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Congratulations Mark Skipper!

Congratulations to Mark Skipper from TicTalkers Toastmasters (#6348) on his awesome journey in the International Speech contest. As the 2017 District 6 International Speech contest champion, Mark's contest journey led him from his home club in Plymouth, through area, division, and district speech contests, and finally to the Toastmasters International Convention in Vancouver. Throughout that journey, Mark inspired everyone by sharing the power of a hug. Please join me in congratulating Mark Skipper on his accomplishments.

Continue Your Journey: Renew Your Membership in September

Membership renewals for the 10/1/2017-3/31/2018 period are due to Toastmasters International by September 30th. If you haven't already, please contact your club's treasurer to renew your membership and continue your journey.

If you have concerns about continuing your membership or achieving your goals, you are welcome to get in touch with me. I'd love to understand your concerns and find solutions for you.

Similarly, 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 your club through challenges.

Improving Your Toastmasters Experience

Are you receiving the most from your membership in Toastmasters? Would you like to receive more value? Toastmasters offers an amazing and comprehensive program for communication and leadership development, but sometimes we aren't aware of all it offers. To help you get more from Toastmasters, below are a list of resources I value and share with new members. Perhaps some contain new and helpful information for you:

- [The Toastmasters Experience](#) - A great introduction to the Toastmasters program and the desired experience for you as a member.

District 6 Fall Conference

November 3 - 4, 2017

DoubleTree,
Rochester, MN

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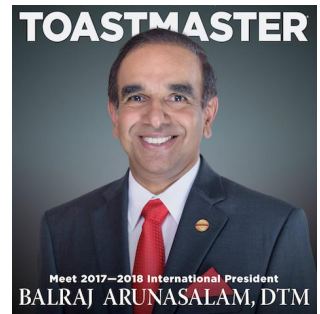
- [About Your Club](#) - The best resource to learn about how your club operates, and how to perform each meeting role effectively.
- [High Performance Leadership Program](#) - My favorite program in Toastmasters. This program will take your leadership skills to the next level. You can complete this program any time in your Toastmasters journey.
- [Toastmasters Education Program](#) - An overview of the entire Toastmasters education program, including other development opportunities available to you.
- [Effective Evaluation Guide](#) - A solid guide to help you get started as an evaluator.

If you have any questions about the Toastmasters program and how to get the most from your membership, please contact me. Your experience matters to me.

Register Now for the Fall Conference!

Registration is now open for District 6's final Fall Conference, held in Rochester, Minnesota on November 3rd & 4th. Please see the [District 6 Fall Conference page](#) to register.

International President, Balraj Arunasalam, DTM will visit and speak the conference! This is awesome opportunity to meet an amazing leader. And if you achieve your DTM before the Fall Conference, or if your club wins the Smedley Award for gaining 5 members between August 1st and September 30th, Balraj will personally recognize you at the conference. What a special honor!



The Fall Conference also features the district Table Topics and Humorous Speech contests, quality educational sessions, opportunities to meet other members, and great food! You won't be disappointed.

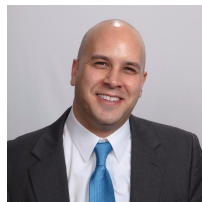
Early bird registration deadline for the Fall Conference is October 7th. Please register soon as this conference will fill up quickly.

Monthly Webinars for Club Officers

Each month, District 6 hosts a 1-hour webinar for club officers and interested members, providing information that's relevant to lead successful clubs. The August webinar covered membership building. The recording of the August webinar, and the schedule for upcoming webinars, is available at <http://www.d6tm.org/club-officer-webinars/>.

The September webinar will be on September 28th, from 8:00-9:00 pm, and it'll cover the Moments of Truth program for club quality. 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.

Hope to see you at an upcoming division speech contest. 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. Early bird registration is now available on the [District 6 Fall Conference page](#). Sign up early for this great event!

Speech Contest Time

Support your areas and division as we go through contest time. If it's not too late, fine tune your humorous speech, sharpen your table topic skills, and represent your club at the area contest! To learn more about speech contests and find resources to help you run a contest, see the [District 6 Speech Contests page](#).

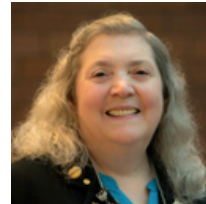
Officer Training

A great big THANK YOU to all club officers who took time out of their busy schedules to get to an officer training or the TLI. Your dedication to the success of your club is greatly appreciated. Thank you for working on teamwork, connecting with your guests and members, and running the Toastmasters educational program in your club this year.



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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:

- Kristine Wilson of Maximizers #4728
- Bret Shoberg of Club 500 Debate #500
- Paul Lubinski of Gopher Toastmasters #183
- Carol Ullery of Blue Communicators #3561
- Mary Adams of MNRPCV Toastmaster Club #1284
- Mark Bokusky of Golden Toastmasters #1640675

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 Announcements

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

- Sherpa Speaks (#6610561) chartered on 08/17/2017 in Woodbury
- BASF Shakopee Prose (#6589788) chartered on 08/25/2017 in Shakopee
- RSM Minneapolis (#6611959) chartered on 08/31/2017 in Minneapolis



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Fall Business Meeting

District 6's Fall Conference will be held on November 3-4 in Rochester. After lunch on Saturday, November 4, the District 6 Business Meeting will be held (exact starting time to be posted by 9/27).

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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