



## District 6 Toastmasters

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#### Key Dates

September 1-30  
Submit Club Dues

October 1  
Club Dues  
Submission Deadline

October 10  
Train the Trainer

October 16-17  
[Fall Conference](#)  
Sugar Lake Lodge  
Cohasset, MN

Enjoy the speech  
contests!

Download  
the [Humorous  
Speech Contest  
Kit](#) (free).

#### From the Desk of the District Director!

##### International Convention Recap

This year's Toastmasters International Convention was held in sunny (and hot) Las Vegas, Nevada! Diane Windingland, Harold Osmundson, and I took in two full days of district leadership training. I accepted the Excellence in Education and Training Award on behalf of District 6 for the 2014-2015 year. Eric Shurr did an excellent job competing in the International Speech Contest semifinals. Thanks to the many Toastmasters from District 6 who came to support Eric! The World Champion of Public Speaking was Mohammed Qahtani of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, with his speech titled "The Power of Words." Several Toastmasters, including Stephen Shaner, announced their candidacies for International Director for 2016-2018.



##### Club Visits

Your area directors have been conducting club visits. Take advantage of the opportunity by asking them to fill a meeting role, to give a speech, and to attend your club officers meeting.

##### Speech Contests

The Humorous Speech Contest is well underway. Ask your area and division directors how you can help serve the district by helping at their speech contests. Check [www.d6tm.org](http://www.d6tm.org) for speech contest dates or contact your area director.

##### Fall Conference 2015



Planning is underway for this exciting and fun event. You will NOT want to miss it! Please don't wait and register for the Fall Conference online now! Go to [www.d6tm.org/fallconference](http://www.d6tm.org/fallconference) for more information!

## [Speech Contest Tutorials](#)

### Larry Marik, DTM

District Director, District 6 (2015-2016)

### Toastmasters International

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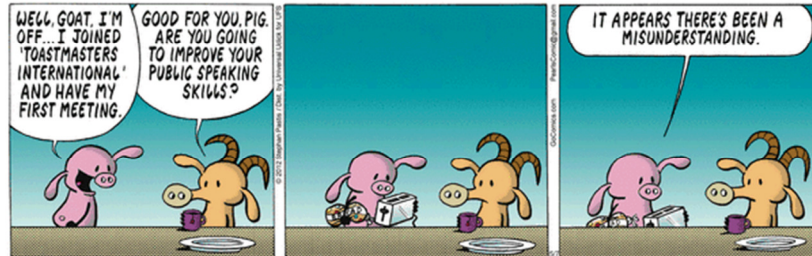
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### Pearls Before Swine

by Stephan Pastis

May 07, 2012



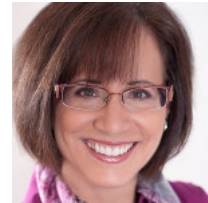
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### Program Quality Counts!

#### Did Your Training Get Recorded?



Please CHECK that your officer training was recorded: [Officer Training Report](#) (first link on the page). If a trained officer is missing, please [email](#) Program Quality Director Diane Windingland by September 15.



#### Fall Conference and Speech Contest

You are invited to join us in Grand Rapids at the beautiful Sugar Lake Lodge on October 16-17.

Some of the highlights we can't wait to share: Clinton Hunt Roast / Grand Pie Bar / Bonfire / S'mores Bar / Humorous Speech Contest / Wine-tasting (bring a bottle you would like to share) & Gourmet Chocolate Bar / Special Photo Booth / Resort Time / Education Sessions / Team-Building / Food-Food-Food / Keynotes.

This conference is a casual, Northwoods, no tie event!

Register online or by mail. Deadline is noon, Monday Oct. 12.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register. **Don't delay--register today!**

### **Moments of Truth**

Create the BEST club ever AND earn a lectern banner (or a \$25 gift certificate to the Toastmasters International store), plus recognition in the February newsletter when your club completes the Moments of Truth by 12/31/2016 and sends a 1-2 page summary of your findings and plan of action for quality improvement for your club to Program Quality Director Diane Windingland by 1/15/2016.



See the [Moments of Truth Flyer](#) for more information.

### **Train the Trainer on October 2**

Save the date! On Saturday, October 10, there will be a 90 minute train-the-trainer session (early afternoon in Eden Prairie) for the second round of club officer training in which the training session "Building on Achievement for Continued Success" will be demonstrated. In addition to being qualified to run the second round of training, participants who are also club officers will receive "early bird" credit for the second round club officer training. Details and how to register will be posted soon on the District 6 [club officer training page](#)

### **International Convention Recap**

Click [here](#) for video montage of the Toastmasters International Convention, District Leader Training, and even a few sightseeing shots in Las Vegas. Click [here](#) for video highlights of Mohammed Qahtani's winning speech, "The Power of Words," in the World Championship of Public Speaking contest.



During the board briefing, one of the more interesting changes to Toastmasters International policy is that virtual participation in club meetings is allowed immediately, as long as a majority of club members meet in person. Fully virtual clubs may charter beginning in February 2016.

### **Fortune Magazine Article**

[Why Your Boss Wants You to Join Toastmasters](#)

### **Diane Windingland, DTM**

Program Quality Director, District 6, 2015-2016

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## Club & Membership Growth

### Time to Renew Your Toastmasters Membership!

It's time to renew our Toastmasters membership for the October 2015 - March 2016 period. Renewal payments are due in September. Please submit payment to your club's treasurer.



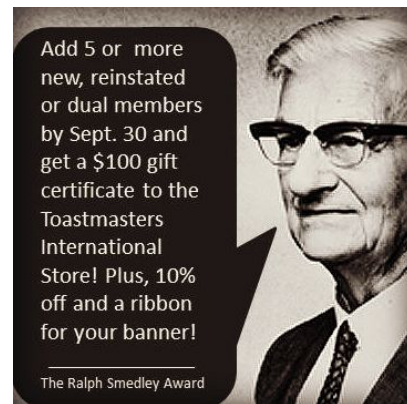
Clubs that submit payments for eight or more members by September 15 will receive special recognition at the [Fall Conference](#) in October. Help your club achieve this recognition by providing payment to your club's treasurer as soon as you can.

Clubs must renew at least eight members by October 1 to remain in good standing. If your club will have difficulty meeting this requirement, please get in touch with me so our team can assist you right away.

### Smedley Award - There's Still Time to Grow and Achieve!

There's still time for your club to win the Smedley Award by adding five new, dual, or reinstated members during the months of August and September. Clubs achieving the Smedley Award will receive three valuable prizes:

1. A \$100 gift certificate to the Toastmasters International store.
2. A "Smedley Award" ribbon to proudly display on the club's banner.
3. A special discount code for 10% off the next club order (expires 6 months from issue).



You can do this! Just below are a few membership-building approaches to consider:

- Encourage each member to bring one guest to each meeting.
- Hold a special "Back to School" event and present interesting educational topics.
- Hold a special "Thank You" party for the host facility, staff, and surrounding community.

### Using the Club Mission for Invitations

Do you have difficulty describing Toastmasters and your club? If so, perhaps share the club mission statement below:

"We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth."

That's a powerful statement, and it can help you when inviting others to visit.

### **Club Recognition**

Congratulations to the 10 clubs below that have already added four or more new members in the 2015-2016 year:

Happy Hour: 9  
Minneapolis Club: 7  
Morning Glory: 7  
Wordsmiths: 6  
HealthToasters Club: 5  
Talk Nerdy To Me: 5  
CBRE Rising Toastmasters: 4  
Pacemasters: 4  
Redwood Area Toastmasters: 4  
Shock, Rhythm And Talk: 4

Your club can do the same!

### **Member Recognition**

Very special thanks to Craig Britton of Best Sight Speakers and Steve Rawlins of Dan Patch Toastmasters for providing valuable ideas on how to promote Toastmasters. If you have ideas on how to extend the reach of Toastmasters, I'd love to hear them.

Hope to see you at an upcoming speech contest. If there's anything I can do for you, please contact me at [hosmundson@gmail.com](mailto:hosmundson@gmail.com).

Keep growing!

### **Harold Osmundson, DTM**

Club Growth Director, District 6, 2015-2016  
District 6, Toastmasters International

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## **Seeds of Change**

The District 6 Fall Conference promises excitement, fun, learning, and meaningful change in the picture perfect setting of Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids, October 16-17.

Some items to consider:

- Please consider a Silent Auction donation, an important conference event.
- Have fun dressing for the "Plaidurday Night Fever" costume contests Saturday night: Best Ethnic, Best Northwoods, and Most Outrageous plaid outfits.
- The Humorous speech contest will be held Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., with contestant and judges' briefings Saturday morning at 6:45 a.m.
- For those bringing family not participating in the conference, the resort restaurants will be closed; however, certain rooms have kitchens. Contact the resort for details.
- This conference is a casual, no tie event. Casual and/or business casual, please.

Don't be left behind ... go to [d6tm.org](http://d6tm.org) for mail or online registration, room reservation information, and conference highlights!

## District 6 Speechcraft - Working Together

A long list of clubs is planning Speechcraft this year. Clubs may list Speechcraft on the D6 calendar toward participants and/or assistance. Some clubs would demonstrate Speechcraft for you. Other clubs would appreciate your assistance. The following clubs are presenting Speechcraft:

### Clubs Agreeing to Present Speechcraft, 2015-2016

Club	Contact	Location
Ah Busters	Harmeet Bhatia	Minnetonka
Butler Expressors	Eric Johnson	Minneapolis
Capella University	Mirka Tomczyk	
Daybreakers	John Kinney	Rogers
Deluxe TM	Julia Janousk	Shoreview
Eloquent Engineers	Nick Hall	Minnetonka
Flyin' Toasters	Heather Gibbs	Burnsville
Happy Hour	Lorrie Scheller	Eden Prairie
Heart of the Harbour / Nanabijou	Charlene Rogers	Thunder Bay
Hiawatha Valley	Rhonda Rolfs	Red Wing
King Boreas 208	Tom Deyo	Saint Paul
King of Clubs	Duane Rivard	Roseville
Lawson Thrill Speakers	Samar Upadhyay, Chris Boritz	Saint Paul
Luncheon Linguists	David Schaal	Bloomington
MNRPCV	Mark Brandow	Roseville
PruToasters	Cheryl Evans	Plymouth
Results Communicators	Lou Thao, Barb Pabst	Edina
River Park	Jim Carlson	Saint Paul
Simply Speaking	George Kane	Roseville
Speak Up and Out	Laura Bathke	Saint Paul
Stagecoach Speakers	James Mwaura	Minneapolis
Stagecoach Speakers	Natalie Kallenbach	Saint Louis Park
Sunrisers	Edith Terwey	Robbinsdale
TCS Steamers	Sreeniva Angaka	Bloomington
TechMasters	Vince Bullinger	Edina
Tic talkers	Matt Eckert	Plymouth
Toastmasters TCO	Doug Rothschik	Rochester
VAMC	Lihong Qin	Minneapolis
Women With A Mission	Laura Bathke	

I hope to present a poster this Spring with graduation photos featuring all of the clubs.

## Additional Opportunities

Speechcrafts not presented by a club offer additional leadership opportunities.

- Kevin Hamlin has approval for Speechcraft as company training for a diverse, small international company near Bren Road and H-169 in Minnetonka. **Toastmasters are sought to present Speechcraft educational presentations and to serve as mentors at Wednesday, noon to 1:30 p.m. meetings beginning September 9.** Please reference [www.d6tm.org/calendar](http://www.d6tm.org/calendar) or contact [tm.david.rasmussen@gmail.com](mailto:tm.david.rasmussen@gmail.com) for more information.
- Does regular Toastmaster Speechcraft training help to improve stage presence for musicians? **Toastmasters are sought to present Speechcraft educational presentations and to serve as mentors in Minneapolis on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. beginning September 17.** Please reference [www.d6tm.org/calendar](http://www.d6tm.org/calendar) or contact [tm.david.rasmussen@gmail.com](mailto:tm.david.rasmussen@gmail.com) for more information.
- Subharoj Dahal of the Talking Heads Toastmasters Club is presenting a Speechcraft toward potentially forming a majority Nepalese Toastmasters Club.
- Judy Twisk will be planning Speechcraft at Kemps toward generating new Toastmasters members for nearby Saint Paul and Roseville clubs.
- Michael Browne presents Urban Scholars, a foundational public speaking course, each year in Minneapolis.

## Will You Spread the Word?

Please share your Speechcraft graduation photos, best practices, and stories for District 6 website and/or newsletter publication.

## What Do You Need?

Do you need sample agendas? Guest speakers? Encouragement? A better Speechcraft website is being planned, and perhaps you have specific ideas. Please let me know what is needed to make your Speechcraft more successful.

## David Rasmussen

District 6 Speechcraft Chair  
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## District 6 Mentor of the Month

Congratulations to Mary Adams, our newest Mentor of the Month! Mary was nominated by Eric Johnson. Here's the testimonial:

Mary has been a mentor to me for some time now, and from early on she showed a keen interest not only in my experiences with Toastmasters, but my life outside. Mary has encouraged me to pursue leadership opportunities, and now that I am serving as Division H Director ("H" is for "Happy" - thanks, Mary!) she has met with me several times to make sure I am doing okay balancing the responsibilities of my new role with the rest of my life. I want to recognize Mary for being the type of mentor who meets you where you are and helps to instill

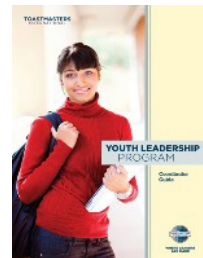
confidence and focus, yet maintain a healthy perspective. Thanks for helping me to be my best!

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 [rollefsldw@msn.com](mailto:rollefsldw@msn.com).

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## Youth Leadership Program

The school year has started for our youth - and how are they at communicating, face-to-face, with their peers and teachers? For many young people in today's world, they are more comfortable communicating electronically (some are even better than us adults). Our young people today need interpersonal communication skills to successfully communicate with their peers and the adults in their lives. This is where the Youth Leadership Program (YLP) can help them, and over six to eight weeks they will learn how to:



- Overcome nervousness when speaking in front of an audience.
- Be more organized.
- Present their ideas logically and convincingly.
- Listen carefully to others' ideas.
- Participate in and lead group discussions.
- Provide effective feedback to others to improve their speaking and leadership skills.

My hope is that in the coming months you (and your club) will reach out to local schools, home school groups, scout troops, 4-H clubs, church youth groups, and so on. There are many other organizations that involve our youth that could host a YLP and help make a difference in their lives. If you need material, I have YLP kits available for the clubs: just call or email me, and I'll be happy to mail the kit to you.

Also, if your club is conducting a YLP, I would like to come to the last session to see the youth show what they have learned. Please email me the final class date, time, and location. If possible, I'll be there.

In service,

**Mary Adams, DTM**

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District 6 Youth Leadership Chair 2015-2016

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