

Meet Your Instructors for Today

Keynote Speaker:

Leadership Lessons from a Former Cubmaster – Chris Mortenson, ACS/ALB

When Chris Mortenson volunteered to lead his son's cub scout pack, he had no experience in scouts or how to lead that sort of organization; but when he stepped down 16 months later he had learned many valuable lessons about delegation, planning and more. As he tells his entertaining story, he will give insights into how he applied to leadership positions as President of two Toastmasters clubs, challenging the audience to practice these same principles and maximize their leadership potential. Soon to be retired, Chris is a Major in the U.S. Air Force and just recently returned from a year in Iraq. He joined Toastmasters in 2006, and served as President of UCCS Toastmasters and Offutt Toastmasters in Omaha, Nebraska. Before going to Iraq, Chris served as Area S2 Governor.

Club Officer Instructors:

Alan Swartz: Distinguished Toastmaster, former District 26 Governor; current member of Simply Speaking, Summit Toastmasters, Excelsior Advanced Club, and Toastability Club.

Bea Garcia Macliz: Distinguished Toastmaster, current District 26 Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training; current member of Peterson Toastmasters, Speak Up Club, New Life Toastmasters, and Pueblo Toastmasters.

Bob Baxter: Distinguished Toastmaster, former District 26 Governor; current member of Evening Stars advanced club.

Julia Davis: Distinguished Toastmaster, Immediate Past District 26 Governor; current member of Night Speakers and Tri-Town Toastmasters.

Karen Kitzky: Distinguished Toastmaster, President's Distinguished Area S4 Governor (2009-2010), Current Area S4 Governor; member Toastmasters at Memorial Hospital and New Life Toastmasters.

Luc Moens: Member since 2007, has been awarded his CC; current member of Evening Stars and Dawn Yawn Clubs.

Niki Moore: Distinguished Toastmaster, Former Southern Division Governor (two terms); current member of FACCMasters Toastmasters, BNI Speechmasters, and Speak Up Club.

Electives and Instructors:

Creating Your Club Climate – Norm Frickey, DTM

Description: Make your meeting fun, make visitors and member want to come back and be involved. In this interactive session participants will explore success and explore ways to make the club climate open and welcoming. Norm Frickey has been an active Toastmasters for over twenty years. He has held all club offices and served as Area Governor, Division Governor, Lt Governor Marketing and Lt Governor Education and Training. Norm is currently serving as District 26 Governor. He is a frequent TLI presenter and believes in Toastmasters because it changes people's lives in a positive way.

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Electives and Instructors (continued):

Delegate to Empower – Terrence Smith, DTM (from Toastmasters' Leadership Excellence Series)

Description: The world needs strong, competent leaders now more than ever before. These effective leaders are needed not only in government and industry, but in our communications and civic organizations as well. Even in Toastmasters, the difference between a successful club and an unsuccessful club is the quality of leadership within the club. Leadership abilities are not inherited. Just like communication skills, leadership skills are learned and honed through experience, facing challenges, and learning from failures and success. Terrence "Terry" Smith is a seasoned Toastmaster, having served in many club leadership roles and Area Governor twice. He led training sessions at the club through regional levels.

The Social Brain and Your Audience – Sharon Frickey, ACS/CL

Description: The New York Times called it "The cell that reads minds." Experience how our social brain creates a context for communicating by activating distinct brain cells. Hear and see examples of current research and resources for learning more about this cutting-edge discovery that can be used to connect with an audience on a cellular level. Sharon Frickey is a published writer and poet and believes "mind is the builder." A retired high school teacher and speech coach, she is a Christa McAuliffe fellow as well as a grant recipient from National Endowment for the Arts; Department of Energy; and Department of Justice. An experienced speaker, while in Japan she wrote/produced/co-hosted a children's TV show and later, in Turkey, hosted Kaleidoscope, her daily radio show over Armed Forces Radio/TV network.

Evaluation by the Numbers – Dennis Ryan, ACS/ALS

Description: A workshop on Why, What, and How to evaluate. Dennis Ryan has been in Toastmasters for 20 years, Club Coach, member Littleton Toastmasters (President (3 times), VP ED (6 years), Evening Stars Advanced Club (6 Years President, S@A.), Denver TLI Coordinator (Jan 2009), Founder and Director of FORWARD FOCUS GROUP – Design and delivery of Management and Presentation seminars and workshops.

Toastmasters - Where Leaders are Made - Bob Baxter, DTM

Description: Are there leadership roles in your professional or personal life that you'd like to fill ? This session will demonstrate how the same "learn-by-doing" model that Toastmasters uses to help you become a better communicator works just as effectively to help you become a better leader. This course will help you find the volunteer leadership role where you can develop the skills you need, whether that role is at the club level or beyond. The course is being taught by an extremely experienced Toastmaster leader. Bob Baxter is a member of the Evening Stars advanced club in Denver, is a Distinguished Toastmaster, and is a Past District 26 Governor. Bob has been a Toastmaster since March 2000 and has served in all club officer roles. He is a published author, award winning public speaker, and has been in the Information Technology field since 1978 with expertise in data center management, systems administration, and Information Technology audits and compliance reviews.

Judges' Certification – Julia Davis, DTM

Description: In this 45-minute session attendees will review the basics of being an effective contest judge. At the conclusion of the session participants will receive judges' certification which allows them to fully participate as a speech contest judge in District 26. Julia Davis is Immediate Past District 26 Governor.