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■ YOUR HAMILTON #1 TOASTMASTER'S NEWSLETTER ■

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Hamilton #1 Welcomes New Members

Hamilton #1 Toastmasters (TM) is proud to announce the addition of three new members for the Fall of 2006. Amanda Donovan, George Olds and Ian Taylor have become recent members of the Hamilton #1 club, bringing new insight and ideas to the table. Hamilton #1 TM welcomes Amanda, George and Ian, and welcomes all new members and guests as part of the TM International mission.

Toastmasters International is the leading movement devoted to making oral communication a worldwide reality. Through

its member clubs, Toastmasters International helps men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening, and thinking – vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of mankind. It is basic to this mission that Toastmasters International continually expand its worldwide network of clubs, thereby offering ever-greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from its programs.

Toastmasters #1 Only Gets Better With Age

The Hamilton #1 chapter of Toastmasters proves itself to be like a fine wine, only getting better with age. Celebrating its Golden Jubilee (50th Anniversary) on April 15, 2002, Hamilton #1 is the oldest club in Area 24, and is also one of the oldest clubs in District 60.

The local organization of Toastmasters clubs belonging to District 60 is organized in the following manner: Hamilton #1 Toastmasters is one club in Area 24. Area 24 is part of Division L, which is part of District 60.

Hamilton #1 is proud to be a part of District 60, as it is one of the largest Districts in the world. In fact, for the 2005-2006 year, District 60 was recognized as the 2nd best District in the world!

Closer to home, Area 24 also includes the Stoney Creek TM Club, Hamilton Health Sciences TM Club, Midday Marauders TM Club, Lakeshore In-Depth TM Club, ACCESS TM Club #640745 and last but not least, Hamilton #1 Toastmasters.

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Advanced Toastmasters Amalgamate

To help establish regular meeting and a permanent home, Lakeshore In-Depth recently twinned with the newest club in Area 24, ACCESS TM. Lakeshore In-Depth TM and ACCESS TM officially kicked off their first joint meeting on November 22, 2006.

A recent addition to Area 24, ACCESS was formed in February 2004. Hamilton #1 TM Club played an integral part of sponsoring its beginning and mentoring the club and members from January 2003 until its charter.

Lakeshore In-Depth is a club for advanced speakers. Members must have obtained their CTM and be working in the advanced

manual in order to join. Typically, Lakeshore In-Depth becomes the second club for many established Toastmasters. Lakeshore does not follow the regular Toastmaster protocol since it deals with advanced toastmasters. Most often, the club met once a month but in some years it had met bi-weekly.

As Toastmasters in good standing, members of Hamilton #1 TM can attend any other club, as a guest. Our members are always welcomed at ACCESS/Lakeshore, because of our relationship. ACCESS is an evening club, meeting on Wednesday's from 7:00 p.m. 'til 9:00 p.m., at the ACCA building, 423 King Street E., Hamilton, Ontario (near corner of Victoria St).

Toastmaster Sparks Interest as Conference Chair

Giorgio Boccalon, established member of Hamilton #1 TM club, recently chaired a two day conference entitled, "4th Annual Generation Adequacy in Ontario: Assessing the Future's Supply Mix and Transmission Infrastructure" in Toronto. This conference was directed to large users, government bodies and consultants regarding issues in the Ontario Electricity Market. Giorgio is a consultant with GB Energy Consulting. He received positive feedback for his efforts, and is slated to chair yet another conference in

April (Generation Adequacy) that is directed more toward commercial and industrial accounts.

Giorgio credits his speaking success at the conference to the skills and experience acquired at Toastmasters. Giorgio adds, "It went very well with only two fire alarms that went off while I was speaking. The first during my opening comments on the first day. The second was in the afternoon of the second day, again, while I was speaking. I guess I was on fire!"

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