



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

District 6 November 2020 News and Events

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Upcoming D6TM Events

November 10

District 6 Guest Night
Tuesday, 7 PM

November 11 & 18 -

Prepare for Your Club's
Online Speech Contest
Wednesday, 7 PM

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Monthly Motivation
Thursday, 7-9 PM

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VPE Exchange –
Monday, 7 PM

November 1 - Feb 28

Round 2 Officer Training

November 30– Round 1

Area Director
Club Visits Due

December 5 –

District Holiday Party
Saturday, 10-11:30 AM

A Message from your District 6 Director

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Dear Toastmasters,

I tumbled and rolled over twice as I was rollerblading a few weeks ago at a park. I lay flat next to the blacktop looking up at the sky and wondered what had just happened. I felt lucky that I was able to sit up, get myself upright and keep rollerblading. As I started back on, I thought to myself - How often do we trip and fall while doing things that we are involved in?

Let's focus on communication, for instance. We may think we are good at communicating but, truly, are we using the right words to influence and encourage or are we using the perfect ammunition to put someone down and help them go back into their own cocoon? Where do we stand? Are we choosing being a great communicator or did we trip and fall?

Regardless of how good we think we are in anything we may be doing, there is always an opportunity for us to do better, to be better than we were. Our clubs are where 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. Let's ask ourselves if our actions align with the mission of our clubs. I certainly hope they do and I certainly hope we are working towards it every time. It is ok to fall; what really matters, is that we try to be better through the experience we have. Let's keep living our organization's core values of Integrity, Respect, Service and Excellence and make it a wonderful month of November, ***working together, celebrating excellence!***

Yours humbly,

Susan

A Message from your District 6 Program Quality Director



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Fellow Toastmasters:

Some of you know that I do CrossFit 3-4 times a week for exercise. It is intense exercise, all forms of cardio and weight lifting using barbells, kettlebells, dumbbells, rowing machines, ski machines, jump rope, burpees and much, much more. One of the main lessons learned is don't let fear stop you from doing something. Yep, I even tried to do a handstand and a somersault! This strong message carries through in all aspects of my life and is a big part of who I am.

I want to empower all of you to get past that fear you might have, whether it be in Toastmasters or in your life. Don't let fear stop you from accomplishing your goals. Put your big girl or big guy pants on and **just do it! Yes, you can!** At my gym, just like at Toastmasters, I am surrounded by positive people, cheering me on, wanting me to succeed! I want you to succeed! Go ahead and give that first speech or take on a meeting role that you have never done. Start thinking about being a club officer next year or an area director or another role on the District 6 Leadership team. It really does take a village to run a District! Check out the [Help Wanted](#) page on the District 6 website. I am in your corner, along with so many others, cheering for your success, here to help you reach your goals!

Round 2 Club Officer Training officially began on November 1 and runs through the end of February. Keep your eyes on the [District 6 Calendar page](#) for club officer training dates. These trainings will be showing up soon.

HOW TO RUN AN ONLINE SPEECH CONTEST

All contests this year at the Club, Area, Division, and District levels must be held online. Our speech categories this year are International and Table Topics. Club contests will be held online in January and February. Join me, Program Quality Director, at these training sessions to hear helpful tips and learn about great resources to hold a successful online Club Speech Contest. Be sure to check out the [District 6 Calendar page](#) in the coming months to see the dates for our Area, Division, and District contests. **Please register for the training session below that works best for you.**

Wednesday, November 11 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJApcu-pqj4sGtJT1qjhXPKsHFZ1SrNkcR1R>

Wednesday, November 18 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM:
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qfugpqDksGNTB9bLLae1I36yvexc2N8QC>

THE VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION (VPE) EXCHANGE

Monday, November 16 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

I would like to help set you up for success as I present a relevant topic each month with time left to exchange ideas as well as share best practices.

Register here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrd-6hqzwsGNbHoF7pPhksB-H7t0MUB1SG>

HEADS UP, BASE CAMP MANAGERS!

The VP of Education, President, and your Club Secretary should all learn Base Camp Management. Don't forget to sign off on Pathways Level completions in **two** places: in Base Camp, and also by going to the Toastmasters International website's Leadership Central, Club Central, Submit Education Awards to complete approvals. Many references have been developed at <http://www.d6tm.org/district-6-2020-2021/> to assist you. Items are listed under *Resources for Pathways*.

Wishing all of you a wonderful November filled with getting past your fears and achieving your goals. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the members of District 6. If there is any way I can help you, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Deb

A Message from your District 6 Club Growth Director



Linda Dorn, DTM

2020-2021 District 6 Club Growth Director
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Toastmasters:

During the month of November, I take time to write daily messages of gratitude. It's not that I forget about being grateful the rest of the year. However, November is a perfect time, in my opinion, to reflect over the year to focus on the blessings in my life. I know one of those days will be filled with reasons that I am grateful for joining Toastmasters. I never imagined when I joined that I would be the beneficiary of so much personal and professional growth in my public speaking and leadership skills, have the opportunity to be mentored by the most creative, gifted, and genuine people, and make so many new friends that I cherish. What are YOU grateful for?

YOU'RE INVITED: We're holding another District 6 Virtual Open House. ALL Toastmasters and their guests are welcome to attend. This time we're simply calling it a **District 6 Toastmasters Guest Night**. All attendees will enjoy some fun fellowship, see a meeting in action, learn about the benefits of Toastmasters, and have plenty of time for Q & A. Let's work together to help you grow your clubs! **The Guest Night will be held on November 10 from 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM (central time) via Zoom. PLEASE REGISTER HERE and share this link with everyone you know:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/minnesota-district-6-toastmasters-guest-night-tickets-126901950149>

CONGRATULATIONS to the following clubs who received the **Smedley Award** for increasing their clubs' membership by 5 or more from August 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020:

- Bright Monday (Division F, Area 52)
- Farmington Speakeasy (Division C, Area 21)

Receive a **FREE PATH**, all of you who renew your October membership by December 31, 2020. Our Toastmasters International President, Richard E. Peck, announced the following message. "As a token of our appreciation during this difficult time, any Toastmaster who renews their membership for the October renewal period by December 31 will automatically receive a free Pathways path! Please visit your Toastmasters profile, click the "Choose A Path" button, and follow the normal path selection process to redeem your free path before March 31, 2021." How wonderful. Please share this with all of your members and with your members who may not have renewed, yet!

Rich Andresen, DTM and Brian Hinton, DTM are chartering a new club in District 6 focused on Public Relations. Here are the links to register for their upcoming meetings. Please contact Rich and Brian directly at pr6tmclub@gmail.com with questions and more details.

All of the meetings below begin at 7:00 PM and a Zoom link will be provided in your confirmation email.

Register here for the upcoming Public Relations meetings:

Nov 12: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/122272304755>

Nov 30: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/124818372111>

Dec 10: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/124819754245>

Dec 21: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/124819998977>

Congratulations to the UPS Minneapolis Toastmasters Club--they officially chartered on 10/29/2020! We need YOUR HELP to WELCOME this new club to our district. Please email a welcome message OR record a quick personal video message (5-10 seconds) to welcome UPS to District 6. Share your name and club and say welcome OR share how long you have been in Toastmasters and welcome them as a fellow Toastmaster, OR why you love Toastmasters...you get the idea. These email messages and video clips will then be pulled together into a welcome video for the new UPS club members. Please send your emails and video clips to Linda Dorn at linda.dorn@d6tm.org by November 15. Thank you!

Warm regards,

Linda

HELP WANTED:

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

[Area Director](#)

[Club Coach](#)

[Club Growth Research Team](#)

[New Club Demo Team](#)

[Club Seeking Club Coach](#)

NEW CLUBS

The Club Growth Team is working with some great new clubs as they work toward chartering.

Do you have ideas for new clubs in District 6? If so, please contact our Club Growth Director, Linda Dorn, DTM at linda.dorn@d6tm.org.

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APPRECIATION**

FREE PATH

FOR EVERY MEMBER WHO RENEWED THEIR
MEMBERSHIP FOR THE OCT-MAR PERIOD

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PATHWAYS
— learning experience —

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
<https://www.toastmasters.org/education/free-path-faq>

Complimentary Path in Pathways!

You should have received an email invitation from Richard E. Peck, our 2020-2021 International President of Toastmasters, to receive a free Path (a \$20 benefit). In his Toastmasters Letter he wrote the following:

“As a token of our appreciation during this difficult time, any Toastmaster who renews their membership for the October renewal period by December 31 will automatically receive a free Pathways path! Please visit your [Toastmasters profile](#) on www.toastmasters.org, click the “Choose A Path” button, and follow the normal path selection process to redeem your free path before March 31, 2021. For more information about the free path, please see [frequently asked questions](#).”

NOTE: Dues must be paid by December 31st although you have until March 31st to choose the Path.

Announcement:

There will not be a DEC meeting in December.

January 18, 2021

The next District Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2021.

The Committee meeting will begin at 8 AM.

There will be a District Officers' Train the Trainer session from 9 AM until 2 PM.



Attention Club Leaders

Be sure to Register for Club Officers' Training being held now until February 28th. Watch for opportunities on the D6tm.org Calendar so that you are prepared to lead your club to excellence this year!

Follow this link for a training event to be held Wednesday, November 18, at 6:30 PM:

https://www.d6tm.org/event/club-officer-training-20/?instance_id=1614



**(2021-2022)
Nominations
Leadership
District 6
Call for**

Are you ready for the next step up?

All candidates declaring for a 2021-2022 District Leadership role, i.e., for the Club Growth Director position or as Division Directors, must declare their intent to run to the District Leadership Chair (Ravi Rai, DTM) **no later than January 15, 2021**. Toastmasters International approved extending this date into January! See this link for information on the process: <http://www.d6tm.org/call-for-nominations-2021-22/>

District 6 Monthly Motivation

THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE



KELLY LEIBOLD

Area 51, Director

District 6 Monthly Motivation is a series geared towards providing our attendees with a dose of motivation to hear something amazing and then turn it into amazing actionable items. We are hoping this will be an added benefit for you in your journey to becoming a better communicator and a better leader.

***Thursday, 12th November
7 PM onwards***

To Register for a Zoom Invitation, [Click Here](#)



Linda Brown, Division N Director

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Prospective Area Directors, We Need You!

I invite leadership-seeking Toastmasters who want additional volunteer experience working outside of your existing club, to volunteer as an Area Director.

Being an Area Director is an excellent way to build confidence, leadership skills, meet new Toastmaster friends and experience other Toastmaster clubs' success.

Area Directors report to Division Directors, and the Division Director reports to the District Director. It has been said that "many hands make light work". More importantly, we are short Area Directors to assist in the support to our clubs in District 6.

We have immediate need for four (4) Area Directors to fulfill a deficit as it is having an impact on our communication in excellence and dedicating support to 19 clubs that would benefit from having full support from an Area Director.

Division M is short 2 Area Directors, in Area 13 and Area 14. Division N is short 2 Area Directors, for Area 2 and Area 5. Each area has up to 5 clubs to Zoom in and visit periodically.

The roles and responsibilities are:

- Supporting your clubs with the spring speech contest
- Offering moral support of meeting challenges for some of the clubs
- Club Officer Training (COT) hosted by the Division Directors
- Club visit reporting
- Providing club interface with District resources
- Serving the club officers.

By serving your clubs' officers, they will better serve their club members with confidence that will in turn help individual members gain skills and confidence. Many past Area Directors have stated that the position was their favorite role in their Toastmasters experience.

Are you our next prospective Area Director? We need your help right now. If moved by this invite to help the District 6 Division Directors in Divisions M and N, please contact the Division Directors below for more information. Note: At the end of this article is also a direct link to the Area Director application.

- Division M has Area Director needs for Areas 13 and 14. This equates to 10 clubs needing Area Director guidance for their club officers. Contact **Division M Director** Mike Dupris on this webpage: [Send A Message](#)
- Division N has Area Director needs for Areas 2 and 5. This equates to nine clubs needing Area Director guidance for their club officers. Contact me, **Division N Director** Linda Brown, on this webpage: [Send A Message](#)

Checklist and Application

Club Officer/Area Director checklist, <http://www.d6tm.org/AreaChecklist/>

For more information on applying for Area Director, please use the following link to apply:
<http://www.d6tm.org/area-director/> *APPLY TODAY* to fill the current Area Director Need!

Succession Planning for Area Directors 2021-2022

Not only do we have an immediate need for 4 Area Directors, but in planning for next year we will need 29 new Area Directors to serve in Toastmaster year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.

I invite YOU to apply for Area Director today! Your leadership journey outside the club can begin with Area Director opportunities. It is a rewarding experience.

Be a part of *Creating Excellence Together!*

Sincerely,

Linda



Advertise a Fall Open House!

Spread the word!

"I am grateful for what I am and have.
My thanksgiving is perpetual."

- Henry David Thoreau



What would you like to share from your Toastmasters experience?

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



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