



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

District 6 News and Events

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UPCOMING D6TM EVENTS

Nov 1 – Feb 29

Officer Training

Dec 7 Holiday Potluck!
(see page 3)

Feb 22 TLI

March

Area Speech contests

April

Division Contests

May 9

Annual Conference &
Contests

Message from District 6 Director

Happy Holidays! Hi Fellow D6 Toastmasters,

Hope you had an awesome Thanksgiving Day. At our house we had family visit us from out of town. The youngest in our group who is just over a year old, got most of our attention. It seems we were all dancing to her tunes. We made plans for days after Thanksgiving and yet the little one took all the attention in the mall, shops, etc. Needless to say, the little kid enjoyed her time while we enjoyed seeing her navigate her way through the park, crowds and simply having a great time.

Reminds me of my own first year in Toastmasters in 2001. It was a lot to learn, to gain and to share. It was a time when I hardly cared about DTM. 18 years later, I still remember those first few days in Toastmasters--those baby steps that I took on my path to leadership. The caring support I got from fellow Toastmasters. My first mentor, Kent Hawks, who is still in Toastmasters. It's a delight to see him and many others who have made my Toastmasters journey a special one.

I would say I gained a whole new family in Toastmasters. Thank you to all of you who have remained a Toastmaster and helped me recognize, develop and hone skills. Thank you to everyone who helps every new Toastmaster take baby steps. Thank you for being forgiving when I, along with fellow Toastmasters, make mistakes. You have been an encouraging group for me in my life for which I am very thankful.

I wish you an awesome experience this holiday season as you continue to help and support fellow Toastmasters.



Ravi Rai

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Message from the District 6 Program Quality Director

Hello Friends,

I hope the winter months are treating you well and you are enjoying the time with your family and loved ones during these holiday seasons. As you enjoy time reconnecting with the ones you love, making memories that last a life time and unwrapping gifts, I would like to remind you to gift yourself the awards you have been working on as well.

You have become a member of Toastmasters for a reason, and if I've guessed correctly, it would either have to do something with communication or leadership skills. If you have been attending club meetings and following the Toastmasters Program, I would believe you have been completing projects that are helping you move closer to your goals. If you are completing projects, then I would humbly request you to do yourself a favor by submitting the completion of your projects to your club's VP of Education. I would love for you to get credit for all the hard work you have put in and be recognized.

During this holiday season, please remember - as you share well wishes with others, sprinkle some on yourselves as well by getting the credits you've earned by completing various projects in our Toastmasters Program.

Take care,



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Message from the District 6 Program Quality Director

Greetings Fellow Toastmasters,

If you are looking to finish your DTM in the legacy education program by June 30, 2020 but still need to be a sponsor, mentor or coach you have 2 options. You can start a new club and get the sponsor credit if the club charters by June 30 or you can be a club coach or a virtual club coach for a low member club and bring them to distinguished status by June 30. Club sponsors or mentors are only available for new clubs. Mentors need to serve 6 months after a club charters. With no time to spare, a new club would need to charter by January 1, 2020 in order for the mentor to receive credit. There are still low member clubs in District 6 that would like a coach/virtual coach. Please let me know how I can help you achieve your goal.

The holidays are here. This is a time to spend with your family and loved ones. This is also the perfect time to share Toastmasters. Show off your skills in a social speech - a toast or praising someone. Give the gift of a Toastmasters membership. Wishing you Happy Holidays! Thank you for being part of the Toastmasters family!



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Whooo...? YOU!
Save the Date!



District 6 celebrates

all the

Holidays

POTLUCK

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 7

5:00—9:00 pm

Discovery Room

Lebanon Hills Regional Park

860 Cliff Rd

Eagan, MN 55123



District Leadership Elections

Starting this year, Toastmasters International has made it mandatory for all candidates to appear before a District Leadership Committee (DLC) before running for a District leadership office. In other words, every Toastmaster candidate is required to contact DLC if they are planning to run for the following offices:

- District Director
- Program Quality director
- Club Growth Director
- Division Director

A common question that is asked is: **Can I run from the floor at the business meeting?** The answer is if DLC has reviewed your candidacy then yes, you can run from the floor. Every DLC nominated candidate is eligible to run for the offices above.

Should I contact DLC if I am tentative at this point?

I would recommend that you contact DLC. All communication with DLC is confidential. This way you are set.

When will the information on DLC be available?

Our website will be updated once DLC is all set. The website will also have information on paperwork to be completed.

For now, if you have any questions about future district leadership, please contact Ravi Rai, District Director

You can profit by the wisdom of others, and you can give them full credit.

– Ralph Smedley, Founder of Toastmasters

Club Name Change!

Club 6747, formerly known as the IBM Toastmaster's Club has recently changed our club name to [Rochester Technology Campus Toastmasters.](#)

Come visit us!

Celeste Hofer, VP Public Relations
Rochester Technology Campus
Toastmasters



From District 6 Administration Manager

Hello Fellow Toastmasters:

Reminders about upcoming events:

- Officer training running now through end of February 2020
- Online Pathways Q&A Dec 3rd and 18th
- 2019-2020 District Holiday Party Potluck Dec 7th 5-9 pm (see flyer on next page)
- Toastmaster Leadership Institute Winter TLI Feb 22
- To find more information, check out the [District 6 Calendar](#)



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Congratulations District 6!

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION



In recognition of its effort to empower people with public speaking and supportive learning environment, this certificate is presented to:

DISTRICT 6 TOASTMASTERS



I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, OCTOBER 24, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. J. Walz".

TIM WALZ
GOVERNOR

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I am thankful for YOU!

More than 21 years ago, I attended a Toastmasters demo meeting at Thomson Reuters (then West Publishing) in Eagan, MN. My friend and I, along with nearly 70 other people, packed in to “watch” a meeting in action. We signed up right then and there, and I have been an active member ever since!

It was seeing the opportunity to learn and grow that made me join, but it has been all of YOU who have kept me coming back year after year. You’ve supported me in everything I’ve tried, even when I’ve failed and had to come back and try again.

What truly inspires me and fills me with gratitude is knowing how much we have to offer to people who aren’t yet Toastmasters. I see them and know they need us; we just need to invite and encourage them. How do you extend the invitation to those you meet? Write me and I’ll compile the answers to share in a future newsletter! Let’s share the learning and gratitude!

I can’t wait to hear from you! Sincerely, Starlett

Have an article to share?

Email me to be included in the next edition of the District 6 Newsletter:

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