

The mission of a Toastmasters club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every individual member has the opportunity to develop oral communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.



BLT ADVANCED TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6584

# What's New BLT?

## Club #6584

### BLT Advanced Toastmasters

Chartered Nov 1, 1997  
Area 4, Division B, District 42  
Regina, SK, Canada

## January 2015

### Editor: Keith Lee

#### Goals of Newsletter:

1. recognition of member and club accomplishments
2. snapshot of club culture, strength, fellowship (for guests and members)
3. information and information for members

### Newsletter Committee

- Dawn Thomas
- Victor Lam
- Maryann Samida
- Marg Ustupski
- Keith Lee

### Visit BLT Toastmasters!

Our Club usually meets once a month on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Glencairn Neighbourhood Centre, 2626 Dewdney Avenue E, Regina Saskatchewan.

Please contact us before attending our meeting as we sometime move our meeting to be at the same location as Division B events. We can provide you with a cell number for one of our members if you arrive late.



<http://blt.toastmastersclubs.org>

## BLT:GOING THAT EXTRA MILE!



BLT Wins the Mileage Award at Fall Conference in Calgary Nov 9/14! (left to right: Toastmasters International President **Mohammad Murad**, BLT'ers **Brad Korbo** and **Eloise Blackstock**, District Governor **Doris Henn** and District Public Relations Officer **John Bauer** – DTMS all! Once again BLT has won the coveted Mileage Award for most members travelling the furthest distance to a District Conference or Convention.

## TRIPLE YOUR TOASTMASTERS PRODUCTIVITY!

### Some ideas from Dawn Thomas on how to Triple Your Pleasure!



1. Always reward a speech with an evaluation (i.e. never give a speech for free)
2. Work on designations that multiply with little effort (i.e. ALS/HPL/CC)
3. Enlist your spouse's help outside the bedroom (i.e. tracking goals)

As a member of BLT, you can download Dawn's full educational speech (Entertaining Speaker project #3, "Triple Your Pleasure, Triple Your Fun" from the BLT website in the Member Downloads section!



BLT is a club for Toastmasters that have completed their first 10 speeches in the Competent Communicator or Competent Toastmaster manuals. We provide an opportunity to further advance your communication and leadership skills.

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Did you know that BLT means 'B's Leading Team'? When the club chartered in 1997, the vision was for BLT Toastmasters to help provide top-quality educational training and leadership for members of Division B – Southern Saskatchewan.



## ENTER THE B-I-N-G-O!

### Take on the BLT Bingo Challenge!

BLT Bingo fever! Special prizes if complete specific Toastmasters-related tasks.

- Download a copy of the BINGO form from the Public Downloads of BLT website.
- Special prizes for members who complete lines and get blackout each month

Some challenges include....

1. Complete a project in the Competent Leader Manual
2. Visit a club you are not a member of to promote BLT club
3. Be a Greeter and welcome everyone as they arrive at the meeting
4. Volunteer to help organize a Division B event
5. Update your personal profile on the BLT website



*Special Congratulations to Eloise Blackstock, who was the first member to complete a line in the BLT BINGO Challenge!*

## Take the 2 x 5 Challenge!

### Five facts about the 2x5 Challenge

1. The 2x5 Challenge was developed in 2013-14 as a way to encourage members to sign up for manual speeches and complete Competent Leadership manual projects.
2. Members complete the 2x5 Challenge by completing 2 manual speeches and 5 Competent Leader role projects.
3. Members who complete the 2x5 Challenge earn a cool Toastmasters mug!
4. Given the limited number of speaking slots available, members need to sign up in advance to ensure that they can complete a manual speech at a meeting!
5. Roles that count for CL projects include Toastmaster, General Evaluator, Evaluator, Speaker, Topicsmaster, Ah Counter, Grammarian, and Mentor to New Member.



*Area Governor Victor Lam presents an Advanced Manual speech at the BLT Xmas Party*

## 2014-15 Club Executive

**President:** Laurel Korbo

**VP Education:** Marg Ustupski

**VP Membership:** Keith Lee

**VP Public Relations:** Brad Korbo

**Treasurer:** Dawn Thomas

**Secretary:** Maryann Samida

**Sergeant at Arms:** Victor Lam



## Make the Most of your Manual

**Manuals are meant to be used – how do you use yours?**

How you make your Toastmasters manuals your own? Here are some simple ideas:

1. **Write your name on it** – front cover and inside cover at the very least to claim it as your own! Mailing label can be stuck to front cover to make name easier to see.
2. **Use post-it notes** to identify the different individual communication or leadership projects
3. **Mark your active project** – which one are you working on right now? Use a bookmark or post-it to flag your current goal
4. **Track your Progress!** Make sure you keep track of which projects you have completed by using the tracking tables in each manual. Ensure your VPE initials the project when you are done!

