



## District 6 Toastmasters

Where Leaders Are Made

### Ahhhhh...Fall Toastmasters Contests Are in the Air

I don't know about you, but I love Fall. This is that special time of year when the weather has cooled off, the air is crisp, and my yard is full of leaves. Toastmasters contests are like the leaves...everywhere! They are colorful and abundant; they stretch from our southern border to our northern border in Canada. All across District 6, clubs, areas, and divisions are filling the air with laughter from the Humorous Contest and quick wit from the Table Topics Contest. The winners will move forward to the huge "bonfire" of our District Contest in Thunder Bay, Canada, on October 25 & 26.

I hope you will invite your friends and family to come to these contests and perhaps join as members. Our goal this year is to have 20 members in each of our clubs. Twenty members is the number that started your club, and it is an excellent number for all of us to use as the "excellence in membership" standard.

I look forward to seeing you at our many contests!

Sharon L. Rollefson, DTM  
District 6 Governor



Congratulations, District 6 members! Your focus on excellence in 2012-2013 made our district Distinguished!

## Education & Training

Greetings, District 6, from the Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training's Corner. It is hard to believe that the Toastmasters year is almost 25% completed. Below are two updates from the LGET Team.

### Club Officer Training

Club officer training is one key indicator of a club's focus on improving its members' overall experience. Round one of club officer training resulted in over 80% of all District 6 club officers trained. Well-trained and dedicated club officers more often than not translate into highly effective and quality clubs. Congratulations and thanks to all of those who contributed to completing this task.

### Fall Conference Notes

For those members who completed three or more educational awards for the 2012-2013 Toastmasters year and in the current year-to-date, you will receive Triple Crown pins for both accomplishments during the awards ceremony on Saturday morning in Thunder Bay. We are also aware that some members who earned DTM awards last year have not received their DTM medals. If you are attending the Fall Conference, you will be recognized for this accomplishment with a DTM medal. Please bring your DTM plaque for this presentation.

Thanks to each of you for your unrelenting hard work and dedication in helping to improve both leadership and communication skills within District 6! Continue to enjoy the journey.

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

### Billboard Update

The District 6 Billboards are still on display and will continue to October 20. If you see a billboard, contact me at [D6tm.org](http://D6tm.org) with the date and location. Below is a photo of Michael Browne, Area 42 Governor, with the Toastmasters billboard in downtown Minneapolis.

### Welcome New Club

Please welcome 3M Hutchinson, our second new club in District 6 this Toastmasters year.

### Club Dues

Reminder, your membership renewal is due by October 1.

Larry J. Marik, DTM  
Lieutenant Governor Marketing



## Public Relations

Fellow District 6 Toastmasters, September is a busy month. Many areas are hosting contests in early September, while many divisions are hosting their contests in the second half this month. I hope you have attended at least one of those speech contests. I learned a lot from listening to the contestants' speeches!

Do you know October is a special month in Toastmasters? That's right, the very first Toastmasters meeting was in October 1924. The first manual for Toastmasters clubs was copyrighted by Dr. Ralph Smedley in October 1928. The Gavel, the first Toastmasters newsletter, was published in October 1930. The first Toastmasters club outside of the United States was chartered in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, in October 1935. And much more. It is a special month with many accomplishments. If you or your fellow club officers have time, please consider requesting a proclamation from your city to honor Toastmasters in October.

Our District 6 Fall Conference will be held in Thunder Bay, Ontario, in October. We will need to have passports to attend the conference. If you haven't gotten your passport yet, please consider doing so, because it can take up to four weeks to complete the process. We have a bus from the United States to Canada with three stops: Rochester, \$80; Twin Cities, \$70; and Duluth, \$60 (round trip). The registration deadline is October 15, 2013. Please register soon!

Sincerely,

Colbert Fong, DTM  
Public Relations Officer

## International Division Update

Hello everyone, and a warm fall welcome from International Division!

District 6 is already in the middle of speech contest season, and International Division is on top of it. We have completed our division contest and are looking forward to the district contests at the convention. Good luck to all contestants!



Speaking of the convention, our Fall Conference is being hosted in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, by the International Division's own Karolyn Hoard and David Goldsworthy! For event details and transportation deals, see this link: [www.d6tm.org/fall-conference-2013](http://www.d6tm.org/fall-conference-2013)

If there is a tip I could give you it's this: More than half of the value of any situation, event, or relationship is simply showing up. By showing up at the Fall Conference, you are exposing yourself to some wonderful presenters, great learning opportunities, evenings of fun and entertainment, and most likely your best opportunity to network all year.

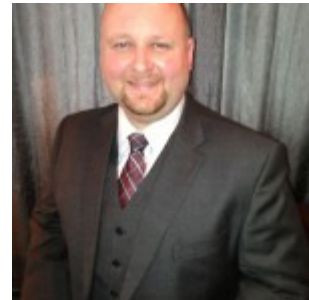
I look forward to seeing you there!

Greg Scholz ACB, ALB  
International Division Governor  
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## Western Division Update

What a whirlwind these last few months have been: starting with District 6 making Distinguished for 2012-2013, then getting officers trained, Area Governors visiting clubs, and all the way to contest season! That's not even including enjoying the seven days of summer we get here in MN!



All of the contestants at the Western Division contest gave superb speeches, and the winners are eager to compete in Thunder Bay. Our Toastmaster Joe Brauer, Chief Judge Jennie Bartholomew, and all of the officials did a splendid job, and the venue and people of Starkey were outstanding!

Looking ahead, I see great things for Western Division. We have great clubs filled creative and motivated individuals who are working toward their individual goals, which in turn works toward the goals of the club. Individuals are experiencing "Toastmasters: Where Leaders Are Made." My challenge to you this year: Be the leader. Leadership is not a title so much as an attitude of working toward your goals with enthusiasm. Help make your club meetings enjoyable and effective, and invite people to visit and join your club. If we do these things, we can't help but be successful.

See you in Thunder Bay!

Ben Smith  
Western Division Governor

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