# Toast of Jax Toastmasters Newsletter Vision Committee Committee Report July 26, 2003

The Newsletter Vision committee, after having reviewed the club's newsletter, makes the following recommendations:

- The club should endeavor to acquire a photograph of each member, to consist of a head and shoulders shot on a standardized background. All such photographs should be similar in dimension, style and other characteristics.
- In order to allow the club to make use of photographs as described above or as otherwise made at club meetings or events – each member should be asked to sign a release form (copy attached).
- To recognize member accomplishments, the club should place in its weekly newsletter, photographs of the Best Speaker, the Best Evaluator, the Best Table Topics participant and the member who best used the Word of the Day (see example newsletter attached). In addition, any member achieving CTM or a higher level should be recognized either similarly or in a "special event" photograph as described below.
- Photographs of new members should be made on the day their membership applications are accepted (to the extent practical) and included in the weekly newsletter when made.
- Periodically, as appropriate, the newsletter should also include a larger "special event" photograph to memorialize accomplishments or events that warrant special recognition, to the extent possible or practical. (Note: the attached newsletter includes a "Special Event" photograph.)
- As a byproduct of photographs being available, the club should periodically publish
  a printed "Member's Gallery" (copy attached) to be distributed to new members to
  allow them to more quickly associate names and faces.
- The newsletter should expand to include a "Member Accomplishments" column to allow members to submit a written article for publication. Such articles are to specifically feature how Toastmasters has positively impacted a member's life.
   Publication should be subject to editorial discretion based on appropriateness of content, length and language. Articles should be limited to 250 words (and a photograph if appropriate), with each edition to include a maximum of one such item.

David J. Rafanowicz, Chairman Richard Welty, Member Steve Lazar, Member Grant McManus, Member

### Toast of Jax Toastmasters District 47, Area 37, Club 3397 Release Form

The undersigned hereby authorizes Toast of Jax Toastmasters to publish my photograph and name on the Toast of Jax web site (<a href="www.toastofjax.com">www.toastofjax.com</a>) and in printed documents. I understand that the use of my photograph and name shall be limited to areas directly related to club activities, e.g., participation at regular meetings or special events, Toastmaster awards, contest results, and other matters legitimately within the purview of club business.

Signed this	day of	20
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Print Name: _		
Witness		
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# Toast of Jax Toastmasters District 47 - Division A - Area 37 - Club 3397 Member's News and Notes

**Current Week** 

July 19, 2003

#### **Award Corner**

**Best Speaker** 



Grant McManus





David Rafanowicz Table Topic Kevin Corbett

Word of Day



U.S. Navy
Accomplishmen



Operation Iraqi Freedom

Archives

### Welcome Home Sailor!



President Danny Pritchard (I), Toastmaster David Rafanowicz. Toastmaster Don Lemcool and Area 37 Governor Jim Akers pose for the camera to welcome Don home after several months aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt serving our country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. (photo by Grant McManus)

#### **Business Meeting**

Danny Pritchard presiding

President Danny Pritchard formally welcomed back Toastmaster Don Lemcool, who had been aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt for the past several months while serving our nation during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Members recognized Lemcool with a thunderous standing ovation.

Toastmaster Lemcool expressed his appreciation to all who had e-mailed him during his tour of duty and for the club's support. He then presented his U.S. Navy accomplishment medal (see picture at left) to Toastmaster David Rafanowicz. Lemcool cited Rafanowicz as the Toast of Jax "Communications Ambassador" for keeping him up to date on club activities during his time at sea. Rafanowicz, obviously moved by the gesture, was uncharacteristically speechless.

Under the topic of new business, Toastmaster Rafanowicz requested that President Pritchard appoint two committees. The first, which Toastmaster Gail Antoine volunteered to chair, will review and update the member's manual. It was recommended that the committee include two additional members, one to assist in editing and another to provide historical context. The second committee, to be chaired by Rafanowicz, is to make recommendations concerning routine publication of a more visually oriented newsletter. Committee members will include Richard Welty, Grant McManus and Steve Lazar. President Pritchard appointed the committees. Additionally, he appointed Toastmaster Ulrich Leinhase to chair an Audit Committee to make a routine annual audit of the club's financial records.

Closing the business segment, Pritchard announced that Club Officer Training is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 24, at the Bank of America office park on Southside Boulevard. All officers are requested to attend. Details available

## Toast of Jax Toastmasters – Member Gallery

