

GOVERNOR: Patty Fong, DTM

YEAR: 1996-1997

THEME: Whatever It Takes

Most Positive Accomplishments:

District 39 set an unprecedented record high for 1996/97 year for the district. Six of eight division governors were Select Distinguished and higher, four achieved President's Distinguished. 28 of 36 Area Gov achieved Distinguished or higher, 4 Select Distinguished and 3 President's Distinguished.

Ranked top district in Region I. Ranked 28 of the 74 districts in the world.

President's Distinguished Division
Division A - Jan Gerst, ATM
Division B - Al Lotspeich, CTM
Division D - Don Johnson, DTM
Division H - Al James, DTM

President's Distinguished Area
Area 55 Peter Vacura, ATM
Area 71 Curtis Woodard, ATM
Area 84, Charlesetta Stalling, ATM

Outstanding Toastmaster of the Year: Marian Kile, DTM
Outstanding Area Governor: Peter Vacura, ATM
Outstanding Division Governor: Al James, DTM
Herb Yarborough Award: Marilyn Minden, DTM

Those Persons Whose Help Highlighted My Year:

In achieving the goals of the district and personal benefits, District 39's theme was, "WHATEVER IT TAKES". Along the journey as a team, the emphasis was to stay focused, have fun, and for everyone to remain friends during our year. It worked!!!

Some of the best mentors who helped were the Past District Governors chaired by Arun Sen, PID DTM. A few of the many personal friends who encouraged the most challenging and enriching year, serving the term as DG, were Roberta Battle, DTM, Marvyn Drake, DTM, Joe Samora, DTM and Ralph Romo, DTM. I can't list them all, but they know who they are. With the expertise of all the past DGs and an administration of outstanding leaders, we understand teamwork is the key to success!

My Favorite Memories:

The memorable moments as a district officer were at the Region I conferences. Jim Brennan and Russell Marsan both placed first place winners at Region I, International Speech Contest and the Humorous Contest, respectively. Everyone jumped out of their seats when their names were announced as winners! The next year, Doug Voska won second place in the Humorous at Region, and then the following year, Rod Walrath placed first place at Region. District 39 is packed with extremely talented people! They are District 39 winners!!! I very proud to have been a part of the district to witnesses these treasurable moments as District 39 District Governor.

Thank-you everyone for making it the best year of my career as a TMs!

