



**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
Annie Rathman

Finance Manager
Jamie Ogborn, DTM

Administration Manager
Colleen Marie Kelly, DTM

Logistic Manager
Edward Burke, DTM

District Trainer
Pat Croal, DTM

District Trainer
Kari Barlas, DTM

Technology Chair
Vince Bollinger

District 106 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

June 20, 2020

Zoom

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

9:00am DOT/DEC Business Meeting

Attendees:

▪ **Trio, Executive Team Members, Trainers, and Tech Chair**

- District Director: Susan Rajbhandari, DTM
- Program Quality Director: Deb Luu, DTM
- Club Quality Director: Linda Dorn, DTM
- Public Relations Manager: Annie Rathman
- Finance Manager: Jamie Ogborn, DTM
- Administration Manager: Colleen Marie Kelly, DTM
- Logistic Manager: Edward Burke, DTM
- District Trainer: Pat Croal, DTM
- District Trainer: Kari Barlas, DTM
- Technology Chair: Vince Bollinger

▪ **Division Directors**

Division C: Troy Dukart	Division F: Goutham Putta
Division D: Cory Gallagher	Division M: Mike Dupris
Not Present	
Division E: Tara Bolanda	Division N: Linda Brown

▪ **Area Directors**

Area C21: Michelle Siedling	Area M11: Stan Pokin
Area C22: Gary Anderson	Area M12: Mar Keisha Jones
Area C23: Yer Xiong	Area M15: Gokul Muralidharan
Area C24: David Schaal	Area N5: Monte Jefson
Area C25: Connor Lund	Area E41: Mitchell Young
Area D31: Gary Flodin	Area E42: Jolanta Kissoon Young
Area D32: Sanchita Mishra	
Area D33: Faisal Masood	
Area F52: Georgette Benidt	
Area F53: David Bittner	



Updates

▪ **District Director: Susan Rajbhandari, DTM**

➤ **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Host your Area Council Meetings.
- Feel free to connect with one another outside of our meetings to collaborate.
- Keep looking for District Leaders and recommend them to our Help Wanted page. We want to have a pool of volunteers and leaders.

➤ **What's Coming?**

- We have a new website coming. The stage environment is www.d6tm.kopling.co
We will go live with www.dtm.org when ready.

➤ **District Incentives**

- Leadership Support
- Program Quality
- Club Growth & Membership Building

➤ **Other**

- Club Officer Trainings - Calendar Notices
- Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) - July 18th, 2020
- Club Officer Information Update on Club Central

▪ **Program Quality Director: Deb Luu, DTM**

➤ **My Goal**

- Provide DDs and ADs tools needed to help serve their clubs, serve their members.

➤ **Incentives**

- For Pathways, Area Director Club Visits and Club Officers % trained are available starting July 1.

➤ **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Division Directors: Please get your Round 1 Training Dates out on the District 6 Calendar.
- Attend all DEC/DOT Training - only 5 during the year.

▪ **Club Quality Director: Linda Dorn, DTM**

➤ **We need everyone's help to share the good news about Toastmasters.**

- This happens in many ways from inviting guests to join our club meetings to starting a new club. Everyone's efforts help our membership and clubs grow. Let Linda Dorn know if you are interested in starting a new club or have ideas about potential opportunities for new clubs.

➤ **We are looking for Toastmasters to serve as club coaches to assist clubs with 12 or fewer members.**

- A sign up form will be posted in the help wanted area of d6tm.org in the coming weeks.
- Club coaches will receive training and will also be invited to attend regular check in calls with fellow coaches and the club growth team.
- Division and Area Directors can share that we are looking for Toastmasters to serve in the Club Coach role during their club visits.



- **We will also be in need of sponsors and mentors for new clubs.**
 - Training will also be available for Toastmasters who serve in these roles.
- **District 6 has a variety of incentives that we will be sharing with members in the coming weeks. Here are just a couple of examples of incentives:**
 - If you bring forward a brand new lead for a new club and the club charts in 2020-2021, the Toastmaster will receive a \$50 gift card.
 - Club Coaches who guide their clubs to distinguished status during the 2020-2021 program year will be entered into a drawing for 1 of 10 \$25 gift cards.
- **Public Relations Manager: Annie Rathman**
 - **What I'm Working On**
 - Revamping and redesigning website
 - Targeting a soft launch in the new fiscal year
 - **How I can Help You**
 - Marketing materials
 - ✓ Emails
 - ✓ Flyers
 - ✓ Social Media
 - Communication of Events
 - **How You can Help Me**
 - Help me find a Social Media Manager!
 - Engage on Social Media
 - ✓ This means: Like, comment and share our social posts
 - **Give me feedback and ideas of current marketing campaign**
- **Finance Manager & Pathways Education Chair: Jamie Ogborn, DTM**
 - **Expense Training and Reimbursement**
 - You will see training and resources in an upcoming DEC meeting on how to submit for reimbursement for expenses and what items the District Provides.
 - **My Pathways Passion**
 - I am passionate about helping everyone get up and running with Pathways and continue to receive a lot of value out of Toastmasters.
 - I will be hosting a training on July 13th at 6 pm that is focused on helping Area Directors and other leaders be prepared to help with Pathways
 - **Contact Me**
 - Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at Jamie.Ogborn@d6tm.org with anything that I can help with.



- **Administration Manager: Colleen Marie Kelly, DTM**

- **Who Am I?**

- Started My Toastmasters Journey in February 2018
- Successfully Coached 2 Clubs to Presidential Distinguished
- Successfully Completed 2 Legacy DTMs in 28 months
- Project Manager / Lean Sigma Black Belt by Profession with a Certification in Event Planning
- Greatest Joy is Helping Individuals & Organizations Step into their Full Potential

- **What Am I Looking Forward to?**

- Learning What Makes D6 So Amazing!
- Tapping into Jamie Ogborn's Wisdom & Experience as the Previous D6 Admin Manager!
- Serving You and Being Your Partner in Process!
- Helping D6 Go to the Next Level!

- **Logistic Manager: Edward Burke, DTM**

- **Who Am I and What do I do?**

- As Logistics Manager, my most visible role is to assist at our DEC/DOT meetings and at the Spring Conference.
- Last year, I conducted trivia at the end of each meeting and gave away Toastmasters swag to people who correctly answered questions about information presented at the meeting.

- **Looking for Suggestions**

- I am looking for suggestions for ways to adapt this to virtual meetings.

- **Division C: Troy Dukart**

- **My Goals**

- Ever Area Distinguished or higher.
(Done by guiding and supporting Division C ADs and members)
- Work with Linda Dorn to secure Club Coaches for struggling clubs

- **Return to Normalcy Transition in 2020-2021 (Safety is Primary Concern)**

- Train the Club Coach Opportunities
- Focus on team cohesion, fun meetings, and camaraderie – become close friends 😊
(happy hours, holiday celebrations, meeting outside the club)
- Pathways focused

- **Having Fun while Leading – even if we slip on a banana every once in a while!**

- **Division E: Tara Bolanda**

- **My Goals**

- Work on recruiting remaining Area Directors for Division E.
- Partner w/Area Directors and fellow Division Directors on officer training and speech contests.
- Focus on Club Growth throughout the Division.

- **Have Fun!**



- **Division F: Goutham Putta**

- **My Goals**

- Club Growth/Promotion
 - Pathways Adoption

- **Methodology**

- Track Activities
 - Set Deadlines/Expectations in Advance

- **Division M: Mike Dupris, DTM**

- **Actively working to obtain Area Directors for Division M (Downtown Minneapolis)**

- I am looking for 3 candidates for Areas 13, 14, and 16
 - I am keeping in contact with the 15 clubs until their Area Directors can take over.

- **Encouraging Clubs, Officers, and Area Directors**

- I am encouraging clubs and Area Directors to set small easy goals for them to achieve first, then after a few victories build on their success by tackling larger goals like Membership and Distinction
 - I am encouraging members, clubs, officers and Area Directors to discover their "WHY".
 - Finally I am encouraging clubs and their members to break out of their zones by reconnecting and building channels with the District.

- **Club Success Plans and Area Councils**

- I am hopeful that clubs will create their Club Success Plans and that they will participate in their Area Councils.

- **Challenge**

- Division M feels disconnected with the District...The goal this year is to help them make more connections with the District to help them feel integrated with the District

- **Division N: Linda Brown**

- **Actively working to obtain Area Directors for the newly formed D6 Division N.**

- An email was sent out to all of the officers in every club of Division N.
 - ✓ These emails were sent as an invite for volunteer consideration for themselves as well as their members.
 - ✓ This information will provide awareness of a potential opportunity to expand the officers and members leadership experiences and become an Area Director in by becoming an Area Director for Division N for the upcoming Toastmasters year beginning July 1.

- **Making it Easy**

- To make it easy for the Area Director Volunteers to register for the opportunity, the email invite included the D6TM.org web link to the Area Director application.
 - ✓ Once in the application the officers and members will have other area director options to select that also includes Division N.
 - ✓ The first form of communication wise by email to reach out outreach for help with Area Director positions. Linda plans to follow up by phone calls for that personal touch.

- **Goal**

- Linda hopes to gain 2 more Area Directors and has 2 others express interest.



Train the Trainer Attendees

Pat Croal, DTM, District Trainer

Kari Barlas, DTM, District Trainer

- Susan Rajbhandari, DTM, District Director
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- Jamie Ogborn, DTM, Finance Manager & Pathways Education Chair
- Colleen Marie Kelly, DTM, Administration Manager
- Mike Dupris, Division M Director
- Georgette Benidt, Area F52 Director
- Marjorie Johnson
- Gary Anderson, Area C22 Director
- Gary Flodin, Area D31 Director
- Lucas Ovans, Area N3 Director
- Mar Keisha Jones, Area M12 Director
- Michelle Seidling, Area C21 Director
- Mitchell Young, Area E41 Director
- Sanchita Mishra, Area D32 Director
- Stan Ponkin, Area M11 Director
- Tara Bolanda, Division E Director

Upcoming Events:

Club Officer Trainings (COT)

- June 24, 2020
- July 18, 2020 (TLI)
- Others – TBD

2020-2021 DEC /DOT

- Saturday, August 22, 2020 DOT#2
- Saturday, October 17, 2020 DOT#3 & Round 2 Train the Trainer
- Saturday, January 16, 2021 DOT#4
- Saturday, March 20, 2021 DOT#5