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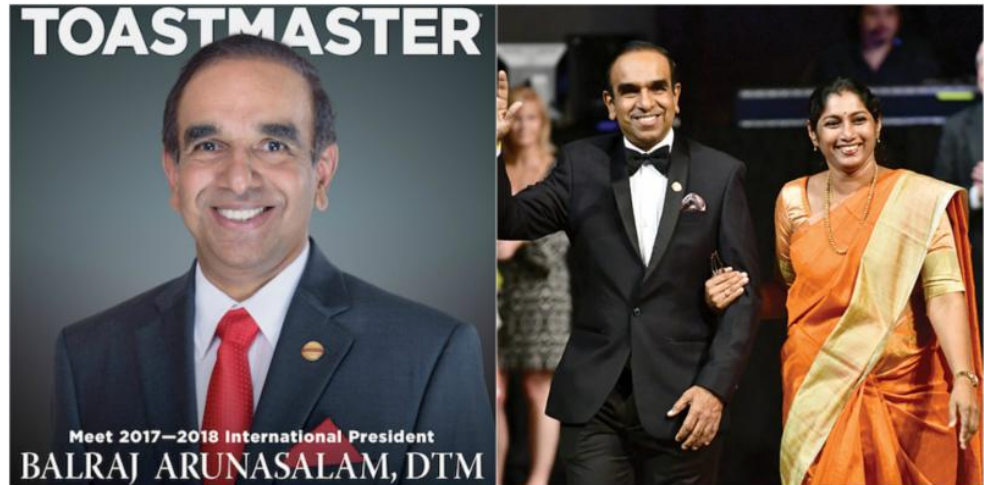
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District 6 Fall Conference

November 3 - 4, 2017

DoubleTree,
Rochester, MN

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Fall Conference - Registration Closes on October 28th

The final Fall Conference is quickly approaching, and registration closes on October 28th. It's incredibly exciting to welcome International President, Balraj Arunasalam, DTM to our conference. Balraj is the model of a servant leader, and we can each learn from him. Don't miss this rare opportunity to meet the leader of our organization. Additionally, the conference's speech contests, educational sessions, and networking opportunities will be fantastic. This conference will broaden your perspective of Toastmasters. Please visit the [District 6 Fall Conference page](#) to register by 10/28.

Reminder on Membership Renewals

Membership renewals were due to Toastmasters International by October 1st. If you haven't yet submitted your renewal to your club's treasurer, please do that as soon as possible. Keep your membership active and continue your journey of growth. If you have concerns about continuing your membership or achieving your goals, please get in touch with me. I'd love to understand your concerns.

Is Your Club Low on Members?

If your club is experiencing any membership-related challenges, please get in touch with me and we can discuss further. Membership is a concern for many clubs, and our district team is here to assist you. Don't get discouraged. Instead, let's discuss and schedule a visit. I pledge to help you and your committed members grow a strong and dynamic club.

Master Your Meetings!

Club meetings are the most central and critical activity in a Toastmasters club. Club meetings deliver value to members by allowing them to develop skills. They're also the most effective membership-building tool. While each club will have its share of challenges, having great meetings can make up for those. In short, it's worth investing time and energy into improving your club's meeting quality. Toastmasters International's [Master Your Meetings guide](#) is an excellent resource to help your club conduct great meetings. This guide consolidates concepts that'll improve meeting and overall club quality. A paper copy can be purchased, or the [electronic version](#) can be freely viewed

after logging in. I encourage you to use this resource, and I hope it provides value.

Monthly Webinars for Club Officers

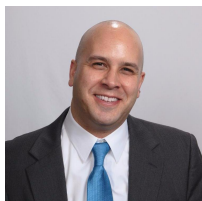
Each month, I host a 1-hour webinar for club officers and interested members, providing information to lead successful clubs. The September webinar covered Moments of Truth. Recordings of previous webinars, and the schedule for upcoming webinars, are available at the [District 6 Club Webinar page](#). The next webinar will be on October 26th, from 8:00-9:00 pm, and it'll include ideas to increase your club's educational value. Sessions will be recorded and made available to all. If there's a specific topic you'd like covered in a monthly webinar, please let me know.



Call for 2018-2019 District Leaders

It's already time to start thinking about district leadership roles for the next program year! Leadership nominations are now open at <http://www.d6tm.org/call-for-nominations> for District 6 and the new District 106. Grow your leadership skills, and gain valuable experience, by stepping up and serving in a district leadership role.

Hope to see you at the Fall Conference. Keep growing!



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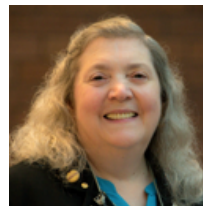
Fall Conference

We have exciting things already planned for the Fall Conference! The business meeting, speech contests, and a visit from International President, Balraj Arunasalam, DTM. Having the International President visit our district is a tremendous honor and will be a valuable experience for everyone attending. Balraj will provide two presentations during the conference, and he'll personally hand out the DTM awards for all who earned their DTM between July 1st, 2017 and November 1st, 2017. The education sessions will be listed on the [District 6 Fall Conference page](#) after Thursday, October 19th, 2017.

You may still register on the [District 6 Fall Conference page](#) or through the mail. There was an error on the previous registration form for where to send them. It should read: Brian Hinton, 3910 Stoney Creek Ln NW, Rochester, MN 55901.



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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 recipients:

- Kimberlee Redington of PowerTalk Toastmasters #1746748
- Elizabeth Moore of Burlington Heritage Club #2342

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](#)

Youth Leadership Program

Fellow Leaders,

Are you interested in the idea of a Youth Leadership Project or would like to participate in a YLP but don't feel you have the availability to coordinate the whole project? There are a handful of Youth Leadership Programs across District 6 that will kick off in the next couple of months and could benefit from little help from you - for a session or two. If you think you want to get a taste of a YLP but not bite off more than you can chew, then I have an opportunity for you! (Did I just drop a rhyme on a dime? I do it all the time!)

Look for me at the Fall Conference or reach out to me by phone or email for more information!

Congratulations to the AC Early Risers of Maple Grove! They are the first club to complete a Youth Leadership Project in the 2017-18 Toastmasters program year! There are other YLPs in the works and I am looking forward to hearing from each club's successes and learning experiences of coordinating a Youth Leadership Project.



Speak Well and Lead Well!



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Fall Business Meeting

District 6's Fall Conference will be held on November 3-4 in Rochester. The District 6 Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 4th at 1:15 pm.

The conference and business meeting's location will be:

[DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Rochester \(map\)](#)

150 S Broadway
Rochester, MN 55904

A key part of the convention is the semi-annual business meeting. This meeting is an opportunity to hear from district leaders and conduct district business that could impact your club. It's important for each club to have a representative at the business meeting.

The President and VP Education of each club has a vote at the business meeting, but a proxy can be designated if neither role can attend. To understand this process and learn how to designate a proxy, see the [proxy and credentials page](#).

If you have any questions about the business meeting ballot, proxy, or credentials process, please contact [District 6 Proxy Chair, Dru Jorgensen, DTM](#).

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