



# Annual District Awards

## District 56 Toastmasters

These District 56 awards are presented annually by the District Director at the Spring annual district conference to members who exemplify the qualities outlined in the below award descriptions — Bert Mann, David Abel, Suzy Gormley, Gary McCown Toastmaster Spouse Award and Lone Star Mentoring Award.

### A. Bert Mann Spirit of Success Award (1987)

- i) **Explanation:** The **District 56 Spirit of Success Award** is presented in honor of BERT MANN. Long after he had achieved his personal goals in Toastmasters, District 56 Governor and International Director, Bert continued his commitment to Toastmasters. During his 42 years as a Toastmaster, he contributed his knowledge, experience, legal expertise, and maintained regular attendance at Club and District meetings as long as his health permitted. He was a continuing mentor to individual Toastmasters as well as to District officers.
- ii) **Requirement:** The award will be presented to a District 56 Toastmaster who exemplifies unselfish service year after year on behalf of Toastmasters.
- iii) **District Recognition:** An engraved plaque is presented at the Spring annual district conference.

### B. David Abel Standard of Excellence Award (1990)

- i) **Explanation:** This District 56 Standard of Excellence Award is presented in honor of DAVID ABEL. A standard of excellence was a minimal quest for David. As District 56 Governor and Parliamentarian, David inspired and challenged everyone to their highest level of performance.
- ii) **Requirement:** The award will be presented to a District 56 Toastmaster for exemplary achievement in either personal performance or performance of assigned district responsibilities.
- iii) **District Recognition:** An engraved plaque is presented at the Spring annual district conference.

### C. Suzy Gormley Achievement Award (1994)

- i) **Explanation:** This District 56 Achievement Award is presented in honor of SUZY GORMLEY. Despite the depth of her physical distress, Suzy maintained an active role in Toastmasters culminating with her term as District 56 Governor in 1982-1983. She inspired all Toastmasters through her unfailing positive attitude, smiling and caring manner, passion for excellence, and her devotion to helping others succeed.
- ii) **Requirement:** The award will be presented to a District 56 Toastmaster who, despite adversity, continues to regularly attend meetings, maintain leadership roles, and participate in Toastmasters activities.
- iii) **District Recognition:** An engraved plaque is presented at the Spring annual district conference.

#### D. Gary McCown Toastmaster Spouse Award (2015)

- i) **Explanation:** This District 56 Achievement Award is presented in honor Gary McCown. His dedication to his spouse's Toastmaster journey for many years and always saying "yes" when asked to do anything for District 56 Toastmasters.
- ii) **Requirement:** The award will be presented to the non-Toastmaster spouse of a Toastmaster whose support has facilitated the Toastmaster's success in the organization.
- iii) **District Recognition:** An engraved plaque is presented at the Spring annual district conference.

#### E. Lone Star Mentoring Award (2015)

- i) **Explanation:** This District 56 Lone Star Mentoring Award is presented in honor Karen Blake who provides mentoring and unselfish dedication in service to the members and clubs of the district.
- ii) **Requirement:** The award will be presented a Toastmaster who makes the greatest difference in the lives of others by supporting leadership through mentoring and his/her unselfish dedication to District 56 Members & Clubs.
- iii) **District Recognition:** An engraved plaque is presented at the Spring annual district conference

#### F. Communication & Leadership Award (Annual)



Giving this award is one of the most effective ways to gain publicity.

The Communication and Leadership Award is presented by the district to **a person in the community** who is an outstanding communicator or leader. Honor a media person, state or local politician or business person with this sophisticated and elegant award. Featuring a glass piece with beveled edge which fits into a beautiful rosewood finished base.

Trophy reads: Communication and Leadership Award Presented by (name of presenter) to (name of recipient) For Outstanding Service to their Community, State and Industry through Communication and Leadership.

**\*\*2 lines available for engraving are meant only for the name of the presenter of the award and the name of the recipient. Customization is required and included in the price of the award.**

This award may only be purchased with district funds. Contact the Supply Orders Department to place your order. Simply email [supplyorders@toastmasters.org](mailto:supplyorders@toastmasters.org) with your order and be sure to include your engraving information to avoid delays in processing. Please submit your order with ample time to ensure prompt delivery (express handling is not available for this award).