



What's in a Name?

“What’s in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.” **William Shakespeare** *Romeo and Juliet*, Act II, Scene 2.

The above quote says it all. Our club’s newsletter will be great no matter what name we pick for it.

Now that I have everyone’s

attention, it is time for us to determine a suitable name for our newsletter. The goal is to try and develop this newsletter on a quarterly basis.

In it will be articles on what the different club members are doing and recognition for their levels of achievement.

As a valued member of this club, we need your help in picking a name for our newsletter. I encourage you to send an email to the address below or give the name to myself. I will tabulate the results for our next newsletter.

By: Doug Thorp
Vice President of
Public Relations

Year In Review—Yvette Straub former VP of Education

It has been a great year of accomplishments for the Heritage Go-Getters Toastmasters. Considering we are such a new club, and that we all had a huge learning curve to conquer, our members really stepped up to the plate and showed great determination in accomplishing their many goals over the year.

Connie Drake won the Tall Tales Contest held in our area earlier last year. Her many accomplishments led to her receiving the prestigious award as Toastmaster Rookie of the Year! Congratulations Connie!

We’ve had a number of members complete their

CTMs already. We also have a few members getting close to achieving ATM status. We look forward to handing out lots of badges in the near future!

Congratulations to all our members for a great year, and thank you for showing that you really are a group of "go-getters!"



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Message From President Yvette Straub

As the newly appointed President, I'm just starting to get my feet wet in regards to my new roles and responsibilities. Luckily, I have joined an excellent executive team and that makes my initiation much easier.

Our executive consists of: Fiona Tan (VP – Education); Kerry Northmore (VP – Membership); Doug Thorp (VP – Public Relations); Shabbir Hussain (Treasurer); Trudy Dumont (Secretary) and Vish Meshram (Sergeant at Arms). We have a great group, and each individual has the best interest of the club at heart.

We do have a few challenges ahead of us this year – such as bringing our membership numbers back up and maintaining our Select Distinguished Club Status, but

we KNOW we can do it -- because if our first year proved anything, it proved that we are a real group of **go-getters!**



Message From Past President Doug Thorp

How quickly a year can pass. It seemed just a few months ago, myself and the rest of the old Executive were trying to understand what it takes to start and run a club. There were many meetings during the summer. Paperwork had to be completed and sent to Toastmasters International. Many goals had to be established and deadlines to be met.

Among these challenges I was recovering from a personal health challenge. As

many of you know, I was in the midst of recovering from a stroke. At first, I thought I had taken on too much of a challenge. Then with the help of my wife and fellow Executives, I decided to stay on as President and use this position as an opportunity to heal and expand my capabilities.

A year has passed. I am

proud to say that the club and myself have surpassed my goals. I have accomplished my CTM and CL. The club has achieved the Select Distinguished Club status and received a ribbon for membership building. I am honoured to be a member of this club. I wish the members of the Heritage Go-Getters the very best!

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Heritage Go-Getters Receives Charter

On November 25, 2002, the club celebrated receiving its Charter from Jacquie Schnider DTM, District 42 Governor, on behalf of Toastmasters International. The official Charter was dated and signed on August 7, 2002. Our assigned club number is 8410. For a club to achieve its Charter, the membership base must be at least 20 people or more.

The club was started with a membership base of 28 people and all were recognized as a Charter Member of the club.

Pictured are Jacquie Schnider DTM, Area 42 Governor, presenting the Charter to Club President Doug Thorp.



VP of Membership Kerry Northmore

First of all I want to say that our past year's VP Membership, Connie Drake, certainly got our club off to an excellent start and I will certainly do my best to keep up the standard that Connie set. Connie is working on a new and long term commitment of being a Mom, but she tells me she will continue to be a member of our club and she will be bringing a very junior Toastmaster to visit us.

Our club started out with 25 charter members and as of June 30th we had 23 members, only 15 charter members remained. We added 7 new members, just to maintain the 23. Unfortunately the numbers have dwindled even more as of October 1st.

The major role of the VP Membership is to maintain and increase the membership of our club. There are 3 Toastmaster contests each year, "Beat the Clock", "Smedley Award Membership" and "Talk Up Toastmasters". By attaining the goal for each contest the club earns either a ribbon or speaking module. Connie ran the "Talk Up Toastmasters" contest in February/March 2003 and achieved the goal of 5 new members so the club will be receiving a ribbon for our banner. Increasing the membership in the club is important and will be an ongoing goal this year. I will be running these contests this year as well and with your help, we will try to increase our membership and perhaps earn some more rewards.

This club belongs to **you** and its success rests largely with you. Your personal objective to become a better speaker and improve your presentation skills, leadership and organizational skills rests entirely on you - Toastmasters gives you the direction and environment to do that. And because our club is only a year old - we are all learning together.



Club Sponsors

Our club could not have started without the support of our sponsors. In the photo on the right, Marlene Nelligan and Tannis Schwarz, receive their sponsor certificates from District 42 Governor Jacquie Schnider. The Sponsoring club was SAIT Sayers.

Marlene and Tannis have worked hard and dedicated many hours of their time to help to form our club.



On behalf of last year's Executive, I would like to thank Marlene and Tannis for all their hard work and dedication to the club. Without their support, the club would not be what it is today.

Thank you and a job well done!

Doug Thorp, Past President

Connie Drake Wins

Connie Drake, CTM CL, won the Area 10 Tall Tales Contest!

Connie's Tall Tale was about coffee and day dreaming. The tale won her first place at the club level which allowed her to represent the Heritage Go-Getters at the Area level.

On behalf of all club members,

Congratulations!



Connie presenting her winning speech at the club contest.



Connie displaying her prizes from the Area contest.

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The logo of the Heritage Go-Getters Toastmasters Club #8410 includes the club name, and a graphic representing the club members reaching for new heights. The person in the logo is leaning to the right to represent how the members are moving in the right direction on their quest for improvement.

The logo represents the desires and ambitions of the membership while developing their skills during speeches, presentations, and leadership.

We're on the Web!

www.members.shaw.ca/heritagego-getters

The Ribbons Are Coming In

The title is correct. Heritage Go-Getters are proud owners of two ribbons for the club banner.

The first ribbon is for the Talk Up Toastmasters membership drive contest during February and March of 2003. In order to qualify for the ribbon, the club had to increase its membership base by five additional members.

The second ribbon represents the hard work and dedication of all the club members.

Toastmasters International runs a program called the "Distinguished Club Program". The Heritage Go-Getters club achieved seven of the ten goals as outlined by TI.

Achieving these goals as recognized by TI allows the club to be recognized as a Select Distinguished Club.

Congratulations to all the club members for their hard work and dedication.

Pictured below are Judy Mooney and Jill Malo, our club mentors, pinning the Select Distinguished Club ribbon received from Toastmasters International.

