



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

## District 6 September 2020 News and Events

### District 6 Newsletter

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#### UPCOMING D6TM EVENTS

##### September 19

District Council Meeting –  
at 9 AM

##### September 24

D6 Virtual Open House

##### September 30

Club Renewal Dues  
are Due to TI

##### October

Toastmasters Month!

### A Message from your District 6 Director



**Susan Rajbhandari, DTM**

Dear Toastmasters,

I hope you are taking care of yourself, and your loved ones are doing well as a lot of things are happening around us. Things seem to have their own way of shaping up for the good or the other, however, we can certainly do what we can that is in our control.

Talking about a lot of things happening, we completed our first ever Virtual Toastmasters International Convention last month. I hope you were able to be a part of it. If you missed, or would like to view it again, it is available on the toastmasters.org website until December 31, 2020. Feel free to check it out [here](#).

Out of the various items we covered during the convention, we elected our new International Officers and Directors. I would like to congratulate all of the elected officials and especially International Director for Region 4 [Harold Osmundson, DTM](#). I would like to thank and congratulate [Kenny Ray Morgan](#) for representing our District 6 at the 2020 International Speech Contest Semifinals.

Moving forward with events happening in our own District 6, we have the District Council meeting on Saturday the 19th of September, 2020, from 9 AM onwards. All club Presidents and VPs of Education are requested to attend along with our District Executive Committee members to fulfill the quorum and vote on the District budget for our 2020 -2021 Toastmasters year. You can find more information such as our District Success Plan, District Budget, Club Realignment information and Meeting Minutes from our 2020 May District Council Meeting at [this page](#). Please make sure you [register online](#) so we have a count for our quorum.

Apart from the District council meeting we have other events happening this month such as our District 6 Monthly Motivation, our VP of Education Exchange session, as well as an amazing Virtual Open House. Please visit our [District 6 Calendar page](#) on a regular basis to find more information on things happening in our district.

## Club Dues

Toastmasters, please submit your club dues to your officers by **September 30, 2020!** Officers, visit [toastmasters.org](http://toastmasters.org) – Leadership Central – Club Central and ensure membership dues payments for the next renewal period are submitted by September 30, 2020! Thank you!

Remember, **October has officially been deemed Toastmasters Month.** It is a good time to plan something special to advertise your club. How about doing a news release in your local paper, featuring a screen shot or picture of your club officers? Be creative. Spread the good word of Toastmasters with family and friends, coworkers and anyone you meet.

I look forward to seeing you at one or more of the events happening in our district. Please stay safe and stay engaged in your personal development by working together and celebrating excellence!

Yours humbly,

*Susan*

### **Susan Rajbhandari, DTM**

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## **A Message from your District 6 Program Quality Director**



**Deborah Luu, DTM**

Fellow Toastmasters,

First and foremost, I would like to personally thank all of the club officers in District 6 for attending club officer training. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Thank you for empowering yourself to provide value to your club members. Round 1 of club officer training ended on August 31, 2020. Please check the dashboard (distinguished club performance) to make sure all that attended have received credit. Also, if you have multiple officer roles please make sure all of those have received credit. If you have not received credit for attending, please contact me to get that corrected.

Are you a Vice President of Education for your club? Do you have questions about your role? Beginning in September, I will be hosting a monthly Zoom meeting to highlight a topic related to this very important club officer role, leaving time for questions. The VPE Exchange will be on the **3rd Monday of each month**, with the **first meeting being held on September 21 from 7-8 PM.**

Please check the District 6 website for details and click [Here](#) to register. Join in to learn best practices to help your club members reach their goals and receive value for their membership.

It's never too early to start thinking about being an Area Director for the 2021-2022 Toastmaster year beginning July 1, 2021. If you are interested in growing by leaps and bounds as a communicator and a leader and being part of a great district team, please apply at the District 6 website, Help Wanted at [this link](#).

The Silver Pathways Award Program just ended. It required a club's being in good standing and completing two Pathways goals between July 1st and August 31, 2020. Other awards can be found at [this link](#).

### **Congratulations to these Silver Pathways Award Winners!**

<b><u>Club Number</u></b>	<b><u>Toastmaster Club</u></b>
<b>821458</b>	<b>Humor-US Club</b>
<b>4712</b>	<b>Schwan's Effortless Delivery Club</b>
<b>490</b>	<b>Faithfully Speaking</b>
<b>7470</b>	<b>Southern Minnesota Mentors Club</b>
<b>9648</b>	<b>HealthToasters Club</b>
<b>2848</b>	<b>Word Masters Club</b>
<b>1101383</b>	<b>Money Talks</b>
<b>2426</b>	<b>Riverbluffers Club</b>

Almost 150 members have turned in Pathways awards so far this year – 3 months in! That is awesome! Congratulations to all of you!

Keep on learning and growing!

Respectfully,

*Deb*

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#### **HELP WANTED:**

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

[Area Director](#)

[Club Coach](#)

[Club Growth Research Team](#)

[New Club Demo Team](#)

[Club Seeking Club Coach](#)

#### **CLUB GROWTH INCENTIVES:**

Please click into the [D6 website](#) to see full details on this award incentive and more!

**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.



## A Message from your District 6 Club Growth Director

Linda Dorn, DTM

Toastmaster Members,

I am so excited to share the following announcement:



**Please join us . . .  
for a unique and interactive District 6 Virtual Open House**

**Date: Thursday, September 24**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.**

**We will meet via Zoom.**

[Click Here to Register](#)

As you know, our theme this year is Working Together – Celebrating Excellence. What better way to work together than to have a great team of District 6 Toastmasters plan a Virtual Open House for All Clubs and Members to attend, and most importantly to invite Everyone you know to attend.

**Clubs and members, we invite you to do the following:**

- **Download and Post the flier found on the d6tm.org website** when you register!
  - Post on your club and personal Facebook pages
  - Post on your club and personal social media accounts
  - Post in your company or organization community boards or newsletters
  - Post on your websites
  - Post on your LinkedIn profile
  - Print and post the flier on message boards in your community or at work
- Personally, invite everyone you know to attend this great gathering. The flier is ready to go, all you have to do is ask people to be your guest and send them the flier.
- You may also **Forward this Newsletter to non-Toastmasters** and direct them to the Invitation

What can guests expect? Guests will see a typical Toastmasters meeting (at least via Zoom) with a twist. The evening will start with a fun activity, then we'll have a meeting, great information on the benefits of Toastmasters will be shared throughout the event, and we'll end with a Q & A session. The team is all in place.

We are putting on the final touches for this virtual event. We Now Need YOU to help bring as many people to this gathering as possible.

Everyone (members and guests) will register via Eventbrite and then we will send the guests the Zoom link closer to the Virtual Open House.

Let's work together to spread the good news about Toastmasters and help our clubs build their membership. If this goes well, we may offer more District-led Virtual Open Houses in the future!

Recently, we had a Great information meeting for a **NEW club focused on Public Relations**. You do not need to be a VPPR to join – Anyone with an interest in public relations is welcome. **Rich Andresen, DTM and Brian Hinton, DTM invite you to join this advanced club forming in District 6**. Here are some benefits of this club:

- ✓ You will learn more about the art of public relations and marketing.
- ✓ You will learn skills to help you market your club and skills to use in your career.
- ✓ You will continue to hone your online meeting skills since this will be a hybrid club.
- ✓ You will meet other district VPPRs and people passionate about public relations to share ideas.

Please contact Rich and Brian directly at [pr6tmclub@gmail.com](mailto:pr6tmclub@gmail.com) 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 – again, **please email the application to Rich Andresen, DTM and Brian Hinton, DTM at [pr6tmclub@gmail.com](mailto:pr6tmclub@gmail.com)**.

**The next District 6 PR Club meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept 10, 2020 at 7 PM.** Please register for this meeting at [this Link](#). Rich and Brian will send you the Zoom link after they receive your registration.

Warm regards,

*Linda*

**Linda Dorn, DTM**

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***Announcement!***

***New International Director, Region 4***

***Harold Osmundson, DTM***

**Toastmasters members elect Harold Osmundson to International Board**

**ENGLEWOOD, Colo., Aug. 29, 2020** — Harold Osmundson, DTM, Minneapolis, has been elected to the Board of Directors of [Toastmasters International](#), the world's leading organization devoted to communication and leadership skills development. Osmundson was elected to the 2020–2022 two-year term at the organization's 89<sup>th</sup> annual International Convention, held virtually Aug. 24-29.

As a member of the Toastmasters International Board of Directors, Osmundson is a “working ambassador” for the organization. He works with the Board to develop, support, and modify the policies and procedures that guide Toastmasters International in fulfilling its mission.

Osmundson, owner of First Ascent Consulting, Inc. has earned high honors as a leader in his industry, including the MediSpend 5-Star Performer award, the 3M Global e-Commerce and IT Leadership awards. Harold has volunteered with Second Harvest Heartland and with Construct\*ium, where he focused on education programs for students developing industry skills.

A Toastmaster since 2010, Harold’s home club is AC Early Risers in Maple Grove. He has attained the highest designation of Distinguished Toastmaster and has served as a Past District Director.

“Toastmasters allows us to strengthen interpersonal skills,” he states. “As a result, we’re more effective and confident at home and work. Our relationships improve and we can lead people and organizations.”



## **District 6 Monthly Motivation – “12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos”**

What is Monthly Motivation?

District 6 Monthly Motivation is a series geared towards providing our attendees with a dose of motivation to hear something marvelous and then turn it into amazing actionable items to promote speaking and leadership skills.

This month’s presenter will be 2020-2021 Division C Director, Distinguished Toastmaster Troy Dukart. Please join this webinar September 17th at 7 PM to hear Troy’s take on this book by renowned psychologist Dr. Jordan Peterson. [Click HERE to Register](#)



## **George Deliduka, DTM Celebrates 58 Years in Toastmasters!**

In June, 1962, as a “new” 2nd Lieutenant at my first operational assignment in the U.S. Air Force in Charleston AFB, SC, I went to a family-owned “Walgreen's Type” store to purchase a newly designed baby bottle product from Playtex. It was for the first child we were happily expecting. The owner, Clarence “Pop” Poppleton, had never heard of it. He went to his office, and came back shortly, saying he had ordered the product and it would be available in a week. He then said he wanted to take me to dinner as a thank you. I said that was not necessary, but he insisted. One week later, he drove me to the Charleston AFB Officers Club.

How could a 65-year-old civilian take me to the Military Officers Club? Why I didn't ask to this day, I don't know. He escorted me into a meeting room where 15 men were gathering for dinner. My initial exposure to Toastmasters. At the end of the meeting I was asked to comment on what I saw and heard. In my head I thought that I might not make the Air Force a career, and that I would follow in my mother's footsteps and become a teacher. I asked to join for six months and see if it was “really” for me. My official membership started July 8, 1962. The rest is history.



I will never forget my Ice Breaker Speech. I approached the lectern, put my speech on it, and began to speak. When it was over, I returned to my seat. Later my evaluator, Paul Pow, stood up and smiled at me. He said "George, do you know who you are?" I answered, "Yes, I think so." He responded, "Then why did you read every word?" So began my career in Toastmasters.

Within my 20 years in the Air Force, I maintained active membership in Clubs from Agana, Guam; Maguire AFB, NJ; Langley AFB, VA; and Eglin AFB, FL. While in Thailand from 1970-1971, I attempted to charter a club at Ubon, RTAFB, but was not successful before I left.

When I got settled on the Gulf Coast of Florida, I joined a Saturday morning club, Playground Toastmasters. That was June, 1971. July, 1972, I was appointed Area 5 Governor. July, 1973, I was "encouraged" to accept the position of District 29 Governor, as no one else wanted to take on that role. That turned out to be momentous! At the International Convention in Houston, TX, I carried the club votes of 19 Clubs to the Business Meeting where the resolution to accept women to the organization was presented and passed.

That was the same year that I achieved my first Distinguished Toastmaster designation. There were so few awards that each one had a registration number. It was 142 [July, 1973]. My second DTM was awarded September, 1973 [434], and third DTM in December, 1974 [2174].

I retired from the Air Force on May 31, 1980, and chose to come to Minnesota. I still do not know why my credentials were not accepted by the past leaders. They told me I had to "earn" my recognition.

I was accepted as an Area Governor in Metro Division in 1983. Back in the early to mid-1980's there were many people vying for District leadership positions. I ran for Metro Division for three years, being elected in 1986. I then ran for Administrative Lt. Governor for three years, elected in 1989. The succession ended in July, 1991, when I was elected District 6 Governor. My additional leadership roles in District 6 include: Credentials Chair, Toastmasters International Pathways Ambassador, and currently, Club Historian.

I achieved Distinguished Toastmaster for the fourth time in June, 1998 [6858]. My communication achievements include completing every Legacy Manual ever published. With my Pathways speech projects, I am now approaching 500 unique speeches. Today I am pursuing my fifth DTM under the Pathways Program. I have begun my 59th year eager to learn more, and stay engaged as best I can.

Editor: George, after all these years, what keeps you motivated?

George: The evolving changes in the Toastmasters program. Each time I began the journey, I went back to an Ice Breaker Speech. The Legacy Manual requirements changed, meaning I was not repeating speech projects. Also, the Leadership requirements changed, adding a new challenge. The fourth DTM followed the requirements that just ended this past Toastmasters year. This fifth journey is in Pathways, and it has new challenges.

Secondly, it would be my helping others. I have tried hard not to espouse my ideas and beliefs to the detriment of others, as I have made my presence, and desire to mentor. I believe my greatest success was assisting the growth of a mentee, Patrice Pariseau, who went from a place of insecurity to being a Presidents Distinguished Northern Division Governor. Seeing others grow is tremendously satisfying.



**Cathi Droz, DTM**

Do you have an article to share?

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

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