinued as of December 2006 issue. The matter was assigned to a committee to be headed by Brian Dodd, and to report back the the Spring Conference to be held in Nanaimo in Nanaimo.

The Humorous Speech contest was won by Alan Warburton ATMB, AL of Early Edition #9362 from White Rock, and the Table Topics Contest was won by Greg Botten CC of Nite-Shifters Club #6676 from Victoria. A great time was had by all and the Keynote speaker Dr Randy Harvey DTM gave his 2004 World Speaker winning speech 'Fat Dad'.

On the final day Dr Randy Harvey DTM presented four of our Districts Builders - Harvey Drdul DTM, Dr Irene Evans PDG DTM, Charlie Herger ATMG for Bob Larmour PDG DTM, Doug Anderson PDG DTM with a Special DVD of “A Mini History of British Columbia” produced by Brian Dodd, your Editor. Doug's edition was a unique one just for him.

The year 2007 ended with a series of training sessions being held at Vancouver General Hospital led by Joanne, Pat, Leni and Doug Thiessen.

Brian Dodd, ACG, CL – The Link Editor 2007

Sad News



District 21 Mourns the loss of 2004-2005 District Governor Anne Kramer, DTM.

The following message is addressed to District 21 Toastmasters from her husband Robert.

Thank you on behalf of Anne Kramer, DTM...

I am writing on behalf of my wife Anne Kramer, Distinguished Toastmaster and 2004-2005 District 21 Governor. Born September 28, 1942 in Belfast, Northern Ireland; passed away July 3, 2007 in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Surrounded by her family, she died peacefully after an heroic battle with cancer. Anne entered hospital on February 9, and as word of her failing health spread, she received hundreds upon hundreds of "get well" wishes from Toastmasters around the world.

These messages of hope and prayer for her speedy recovery were a great comfort to Anne, providing renewed energy to continue her fight against the deadly disease.

On behalf of our grieving family, I wish to thank all those who provided such solace and inspiration during her time of need. The outpouring of condolences from around the TI world after her passing continues to bring comfort during this

most difficult time. Once again, we thank you. Anne's passing leaves an immense hole in our family, just as it leaves a hole in the TI family, however, her spirit will live forever in those who knew and loved her.

Robert K. Kramer
Chief Executive Officer
Current Technology Corporation

The Following has been extracted from our District's Web Pages – Shawn Everett, Web Master.

What was New in District 21, this year

August 31st, 2007

Spring 2007 Conference: Vernon

The Spring Conference in Vernon was full of fun, friendship and excitement. Friday evening made way for a wonderful meal and entertainment Toastmasters style with the T.V. game Deal or No Deal. As I say, this was presented in Toastmasters style and judging from the reaction of the audience, all 250 people, it was enjoyed by all. The gifts being awarded to the winners were beautiful examples of Vernon's own Wine Country. Following this, most people enjoyed fellowship, friendship and a beverage in the Hospitality suite.

Saturday and the Education Sessions, what variety! Something to please every taste ... Weren't they amazing?? I call it 'Education for the Senses'. The business meeting on Saturday afternoon brought in a new District team for next year with a new theme: Attitude equals Altitude. Nice one Rae.

Saturday afternoon, everyone congregated into the new City of Vernon Auditorium at 4 pm to be entertained by the ten contestants of the International Speech Contest. Ten professional and

excellent contestants entertained the audience with their own personal brand of professionalism. They served the District well and made us proud as they displayed their speaking skills in front of a warm, fine audience. Kelowna's own Darren Wride was the first place winner, followed by Michael Bortolotto from Courteney, Vancouver Island.

Saturday evening offered spectacular atmosphere with fine food, fine wine and a wonderful, personalized Keynote speech presented by Pat Johnston.

Let us not forget the Hospitality Suite and that delicious chocolate fountain that everyone seemed to partake of. A variety of fruit to refresh your pallet.

Sunday morning brought the District Evaluation Contest which was won by a Vernon resident, Valerie Trevis. Brunch was very nice followed by a Keynote presentation by 'Patch', speaking of how you can also overcome obstacles in life as he did. He brought his own picture show to share with us highlighting his kids which are a very special part of his life. Closing ceremonies gave us a taste of the Fall Conference coming in November, 2 thru 4th out in the beautiful Harrison Hot Springs Resort Hotel. Something for us all to look forward to.

District Governor Françoise Baroux voiced her own personal appreciation to all those who are presently serving and have served in the past. She also spoke of the privilege it has been to be a part of this successful Conference." What a delight this year has been she said, in serving you all as we learn from yesterday, appreciate today and look forward to tomorrow. What a delight is right ... What a truly magnificent Conference.

Elected District 21 Officers for 2007-2008

District Governor	Rae Stonehouse, DTM
Lt. Governor of Education & Training	Joanne Morrison, DTM
Lt. Governor of Marketing	Leni Richardson, DTM

Division Governors:

A	Joe Griffith, ACS, CL
B	Tom Jones, CTM, OCL
C	Theresa Shaver, ATMS, CL
D	Rose Harvie, ACG, CL
E	Ilan Heller, ACS, CL
F	Jeff Galenzoski, ACS, CL
G	Gerry Joly, CC, CL
H	Diana Cheng, ACG, ALB
J	Jason Fong, ACG
K	Shirlie Caruk, ACG, ALB

Submitted by **Steve Henshall, DTM, PRO (07-08)**

August 31st, 2007

District 21 has been hopping for the past month! The District Executive team has been diligently training club officers to lead their clubs effectively throughout the upcoming year. Clubs that have taken a summer holiday are set to hold their first meeting of the year. Division & Area Governors have been developing strategies to help their clubs achieve success in the Distinguished Club Program. Never heard of it? Click [here](#) for details.

Your Top Three officers, **Rae Stonehouse** DTM, District Governor, **JoAnne Morrison** DTM, Lieutenant Governor Education & Training, **Leni Richardson** DTM, Lieutenant Governor Marketing were joined by **Margaret Whittle** DTM Past District Governor, **Pat Johnson** DTM, Past International Director, Past District Governor, **Françoise Baroux** DTM Past District Governor & **Daryl Frolick** DTM in representing District 21 at the recent annual Toastmasters International

Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. You may have heard that Pat Johnson wowed the voting delegates and was elected 3rd Vice President of Toastmaster International. Congratulations Pat!! The District 21 contingent was quite vocal in our celebrations. **Françoise Baroux** DTM accepted a Presidential Citation on behalf of **Harvey Drdul** DTM, from Nanaimo.

Exciting plans for the future of Toastmasters were revealed. Toastmasters International has taken on the challenge of proving once and for all that we are the undisputed world leader at communication & leadership training. Stay tuned for innovative changes to our educational program to make this vision come true.

District 21 is growing. The first club of the year (2007-2008) is born. Say hello to **Vancouver Entrepreneurs Toastmasters Club** born on August 16th. Congratulations go to **Nelson Tsang** ATM-G and **Roger Killen** CTM who made this club a reality. Demo meetings are being held around the District with several new clubs under development. Who will be next to charter?

The Fall speech contests are approaching rapidly. Toastmasters around the district are exercising their funny bones for the upcoming round of Humor Contests. Perhaps this is the year for you to share that funny story that you tell every time your family gets together.

We are off to a fast start with our educational achievements. Close to 100 educational awards have been received by our members already. Our District goal last year for earning Competent Communicators was 369. We surpassed that by earning 486! The goal for Advanced Communicators was 105. We flew past that by earning 225! Now what about this year? I foresee new records being set in the District. This is the last year to earn credit under the old program for your leadership experience as a Competent Leader. It ends June 30th, 2008.

We have had challenges with declining membership over the past two years. Ironically, there has never been a time such as now that

advanced communication and leadership skills are in high demand. Do a friend a favor that will change their life. Invite them to a club meeting.

Congratulations are in order for **Kalamalka Toastmasters** in Vernon as they celebrate their 25th anniversary on September 8th.

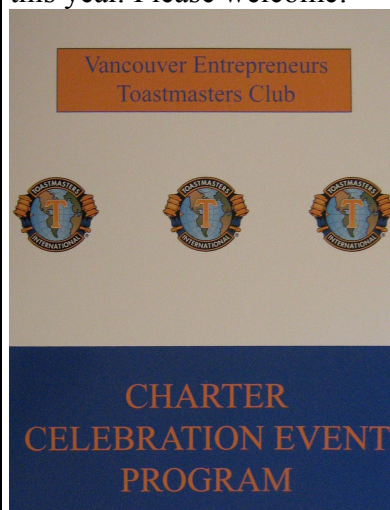
If you happen to see **Elmer Thiessen DTM** wandering around the District, wish him a belated happy birthday as he recently turned 65! Rumor has it that now that Elmer is in his reclining years he is going to start taking Toastmasters seriously ... but then again ...

Rae Stonehouse DTM, District Governor (07-08)

Your *attitude* in everything you do will determine what *altitude* you will reach.
Attitude = Altitude

September 28th, 2007

District 21 is growing! We have added three more new clubs to our district. This makes four so far this year. Please welcome:



Our first club to charter this year, the **Vancouver Entrepreneurs Toastmasters Club # 982012** in Division B, Area 24, is having their charter meeting on Monday, October 22, 2007.

Our Lieutenant Governor of

Marketing, Leni Richardson DTM advises that there are another dozen or so clubs under development. Stay tuned for more birth announcements.

In the larger Toastmasters world, Toastmasters International has improved their website. Members can now access their personal records with their individual username and password by clicking on login.

As Members you can:

- Change your username and password
- Manage your address example: change your address
- Update your contact information
- View education and awards history
- View membership history
- View offices held
- View order history
- Place an order

This means that Club Officers are no longer able to change members addresses on line. It is now the individual members responsibility to do so.

Rae Stonehouse DTM, District Governor (07-08)

November 10th, 2007



International President Chris Ford of Ottawa and 3rd International Vice President Pat Johnson of Victoria at 2007 Fall Conference

Life has been very busy lately for those on the District & Conference Team and no doubt for many of our district Toastmasters. All of our Area and Division speech contests have lead up to this

past weekend when the Fall 2007 District Conference was held at Harrison Hot Springs. **The Heat was definitely on!** Conference attendees had the opportunity to meet with our special guest, Toastmasters International President, **Chris Ford** DTM. Chris provided us with a keynote “You’re in better shape than you think you are” based on his International theme “Toastmasters: Shaping Ourselves ... Shaping Our World” as well as an educational session on collaborative leadership.

To say that our Saturday evening keynote was inspirational and thought provoking would be an understatement. **Billy Weelowski** shared his personal journey of having come from the street as an addict to his present day role as a catalyst in helping thousands of others take control of their addictions and their lives. Our Sunday morning keynote speaker **Dr. Randy Harvey** regaled us with an inspiring personal story of poetic justice.

The Fall Conference is when we celebrate our accomplishments of the previous year, 2006-07.

Our District set new records in educational achievements and that trend is expected to continue. Trophies and certificates were given out to several of our high achieving members.

- The **Outstanding Toastmaster of the Year** went to **Donn York** ATM-G, a member City of the Arts.
- **Outstanding Rookie of the Year** went to **Gene Vickers** ACS, CL (a member of six clubs).
- **Outstanding Area Governor of the Year** went to **Linda Schaab** ACG of Kalamalka Toastmasters.
- **Outstanding Division Governor of the Year** went to **Suzanne Robinson** ACS, a member of Aldergrove Toastmasters in Division K.
- The **District 21 Annual Public Relations Competition Award** went to **Curtis Harvie** DTM of Quesnelle Toastmasters.
- The **Clair Farris Award** went to **Pat Johnson** DTM
- The **Phoenix Award** was presented to **Snowpeaks Toastmasters Club** under the

leadership of Hilda Lakusta ATM-S, Club President and Stephen Head, DTM, Club Coach.

Congratulations to all of our award recipients!



Harvey Drdul DTM had been awarded a Presidential Citation in Phoenix at the International Convention in August. He was unable to attend at that time however he received his award on Saturday when it was presented to him by Chris Ford our

International President. Congratulations Harvey!

Division F was successful in their bid to host the Fall 2008 conference. Specific dates and location are still to be determined.

Our evening entertainment was first class. From dancing to live bands to being entertained by speech contestants that didn't make it to the next level of competition. If you weren't there you missed guest appearances by Sonny & Cher, The Village People and yes, Elvis.

The Hospitality Suite was the best that I had ever seen with room to comfortably accommodate many people at once. Apparently Division A even hosted a pajama party!

We will have the conference and speech contest pictures available for viewing as soon as we can. Stay tuned!

Leading up to the conference, the Heat is On in the rest of the District as well. Several new clubs are ready to charter. Area Governors have been making club visits and our members are submitting their educational achievements.

Your District team is giving a high priority this year to developing the infrastructure and the operations of our District. **JoAnne Morrison** DTM our Lieutenant Governor of Education

(LGET) & **Leni Richardson** DTM our Lieutenant Governor of Marketing (LGM) are offering the first of a series of "Train the Trainer" educational sessions, this weekend. We plan on "raising the bar" of the quality of officer training at every level of our District.

There is a strong possibility of offering this in geographic regions outside of the lower mainland. Leni will also be leading a session for those that want to serve as new club sponsor or mentor.

Tom Byrne ATM-B, CL, our District Chief Judge is organizing a series of contest judging workshops. Details will be released when available.

Shirlie Caruck ATM-G, CL our Club Coach Coordinator and **Leni Richardson** DTM our LGM will be running a training session for current coaches and for anyone considering becoming a coach on December 1st. Contact Leni or Shirlie for details.

Rae Stonehouse DTM, District Governor (07-08)

NEW CLUBS

Please welcome these new clubs to the District 21 family:

- City of Arts Club #1017095 Into Division K, Area 90 in April.
- Stepping Up Speakers Club #983617 into Division F, Area 61 in June.
- Tolko Toastmasters Club #1009820 into Division C, Area 34 in June.
- Vancouver Entrepreneurs Toastmasters Club # 982012 into Division B, Area 24 in August.
- Two Toasts Please Club # 1066274 into Vancouver's Division B, Area 23 in September.
- High Nooners Toastmasters Club # 1069023 also in Division B, Area 25 in September; President David Gladwell.

- Unit Presidents Toastmasters Club # 1087686 into Delta's Division E, Area 51 in September.
- Toastsetters Toastmasters Club # 1091937 into Division J, Area 83 in September; President Ludovic Nicolle.
- Kitsmasters Toastmasters Club # 1085189 into Division B, Area 20 in September; President Fion Lai.
- National Money Mart Club #1104308 into Division A, Area 1 in November.
- Safeway Speakers Club #946877 into Division F, Area 60 in November.
- Frasers Friends Club #1028836 into Division F, Area 64 in December.
- Presenters Club #1049036 into Division F, Area 60 in December.
- Ritchie Bros. Talktioneers Club #1103638 into Division E, Area 50 in December.

Congratulations to all of the club sponsors for their hard work and wishes for continued success to the club mentors.

WANTED

“The Link” needs those of you who want to serve with “The Link” as **Editor, Assistant Editor, Reporter, Photographer, Article Writer, Advertising Agent, or Publishing Staff.**

The Link is only going to be produced as and electronic document on the District 21's Web site. Although if you who know a fellow Toastmasters who does not have an Internet Access, you can print a copy out for your friend.

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