

# **DAYTON ROAD TOASTMASTERS CLUB**

## **Newsletter #4**

**December 2013-January 2014**

### **MEETINGS DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN WERE A CHALLENGE**

During the US Government Shutdown, from October 1 through 16, 2013, the USDA NCAH facility on Dayton Avenue was not open to general visitors. The Dayton Road Toastmasters Club was challenged to find other meeting places during this period. On October 3 there was no meeting. On October 10 we met at the Pizza Ranch on Dayton Avenue. This occasion gave us practice meeting in a much less formal situation, an open area in the rear of the restaurant. It is reminiscent of similar occasions during my career, including small going-away parties, which involved speaking situations amid an elevated level of background noise. By October 17, the Government Shutdown had ended, and we were able to meet in our regular room at NCAH.

### **TWO MEETINGS WERE HELD AT DANFOSS PLANT**

During the time of the shutdown, our President, Alta Byg, had contacted the Danfoss plant, on 13<sup>th</sup> street, in an attempt to find a meeting room. They offered a meeting room to us for October 24 and 31. Although the shutdown had ended, we met there for those weeks, since a number of Danfoss personnel had expressed interest in Toastmasters. Danfoss personnel were invited to both meetings, and our October 31 meeting was a Demonstration Meeting, with Danfoss personnel attending as guests.

## **NEW MEMBER**

Our newest member, Mike Boone, was inducted into membership at our December 19 meeting.



In the picture above, our newest member, Mike Boone, at left, is being welcomed by our Vice President of Membership, Roman Lynch.

## **OPEN HOUSE MEETING PLANNED FOR JANUARY 30.**

An Open House Meeting is being planned for Thursday, January 30, from 12:00 to 1:00. It will be in the large room adjacent to the cafeteria. Two excellent speakers from Toastmasters will give speeches. They are Insook Wessels, a member of the iToast Club, and Vince McCarty, of Des Moines. The planning committee, Alta Byg, President, Roman Lynch, VP Membership, and Allan Baker, VP Public Relations, have been meeting regularly. A meeting will be held the week of January 6 for all club members to attend, to establish and assign meeting roles, and to plan the details of the meeting. Please make it a point to attend this meeting.

## **WINTER OFFICERS TRAINING**

A Division D Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. It will be held at the Franklin Avenue Public Library, 5000 Franklin Avenue, in Des Moines. Further details, including a

map of the location, are available on our Facebook site. You may also contact Alta Byg, our Club President, or Tami Thompson, Division D Governor, at 515-720-3850.

A major feature of the TLI is training of club officers. The Toastmasters International Distinguished Club Program requires that four of the seven club officers be trained twice a year. The training usually includes a discussion of the requirements of each office, and the chance to ask questions, resolve problems, and exchange ideas with officers of other clubs. The winter session is a good place to discuss successes and resolve problems that have arisen during the first part of the Toastmasters year.

### **CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP**

A Facebook Group has been established for the Dayton Road Toastmasters Club. It can be accessed at [www.facebook.com/groups/554343884655050/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/554343884655050/). It is an open group. Anyone can see the group, who's in it, and what the members post. So far it has four members who are able to post. If you are a member of Facebook, please consider becoming a member of this group. The purpose of the group is to publicize our club and its activities. In the future we hope to include more pictures, etc., from our meetings and other functions.