



District 6 Toastmasters

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Sharing Our District's Fall Conference

Sometimes we forget that District 6 truly represents Toastmasters International.

On October 25, as our bus approached the border patrol crossing into Canada, I was reminded of our international district. Everyone on board needed their passport as we went from the United States into Canada. However, we never left our district: we are the fourth largest district in the Toastmasters family, encompassing Minnesota and Southern Ontario, Canada.



Our Fall Conference gave each of us an opportunity to experience the friendship and bonding that happens to every Toastmaster when we participate in an international event.

The Wolf (co-chair David Goldsworthy), co-chair Karolyn Hoard, and team met our bus with flags waving and welcomes loud and long. On the same note, when we left it was snowing, and the Wolf had long and sorrowful howls.

Our Toastmasters were incredible: on Friday night, Area 73 Governor Eric Schurr left us in tears of laughter as he guided the Table Topics contestants through the contest, with Kingston Fletcher taking home first place to a standing ovation from the audience.

On Saturday night, our Lt. Gov. Marketing Larry Marik, not to be outdone by the previous night, started us off with a rousing exercise to "YMCA." We really had the moves. Glen De Guzman proved to be the winning Humorous contestant. A standing ovation from the audience definitely agreed with the judges' decision. Congratulations to all of our contestants in both contests: you represent the best of the best, and we enjoyed your efforts immensely. Please check our website, www.d6tm.org, for pictures from the Conference.

Now, as we settle back into the business of running District 6, we are aware that Toastmasters International recently voted to have 8 as the minimum club membership. This means that more than ever we will need to focus on Distinguished Clubs.

As Thanksgiving approaches, **I am thankful for each of you**, as you embody our core values: integrity, dedication to excellence, service to our members, and respect for the individual.

All the best,

Sharon

Education & Training

Greetings, District 6, from the Lieutenant Governor Education and Training's Corner. It is hard to believe that the Toastmasters year is 33% completed. Below are two updates from the Education and Training Team.



Educational Awards

Congratulations are in order for the following members who have earned Distinguished Toastmaster and Triple Crown awards to date in this Toastmasters year. Those who attended the Fall Conference in Thunder Bay received their respective awards during the breakfast program at the conference. For those awardees that did not attend the Fall Conference, their awards will be given at a future event or time.

DTM Awardees

Dave A. Basham
Jill Eliason
Shirley N. Hunt
Brian J. Hinton
Jean Pearson
Bradley J. Reuvers
Jane R. Rischmiller
Vickie F. Shoutz
Christopher Skottegard

Triple Crown Awardees

Jane R. Rischmiller, **6 awards** (ACG, ACB, ACS, DTM, CL, ALB)
Brian J. Hinton, **4 awards** (ALS, DTM, CC, CL)
Marvel Eileen Kummer, **4 awards** (CC, CL, ALB, ACB)
Jean Pearson, **4 awards** (ALS, DTM, CC, CC)
Rich Andresen, **3 awards** (CC, CL, ALB)
Dave A. Basham, **3 awards** (ALS, DTM, ALB)
Joseph E. Brauer, **3 awards** (CC, CL, ALB)
Glen S. De Guzman, **3 awards** (LDREXC, ACG, CL)
Bradley J. Reuvers, **3 awards** (ALS, DTM, CC)
Vickie F. Shoutz, **3 awards** (CC, ALS, DTM)

District 6 Contest Results

The 2013 Fall Speech Contests involved 19 contestants (nine in Table Topics and ten in Humorous) with the following top three finishers listed below. Please take a few minutes to congratulate each for their hard work that helped make this a successful contest.

	Table Topics	Humorous
First Place	Kingston Fletcher	Glen S. De Guzman
Second Place	Sue McCoy	Amit Ghosh
Third Place	Cynthia O'Brien	Dennis Carney

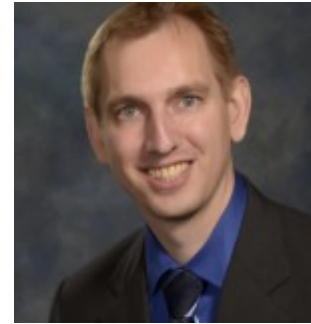
Thanks to each of you in District 6 for your continued hard work and dedication to excellence!

Clinton Hunt, Jr., Ph.D., DTM
Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training, 2013-2014
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Marketing Matters

Club Dues Past Due!

Club dues needed to be submitted by October 1. There are a number of clubs that haven't submitted their membership renewals. Please get them in ASAP. For a complete listing of clubs that haven't submitted their renewals, [click here](#).



Can Guests Find You?

1. Does your club have the right information on Toastmasters.org, and is it up to date?
2. Is your club meeting listed with a complete street address? Is the phone number valid?
3. Is the link to your club's website working?
4. Do you have signs at your location for guests to find you?

If you answered No to any of these questions, guests may have a hard time finding you. Go to www.toastmasters.org and click on "Find a Club" to see what is listed for your club. If you need help getting the correct information on the Toastmasters International website, please contact our Club Brand Chair (Ravi Rai) or myself for assistance.

Millennial Toastmasters

Many of you 35 and under have asked for a club geared toward (but not limited to) your age bracket. We need at least 20-30 members (or potential guests) interested to launch this specialty club. If you would be interested in a club with this focus, please let me know.

Calling All Current and Past Club Coaches, Mentors, and Sponsors

Marketing and Public Relations are teaming up for an upcoming contest. Prepare a video in one minute or less on your story as a club sponsor, mentor, or coach. More details about submitting your videos, including the prizes could win, will be coming out at a later date.

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Public Relations

District 6 Toastmasters, we had a wonderful time at Thunder Bay. It gave me a good opportunity to meet our wonderful Canadian friends, and it was my first time to cross the border! What an exciting experience to ride the bus with our District 6 Toastmasters, to hear our contestants' wonderful speeches, and to learn from all the great education sessions!

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, October is an important month for Toastmasters. Thanks to all District 6 members who facilitated the request to their city for the proclamation of October as Toastmasters Month. We received a proclamation from many cities in Minnesota and the city of Thunder Bay, Canada, during the Fall Conference, and we received a Certificate of Recognition from Mark Dayton, Governor of Minnesota. These are great District 6 public relations accomplishments that I could never accomplish alone.

However, the journey of public relations in District 6 is not over yet. We still have a lot more work to do to promote Toastmasters and District 6 in our community. District 6 is working on a workshop with Ryan Avery, World Champion of Public Speaking, on December 17. The location will be Ridgedale Library. We are still

working on the details, but please put that on your calendar, as you don't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to meet with another public speaking champion! Talk to you all again in the next release!

Colbert Fong, DTM
Public Relations Officer



Is the District TMOY in Your Club?

Every spring the call goes out: it's time to pick your club's Toastmaster of the Year. Across the district clubs go through their process of selecting one of their members to recognize and forward that person's nomination on to their area governor. From there the area selects their area TMOY and forwards that nomination on to the division. Now a division TMOY is selected, and the nomination is forwarded to the district, where out of 10 nominees one person is ultimately chosen to be the District 6 Toastmaster of the Year.

Many clubs may not know what it takes to be the Toastmaster of the Year; it is important that they do. The district requires nominations to be submitted using the TMOY nomination form, which can be downloaded from the d6tm.org website. This form asks for a record of activity in five key areas:

Membership Building and Retention

What actions has the nominee taken to bring in new members for the club?

How are they helping existing ones?

Are they helping build new clubs and keep existing ones strong?

Education and Training

What progress have they made in the communication and leadership tracks?

How are they helping to educate other members?

Leadership

Have they taken on leadership roles within the club, such as club officer or committee chair/member?

Have they served in a district leadership role, as a governor, district officer, or district committee chair/member?

Public Relations

How are they helping to spread the word about Toastmasters?

Commitment and Support

Are they regular attendees at club meetings?

Do they participate in area, division, and/or district activities, such as speech contests and conventions?

Using these objective metrics and the supporting narrative, the district leadership evaluates the nominees and objectively selects the district's Toastmaster of the Year. Consider the 2012-2013 District Toastmaster of the Year, Rich Andresen:

Rich brought in numerous guests, sponsored new members, conducted Successful Club seminars, and participated in demo meetings for a new club. He conducted officer training sessions, two Youth Leadership programs, and somehow still found time to earn an impressive ten educational awards, including two Distinguished Toastmaster awards. Rich co-chaired the Fall Conference and held multiple club officer roles. He promoted Toastmasters in local papers and radio, and he spoke to area organizations. He also regularly attended meetings at two clubs and was a fixture at area, division, and district events.

Are the members in your club doing these things? Will you know come next spring when the call for TMOY nominations goes out? Find out, because the next District 6 Toastmaster of the Year may be in your club!

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EGGcite Your Club to a Field Trip

You may not need another acronym in your life. Still, it would be stellar if every single Toastmaster in District 6 knew what it means to get the EGG. The EGG has become our term of endearment for the Elusive Gilded Gavel. The gavel can always be found at one of our District 6 clubs during a meeting. You can take the mystery out of knowing which one of our clubs will use it to preside over their next meeting by looking on the District 6 Website at www.d6tm.org/EGG. You can also find the history of the gavel's EGGstordinary journey between clubs at the [GavelTravels](#) page. Our [Flickr site](#) has the pictorial history with comments.

The EGG provides a special opportunity to visit other clubs. Besides the reward of the experience when several of your clubmates observe and participate in another club's meeting, you may gain the right to bring the EGG back to your club and then host the enjoyment for another group of travelers in a visit your club.

Go to [gavel explained](#) for the EGGsplicit rules! Will your club be the next to capture the EGG?

Duane Noto
EGGMaster



Congratulations to Mike Cullen of AC Early Risers, who earned his Advanced Communicator Bronze award recently at age 95.