



DISTRICT 37

2019 CONFERENCE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MAY 3 - 5, 2019

**RALEIGH CRABTREE MARRIOTT
4500 MARRIOTT DR., RALEIGH, NC 28612**

Working Together To Make A Difference

Come see the best of District 37 compete in the International Speech and Table Topics Contests.

Learn from the Hall of Fame Speaker Steve Gilliland.

Attend educational sessions designed to motivate, inspire and propel you to that next level.

Network with Toastmasters across the state of North Carolina.

Early Bird Registration includes VIP Seating for International Speech and Table Topics Contests.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: ELMER T. HILL, DTM @ (702) 429-9827

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Friday, May 3, 2019

FRIDAY	TENATITIVE AGENDA		
Time	Event	Who Should Attend	Where
3:00 PM	Special Education Session (choice of 2)	Everyone	Sycamore / Magnolia
4:00 PM	Contest Briefing	Contest official	Braise Room
4:00 PM	Contestant Briefing	Table Topics Contestants	Salons A-D
4:45 PM	Break		
5:00 PM	TABLE TOPICS CONTEST	Everyone	Salons A-D
6:30 PM	Division & Area Directors Reception	Area & Division Directors	Glenwood Terrace
7:00 PM	Buffet Dinner	Everyone – Ticket needed	Salons I-II
9:00 PM	Entertainment	Everyone	Salons I-II
TBD	Bookstore	Everyone	Dogwood
TBD	Hospitality Suite	Everyone	Suite 615

Saturday, May 4, 2019

SATURDAY	TENATITIVE AGENDA		
Time	Event	Who Should Attend	Where
7:30 AM	Opening Session & Keynote	Everyone	Salons A-E
9:00 AM	Break		
9:15 AM	Education Session (choice of 4)	Everyone	Salons F-G Magnolia Sycamore Willow
10:00 AM	Break		
10:15 AM	Education Session (choice of 4)	Everyone	Salons F-G Magnolia Sycamore Willow
11:45 AM	LUNCH – C & L Award, Recognition	Everyone – Ticket Needed	Salons I-II
2:00 PM	DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING 2019-2020 Officer Elections	Club Presidents & VPE DEC members	Salons A-D
3:30 PM	Break		
3:45 PM	Contest Briefing	Contest official	Braise Room
3:45 PM	Contestant Briefing	International Speech Contestants	Salons A-D
4:15 PM	INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST	Everyone	Salons A-D
7:00 PM	DTM Reception	DTMs	Great Room Terrace
7:30 PM	DINNER	Everyone – Ticket needed	Crabtree Ballroom

Sunday, May 5, 2019

SUNDAY	TENTATIVE AGENDA		
Time	Event	Who Should Attend	Where
8:30 AM	Workshop "The Art of Speaking" Breakfast with Steve Gilliland	Everyone – Ticket Required	Dogwood / Magnolia Limit 80 attendees
11:30 AM	Conference Debriefing	Super Trio	Raleigh
12:30 PM			

The Art of Speaking

Workshop Agenda

8:30-9:45am **20/20**

On April 17, 1999, Hall of Fame Speaker Steve Gilliland spoke for the first time at DuPont in Pasadena, Texas. Twenty years later, he recounts 20 of his largest missteps in speaking and building a multimillion-dollar speaking business.

9:45-10:15am **The Pathway to the Platform**

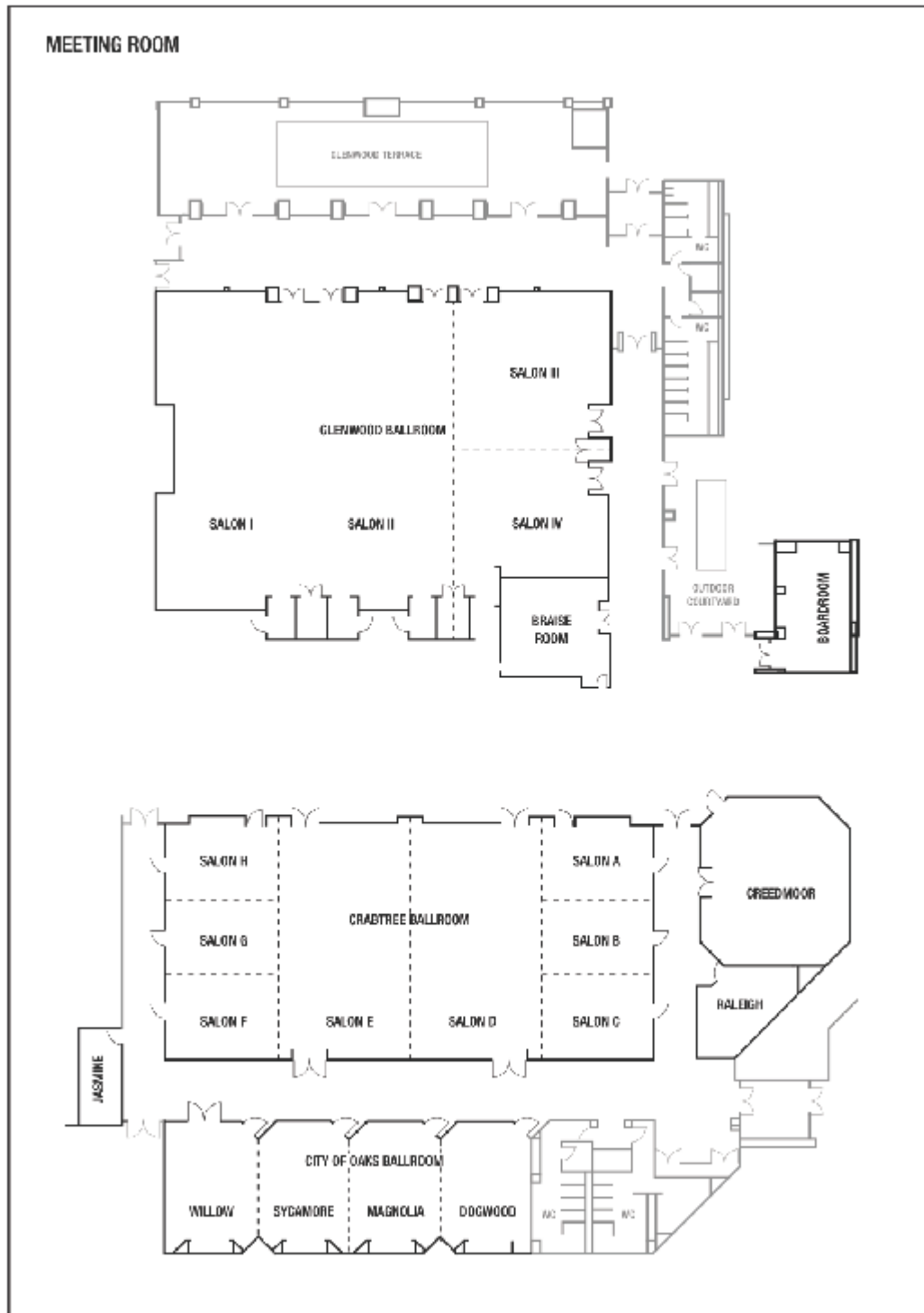
What you say and how you say it is your primary product. Your speech needs to solve a problem. When you begin with your solution, and then write the speech, people will buy it. This 30-minute session will reveal the 7 irrefutable truths of professional speaking.

10:15-10:30am **Break**

10:30-11:15am **The Power of Storytelling**

Steve will show how effective storytelling reinforces, entertains, and supports intended take-a-ways. You will learn how to truly move an audience through a deep understanding of emotions, motivations, and psychology. You need to learn how to make people laugh, cry, and tweet something you say in a matter of 5-minutes. Like the "bits" of a standup comedian, your content and delivery will be judged on how deeply you connect in a short amount of time.

11:15-11:30am **Q & A**



DISTRICT 37 ANNUAL CONFERENCE FAQ

- 1) Where can I get more information about the 2019 Annual Conference?
 - a. More information can be found at <http://d37toastmasters.org> or <http://d37toastmasters.org/2019-spring-conference/>
- 2) I have specific questions that I would like to discuss with someone. Who may I contact?
 - a. You may contact anyone of the individual shown below or you may contact Elmer Hill, DTM, District 37 Program Quality Director at elmer.hill@d37toastmasters.org or by phone at (702) 429-9827.

	Name	Email	Phone
Conference co-chair	Miriam Abu	miriamkizikuabu@gmail.com	914-316-2814
Conference co-chair	Kim Braschwitz	dist37kim@gmail.com	919-240-8296
Speech Contest Chair	Gary Cohen	garyecohen@gmail.com	980-253-9433
District Chief Judge	Michelle Bennett	michelle.bennett@wellsfargo.com	
Conference Finance Manage	Lana Torkildsen	Lana.Torkildsen@compass-usa.com	919-562-3577

- 3) How may I register to attend the 2019 District 37 Annual Conference?
 - a. You may register to attend the Annual Conference by going to <http://d37toastmasters.org> or by going directly to Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/district-37-annual-conference-2019-registration-57013623282>
- 4) Is there an early bird rate for conference registration?
 - a. Yes. There is an early bird rate for conference registration. Please check <http://d37toastmasters.org> for details or go directly to the Eventbrite web site for all registration details. Please note that the early bird registration rate expires at 11:59 PM March 31, 2019.
- 5) If I miss the District 37 Conference in May, will I be able to register for the District 37 Fall 2019 conference?
 - a. No! Toastmasters International Board of Directors has decided that each District may only hold one conference each year. The District 37 Annual conference will be the only conference until approximately one year from May 2019.
- 6) I would like to volunteer to help support the District 37 Annual conference. How may I volunteer?

- a. Please contact either one of the conference co-chairs or Kavita Gupta, DTM at kavitamg@icloud.com or (919) 225-9680. Your support is greatly appreciated!
- 7) Why was Raleigh Crabtree Marriott selected for the District 37 conference? I thought the 2019 conference hotel was the Embassy Suites in Cary, NC.
- a. Due to pending construction at the Embassy Suites in Cary, the District 37 Leadership team decided it was in the best interests of the District to have the conference at a hotel where construction would not be a distraction. The Raleigh Crabtree Marriott was selected because it had recently completed a full renovation of the property and it was available on the same conference date.
- 8) Will there be a keynote speaker at the 2019 District 37 Annual Conference?
- a. Yes. Steve Gilliland will be the keynote speaker. His keynote address is scheduled Saturday, May 4th. Steve was the keynote speaker at the 2018 Toastmasters International Convention in Chicago. He is one of the top speakers in the country. His keynote is titled "Making a Difference." Steve will be conducting a workshop Sunday, May 5th at 8:30 AM. The title of the workshop is "The Art of Speaking" and includes breakfast.
- 9) I understand that District 37 has negotiated a special hotel room rate at Raleigh Crabtree Marriott. What are the details?
- a. Rooms reserved for Thursday, May 2nd, Friday, May 3rd or Saturday, May 4th will be available at a special Toastmasters rate of \$139.00 per night plus state and local taxes. To make reservations call Raleigh Crabtree Marriott at 1-919-571-5325. Reference Group # **Toastmasters Spring Conference**. Room reservations must be made by April 11, 2019. Reservations after this date may be significantly higher
- 10) Is it mandatory that I register for the District 37 Annual Conference if I plan to attend?
- a. While there will be the ability to pay at the door, advanced reservations are strongly encouraged so that an accurate attendance count can be provided to the Marriott hotel for seating and meals. Please make reservations at <http://d37toastmasters.org> or on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/district-37-annual-conference-2019-registration-57013623282>
- 11) What if I only want to attend to participate in the "Art of Speaking Speaking" workshop being presented by Steve Gilliland?
- a. Please check reservations options at <http://d37toastmasters.org> or on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/district-37-annual-conference-2019-registration-57013623282>
- 12) May my family attend?
- a. While the District 37 conference is not considered a family event but a Toastmasters networking and training event, registration is not restricted to Toastmasters. Others may register and attend.

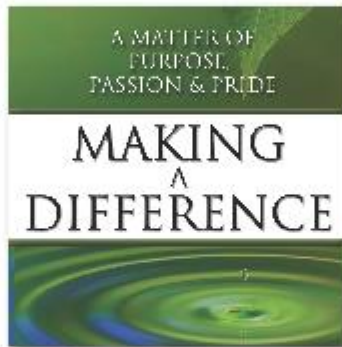


Steve Gilliland presents
**MAKING
A
DIFFERENCE™**

A MATTER OF PURPOSE, PASSION & PRIDE

THE SPEAKER

A member of the Speaker Hall of Fame, **Steve Gilliland** is one of the most in-demand and top-rated speakers in the world. Recognized as a master storyteller and brilliant comedian, he can be heard daily on SiriusXM Radio's Laugh USA and Blue Collar Radio. Steve speaks to more than 250,000 people a year and influences the lives of millions through his keynote speeches, books, CDs and DVDs.



THE SPEECH

Focusing on the conscious choices we make every day that impact the lives of others, **Making a Difference™** is an eye-opening and heartfelt keynote detailing how to positively influence people in every imaginable way, regardless of position or status. Each of us has the potential to transform the culture of an organization through our actions and attitude.

This presentation centers on three

empowering dynamics:

- ◆ *Purpose:* It drives you!
- ◆ *Passion:* It fuels you!
- ◆ *Pride:* It defines you!

Takeaway Message – *While we don't always know what challenges face the people we meet every day, we do have the power to bring them hope. That hope can multiply a thousand times over and spread throughout the world exponentially. This is the essential, motivating truth behind Making a Difference™!*

THE AUTHOR

Steve is a prolific, accomplished author, evidenced by four of his books—*Detour*, *Enjoy The Ride*, *Hide Your Goat* and *Making a Difference*—perennially making the publisher's best seller list and his being named Author of the Year. He was also recognized by Who's Who for Speakers and Business Professionals.

THE BUSINESSMAN

He built a multimillion-dollar company from the ground up on the same philosophy he expounds to his audiences: If you continually learn more about your company, your industry, your customer and yourself, you will always be a leader. You will be purpose-driven rather than process-driven, and you will make a difference.

