



District 6 Toastmasters

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Key Dates

Dec. 1 - Feb. 29

Second Round Club Officer Training

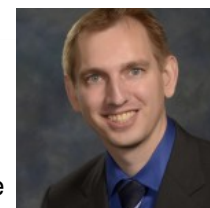
December 31

Club officer lists due for clubs with semi-annual terms

From the Desk of the District Director!

Fellow Members,

Welcome to December! I hope you are all celebrating events and spending time with family and friends. Holiday parties are a great time to bring in guests!



Be a Club Super Hero: Help Clubs Grow

In the spirit of the holidays, please lend your efforts and expertise to assist nearby clubs in their growth. You make a difference. To volunteer and learn more about the Club Super Hero program, visit www.d6tm.org/be-a-club-super-hero.

What's Your Plan?

By now all clubs should have a Distinguished Club Program Plan and a Club Success Plan. If you don't have a plan for 2015-2016, see the following link for more information on creating these plans:

www.toastmasters.org/~media/549134EFA75548B6928C43B6BAAFE433.ashx.

As a member, you should have a goal set for this year. It doesn't have to be a high goal such as a DTM. Even if you plan to give six speeches this year, this is still a great goal. How many awards will you submit this year?

Don't Wait!

If you have an award, don't wait to submit it (or them). Awards should be submitted as soon as a member completes them. What do you do for your members to recognize them for completing an award?

Toastmasters Leadership Institutes (TLIs)

This year we are spreading the TLIs across the District instead of having only one. This will allow more members to attend a TLI. The TLIs are open to ALL members. You can attend any of the TLIs - you don't have to stick with the one for your Division. Club

officers, note that attending ANY of the TLIs gives you credit for club officer training. The divisional TLIs will be running from December through February.

To find the TLI that best fits into your schedule, check the District 6 website:

www.d6tm.org/mini-tlis

For those who have never been to a TLI, this event includes training and educational sessions to help you grow as a Toastmaster, and it allows for social and networking opportunities with other members from across the District. You don't want to miss it!

Larry Marik, DTM

District Director, District 6 (2015-2016)

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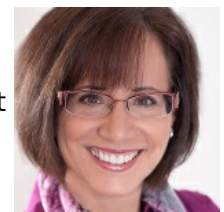
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Program Quality Counts!

TLIs and Club Officer Training

Are you excited for the second round of club officer training? Or are you reluctant, feeling, "Why go? I already went to the first round?" or, "I'm just too busy!" I know the feeling, because I remember feeling that way at times, too. I learned to get a new feeling, one of excitement, by focusing on the benefits of leadership training.

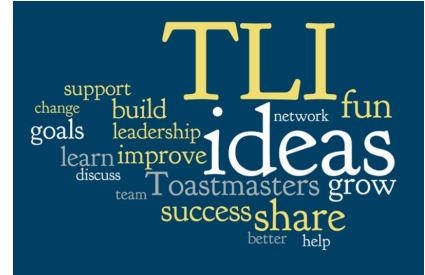


Top 5 reasons to attend a Toastmasters Leadership Institute or Club Officer Training:

1. **Network and share best practices**

2. **Help your club earn a point in the Distinguished Club Program (DCP)**
3. **Revisit goals and determine the best use of your time for the rest of your term**
4. **At TLIs, learn how to become a better evaluator**
5. **Share and develop your talents while serving others through assisting with training**

This year, we are trying something new. Instead of having a district-wide TLI in February, each division will be hosting one (or more!) "mini-TLIs" that will include, at a minimum, a club officer training session and a session on enhancing evaluations. The TLIs are your best growth opportunity, and you may attend *any* TLI, not just the one in your division. Each division will also host at least a couple of "make-up" club officer training sessions, if you can't make the TLI.



[TLI information page](#)

[Club Officer Training page](#)



Call for Leaders

2016-2017 District Leaders Wanted! Do you want to be a part of the District Leadership team for the 2016- 2017 year? Does the role of Division or Area Director, Logistics Manager (aka Sergeant-at-Arms), or any of our many chairs (TLI, Conferences, Youth Leadership, etc.)

interest you? If so, please see the Call for Leaders (District 6 Nominations) page ([here](#)) on the District 6 website.

Will Your Club Be an Outstanding Early Achiever?

New awards this spring!

Your club can earn up to \$20 in Toastmasters International Gift Certificates and be recognized as an Outstanding Early Achiever!



Award 1: Club Outstanding Early Training and Education Achievement Award Criteria:

1. 4 or more club officers trained in the second round (12/1 - 2/29).
 2. 2 CCs and 1 CL/AL/DTM submitted by April 15, 2016.
- Qualifying clubs will receive a \$10 TI Gift Certificate.

Award 2: Club Outstanding Early Membership Achievement Award Criteria

DCP Membership requirement met by April 15, 2016 (20 members or a net growth of 5). Qualifying clubs will receive a \$10 TI Gift Certificate.

Clubs will also be recognized in our newsletter and on our district website. Area and Divisions will also be recognized for Outstanding Early Achievement. Click [here](#) for more info.

New DTM

Congratulations to Terry Ragan on achieving a DTM award!



Power Up Your Presentations Class

Do you have prospective club members who want to improve their public speaking but are reluctant to visit or join a club? Tell them about a FREE two-hour public speaking class hosted by District 6 and presented by Program Quality Director Diane Windingland. Better yet, invite them to come with you! They will learn some powerful public speaking tips and be encouraged to join a Toastmasters club!

- Location: Ridgedale Public Library
- When: Monday, January 11
- Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Click [HERE](#) for more information or to register.

Moments of Truth Incentive

To qualify for the [Moments of Truth Incentive](#) (lectern banner or \$25 gift certificate to the TI store), the Moments of Truth program needs to be completed by the end of this month and the summary sent to Program Quality Director [Diane Windingland](#) by 1/15/2016. Click [here](#) for an editable Moments of Truth Summary Form.

Diane Windingland, DTM

Program Quality Director, District 6, 2015-2016

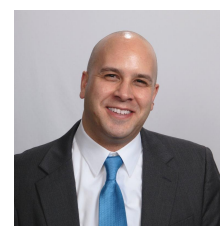
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Club & Membership Growth

Happy Holidays! This is the season to lose ourselves in the holiday spirit, exercising

gratitude and generosity at every opportunity. I'm grateful you're continuing your journey of growth, and I offer my assistance to you and your club in this season and beyond.



Enjoy the Holidays and Gain Members

Although the holiday season is a busy time, it's still possible to have fun and gain members in December. Below are three ideas to enjoy the holidays with your club:



Holiday Party - Designate a December meeting as a holiday party and potluck. Encourage each member to bring a food or drink item, guests, and [white-elephant gifts](#). The Table Topics session can use those gifts as topics. That is, each audience member selects a gift, unwraps it, and then speaks on it. Food and fun for everyone.

New Year's Toasting Party - When the New Year approaches, designate a meeting to celebrate the new year and practice toasting. Each audience member can give a short toast, and these count as speeches in the [Special Occasions manual](#). Bring plastic glasses and plenty of ginger ale to practice with!

Goal-Setting Meeting and Workshop - Wouldn't it be great to have a meeting with speeches and topics focusing on goal setting for 2016? This promotes your club and adds educational value to members and guests.

December is also the time to plan an open house in January. Reach out and help growth-minded individuals achieve their goals in 2016 by inviting them to your club.



Before You Cancel That Meeting, Please Read This!

When work and life are busy, and/or attendance is lower, it's tempting to cancel regularly scheduled meetings. I know the feeling. However, canceling meetings hurts the club and its members in several ways:

- A club can't help its members grow unless it holds meetings. Each meeting is an opportunity to grow by giving a speech, giving feedback, participating in Table Topics, or other participation. When a meeting is canceled, then no member benefits, and the club doesn't achieve its purpose.
- Canceled meetings send a negative message to members, implying that their presence isn't enough to justify a meeting, or that a certain number of members are needed. Meetings with just two members can still be beneficial, and [this article explains how](#).
- A club can't grow without meetings. Guests need to attend a meeting before they'll join. By canceling a meeting, neither the club nor its members can possibly grow.

It's reasonable to cancel meetings that fall on holidays, but please resist the temptation to cancel meetings for other reasons. Use each meeting as an opportunity for members to grow.

Again, Happy Holidays to you and your family. I wish you the best this season. If there's anything I can do for you, or if you'd like to stretch yourself and serve beyond your club, please contact me at hosmundson@gmail.com.

Keep growing!

Harold Osmundson, DTM

Club Growth Director, District 6, 2015-2016

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Save the Date!

On April 29 and 30, District 6 Toastmasters will gather together for fun, education, recognition, and more fun at the 2016 District 6 Spring Convention. The location is the Ramada Plaza Minneapolis, 1330 Industrial Blvd NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413.



Volunteers are needed to help us organize and plan the event.

If you are interested in assisting in any capacity, please contact either Mary Swanson or Jane Zugschwert.

Thanks!

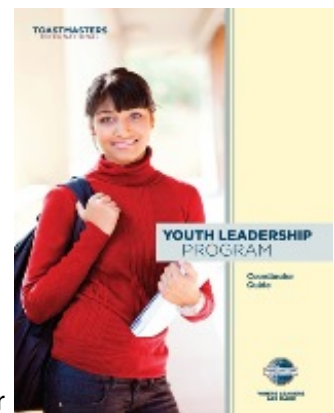
Mary Swanson swansonmej@gmail.com or 507-649-1879

Jane Zugschwert toastmasterjanez@gmail.com or 651-269-9170

Youth Leadership Program

In early November, I received two exciting emails regarding the Youth Leadership Program (YLP). The first email was from Dave Hansen, the president of the Rochester Chamber Toastmasters Club informing me that they are now working on their third YLP at the Alternative Learning Center in Rochester Public Schools.

Then the next email was from David Goldsworthy in Thunder Bay, with Storytellers Toastmasters Club. The email from David said that the club has completed the first of five Youth Leaderships that they will be organizing this Toastmasters year. The first one was held at Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School (see picture below of the students with the Toastmasters) and was coordinated by Debbie Cashmore, DTM, Anna Chief, and David Goldsworthy, DTM.



The next one will be at the Winston Churchill High School in Thunder Bay.

According to David, "all of us feel it is a privilege and very rewarding to watch these students grow session by session and, as you can see in the photos, the students, themselves, thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Youth Leadership is a vital educational tool in Toastmasters outreach into the community and we are all thankful to be able to participate."



Both emails were exciting to read, and my thought was how much I too have gained from joining a Toastmasters club and how our youth need this wonderful program to help prepare them for their future.

I also received a request from a Toastmaster, Mike Ganyo, who is attempting to start a YLP in the Phillips Neighborhood (south Minneapolis) and at the Osseo High School and needs help, especially a sponsor club and help at the YLP. If you are interested in helping him, please call him at 763.535.9357.

If your club is doing a YLP, I would like to come to the last session to see the youth demonstrate what they have learned. All I need from the sponsor are the final class date, time, and location. If possible, I'll be there!

Remember the Keith Hardy Youth Leadership Award: will your club be the one to earn this award in June 2016?

In service,

Mary Adams, DTM

District 6 Youth Leadership Chair 2015-16

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District 6 Call for Nominations

District 6 will hold elections for the 2016-2017 Toastmasters Year at the Spring Convention business meeting on April 30, 2016. If you are looking for leadership opportunities and challenges that will take you to the next level, not only in Toastmasters but also in your professional development, consider serving as a district leader. You may nominate yourself or another member who meets the qualifications, and you may nominate candidates for more than one position. The positions up for election are District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, and Division Directors for the 10 divisions: A/International, B/Northern, C/Frontier, D/Prairie, E/Rivers, F/Southern, G/Western, H/Metro, I/Eastern, and J/Central.



For a complete description of each elected position, please visit the following links (www.d6tm.org/call-for-nominations, [District Nominations Schedule](#), [District Leader Qualifications and Responsibilities](#), [Candidate Application](#), [District Leader Nominating Form](#), and [Officer Agreement and Release](#)). The deadline for submitting nominations is March 10, 2016. All forms must be submitted to Clinton Hunt, 2015-2016 Nomination Committee Chair (toastmaster.chj@hotmail.com or 651-247-7020).

Interviews will occur on two separate occasions and one yet to-be-determined date, as shown below. Please provide your first and second interview choices.

Date	Time	Location
January 16, 2016	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Supervalu Store Support Center, 11840 Valley View Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344
March 12, 2016	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Supervalu Store Support Center, 11840 Valley View Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344
TBD	TBD	TBD

Please call or email me with any questions that you might have. The committee is looking forward to receiving your nomination for a district officer position for the coming year.

Regards,

Clinton Hunt, Jr., Ph.D., DTM
 Immediate Past District 6 Governor
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