



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

## Spring 2014 Conference Agenda

### District 68

#### Spring 2014 Conference

May 16, 17, 18, 2014

Isle of Capri Casino Hotel

100 Westlake Avenue

Westlake, LA 70669

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#### Conference Highlights

#### Educational Sessions

##### Keynote Speaker:

Vikas Jhingran, 2007  
World Champion of Public  
Speaking

##### Additional Speakers:

Lt. Will Fediw, United  
States Coast Guard

Steve Maurer, ACG, ALB

#### District Contests

District 68 Evaluation  
Contest

District 68 International  
Speech Contest

#### District 68 Council Meeting

2014-2015 Officer  
Elections

#### Hall of Fame Luncheon

Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Networking & More!

# SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

## DISTRICT 68 TOASTMASTERS Spring 2014 Conference

### FRIDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

Friday events will be hosted outside next to beautiful Lake Charles – weather permitting

5:30 PM	Registration Desk Opens
6:00 PM	First Timers Session- learn about what to expect at the conference!
6:30 PM	Meet, Greet, and Eat – dinner buffet and mingling with other Toastmasters
7:30 PM	Evaluation Contestant and Judges' Briefings
8:00 PM	Registration Desk Closes
8:00 PM	District 68 Evaluation Contest
9:00 PM	Closing Announcements – Bryan Jolley, District 68 Governor
9:30 PM	Hospitality Suite Opens
12:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Closes



## SATURDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

- 7:30 AM**                    **Registration Opens; First Timers Session-** learn about what to expect at the conference!
- 8:00 AM**                    **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 AM**                    **Opening Ceremony and Color Guard**
- 9:00 AM**                    **Keynote address – “Flashbulb”**  
Vikas Jhingran, 2007 World Champion of Public Speaking
- 10:15 AM**                  **Educational Session – “Leadership in ACTION”**  
Lt. Will Fediw, CC, United States Coast Guard
- 11:30 AM**                  **Hall of Fame Lunch Buffet –** Come see Toastmasters from around our District be recognized for their educational accomplishments since the last conference!
- 1:00 PM**                    **Educational Session – “Add Storytelling to Your Speeches”**  
Steve Maurer, ACG, ALB, former Area 1 Governor
- 2:15 PM**                    **Educational Session – “In Search of Excellence”**  
Vikas Jhingran, 2007 World Champion of Public Speaking
- 3:30 PM**                    **District Council Meeting –** District Leadership Reports, District Realignment, District Officer Elections
- 6:00 PM**                    **Registration Closes**
- 6:30 PM**                    **Banquet Introduction & Processional**
- 7:00 PM**                    **Dinner**
- 8:00 PM**                    **District 68 International Speech Contest**
- 9:00 PM**                    **District Officer Induction**
- 9:30 PM**                    **Closing Remarks – District 68 Governor Bryan Jolley; Incoming DG**
- 10:00 PM**                  **Hospitality Suite Opens**
- 12:00 PM**                  **Hospitality Suite Closes**



## **SUNDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

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| <b>8:00 AM</b>  | <b>Breakfast Buffet</b>  |
| <b>8:30 AM</b>  | <b>Speaking Workshop – “The Charismatic Speaker”</b><br>Vikas Jhingran, 2007 World Champion of Public Speaking             |
| <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Roast of Outgoing District Governor Bryan Jolley, ACS, ALB</b><br>Presented by your 2013-2014 District leadership team! |
| <b>11:00 AM</b> | <b>Conference Ends</b>   |



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### Vikas Jhingran, 2007 World Champion of Public Speaking

<http://vikasjhingran.com/>

Vikas is speaker, author and corporate leader with a strong interest in helping people and teams reach their full potential. Every day, Vikas has the uncommon opportunity of putting his thoughts and ideas, which he shares using his speeches and writing, into practice in a corporate setting where he leads a team. His recent interests have centered around a emotion-based approach to verbal communications. He explores that in his recent book EMOTE Using Emotions to Make Your Message Memorable. An MIT trained engineer and researcher, Vikas suffered from poor speaking skills, due in large part to being an introvert and immigrant. He studied public speaking to improve in this area and eventually won the Toastmasters 2007 World Championship of Public Speaking. He is the first Indian and only the second person of Asian origin to do so. Vikas is an engineer with Shell Oil Company and uses his leadership and communication skills to manage multi-million dollar projects. He also uses his unique, emotion-driven approach to deliver keynotes and conduct workshops that help others become better speakers. He lives with his wife and two sons in Houston, Texas.



#### **Toastmasters International**

Vikas has been a member of Toastmasters International since 2002. He has served in various capacities at the club level including President. In 2007, Vikas won the Toastmaster World Championship of Public Speaking, beating out more than 20,000 other speakers over six months of competition. He continues to attend club meetings and improve his speaking skills. Click [here](#) to read more about Vikas Jhingran

### Vikas will share the following educational sessions at the conference:

#### *Flashbulb*

**Theme: Communication**

**This dramatic keynote will turn your speaking world upside down, making you rethink your approach to speaking. It will challenge you to reach new heights as a speaker while providing you with an different outlook to writing and delivering your speeches.**

#### *In Search of Excellence*

**Theme: Leadership/Motivational**

**In this motivational keynote, I share my journey to the top in academics, public speaking and Corporate America. This is particularly well suited in the current times of instant gratification, who sometimes feel that it's either you have it or you don't. This keynote emphasizes work ethic, goals setting. It emphasis sticking it out through thick and thin and the importance of hard work in success.**

#### *The Charismatic Speaker*

**Theme: Communication**

**Great speakers are not born but made. I have found that most good speakers use simple techniques to elevate their speeches to a higher level. In this workshop, I break down some of these techniques and show why they are effective.**

## DISTRICT 68 SPEAKERS:



### Will Fediw

Will Fediw is an Active Duty military officer who combines unique experiences and leadership insights with passionate presentations. Having the privilege of sailing the ocean, flying airplanes, and overseeing shipyard construction, Will paints vivid stories within imaginations and fuses them with practical insights and inspirations.

Will joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 2008 and attended Officer Candidate School in New London, Connecticut. Earning his commission as an Ensign, Will was assigned to Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville, in Jacksonville, Florida, where he was trained as a vessel inspector. Now a Lieutenant, Will is currently assigned to Marine Safety Unit Lake Charles in Lake Charles, Louisiana, where he serves as the Port State Control Branch Chief. Will also serves as the Public and Government Affairs Officer, and the Energy Project Officer.

Off-duty, Will is a member of Toastmasters International, serving as a past-VP of Membership for Lake Charles Toastmasters club #1225. He has earned his

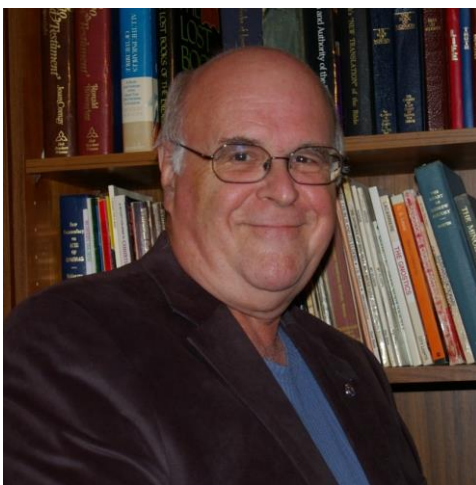
Competent Communicator designation, and has won several area, division, and district speaking competitions.

In order to maximize his ability to impact others, Will founded <http://www.willfediw.com> as a place to centralize his written and speaking works. Will is currently working on several written projects, including his first book, and frequently speaks on invitation to schools, church groups, and military units.

For more information visit <http://www.willfediw.com>

(FACEBOOK) <http://www.facebook.com/willfediwspeaks>

(TWITTER) @willfediw



### Steve Maurer

Steve Maurer, ACG, ALB has been a Toastmaster for over five years, having delivered well over 50 speeches and presentations. He has been active in his local Club here in Lake Charles, as well as serving as Area Governor and taking part in Area and District events.

Steve has always been involved with storytelling, from the time his own children were able to listen, he would make up stories for them, and pass on the oral history of the family. Even as a Scoutmaster, sitting around the campfire, Steve delighted in making images "come alive" through words. As a Toastmaster, his favorite Advanced Communicator Manuals were "Storytelling" and "Interpretive Reading". After attending several national events, he had the opportunity to "Tell" a story of his own at the National Storytelling Festival, which is held every year in Jonesboro, Tennessee, and draws thousands of people from not only

the United States, but Canada and overseas countries as well.

His favorite saying is "A picture may be worth a thousand words... but a word picture can convey a thousand messages."

Your speeches will be enhanced by telling stories.