



District 6 Toastmasters

Where Leaders Are Made



Key Dates

2/1 - 3/31

Talk Up Toastmasters
Membership-Building
Contest

2/29

End of Second Round
Club Officer Training

2/1 - 3/31

Collect Club Dues

4/1

Deadline for Club
Dues

4/29-30

Spring Convention

[2nd Half Key Dates
PDF](#)



From the Desk of the District Director!

Happy New Year!

For most of you reading this, now is not the time to hibernate like a grizzly bear. If you haven't done so already, now is the time to make a plan for what Toastmasters goals you want to complete by June 30, 2016.



Super Hero

We are still looking for super heroes. Super heroes are members who go to clubs with eight or fewer members to help them out with roles and to help them grow (without joining the club). Not ready to be a full super hero? No problem, even Batman needed a sidekick like Robin! For more information on the Super Hero program and clubs who could use a hero, go to our District 6 website (www.d6tm.org/be-a-club-super-hero).

Distinguished Club Program (DCP) Goals

How is your club doing on the 10 DCP goals? To be awarded a Distinguished Club ribbon for your banner, a club must achieve at least 5 DCP points and meet the membership requirement. The membership requirement states that a club needs to have a minimum of 20 members or a net gain of 5 members. How is this determined? Start with the number of members a club had on July 1, 2015, and then compare that number against the membership number on June 30, 2016, to see if the club has at least 20 members or if it has 5 more members than it had on July 1, 2015.

What are the 10 points of the DCP?

- 2 CCs (CC = Competent Communicator)
- 2 more CCs
- 1 Advanced Communicator Bronze, Silver, or Gold
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- 1 CL, AL, or DTM (CL = Competent Leader, AL = Advanced Leader)
- 1 more CL, AL, or DTM (DTM = Distinguished Toastmaster)
- 4 new members
- 4 more new members
- 4 officers trained during each of the two training periods (Round 2 is 12/1/15 - 2/29/16)
- Club officer list submitted on time (by 6/30/2015) and dues submitted on time (10/1/15 and 4/1/16).

Speech Contests

International Speech Contest Materials:
Click [HERE](#) for a digital file

Table Topics Speech Contest Materials:
Click [HERE](#) for a digital file

Note: To be Distinguished, a club needs to achieve 5 or 6 of the DCP goals. To be Select Distinguished, a club needs to achieve 7 or 8 of the DCP goals. To be President's Distinguished, a club needs to achieve 9 or 10 DCP goals.

Spring Convention

Attention all princes and princesses (yes, this means you)! April 29 and 30 will be our Spring Convention at the Ramada Plaza in Minneapolis on Industrial Blvd. Come for a great Table Topics and International Speech Contest. Find out the latest on the District 6 Reformation Plan. Attend the 2016-2017 leadership candidates' forum and our ever-so-popular Business Meeting. We need you there to vote! For those who don't want to come as a prince or princess, we also welcome jesters, peasants, bishops, knights, kings and queens, lords and ladies, dukes and duchesses, magicians, musketeers, and all other medieval dress!

Larry Marik, DTM

District Director, District 6 (2015-2016)

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Program Quality Counts!

TLIs and Club Officer Training

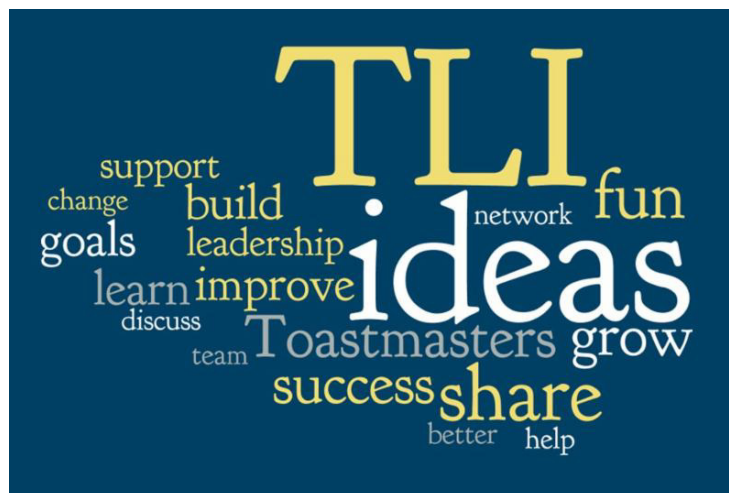
This year each division will be hosting one (or more!) Toastmasters Leadership Institutes (TLIs), which will include, at a minimum, a club officer training session and a session on enhancing evaluations. You may attend *any* TLI, not just the one in your division. Each division will also host at least a couple of "make-up" club officer training sessions, if you can't make a TLI.



[TLI Information page](#)

[Club Officer Training page](#)

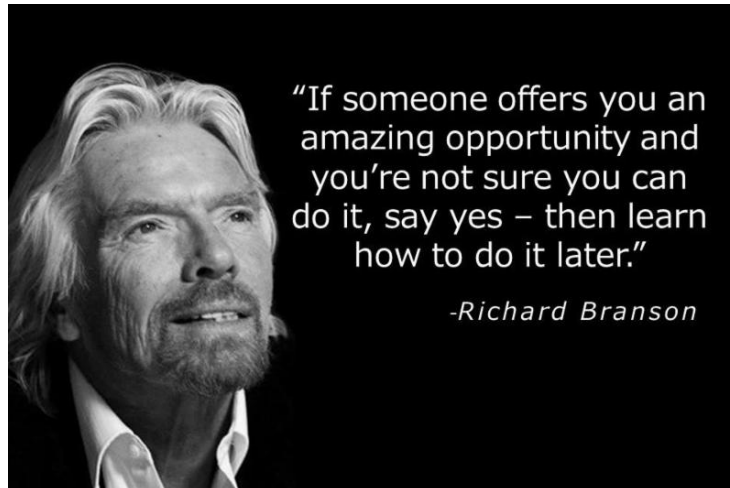
Note: Four or more club officers must be trained in both rounds of training to get credit for goal 9 in the Distinguished Club Program.



Call for Leaders

2016-2017 District Leaders Wanted! Does the role of Division or Area Director, Logistics Manager (aka Sergeant-at-Arms), or any of our many chairs (TLI, Conferences, Youth Leadership, etc.) interest you? If so, please see the Call for Leaders (District 6 Nominations) page (www.d6tm.org/call-for-nominations) on the District 6 website.

Serving a complete term (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017) as a district officer in the following roles also satisfies one of the Advanced Leader Silver (ALS) requirements: Area and Division Directors, Public Relations Manager, Finance Manager, Administration Manager, District Director, Program Quality Director, and Club Growth Director.



New DTM Achievers



Nancy Knoth



Glen DeGuzman

Will Your Club Be an Outstanding Early Achiever?

Your club can earn up to \$20 in Toastmasters International gift certificates and be recognized as an Outstanding Early Achiever! [Read More](#)

Moments of Truth Summaries Due!

In order to qualify for the Moments of Truth incentive, summaries of Moments of Truth programs are due to Program Quality Director [Diane Windingland](#) by 1/15/2016.

In your submission please include:



- Moments of Truth Summary
- Which incentive your club wants: lectern banner or \$25 TI gift certificate
- Mailing address for incentive (mailed by mid-February)

Speech Contests: Table Topics and International

Plan now for your club speech contests! Check with your Area Director for your area contest date.

International Speech Contest Materials: Click [HERE](#) for a digital file

Table Topics Speech Contest Materials: Click [HERE](#) for a digital file

Power Up Your Presentations Class

Do you have prospective club members who want to improve their public speaking but are reluctant to visit or join a club? Tell them about a FREE two-hour public speaking class hosted by District 6 and presented by Program Quality Director Diane Windingland. Better yet, invite them to come with you! They will learn some powerful public speaking tips and be encouraged to join a Toastmasters club!



Location: Ridgedale Public Library

When: Monday, January 11

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Click [HERE](#) for more information or to register.

Diane Windingland, DTM

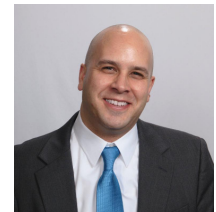
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Club & Membership Growth

Happy New Year! Each January provides us with a "new beginning" and an opportunity to set new goals for the months ahead. Don't forget to set Toastmasters goals, such as:



- Completing your current communication and leadership awards by June 30
- Competing in an upcoming speech contest
- Helping your club grow by a specific number of members
- Mentoring another member, and finding a mentor for yourself

You can inspire others with your goals and enthusiasm. If there's anything I can do to assist with your goals, please let me know.

Get Ready to Talk Up Toastmasters!

It's time to prepare for Toastmasters

International's "Talk Up

Toastmasters!"membership-building contest.

If your club adds five new, reinstated, or dual members between February 1 and March 31, it will win the Talk Up Toastmasters! award and receive three valuable prizes:



Talk Up Toastmasters!
 Membership Contest February 1 – March 31
Add 5+ Members

- A \$25 gift certificate from the TI Store
- A "Talk Up Toastmasters!" ribbon to proudly display on the club's banner
- A special discount code for 10% off the club's next order from the TI Store (expires 6 months from issue)

This is a great opportunity for your club to promote itself, add members, and increase participation while winning prizes. Plan your club's open house and membership-building activities now to Talk Up Toastmasters!

For more information about Toastmasters International's membership-building contests, see the [Membership-Building Contests brochure](#).

Virtual Attendance for Remote Individuals

If your club or company has individuals that aren't able to attend meetings in person, they can still participate in meetings through virtual attendance. This allows more individuals to benefit from your club and Toastmasters. It's also a great way to develop skills with video conferencing and presenting to a remote audience. Take advantage of this new opportunity to reach and serve more individuals. Please see [Toastmasters International's page on virtual attendance](#) for details and guidelines.



Discouraged? Concerned? Experiencing Challenges?

Are you or your club currently experiencing challenges, including meeting or membership challenges? If so, please contact me so our team can assist. Our district officers are here to help you and your club meet your respective goals. We'll do whatever we can to help you succeed.



Let's make 2016 an amazing and memorable year. If there's anything I can do for you, please contact me at hosmundson@gmail.com.

Keep growing!

Harold Osmundson, DTM

Club Growth Director, District 6, 2015-2016
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Time to Restart?

Hello, fellow Toastmasters,

I hope your club is using the new year as a way to restart your PR efforts. It is a good time to ensure that your club website, Facebook page, flyers, and brochures have the correct information for the following:



- Meeting date & time
- Location
- Contact person
- Club officers
- Club member profile

Some clubs have a change in leadership, so its a good time to revise the information.

There has been a change in due date for the PR contest. The new date is May 31, 2016.

Categories:

- Best website
- Best news articles and testimonials
- Best social media
- Best newsletter (at least two published since July 1)

Wishing you an awesome year for publicity for your club.

Thank you,

Ravi Rai, DTM
District 6 Public Relations Manager

Save the Date!

On April 29 and 30, District 6 Toastmasters will gather together for fun, education, recognition, and more fun at the 2016 District 6 Spring Convention. The location is the Ramada Plaza Minneapolis, 1330 Industrial Blvd NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413.



Volunteers are needed to help us organize and plan the event.

If you are interested in assisting in any capacity, please contact either Mary Swanson or Jane Zugschwert.

Thanks!

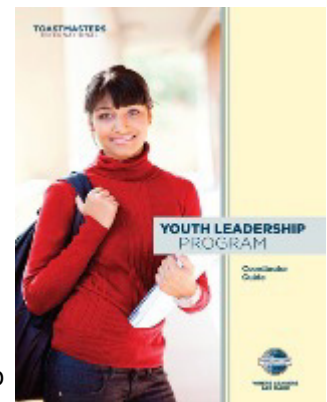
Mary Swanson swansonmej@gmail.com or 507-649-1879

Jane Zugschwert toastmasterjanez@gmail.com or 651-269-9170

Youth Leadership Program

Is your club looking for ways to be involved in the community? One of the ways is to do a Youth Leadership Program.

Clubs that have been involved in YLP notice that in the beginning many of the youths are skeptical about the class, but they are there for various reasons. Or they are quiet and reserved, and talking in front of a group of people gives them anxiety (sound familiar?) and is scary to them!



However, by the end the YLP, all of the kids have completed an Ice Breaker speech and have participated in several Table Topics, along with taking on other roles at the meeting, and there has been a change in the youths. They have become excited

about the program and found that they too are able speak in front of a group. Thus, they are overcoming their fears and anxiety.

The exciting news is that the Storytellers Toastmasters Club in Thunder Bay is working with the high schools in various communities in Northwestern Ontario to bring the Youth Leadership Program to their schools. It is amazing how this Toastmasters club has found ways of reaching the students in the high schools in their community. Thus, if your club is struggling with getting into the schools, reach out to Storytellers with your questions, and perhaps this can help your club.

We are about halfway through the Toastmasters year. Will your club be the one to earn the Keith Hardy Youth Leadership Award in June 2016?

I have materials available for any club for the Youth Leadership Program. If your club needs materials, send me an email and I'll be happy to mail the educational materials to the club coordinator.

In service,

Mary Adams, DTM

District 6 Youth Leadership Chair 2015-2016

Phone: 612.521.0649 (home) or 612.703.8625 (cell)

email: adams_mary_j@yahoo.com

Speechcraft

Speechcraft for Stage Musicians begins January 7 at 4:30 p.m. in Minneapolis (bit.ly/DEMOSSM). Is there a corps of Toastmasters musicians who want to be involved?

District 6 has over 40 clubs that are planning Speechcraft sessions toward leadership opportunities, mentorship opportunities, and club member recruitment. Speechcraft can feel daunting, so please ask for outside help if your club needs it. Also, please send graduation photos!



David Rasmussen
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Mentoring

Congratulations to Edward Hoffman of Word Masters on being named Mentor of the Month! Ed was nominated by Susan Rajbhandari. Here's what Susan had to say:

Ed, from when I have known him, has his own unique character as an individual. He is honest and is courageous enough to firmly talk about what he believes in. He tells things like he sees them and gives you his opinion with no flowering to the sentences. He is precise and to the point on things he is trying to talk about. This approach of his

was very effective for me, as I knew exactly what he was talking about. I did not need to weed through his flowery sentences to figure out what his message was. There was clear delivery of his message to me. Providing details on what Ed had witnessed in my speech and what he would like to see as the end result of my speech were other things I liked about him. Most often we hear individuals say what people did wrong and we do not hear the part as to how they can improve; however, Ed provided me with specific examples and steps of how I would want to organize any speech and what are the things I need to look out for. Sometimes amidst all the things that happen in our life, we tend to deviate from things and might lose sight of what we are working on, but during those times I can be sure that I am still going to hear from Ed to check and see how I am doing. Ed has made sure that he has been communicating with me to see that I have been working on my speeches. He is a kind individual at heart, wishing for the best in me and assisting me to improve my speaking abilities to be as top notch as he believes I could be.

I am very thankful to Ed for all his support and guidance in assisting me through my speeches and making them better one speech at a time. I nominate Ed as the mentor of the month for all the good he has tried to bring out of me.

To nominate your mentor as District 6 Mentor of the Month, send your nomination (200 words or less) and a photo of you and your mentor to Sharon Rollefson at atrollefsldw@msn.com.



Susan Rajbhandari (left) and Edward Hoffman (right).