



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

## District 6 News and Events

### District 6

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May 3-4, 2019  
Crown Plaza Aire  
Bloomington, MN

##### Officer Training

Check out training page:  
[http://www.d6tm.org/office\\_training/](http://www.d6tm.org/office_training/)



#### Welcome by District Director

##### Greetings!

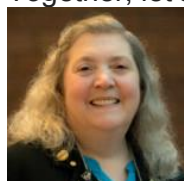
I hope everything is going great for you this year! Is your club experience what it should be? Do you, your fellow members, and guests feel that it's time well spent? If your club is struggling in this area, consider conducting the Moments of Truth. As with every presentation we give, we want to grow and learn, and in that same spirit, we should also want our clubs to continue to grow, learn, and flourish. Moments of Truth is an excellent resource, and it can be download from the Toastmaster website at [toastmasters.org](http://toastmasters.org).

##### Pathways DTM

A question I've heard a lot lately is "What about those of us still working towards our DTM – how will Pathways affect us?" The answer is simple; everyone has until June 30th, 2020, well over a year, to complete their DTM requirements within the "old" system and earn this distinguished award. Toastmasters International will count your year of being a district leader if you're a leader for 2019-2020. We're currently looking for Area Directors for next year. If you're interested, please contact Ravi Rai at your earliest convenience!

I'm looking forward to a great year where clubs are strong, meetings are of high quality, and members are achieving their goals – both in Toastmasters and their personal lives. Please remember that the district team is here to serve the member's needs.

If I can help you reach your goal in any way, please let me know!  
Together, let's make this a phenomenal Toastmaster year!



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## Message from Program Quality Director

### A new approach

Greetings fellow toastmasters. Hope you are having a safe winter season. It has been a while connecting with you through a newsletter. Hope we are able to share information to help your clubs thrive.

### Pathways & Education Program

Hope your club is excited about the Pathways program. Honestly we had some frustrations initially but I believe that has all been taken care of. I have been watching the awards in district 6 and it is very encouraging to see a lot of fellow toastmasters completing level 1. Pathways now seems simple and exciting after you get a hang of it. Hope you and your club is adapting well. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions about Pathways. Many of you are still working on the traditional program. That is great because this is the perfect year to complete the journey that you started few years ago. I will continue to review those award submissions and look forward to recognizing your efforts.

### Contests

This is the time of our annual contests. Hope your club is excited about sending that next world champion of public speaking. Never underestimate the power of spoken words. I hope you are either thinking about being part of the contest or encouraging your fellow club members to compete or be part of the contests at different levels. District 6 has all the contest resources available at:

<http://www.d6tm.org/speechcontests/> to help you with the club contest. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Area Director or the district leaders. We are always here to serve and help.

### Spring Conference

Please save the date May 3 & 4 for District 6 spring conference. We are excited to share with you that Pres Vasilev, 2013 World Champion of Public Speaking, has agreed to be our guest at the spring conference. He will be sharing his knowledge with fellow toastmasters. We will also have our district business meeting along with the evaluation & international speech contests. The venue is Crown Plaza Aire, Bloomington. We hope to provide details by the end of February.

Hope you can be part of this annual event.

### Officer training

The current officer training runs from December through end of February. If you are a club officer, I hope you attended a training organized by your Area Director or Division director or another district leader. We have been having lively informal discussions about the role of an officer. So if you have not yet attended a training, please do consider attending a training to share your ideas as well as get some ideas from fellow officers from other clubs. Training sessions are listed at:

<http://www.d6tm.org/officertraining/>

### Thank you

I started my Toastmasters journey in 2002. I still cherish those early days when I met so many fellow toastmasters from around the world. All of you have made a difference by being with me through ups & downs. Thank you for being a true person and thank you for being a true Toastmaster. Today Toastmasters is an extended family for me and I am thankful that I am a Toastmaster. If there is anything I can do to help you, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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## Next World Champion of Public Speaking

Does your club have a hidden talent who can become the next World Champion of Public Speaking? Please encourage your fellow toastmasters to participate in the district wide contests:

International Speech Contest & Evaluation Contest. Contest related materials is available at: <http://www.d6tm.org/speechcontests/>

## Message from Club Growth Director

Dear Friends in District 6:

I hope this calendar year 2019 started good for you. We are now in the month of February; the month we have valentine's day. Sticking with the spirit of love, let's share some love with the rest of the world.

You may have thought of lifting up an individual in their lives by helping them be better in their communication skills and leadership skills. You have an opportunity to help not just one or two; but many individuals and here is how.

### Be a Club Sponsor:

Do you know of any community or a company that does not already have a Toastmasters program being implemented? Do you know of any company or community that could possibly value out of working on Toastmasters program? Do you want to be a champion on Toastmasters program and implement one at your company, your community or anywhere you know of? If the answer to any of the questions above is a "yes"; then being a club sponsor may be the opportunity you were looking for.

### Be a Club Mentor:

Do you want to share your experience on how a quality meeting is run? Do you want to be a guide to new Toastmasters clubs that have recently chartered? Are you able to make time to learn the culture of a new club that is being built and help in creating a self-sustainable future for them? This opportunity is for you if you are able to attend the club meetings and be with them for a minimum of six month from the time of charter.

### Be a Club Coach:

Like most things in life, even our Toastmaster Clubs have ups and downs. There are times when we have charter strength members in our clubs and there are times when we have membership numbers lower than that. While looking only at the numbers of our District 6 as I am typing this letter, I see we have 60 clubs eligible to get help from Club Coaches. Are you an individual who takes pride in going in and understanding a club's culture? Do you love to

elevate individuals from being burnt out and working towards ensuring that the club will be able to develop their own leaders and self-sustain themselves? If you can endure some challenges that may come along the way and help out a club get back to distinguished status; then this is for you.

Toastmasters, for me, has been about helping folks grow and develop. We have opportunities everywhere. Sometimes they may seem daunting; but with positive attitude and in the spirit of sharing some love this month, I humbly request you to consider taking on any one of the above-mentioned opportunities.

Till next time, this is your Club Growth Director signing off



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## Club Coaches wanted

Do you like helping others grow and learn? Consider becoming a club coach! There is a **one-time** offer from Toastmasters International. Anyone who becomes a club coach and helps the club achieve distinguished status within the allotted timeframe can receive credit for one term of a district officer. Contact Susan Rajbhandari (Club Growth Director) for more information.



## Pres Vasilev (WCPS)



2013 World Champion of Public Speaking.

Pres will be our guest at Spring Conference. He will be giving several sessions including “How to uncover the glory of your story” and workshop on “Secrets of Compelling Storytelling”

Plan to spend time with him at Spring Conference on May 3 & 4.

## Triple Crown

What is Triple Crown? When you earn at least 3 educational awards, D6 recognizes you for your efforts by awarding you a Triple Crown pin. Please see Ravi Rai, Program Quality Director to get your Triple Crown pin.

Do you have an article to share?  
Please send it to me to be included in the next edition of District 6 Newsletter  
- Ravi Rai, Program Quality Director  
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## Area 45 Clubs Collaborate on an Area Open House

Area 45 has 6 clubs in Apple Valley, Burnsville, Lakeville, and Northfield—on Saturday, February 2 the clubs all worked together to host an Area Open House. The idea came from Area 45 Director, Linda Dorn. As Linda visited the clubs, one of the greatest needs was to increase membership. Knowing that these clubs were geographically close to each other, Linda threw out the idea of working together to host an Area 45 Open House—the clubs were on board and the event was a success!

Members from each of the 6 clubs participated in the event, whether through inviting guests, posting flyers in their communities or on social media, or serving in a role at the event. According to Linda, “It really was a great experience to share the benefits of Toastmasters with the guests and have the opportunity for Area 45 Toastmasters work together on the open house.” The event was held in a neutral location, at the Burnhaven Library, and the focus was not on a specific club but rather to promote all clubs in Area 45.



## Spring Conference



Crowne Plaza Aire – Mall of America  
2 Appletree Square,  
Bloomington, MN

**When:**  
May 3 & 4, 2019

**Features:**  
Business Meeting  
International Speech Contest  
Evaluation Contest  
Workshop by Pres Vasilev  
Education Sessions  
Candidate Showcase  
District Leader Elections  
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