



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

District 6 News and Events

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UPCOMING D6TM EVENTS

March 31

Dues are Due!

March/April

Area & Division Speech contests

May 9

Annual Conference & Contests



Message from District 6 Director

Hi Fellow Toastmasters,

I hope you are having a great Toastmaster year. As the season's warmth thaws the winter snow, I hope you too are getting ready for a new spring in Toastmasters. The April dues renewal has now begun. We hope you will continue your journey of Toastmasters by renewing your membership with your club.

I have often been asked, why do you stay in Toastmasters even after achieving your DTM? Or another question that I have been trying to answer: What role do I have as a seasoned Toastmaster in the new education system? The reason I stay in Toastmasters is because of the value I get from the organization as well as the value I bring to fellow Toastmasters. When you become good at providing mentorship, support, and leadership, you are then able to use those skills to help others navigate their path.

Pathways may be new to those of us who are "seasoned Toastmasters", but the need to provide the mentorship remains the same. Customizing the Toastmasters education to fit a new Toastmaster or a Corporate environment requires years of knowledge about the building blocks of Toastmasters' educational and leadership paths. We can bring those experiences while shaping a better future for new and seasoned Toastmasters. Feel free to use the chart that shows features, benefits and values as per the following link: <https://www.toastmasters.org/resources/features-benefits-and-value>

You as a member and as a leader are special to every one of us. I hope you continue to find value in your journey while others benefit from your presence in Toastmasters.

Best wishes ahead,



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Message from the District 6 Program Quality Director

Dear Friends,

Completing the month of February means we are officially done with our club officer's training. If you are a club officer and missed the opportunity to attend any one of the club officer's training that was available, feel free to reach out to anyone of our District officers to see if you could still go through some items with them.

It is quite a bit of work when we put together training sessions. It is an opportunity for us to learn and grow from each other. I would like to thank you for being involved in all the trainings that occurred in our district during the second round. Out of 155 clubs that we have in our District, the following clubs had 7 club officers trained during both the 1st and 2nd round of club officer's training:

Club Number	Club Name
9648	HealthToasters Club
1409	Free Speakers
4650	PROS Toastmasters Club
1000	Midday Mumblers Club
175	Mankato Toastmasters Club
1459687	ALCO Orators
7127	Trios
7215	Shakopee Toastmasters
821458	Humor-US Club
7470	Southern Minnesota Mentors Club
8204	Tuesday With Toastmasters Club
568	Stagecoach Speakers - Early Risers
6594	Stagecoach Speakers Downtown East - Minneapolis
183	Gopher Toastmasters Club

Congratulations to these clubs who have earned the Magnificent Seven Award! These clubs will receive a ribbon during our District 6 Conference on May 9th as well as a Gift Card. Thank you for all that you do in Toastmasters for yourselves as well as the folks around you. I look forward to seeing more great things from you.

Have a great March!



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Message from the District 6 Club Growth Director

Happy Spring!

I hope all of you had a chance to enjoy the fantastic weather we had this past weekend. It's been a very busy late winter/early spring. Talk Up Toastmasters Membership Drive runs through the end of March. Add 5 new, dual or reinstated members and you'll receive a special "Talk up Toastmasters" ribbon to display on your club banner as well as a special discount code for 10% off your next order from Toastmasters International. If you have a net gain of 5 members there is an incentive from District 6 - a \$20 gift card for your club.

I am excited to share with you that we are in the process of bringing 3 clubs to charter in March. If you know of any leads for a potential club, please contact me. You will receive a \$50 give card if that club charters.

If you are interested in serving as a new club sponsor, mentor, or club coach please let me know. There may be some opportunities this spring for new club sponsors and mentors. There are still several struggling clubs that could use the help of a club coach. A club sponsor helps to bring the club to charter strength so it can charter. A club mentor serves the new club for 6 months after being chartered, helping the club learn everything there is about Toastmasters and become self-sufficient. A club coach helps a low member club become distinguished.

There are still almost 4 months left to finish strong. Live the club mission: *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.* Thank you all for everything you do for District 6 Toastmasters. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything I can do to serve you,

Respectfully,



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District 6 Incentives

Check out the [club incentives](#) for the 2019-2020 year. Topics:

Net Gain (club member growth)
New Members
Distinguished Club
Magnificent 7
Pathways Levels
Treats by Trio
New Club Leads
Club Coach

Message from the District 6 Administration Manager

It's Contest Time Again!

Many of you have already participated in a club and some of you, an Area Speech Contest. These are a fun and different way to get even better at public speaking. Instead of getting a written and verbal evaluation, you are competing with others and getting judged on specific criteria. It is also a great experience for other club members to learn how to set up an event and how to fairly judge, time, and run ballots.

This year, speakers are competing in 2 areas, the Humorous Speech and the International Speech. Both speeches are 5-7 minutes long and can be of any topic the speaker chooses. Typically, the Humorous speech is a funny story and the International speech is something inspirational, but it is completely the choice of the contestant to bring forth the speech that they think will be the most impactful to the audience.

There are many more contests that will be held between now and the District 6 Spring Conference on May 9th. It all started at the club level, then each club was asked to send one speaker to represent them at the Area level; the winners of the Area level compete at the Division level, and the winners at the Division level will compete at the District level. The winner of the District 6 International Speech Contest will have their video submitted to see if they Qualify for the Semifinals at the [Toastmasters International 2020 convention](#) in Paris, France August 5-8, 2020. At each level the speeches get continually more competitive.

You can get more information at the District 6 Calendar at d6tm.org/calendar. I highly recommend attending several of these as they allow you to get to know more people, get to see some incredible speeches and, if you take on roles, allow you to get more experience in different areas that you wouldn't necessarily get exposure to in regular club meetings.

I hope to see you at some of these contests!



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Division Contest dates:

Division C: April 9
Division D: April 4
Division E: April 2
Division F: April 18
Division M: April 23



SAVE THE DATE

D6 Conference

May 9, 2020, 8 am - 10 pm

Eagan Community Center

Educational sessions, business meeting, speech contests

More information on registration & activities coming soon.

Watch for updates on the d6tm.org website!



Rotary and Toastmasters Team Up



Have you been approached by a member from Rotary inquiring about Toastmasters & Rotary? This partnership is under constant development.

Toastmasters International has a page dedicated for this partnership: <https://www.toastmasters.org/rotary>

By the end of 2020, Toastmasters will have a program developed for Rotarian. The following page lists commonly asked questions: <https://www.toastmasters.org/footer/faq/Rotary>



Contest Season

As a “seasoned” Toastmaster, I’ve had the honor and pleasure of taking part in many contest seasons and in many capacities. I remember the first time someone asked me to serve as Toastmaster for an Area Contest. I was so nervous!! Funny to think of that, after I’ve been a contestant myself. Contestant nerves are expected!

I hope to see you during contest season. Whether you are a contestant, a judge, are filling other roles to help, you are needed! Not only that, but I guarantee you will come away with a new perspective and likely learn something about yourself and your ever-growing skills. And, why not write an article for the next newsletter about it?

Let me know how it goes!

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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