



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

District 6 August 2020 News and Events

District 6 Newsletter

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UPCOMING D6TM EVENTS

August 12

District 6 Monthly Motivation

August 18

Proxies due to Toastmasters Int'l

August 24-29, 2020

Toastmasters 2020 International Convention and 2019-2020 World Championship of Public Speaking Contest

August 31

Round 1 Club Officer Training Ends

A Message from your District 6 Director



Susan Rajbhandari, DTM

Dear Friends,

The first month of our Toastmasters year is over. By June 30 of 2020, the club officer list was due at World Headquarters. Starting on June 1st of 2020 and continuing until August 31st of 2020, the first round of club officer training for credit in the Distinguished Club Program is in full swing. Training is led by our Program Quality Director, Deb Luu, DTM, along with our Training Directors Kari Barlas, DTM, and Pat Croal, DTM, PDG. Qualified trainers also include our Area Directors and Division Directors along with any interested Toastmasters who were trained to help lead and facilitate club officer trainings throughout our District. Please visit our District 6 calendar page under the Events menu on www.d6tm.org to find out what training session will fit your schedule to participate and learn more about your role as a club officer. This training will be sure to assist you and your clubs to grow.

As we are focusing on providing appropriate training to our leaders and members, we are trying to make sure we are sharing our program with anyone and everyone who could benefit from it. We have a little under 50% of clubs that are eligible for club coaches. Are you someone looking for an opportunity or know of anyone looking for an opportunity to grow his/her communication skills, intercommunication skills and or leadership skills? Led by our Club Growth Director, Linda Dorn, DTM, along with Club Coach Chair, Startlett Drader, DTM, and Club Extension Chair, Ken Walerius, DTM, we are trying to fill those coaching roles in our supportive environment of positive learning and growing. Check out our [Help Wanted page](#) to see which one might best suit you.

Speaking of Help Wanted, if you are working diligently towards your Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) education level, we have [Area Director](#) positions as well as our [District Public Relations Manager](#) role available for candidates willing to serve and grow. Serving in these roles satisfies the requirement of holding a complete one-year term as a District officer. As you fulfill those requirements to get closer to your goal of being a DTM, you are constantly growing by staying engaged.

Toastmasters 2020 International Convention

What better way to get engaged globally during this time than by attending a **free** virtual event? Yes, [Toastmasters 2020 International Convention](http://www.toastmasters.org) is a free virtual convention. Visit the Events section on www.toastmasters.org to register, and find out more information regarding the convention. It will be held August 24 through the 29th. You may attend any or all parts of the Convention, but please take advantage of this unique opportunity to see faces from all over the world! There will be outstanding education sessions.



2019-2020 World Championship of Public Speaking

A highlight of the Convention will be Toastmasters International's ultimate speaking contest. Our own Eden Prairie, MN, contest entrant, Kenny Ray Morgan, has advanced to the world stage yet again! You will get a chance to see him and other dynamic speakers in action, so make certain to experience this event!

Proxies

Since we are getting to have a virtual convention this year, it is another opportunity for our club officers to participate in the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, August 28th and the International President's Inauguration on the 29th of August, 2020. If you are a club president or a club secretary and your club hasn't designated a club proxy to cast your club's votes at the Annual Business Meeting, I strongly urge you to do so by logging into Club Central and getting it completed. A proxy will allow District 6 leaders to vote in your stead, representing your clubs. Having a quorum of leaders is of vital importance in making decisions during the business meeting. Make your votes count! Our YouTube video "[How to assign club proxy](#)" on our [District 6 YouTube channel](#) might be handy. Feel free to check it out. While you check out our video on YouTube, feel free to subscribe to the channel and turn on the bell icon to get notification on any videos the District uploads.

While there will be many more exciting happenings to come during the year, I ask you to try to stay engaged in things that you love, things that you think make a difference to you and your loved ones. Stay safe and all the best in your journey towards being a better you.

Yours humbly,

Susan

Susan Rajbhandari, DTM

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Don't Miss this Event during the International Convention!



Larry Marik , DTM

Toastmasters International

Board of Directors

Term of Office 2018-2020

Region 4 Meeting – August 29th at 3 pm: There will be a roast of Larry Marik, DTM, Plymouth, MN, who is completing his term as International Director for Region 4. Check the TI website, Events agenda for more information closer to the Convention.

Enhancing Communication Skills through Toastmasters = Enhancing Communication around the World

A Message from your District 6 Program Quality Director



Deborah Luu, DTM

Fellow Toastmasters

Thank you, all who attended the District 6 TLI on July 18. Thank you to the presenters for great sessions! Special thanks to Chau Stanton, TLI Chair, Vince Bullinger, Zoom Host and Colleen Marie Kelly, DTM, for helping out where needed and making sure everyone was in the right breakout room!

We are in the middle of Round 1 Club Officer Training. Club officers – thank you for stepping up to serve your clubs in your roles. Don't miss your chance to attend a high-quality training session to help you lead your club to a successful year. All are welcome! Please check the District 6 Calendar at www.d6tm.org to find training dates. Last day is August 31st for club officers to get credit for training in Round 1.

There are still a number of clubs that have not updated their club officers list for the year 2020-2021 in Club Central. Please do that as soon as possible. It is important for District 6 leadership to be able to have that information to contact them, as well as for Toastmasters International to have current information. Most importantly, it is the way to ensure they get credit for serving in that role.

Are you a VP of Education in your club? Starting in September, I will be hosting a monthly Zoom chat on best practices as well as answering any questions you may have. More information on this to follow.

Don't forget that we have some great incentives waiting to give out. One such program just ended. The **100% Pathways Award** ran from July 1st to July 31st. Active clubs which had 100% of their members signed up for Pathways received a \$10 gift card for their club. The following dynamic clubs received this award:

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| 1. Club # 490 | Faithfully Speaking |
| 2. Club # 568 | Stagecoach Speakers – Early Risers |
| 3. Club # 1409 | Free Speakers |
| 4. Club # 1883 | Rochester Suburban Club |
| 5. Club # 3096 | Speakers Under Pressure |
| 6. Club # 4619 | Big Apple Toastmasters |
| 7. Club # 6553 | Word Merchants Club |
| 8. Club # 7119 | Cottage Grove Toastmasters |
| 9. Club # 7470 | Southern Minnesota Mentors Club |
| 10. Club # 9648 | HealthToasters Club |
| 11. Club # 821458 | Humor-US Club |
| 12. Club # 3584407 | Pumpnickel Toastmasters |
| 13. Club # 4511664 | Hennepin County Toastmasters |
| 14. Club # 7322059 | Nina Hale Speakers |

For more exciting awards, please refer to the current [Program Quality Incentives](#) in the text box further down in this newsletter.

Be sure to let me know if there is any way that I can help you in your Toastmaster journey! Wishing you a wonderful August filled with great Toastmaster meetings and club officer training!

Respectfully,

Deb

Deb Luu, DTM

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A Message from your District 6 Club Growth Director

Linda Dorn, DTM

Toastmaster Members

Great things are happening in Club Growth in District 6! We held a demonstration meeting for a new club at UPS. A huge thank you to our District Director, Susan Rajbhandari, DTM; Program Quality Director, Deb Luu, DTM; Division M Director, Mike Dupris, DTM; and Ken Walerius, Club Extension Chair for participating in this hybrid demo. Thank you to Division C Director, Troy Dukart, DTM, and to Division N Director, Linda Brown, who also assisted during the Demo, via Zoom, along with *over 80 UPS employees who attended this demo meeting virtually*. We practiced social distancing during the meeting (except for this quick photo) with our new friends at UPS, who are excited about the Toastmasters opportunity.



There is another club forming in District 6, too! Are you a Vice President of Public Relations and/or interested in Public Relations? **Rich Andresen, DTM, invites you to join an advanced club forming in District 6 which is focused on Public Relations.** According to Rich, the club will meet virtually for now, and he shared the following benefits for joining this club.

- ✓ You will learn more about your officer role, making it easier for you.
- ✓ You will have the opportunity to teach, helping you fully grasp the material.
- ✓ You will learn skills to help you in your career, boosting your life.
- ✓ You will continue to hone your online meeting skills since this will be a hybrid club.
- ✓ You will meet other District VPPRs to share ideas, concerns and successes.

Please [contact Rich](#) directly with questions and more details. The cost for Charter members is \$70, which includes the charter member fee, club dues, and funds to contribute to the charter fee. Here is a link to a [charter membership application](#) if you are interested in joining. Then **please [email the application](#) to Rich Andresen, DTM.**

In addition to growing new clubs, we are supporting our current clubs by assigning club coaches to clubs with 12 or fewer members. We are still looking for **Club Coaches** to assist these clubs. If you are interested in serving in this fulfilling role, please [fill out this application](#). A huge thank you to Club Coach Chair Starlett Drader, DTM, who is creating meaningful training and support opportunities for our Club Coaches.

Warm regards,

Linda

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Life is an Experiential Journey:

Come join **Ravi Rai, DTM, IPDD** as he presents on life being like a journey. The journey can be pleasant or stress, it depends on the choices we make. Learn the choices that will make a difference in our lives.

District 6 Monthly Motivation

Wed., 12 Aug, 2020
Online @ 7 PM onwards

For details on how to registering visit
www.d6tm.org/calendar/

PROGRAM QUALITY INCENTIVES:

Please view the full list of incentives by clicking:
[Incentives](#)

Silver Pathways Award – 7/1-8/31. Active clubs complete 2 education goals and receive a \$15 gift card for your club.

Golden Pathways Award – 7/1-12/31. First 10 active clubs that complete all education goals within the Distinguished Club Plan will receive a \$25 gift card for your club.

Moments of Truth – 7/1-9/30. All active clubs with 8 or more paid club members, that conduct a Moments of Truth session. Compile the results received from the Moments of Truth conducted. Prepare the list of items that the club agreed on completing this year. Submit the results online on the D6 website under incentives. First 10 receive a \$10 gift card for their club

Club Success Plan – 7/1-9/30. First 30 active clubs to submit a completed Club Success Plan signed by all club officers online on the D6 website under incentives will receive a \$10 gift card.

CLUB GROWTH INCENTIVES:

Please view the full list of incentives by clicking:
[Incentives](#)

Be Our Guest – 7/1-9/30. Host an open house and have 3 new members join to earn a \$15 gift card for your club.

Club Lead incentive – 7/1-6/30. Receive a \$50 gift card for any new lead that results in a chartered club within the 2020-2021 program year.

Distinguished Club Coach – 7/1-6/30. All Club Coaches who help lead their assigned clubs to distinguished during the 2020-21 program year will have their names placed in a drawing for one of ten \$25 gift cards.

Smedley Award Program – 8/1-9/30.
Can your club add 5 new, dual, or reinstated members with a join date between 8/1 and 9/30? Accomplish this goal and you'll qualify to receive a Ralph Smedley Award ribbon which you can display on your club's banner.

HELP WANTED:

District 6 is looking for individuals interested in serving in the following roles - Click into these links:

[Area Director](#)

[Public Relations Manager](#)

[Club Coach](#)

[Club Growth Research Team](#)

[New Club Demo Team](#)

[Club Seeking Club Coach](#)

Volunteer!
It may change your life!

An Appeal from our Area Director of the Year – 2019-2020 Troy Dukart, DTM

You didn't join Toastmasters to stay the same person you were. I know I didn't.

The first time I went to a meeting, I could tell there was something special about these people called "Toastmasters." There's no beer here, I thought, so I knew that the confidence of all the speakers and all the laughter was *natural*.

When I went up and asked them how they got to be so good, a member told me, "I've been in Toastmasters for a long time and I've put in a lot of hard work to get here. If you do the same, even just for one year, you won't even recognize who you were when you first started. You will constantly be moving closer to the person you were always meant to be." Those words shocked me.

The club I am talking about is Lompoc Valley of Flowers Toastmasters in Lompoc, CA. It is an excellent club – approaching over 8 years straight as President's Distinguished. There were many former Area, Division, and even Trio members from their District, 33, and excellence exudes in every one of them. They constantly win speaking contests and were incredibly successful people with high incomes and nice houses. Most importantly, they had a family-like atmosphere that nurtured and grew all of their members in their aspirations. I will never forget the kindness of that club.

When I thought about what they all had in common, besides that they were Toastmasters, it was that they served in District roles. They gained incredible public speaking, leadership and networking skills that were not possible at the club level. I told myself, "I want to be like them someday."

Flash-forward to moving back to Minnesota. My time as Area 22 Director for 2019-2020 was incredible. I learned so much more about broad-scale leadership, interpersonal communications between leadership ranks, expanded my network, and most importantly, gave back to an organization that has given so much to me. The connections and mentorship that you gain as a District officer is second to none and the experience I had as an Area Director will have an everlasting effect on my trajectory in life.

If you are looking to make a positive change in your life, one that will help you in every aspect of your personal and professional goals, there's no better way to do so than by becoming an Area Director. You will move ever so much closer to the person that you always were meant to be. Do yourself a favor and head over to d6tm.org to the Help Wanted section. Simply click this link: [Area Director](#). Fill out an application today!

Sincere Regards,

Troy



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