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# Big “D” Chronicles

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## New Member Spotlight Welcome to Big D!

★ Keri Boyce

★ Jim Harris

★ Jessika Jacobson

★ Stephen Patterson



### Role Call – General Evaluator

**The general evaluator’s role is a kind of project manager. As GE, your responsibilities include:**

- Ensuring the speech and leadership project evaluators know their responsibilities
- Supervising the timer, grammarian and Ah-Counter
- Evaluating everything that takes place during the club meeting
- Making sure each activity is performed correctly

<http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/MemberExperience/MeetingRoles/GE.aspx>

## Big “D” International Speech and Evaluation Contest – March 6th

Speech contests are an important part of the Toastmasters International educational program. Speech contests provide an opportunity for speakers to gain contest experience, to recognize the best speakers as an encouragement to everyone and to learn by observing the more proficient speakers who have benefited from their Toastmasters training. We will have two contests in place of our regularly scheduled meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>; the International Speech Contest and the Evaluation Contest. We have a guest speaker scheduled as Contest Master. Anthony Kung is a Distinguished Toastmaster and was selected as Toastmaster District 50 Toastmaster of the Year. We are thrilled to have him as a guest; he is very energetic and will certainly add to the fun for the evening.

The first contest will be the evaluation contest. A “target speaker,” will give a 5 – 7 minute speech. After the speech is given the evaluation contestants will be escorted from the room and will return one at a time to give evaluations. All members in good standing may enter the evaluation contest. We are trying to have a guest speaker to be the target speaker. However, a club member can easily give the target speech. Additionally, if you have an opportunity to be a target speaker at an Area or Division contest, it’s a great way to get another speech completed.

The second contest will be the International Speech contest. All speeches must be 5 – 7 minutes. To enter this competition you must have completed 6 speeches prior to the contest. At our club contest, the club members will determine the winner. Beyond the club level judges are used to determine winners. The winners of our club contest will compete in the combined Area 31 and Area 35 contest on Sat Apr 5<sup>th</sup>. Please make plans to attend the Area contest whether or not you plan to compete.

Should our club winners succeed in winning the Area 31 contest, then the Metro Division and District 50 contest dates are as follows: Metro Division, Sat Apr 19 and District 50, at the Spring Conference, May 16 & 17. The complete District 50 Spring Contest season schedule as well as contest rules can be found on the web at [toastmastersd50.org](http://toastmastersd50.org)

Competing is a great way to take your skills to the next level. In addition to contestants, we need volunteers to serve as Sergeants at Arms, and Ballot Counters.

Like everything else in Toastmasters and especially at Big “D” ... let’s make sure we have plenty of fun!

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