



**2020-2021
D6 Leadership Team**

District Director
Susan Rajbhandari, DTM

Program Quality Director
Deb Luu, DTM

Club Growth Director
Linda Dorn, DTM

Public Relations Manager
Chuck Brunnette, DTM

Administration Manager
Colleen Marie Kelly, DTM

Finance Manager
Jamie Ogborn Richter, DTM

Logistic Manager
Edward Burke, DTM

District Trainer
Pat Croal, DTM

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Kari Barlas, DTM

Technology Chair
Vince Bollinger

District 6 website:
www.d6tm.org

Toastmasters International
www.toastmasters.org

Club Mission:
We provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every individual member has the opportunity to develop oral communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

District Mission:
We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

District Leader DEC Training

October 7, 2020

Zoom

8:00am Trio, Executive Team, and Division Directors Meeting

9:00am DOT/DEC Business Meeting

Attendees:

▪ **Trio, Executive Team Members, Trainers, & Technology Chair**

- District Director: Susan Rajbhandari, DTM
- Program Quality Director: Deb Luu, DTM
- Club Quality Director: Linda Dorn, DTM
- Public Relations Manager, Chuck Brunnette, DTM
- Administration Manager: Colleen Marie Kelly, DTM
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- Logistic Manager: Edward Burke, DTM
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- Technology Chair: Vince Bollinger

▪ **Division Directors**

Division C: Troy Dukart, DTM	Division F: Goutham Putta
Division D: Cory Gallagher, DTM	Division M: Mike Dupris, DTM
Division E: Tara Bolanda	Division N: Linda Brown

▪ **Area Directors**

Area C21: Michelle Siedling Not Present	Area F51: Kelly Leibold Not Present
Area C22: Gary Anderson Not Present	Area F52: Georgette Benidt
Area C23: Yer Xiong	Area F53: David Bittner
Area C24: David Schaal, DTM Not Present	Area F55: Jane Rischmiller, DTM
Area C25: Connor Lund	Area M11: Stan Pokin
Area D31: Gary Flodin	Area M12: Mar Keisha Jones Not Present
Area D32: Sanchita Mishra	Area M13: VACANT
Area D33: Faisal Masood	Area M14: VACANT
Area D34: Natasha Thompson	Area M15: Gokul Muralidharan Not Present
Area D35: Samantha Schneeberg Not Present	Area M16: Monica Lynn Radtke Not Present
Area E41: Mitchell Young	Area N1: Anne Groetsch, DTM
Area E42: Jolanta Kissoon Young	Area N2: VACANT
Area E44: Richelle Schmitz	Area N3: Lucas Ovans
Area E45: Nyleve Hanf-Campbell	Area N4: VACANT
	Area N5: Monte Jefson, DTM



Updates

- **District Director: Susan Rajbhandari, DTM**
 - **District 6 Monthly Motivation**
 - Please spread the word to Toastmasters as well as non-Toastmasters.
 - This can be used as a reason to promote and engage individuals.
 - Refer to our calendar page for registration
 - **The VPE Exchange**
 - Deb Luu is hosting these dynamic meetings every 3rd Monday of the month.
 - Use this opportunity to engage our VPEs or anyone else who might be interested.
 - Refer to the D6 Calendar page for details about how to registration.
 - **Area Director and Division Director Interviews**
 - Ravi Rai, DTM, IPDD, will be reaching out to have these interviews over Zoom.
 - Share your experiences and learnings.
 - **Club Officers and Club Members Interview**
 - D6 Public Relations Manager, Chuck Brunnette, DTM, will be reaching out to the Clubs for names.
 - Area Directors please share the information to the Clubs in your Areas.
 - **Speech Contests:**
 - Table Topics and International speech contests are the ones being held this year.
 - D6 will be purchasing the trophies for Area Speech contests as well as Division Speech Contests.
 - **Marketing the District:**
 - District 6 will be putting out ads in the near future and we are looking into Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube to promote within our geography.
- **Program Quality Director: Deb Luu, DTM**
 - **Round 2 Club Officer Training Begins November 1st**
 - Goal is to have 75% of Club Officers in District 6 Trained – We achieved 63% for Round 1.
 - Division Directors – Please put your dates on the D6 Calendar ASAP.
 - **Area Director Club Visits due October 31st**
 - Area and Division Directors that have turned in 100% of their Club visit reports:
 - Michelle Seidling, Division C, Area 21
 - Jane Rischmiller, Division F, Area 55
 - Anne Groetsch, Division N, Area 1
 - Linda Brown, Division N, Area 2
 - Richelle Schmitz, Division E, Area 42 has turned in 50% of her club visit reports.
 - **Club Speech Contest Training – Registration is Required!**
 - Come Learn How to Run a Great Online Speech Contest!!
 - Set Up [Breakout Rooms](#) for Judges and Table Topics Contestants
 - How to Use Electronic Ballots
 - Scripts for Toastmaster and Chief Judge
 - [Training Dates are on the D6 Calendar: 10/26, 11/11, 11/18, and 12/14](#)



- **Club Quality Director: Linda Dorn, DTM**
 - **A huge thank you to all Division and Area Directors**
 - For your support and guidance of the District 6 clubs, you play a vital role!
 - Thank you also for all of the work you did to follow up with clubs during the October renewals.
 - **We have 96 active clubs and about 30 are not active.**
 - This time last year we also had about 30 clubs who weren't active in October.
 - Thank you in advance for all that you have done and will continue to do to help these clubs become active again.
 - **Virtual Open House**
 - The District will hold another virtual open house in November.
 - More details on the date and time to follow.
 - **Starlett Drader, our Club Coach Chair, has been organizing great monthly meetings for our club coaches.**
 - All new club coaches receive onboarding training and then all club coaches are invited to monthly meetings, which include a training topic and time to connect and share ideas with their fellow club coaches. For example, we recently held training topics focused on membership tips and Pathways.
 - If any of your clubs are interested in having a club coach, please have them fill out the Club Seeking Club Coach form: <http://www.d6tm.org/club-seeking-club-coach/>
 - We have a new club that will charter in October and another that will charter soon.
 - **A huge shout out to the following Toastmasters who are serving on the Club Growth Team.**
 - **Lucas Ovans** for his fantastic work on the research team and discovering potential leads for new clubs.
 - **Starlett Drader** for her phenomenal work as the Club Coach Chair.
 - **Ken Walerius** for his dedication on the Club Extension team.
 - **If you have any suggestions for new clubs in District 6 please reach out to me and let me know.**
 - **Also, if you are interested in serving on the Club Growth Team on the Research Team or on Club Extension**, we have a place for you. If you are interested in serving as a club coach, please fill out this form: <http://www.d6tm.org/club-coach/>
 - **If you would like to be placed on the Club Sponsor or Mentor list, please let me know.**
 - **Marketing**
 - The District will promote the upcoming Virtual Open House via Linked In, Facebook, and YouTube. We invite clubs to do the same. More details to come on this event.
 - **In January, I will offer a training on membership building and recruiting tips.**
 - This same session will be offered at the TLI. More details to come.
 - **FUN IDEA for the NEW UPS CLUB.**
 - It would be great to send a fun video greeting to our new friends at UPS.
 - **Please send me a quick 5 -15 second video to welcome the UPS Club to District 6.**
 - You could say your name, your club name, and then a warm welcome.
 - For example: Hi, this is Linda Dorn from Northfield Community Toastmasters, welcome to District 6. OR, This is Linda Dorn. I have been a member for 7 years and joining Toastmasters was one of the best decisions of my life. Email your video to me at linda.dorn@d6tm.org.



▪ **Public Relations Manager: Chuck Brunnette, DTM**

➤ **Personal Intro**

- Chuck joined Toastmasters in 2011 and is the current President of Mall Talkers Toastmasters Club.
- In 2019 – 20, he served as Area 13 Director in Division M.
- He completed his Legacy DTM in June 2020.
- Accepted position of District 6 Public Relations Manager on August 26, 2020 at the invitation of Susan Rajbhandari. Susan reached out via an email entitled "Can we talk?" Such an opening seems apropos to an invitation to consider public relations.

➤ **General Observations**

- Multiple channels in place in the District serving the core functions of PR, including the D6 calendar, the monthly newsletter, and Facebook site.
- Anyone stepping into this role is the beneficiary of those existing channels as well as veteran leaders willing to mentor.

➤ **Vision**

- Foster engagement of current membership and supporting activities to build new membership.
- Promote achievement of our diverse membership base. Publicize the voice of activity at the club level. Serving as Area Director last year drove home the amazing stories emerging from each club.

➤ **Principal Activities in September**

- Submitted to local publications news releases for Trio (Susan Rajbhandari, Deb Luu, Linda Dorn).
- Submitted to the State of Minnesota a request to proclamation of October as Toastmasters month. (request was not successful; reasons not disclosed).
- Posted updates in D6 Facebook promoting monthly activities.
- Commenced initiative to record short videos of club officers with four standard questions.

➤ **Looking forward**

- Plan to reach out to Division Directors for marketing our outreach of D6 and expanding our target audience.
- I welcome feedback from all corners on our PR activities.

▪ **Finance Manager & Pathways Education Chair: Jamie Ogborn Richter, DTM**

➤ **Expense Reports**

- If you have any expenses for your role contact me at jamie.l.ogborn@ampf.com for any assistance you need to submit it in Concur.

- Note Susan's message about Awards. You will not need to order awards for the contests coming up in the spring, the district will order those.

➤ **Name Change (due to Wedding Bells)**

- My name will be changing to Richter at some point this year.
If you get an email returned email jamie.l.richter@ampf.com.

➤ **Pathways**

- It is my mission this year to help get everyone up and running with Pathways.
 - Sara Leiste and I are going to be reaching out to club officers to see how your club is doing and how we can help.





- We are doing training and answering one off questions and requests based on the feedback that we get.
 - We have also added several resources at www.d6tm.org/d6-club-officer-training-2/ that you can use as you need.
 - If you and/or your club are looking for any help with Pathways contact me at jamie.l.ogborn@ampf.com.
 - I hope you are getting a lot out of Pathways and sharing this experience with others!
- **Administration Manager: Colleen Marie Kelly, DTM**
 - **Club Officer Training – Round 2**
 - Division Directors – Please put your dates on the D6 Calendar ASAP.
 - Club Officer Training Materials will be added to www.d6tm.org/d6-club-officer-training-2/
 - Please let me know if there are additional materials that would be helpful to add.
 - Please let me know if you need any assistance with your training sessions.
 - **Zoom & Eventbrite**
 - [Zoom Registration Tutorial](#)
 - [Zoom Breakout Rooms](#)
 - Tutorials available at www.d6tm.org/d6-club-officer-training-2/
 - I am available for 1:1 Training Sessions as Needed.
 - **Logistic Manager & Speaker Bureau Chair: Edward Burke, DTM**
 - **District 6 Speakers Bureau**
 - The District 6 Speakers Bureau not only helps place speakers with organizations outside of Toastmasters but can help place speakers internally as well. If you would like the opportunity to speak to a new club, contact Speakers Bureau Chair, [Ed Burke](#) and tell him about your area of expertise that you would like to share with other clubs. If you would like to bring in a guest speaker, contact [Ed](#) to get the contact information for available speakers.
 - **Division C: Troy Dukart**
 - **Division C will be hosting monthly Division Council Meetings from now until the end of the TI year.**
 - I will meet with my ADs on the last Monday of each month, on top of already meeting with them 1-1.
 - **Division C will look to consolidate clubs and memberships to ride through the COVID wave.**
 - We will do this to bolster the quality of low-attendance/membership clubs so members stay motivated to remain in Toastmasters.
 - **We are pushing to get 100% Club Visit Reports in by November 30th**
 - **Division C will host 2 COTs.**
 - One of our clubs, TechMasters, has offered to host training as well.
 - We will work with the PQD to make sure they have the resources they need if they choose to offer their own training.
 - **We will be preparing for the upcoming Speech Contest as well.**



▪ **Division D: Cory Gallaher, DTM**

➤ **Club Dues**

- 12 of 19 Clubs have achieved this goal
- ADs are actively reaching out to these clubs with hit/miss ability to connect with them.

➤ **Officer Training**

- Positive to have 10 clubs achieve all 7 officers completing training out of 19 low to active club status

➤ **Area Directors**

- Only 1 club visit form has been completed with 3 pending activity.
Feedback from AD are that they are engaged in completing this responsibility.
 - I do have some concern with their ability to achieve
 - Offered a document to help them gather information in advance of meetings for discussion and completion of club visit form (attached)
- Monthly 1:1 Meetings with Area Directors are being held and attended.
- Monthly Division Meetings with Area Directors are being held and attended.
- Area 35 Director is challenged with attending Saturday DEC meetings as a single parent whose children with weekend activities. I have encouraged her to at minimum join on a mobile device to give her ability to attend.

➤ **Opportunities**

- Asking for help, this does not happen often at the club or Area Director level.

➤ **What is going well?**

- Our active status clubs remain very strong, very engaged and continue to anchor our Division D.

▪ **Division E: Tara Bolanda**

Area	Club Number	Club Name	Club Status	Member Base	Active Members	Goals Met	Club Distinguished Status
41	2377	Stillwater Toastmasters	Low	7	5	0	N/A
41	7119	Cottage Grove Toastmasters	Active	13	12	1	N/A
41	7443	Hudson Rise n' Shine Toastmasters	Active	17	13	1	N/A
41	1459687	ALCO Orators Toastmasters	Ineligible	0	0	0	N/A
41	1546746	Stage Coach Speakers	Ineligible	1	0	0	N/A
41	6655858	Speak to Lead	Active	9	8	0	N/A
42	2426	Riverbluffers	Active	21	19	3	N/A
42	2919	Woodwinds	Active	12	13	1	N/A
42	3670	Voice of Leadership	Active	12	12	1	N/A
42	5612080	The King's Speakers	Active	10	10	1	N/A
42	6610561	Sherpa's Speak	Ineligible	2	0	0	N/A
42	7468278	Dakota County Toastmasters	Active	9	5	0	N/A
44	5930	Toast of the West Toastmasters	Active	9	9	1	N/A
44	8582	Westerly Winds	Active	15	16	2	N/A
44	654731	Postal Toasters Club	Ineligible	15	1	0	N/A
44	1084119	Prime Timers	Active	14	11	2	N/A
44	1224471	Escalate	Active	16	13	1	N/A
44	7488267	Ergo Toasters	Active	21	8	0	N/A
45	2848	Word Masters Club	Active	20	16	4	N/A
45	3561	Blue Communicators	Active	12	12	1	N/A
45	4619	Big Apple Toastmasters	Active	13	11	2	N/A
45	5298	Eagan Communicators	Ineligible	13	0	0	N/A
45	6227	Apple Valley Toastmasters	Active	13	10	1	N/A
45	9893	Speak N' Eagan Club	Low	6	3	0	N/A



▪ **Division F: Goutham Putta**

- **Low Member Clubs: 6**
- **8+ Member Clubs: 12**

Division	Area	Club Number	Club Name	Club Status	Mem. Base	Active Members	New Members	Goals Met
F	51	205	Hiawatha Valley Club #205	Active	13	11	3	1
F	51	4535	Pine Island Club	Active	21	15	0	1
F	51	6747	Rochester Technology Campus Toastmasters	Active	13	11	0	1
F	51	9026	Toastmasters Too!	Ineligible	1	0	0	0
F	52	5536	Nighttime Talkers	Active	8	4	0	0
F	52	8693	Rochester Break Of Day Toastmasters Club	Active	8	6	0	1
F	52	821458	Humor-US Club	Active	8	8	1	2
F	52	1505727	Bright Monday	Active	11	13	4	1
F	52	2440926	TNT- Toastmasters - N - Technology	Active	14	9	0	1
F	53	490	Faithfully Speaking	Active	9	8	1	3
F	53	1883	Rochester Suburban Club	Active	10	11	3	1
F	53	4677	Mayo Hi-Nooners Club	Active	13	6	0	0
F	53	5917	Chamber Toastmasters	Active	24	26	3	2
F	53	7470	Southern Minnesota Mentors Club	Active	12	11	1	3
F	53	762916	Winona Toastmasters	Ineligible	6	0	0	0
F	55	134	Owatonna Club	Active	7	8	1	7
F	55	2248	Speakers Of The House Club	Active	8	6	1	0
F	55	8204	Tuesday With Toastmasters Club	Active	12	10	1	0
F	55	1128511	Lunchbunch Toastmasters	Active	15	10	0	1
F	55	3907609	Austin-nites Toastmasters	Active	6	5	2	0

▪ **Division M: Mike Dupris, DTM**

- **No Update Provided**

▪ **Division N: Linda Brown**

➤ **22 Clubs**

- 18 Clubs COT met
- 5 Officer inductions completed (by Division N Director Linda Brown)
- 9 not yet paid
- 4 Clubs not meeting (1 desolation)
- Looking at Smedley award with Tag Talk Toastmasters (Area 4, AD Monte).

➤ **Club Visit Reports**

- Area 1 – Area Director Anne Groetsch, 100% Area Club Visits Reports completed.
- Area 2 – AD TBD [Linda Brown], 100% Club Visits Reports completed.
- Area 3 – Area Director Lucas Ovans, 50% the club visits Reports are completed.
- Area 4 – Area Director Monte Jefson – 20% Club visit Reports completed.
- Area 5 – AD TBD [Linda Brown], 75% of Club Visits Reports completed, 10/20 scheduled.

➤ **Request from 3 clubs on Pathways engagement (VP ED).**

➤ **Tutorial with creating quick virtual branding promotional for club growth (VPPR).**

- Planning Session on Oct 28 – Advertising and Promoting Brainstorming session



Upcoming 2020-2021 DEC /DOT Events:

October	Toastmaster's Month
Saturday, October 17, 2020	DOT#3 & Round 2 Train the Trainer
Saturday, October 31, 2020	Area Director Reports Round 2 Club Visit Reports due to Deb Luu, Program Quality Director, for Review
Sunday, November 01, 2020	Round 2 Club Officer Training begin
Monday, November 30, 2020	Area Director Round 1 Club Visit Reports Due to Toastmasters International
Saturday, December 05, 2020	Holiday Party
Saturday, January 16, 2021	DOT#4
Saturday, February 06, 2021	Winter TLI/ TLI#2 in Rochester
Saturday, February 13, 2021	Winter TLI / TLI #2 in Twin Cities
Sunday, February 28, 2021	Round 2 Club Officer Trainings end
Saturday, March 20, 2021	DOT#5
Wednesday, March 31, 2021	Round 2 Toastmasters Club Member Dues are due
Saturday, April 17, 2021	D6 Conference
Sunday, April 18, 2021	New (21 -22) District Leadership Team Meeting
Friday, April 30, 2021	Area Director Reports Round 2 Club Visit Reports due to Deb Luu, Program Quality Director, for Review
Saturday, May 22, 2021	D6 Leadership Transition Meeting & Round1 Train the Trainer
Monday, May 31, 2021	Area Director Round 2 Club Visit Reports Due to Toastmasters International