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District 6 Spring

I hope you're enjoying our extended winter! This April newsletter contains a number of items and opportunities to take advantage of. We have several resources, events, and programs to help you and your club!



Strive for Excellence - 9 Rewards for You & Your Club

Is your club growing or shrinking? Too often, I've noticed our clubs decline in membership over time. I'd like to reverse that trend. For the next 2-3 months, let's work together to help your club permanently reach new levels of membership and excellence.

To recognize and reward members and clubs for achievements in April-June, District 6 is sponsoring the [Strive for Excellence program](#). This program contains 9 rewards members and clubs can earn by contributing to their club. Take advantage of this program and rewards to strengthen your club for the long term.

To help you and your club earn these rewards, I developed the [5 Steps to Achieve Excellence guide](#). These 5 steps will help your club in the short and long term. Please take a look and make the steps work for you.

Please strive for excellence. Let's make a difference in your club. I hope to recognize you and your club soon. Good luck!



Conference

May 4 - 5, 2018
Crowne Plaza -
Minneapolis West,
Plymouth, MN
[2018 Spring Conference](#)

Club Officer Elections - First Meeting in May

It's time for your club to elect officers for 2018-2019. Per Article VI, Section 6 of the [Club Constitution](#), club officer elections should be held at your club's first meeting in May.

To learn how to hold elections, see pages 56-59 from the [Club Leadership Handbook](#). This guide ensures your club holds a fair election, allowing each member the opportunity participate and run for office. Although the procedure might sound intimidating and formal, members enjoy the practice of running a fair, formal procedure, developing new skills as a result.

Serving as a club officer is a great opportunity to develop skills in organizational leadership. Please step up to serve and lead. Additionally, encourage other members to step up as well. For a concise description of each of the 7 club officer roles, see the Club Leadership Roles section, starting on page 22 of the [Club Leadership Handbook](#).



Pathways - The Future is Here!

The Pathways learning experience launches in District 6 on May 3rd. This is the biggest and best change to Toastmasters and your experience. I hope you're excited to explore new learning paths, work on new projects, and develop skills that are most important for your growth. Pathways will improve your experience and development.

To learn more about Pathways, see the resources below:

- [Pathways Paths & Competencies](#)
- [District 6's Pathways page](#)
- [Toastmasters International's Pathways page](#)



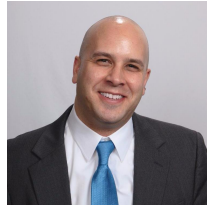
Spring Conference - Why Attend?

Why should you attend the [Spring Conference](#) on May 4-5 at the Crowne Plaza in Plymouth? Simply stated, to connect with others. International President, Balraj Arunasalam, DTM expressed the value of conferences well in his [April Viewpoint article](#) (TI login required). Don't miss this opportunity to meet others that share your values and goals.

Spring Business Meeting - Let Your Voice Be Heard

The [District 6 Spring Business Meeting](#) will be held the morning of Saturday, May 5th at the Crowne Plaza in Plymouth. To ensure your club's interests are properly represented, please have an officer or proxy attend. Visit the [Business Meeting page](#) and [Proxy & Credentials page](#) to learn more.

Thank you for all you do. Let's strive for excellence. Keep growing!



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Requesting Questions for Candidate Forum

The candidates for 2018-2019 District 6 and District 106 officer roles are listed on the [2018-2019 Candidates page](#).

Prior to elections at the [District 6 Business Meeting](#) on Saturday, May 5th, you can hear from the candidates at the Candidate Forum, held at 8:30 am that morning. Please attend and participate in the process.

We're looking for questions to ask candidates during the forum. If you have specific questions for candidates to address, please contact [Immediate Past District Director, Diane Windingland, DTM](#).



District Recognition Awards

Nominations are now open for District 6's special recognition awards. You can submit nominations for the 4 awards below, between now and June 20th. Award recipients will be announced at the Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) on July 21st.

Lou Novak Award for Club Building - If you or a fellow member have been instrumental in building new clubs in District 6, please submit a nomination for the Lou Novak Award. See the [Lou Novak Award page](#) for more information and to submit a nomination.

Keith Hardy Youth Leadership Award - Did your club complete 2 or more Youth Leadership Programs in the 2017-2018 program year? If so, please nominate your club for

the Keith Hardy Youth Leadership Award. See [Keith Hardy Youth Leadership Award page](#) for more information and to submit a nomination.

Lorin Pollmann Award for Speechcraft - Did your club complete a Speechcraft program in the in the 2017-2018 program year? If so, please submit a nomination. See [Lorin Pollmann Award page](#) for more information and to submit a nomination.

Don Murray Award for Leadership Beyond the Club - Please nominate a member who has contributed significantly to District 6 in the 2017-2018 program year, while not serving in a district officer role. See [Don Murray Award page](#) for more information and to submit a nomination.

Member Recognition

Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) Award

The Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award is the highest honor in the Toastmasters education program. This award requires at least 45 speeches, 6 months of club leadership, 1 year of district leadership, club building, mentoring, and other activities. Achieving this award reflects commitment and excellence in communication and leadership.

Congratulations to our newest Distinguished Toastmaster Award recipient:

- Jennifer Hamlin of Word Masters Club (#2848)
- Raymond Young of Northfield Community Toastmasters (#5607421)

Educational Awards 2017-2018

The reports below show the educational achievements by District 6 members in the 2017-2018 program year. Congratulations to each member!

[All Education Awards Submitted](#)

[Triple Crown \(3 or more educational in the same program year\)](#)



Connect, Share, and Learn

Join District 6's Facebook groups

[District 6 Facebook Group](#)

Club Office-specific groups: [Pres](#), [VPE](#), [VPM](#), [VPPR](#), [Sec](#), [Treas](#), [SAA](#)

New Club Announcement

Congratulations to our newest club. Welcome to Toastmasters and District 6!

- AP Master Toast (#6857810) chartered on 03/23/2018 in Minneapolis

Club Growth

The Virtual Club Coach program will benefit clubs looking for additional expertise.

We've found many clubs in District 6 looking for coaches but have been unable to get a coach due to lack of availability. At the same time, we have many club coaches looking for a central place to connect.

To address this gap, the Virtual Club Coach program connects interested clubs and coaches to form a central team.

How does it work?

Any interested club or Toastmaster can call into a Zoom meeting either by phone or internet to connect to a online collaboration session.

Who administers the program?

District 6 Club Growth Directors: Ravi Rai & Dave Gibson

Who is it for?

Ideally clubs with 12 or fewer members, but open to any club that's interested.

How often?

Every month, 2nd Monday from 6:30-7:30 pm CST. More sessions will be added in the future.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14th, 6:30-7:30 pm CST.

Contact Ravi or Dave for more information.



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District 6 Spring Conference

Registration is Now Open!

2018 D6 Spring Conference

May 4—5, 2018

Crowne Plaza, Plymouth, MN

Visit www.d6tm.org for details



Named one of 2017's Most Admired CEOs by Minneapolis/St Paul Business Journal, Dr. MayKao Hang, President & CEO, Wilder Foundation, is this year's Communication and Leadership Award Recipient. Join us at the Gala Event on Saturday Evening to celebrate with her.



You'll have an opportunity to:

- Have a Pathways Learning Experience
- Expand your skills with the Educational Sessions
- Enjoy the Tall Tales & International Speech Contests
- Celebrate individual accomplishments at the Awards Ceremony
- Network with members of clubs in District 6
- Attend the District 6 & 106 business meetings

Toastmaster of the Year (TMOY) Award

Your club is "Where Leaders Are Made." Now is the time for your club to recognize and honor that special member who is truly your club's Toastmaster of the Year (TMOY).

Recognize that hard-working, dedicated member who stands out because of his/her:

- Example as a model member of your club
- Participation inside and outside your club
- Support for fellow members
- Support for your club overall

Let's recognize our special member with this special honor. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

Please let your club's Area Director know your club's TMOY by June 1st. See the [District 6 Toastmaster of the Year \(TMOY\) page](#) for information and forms.

Contact Mary Adams, DTM, [District 6 TMOY Chair](#), for any questions regarding the TMOY program.



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Beat the Clock with Speechcraft

The Beat the Clock! membership-building drive starts on May 1st and ends on June 30th. The goal is to get five new, dual or reinstated members added to your club's roster during the membership-building drive.

Conveniently, five is just about the right number of participants a regular club can handle in a normal meeting setting when running a Speechcraft workshop. And what is Speechcraft? Why, it's what Toastmasters calls "Your Club's #1 Membership Building Tool." Speechcraft is a workshop designed to on-board people to the Toastmasters process very quickly, generating stronger and more involved new Toastmasters.

What better way to Beat the Clock than by planning a membership-building drive in the months of April and May that culminates in a Speechcraft in June?

Get in touch with Vince Bullinger, [District 6 Speechcraft Chair](#), to see if you can get a free Speechcraft Starter Kit for your club (regularly [\\$20 at the Toastmasters store](#)).

Pictured here is the six-member graduating class from the Speechcraft workshop held by the Shakopee Toastmasters club back in January.



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Youth Leadership Program

Success continues in sharing the Youth Leadership Program!

It's exciting to see there are 2 more Youth Leadership Programs completed this spring! Kudos to Riverbluffers Club #2426 and Voice of Leadership Club #3670 who ran two separate programs for different sets of students at St. Croix Lutheran Middle School. 12 Sixth Graders and 12 Seventh Graders participated and proudly strutted their stuff in the week 8 session, "Show Your Skills"! One of the highlights was having the grand finale in the chapel!

The sky is the limit working with the youth of today!

Would you like your school-age children to participate in a program with all the benefits we Toastmasters get as adults?

Let's pick a date to start an 8-week Youth Leadership Project in your part of town and work together to encourage growth in others and in ourselves!

Send an email to raymondmyoung3@gmail.com to connect the dots in your child's future!



Speak Well and Be Well!



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Featured Resources for Clubs

A Toastmaster Wears Many Hats - This [excellent guide](#) explains how to perform the meeting roles and gain the most learning value from your participation. No matter how much experience you have, this guide is worth reading and sharing with others.

Flexible Club Programming - Do members in your club often serve in multiple meeting roles? If so, there's a better way. Theo Black, DTM, PID wrote a fantastic guide for planning meetings based on your club's membership level. Please read the [Flexible Club Programming guide](#) to make your meetings more enjoyable.

A Roadmap for Club Growth - This awesome article from the Toastmaster magazine shows how a club tripled in size within 90 days. Follow [A Roadmap for Club Growth](#) and your club can do the same.

Measuring What Matters - Want to understand the Distinguished Club Program (DCP) and why its goals are important for your club? The [Measuring What Matters article](#) provides an excellent perspective on the program and how it leads to a sustainable club and a quality experience.

When Bad Things Happen to Good Clubs - Every club encounters challenges, and many challenges are common across clubs. [When Bad Things Happen to Good Clubs](#) covers several challenges clubs have and how to overcome them.
