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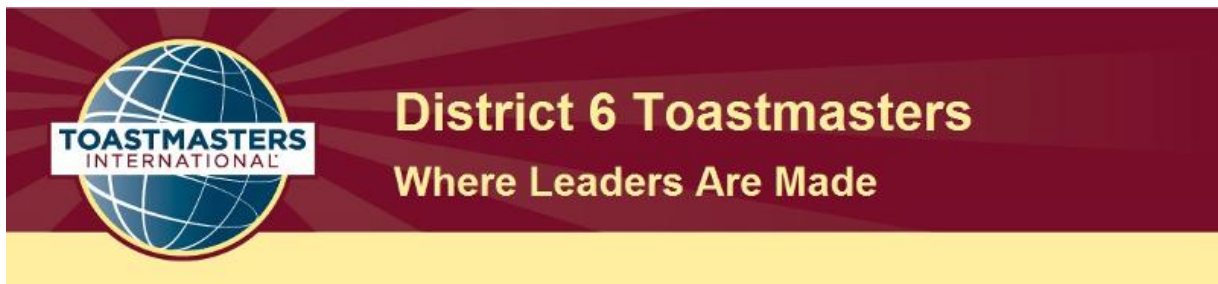
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Clubs & Membership

As we approach the final quarter of this Toastmasters year, I continue to be optimistic about meeting our growth targets of new clubs, membership payments, and distinguished clubs. In the table below are the latest membership and club counts for March and October renewals. Of the five "low - minimum requirement not yet met" clubs, we are optimistic that these will reach paid status before June 30, 2015. We will know and report on our April renewals next month.



For all practical purposes, the non-renewals for October are considered lost clubs; many of them have surrendered or soon will surrender their charters. Assuming we lose no additional clubs, we must make up a deficit of 15 clubs by June 30, 2015.

D6 Membership & Club Renewal Update (March 30, 2015)

Category	Totals
Total YTD Membership Payments (2014-2015)	8,015
Total YTD Membership Payments (2013-2014)	8,890
Paid Clubs Base (July 1, 2014)	290
Paid Clubs YTD	284
Paid Clubs YTD (2013-2014)	287
Low - Min. Requirement Not Yet Met	5
Renewals Not In	9
Suspended Clubs	4

Let's continue to focus on what truly matters, membership and clubs. Thanks for all that you do to **enlighten** each other in our Toastmasters journey.

Clinton Hunt, Jr., Ph.D., DTM
 District 6 Governor, 2014-2015
 District 6, Toastmasters International
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Education & Training

2015-2016 District Leadership Roles Are Filling Up!

District Leadership roles are filling up. If you are interested in being an area director (formerly area governor), please fill out the [area director application form](#). If you are interested in any other district leadership role, please fill out the [district chair application form](#).



Club Officer Training

Thanks to all club officers who were training for round two. Roughly 70% of the club officers were trained!

Educational Awards

The educational awards continue to grow. Congratulations to all who have submitted awards. Here are the District 6 Toastmasters awards. For a complete list of members who received individual awards, please go to the [2014-2015 Awards](#) report.

Award	March 2015
Competent Communicator	316
Competent Leadership	185
Advanced Communicator	142
Advanced Leadership	104
High Performance Leadership Excellence	38
Distinguished Toastmaster	28
Triple Crown (# of people)	54

Club Member Dues

Are your club member dues paid? All dues were due by April 1. Reminder: a club is required to have a minimum of eight members for the club to be in good standing. Also, members need to have paid in order to compete in contests.

To check the status of your club, please go to the [April Dues Renewal Status page](#).

Spring Convention

Have you registered for the FUN (*olé!*) at the Spring Convention on May 1 and 2? It will be *Nacho Ordinary Convention!* You won't want to miss it.

Larry J. Marik, DTM

Lieutenant Governor Education & Training, District 6, 2014-2015
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Marketing Matters

New Club "Birth Announcement"

Congratulations to our newest club, Cignificant Speakers! Cignificant Speakers is our 10th club chartered so far this year. New club count by division: Central, 1; Eastern, 1; Northern, 2; Metro,

1; and Western, 5. There is still time to charter a new club for this Toastmasters year! Contact D6 Lieutenant Governor Marketing Diane Windingland with your prospective club leads.



New Club Recognition at the Spring Convention

New clubs to-date for the 2014-2015 Toastmasters year will be recognized at the [Spring Convention](#) during the Saturday morning breakfast (May 2). If a new club has at least one representative at the breakfast, the new club will receive a \$20 coupon to use at the Resource Center that day.

Plan Now for the Beat the Clock Membership Contest!

Toastmasters are taught to run meetings on time, finish speeches on time, and reach membership goals on time. In that spirit, "Beat the Clock" is a great motivator for finishing the year on schedule - on time and with record numbers! Make it your club's goal to earn the Beat the Clock award, and encourage every member to take part. Clubs adding five new, dual, or reinstated members with a join date between May 1 and June 30 receive a Beat the Clock ribbon to display on the club's banner. Qualifying clubs also earn a special discount code for 10% off their next club order. (The discount code expires six months from the date of issue and is not valid with any other offer.)

**Add 5 new, dual, or reinstated members
in May and June**

**Beat the
Clock!**



- ✓ Ribbon for your banner
- ✓ 10% off a Toastmaster order

Hold a membership drive • conduct an open house

Applications and payments for members with a join date between May 1 and June 30 must be received at World Headquarters or online no later than June 30. The addition of transfer and charter members does not count toward Beat the Clock credit.

The winning clubs will be revealed online within a few weeks of the submission deadline. Winning clubs should allow up to 10 business days to receive their award if they are located in the United States, and up to 21 business days if they are outside of the United States.

Registration of \$120 includes all of the above & four meals (does not include lodging).

For hotel reservations, call the Ramada Plaza at [612-331-1900](tel:612-331-1900)

Special room rate is \$95.00 (plus tax). **Room reservation deadline is date is April 17**

Online Registration is now available at d6tm.org/spring-convention-2015



Realignment

At this year's Spring Convention business meeting, we will vote on the realignment proposal that District 6 leaders have been working hard on all year.

The proposed realignment redefines division limits by using distinct boundaries such as county and municipal borders. It meets several goals: It reduces the drive time for many divisions by making them more compact and structuring them around highways. Doing so facilitates cohesiveness and growth. It also evens out the number of clubs per division, at around 30. The proposed realignment also provides new opportunities to broaden your network as you meet new members and clubs.

At the same time, we will begin using a different naming convention for divisions (now designated as A through J) that will follow the World Headquarters naming convention.

Here is how you can help make this transition successful:

- Check www.d6tm.org for proposed maps and area/club alignments
- Connect with a Realignment Committee representative at each division speech contest



- Attend the Spring Convention business meeting. Note: there is no charge to attend the business meeting. All Toastmasters members are encouraged to attend.

Dru Jorgensen, DTM
Past District 6 Governor

Nominations

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following candidates for district office in 2015-2016.

Position	Nominee
District Director	Larry Marik
Program Quality Director	Diane Windingland
Club Growth Director	Daniel Grundtner
Club Growth Director	Harold Osmundson

Current Divisions	Proposed Divisions	Nominee
Central Division Director	J	Sue Ann Rawlins
Eastern Division Director	I	Steve Crooks
Frontier Division Director	C	Dave Gibson
International Division Director	A	Nick Nelson
Metro Division Director	H	
Northern Division Director	B	Cheryl Evans
Prairie Division Director	D	
River Division Director	E	Jennifer Rittenhouse
Southern Division Director	F	
Western Division Director	G	Gayle Zorad

It's Not Too Late! Increase Membership with Speechcraft

With three months left in the 2014-2015 year, perhaps your club needs additional members to reach its goals. If so, plan a Speechcraft program for these remaining three months. The program can still complete and allow participants to join your club by June 30. A well-defined, fixed-length program like Speechcraft is an excellent way to reach others, invite them into your club, and immediately demonstrate value to them. There's still time to benefit from Speechcraft this year.



Toastmaster Magazine Article: Hosting a Successful Speechcraft

The March 2015 issue of *Toastmaster* magazine featured a great article on hosting a successful Speechcraft (page 27). Below are some key ideas from the article:

Clubs that conduct a Speechcraft program each year have few membership problems.

- Allow up to eight weeks for promotion. Promote using Facebook and social media. Email and invite every guest that visited your club in the last year.
- Incorporate humor to make the sessions fun and retain participants.

- Involve participants quickly in other meeting roles. This increases the learning value for participants, and it also enables the program to run smoothly with fewer members.

If you don't have the printed copy of the March issue, you can still access the electronic version at www.toastmasters.org/Magazine/The-Toastmaster-Magazine/Issues.

Speechcraft Recognition

Sincere thanks to the following individuals and clubs for recently conducting a Speechcraft program:

- Jackie Dylla and Eloquent Engineers (#8133)
- Judy Twisk, who is conducting a program at her workplace to promote Toastmasters!
- Len Jennings, Sharlene Obembe, and Club 500 Debate (#500)
- Terry Hefferan, Terry Ragan, and all the clubs in Rochester! What great teamwork!

Please let me know about your Speechcraft program by submitting a Speechcraft Session form at www.d6tm.org/speechcraft/speechcraft-session-submission-form. Alternatively, send an email to me at hosmundson@gmail.com if you completed a program earlier.

If you have any questions, interest, or feedback related to Speechcraft, please email me at hosmundson@gmail.com. I'll do whatever I can to support you and your program.

I hope to see you at an upcoming speech contest - and definitely at the Spring Convention. Keep growing!

Harold Osmundson, DTM
Speechcraft Chair, District 6
Toastmasters International
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To Do in April

Club Officer Checklist

- Register for and attend the Spring Convention
- Attend the business meeting at the Spring Convention or fill out a proxy
- Develop a Nominating Committee to identify next year's officers
- Attend the Division Speech Contest
- Encourage members to complete CCs and ACs, and submit the paperwork to TI
- Review club progress against the report at [Toastmasters International](http://www.toastmasters.org) for your club

Area Governor Checklist

- Register for and attend the Spring Convention
- Follow up on clubs who did not submit dues
- Check that clubs will be represented at the Spring Convention business meeting
- Encourage clubs to develop a Nominating Committee
- Attend the Division Speech Contest
- Identify possible new club leads, and report them to the LGM using the [Contact Form](#)
- Review area progress against report at [Toastmasters International](http://www.toastmasters.org) for your area

Toastmaster of the Year

Plan ahead now to recognize your club's Toastmaster of the Year (TMOY).

Each Toastmasters club has talented, hard-working, and dedicated "everyday people" as members. Each year, one member stands out because of his or her participation in and outside the club. This member supports their fellow members and the Toastmasters organization.

We want all clubs to select a TMOY and send the [required form](#) with some specific examples of what this member has done. Submit the completed form to your Area Governor so that your club member can be considered for Area TMOY.

Here is how the TMOY program works:

- June 1: Club selects a TMOY and forwards to Area Governor
- June 14: Area Governor selects Area TMOY and forwards to Division Governor
- June 21: Division Governors select Division TMOY
- June 21: Division Governors forward nominations to TMOY Chair Kimberlee Redington
- June 30: Area Governor notifies Area TMOY recipient
- Summer TLI (*Date TBD*): TLI Announcement of Division and District TMOY

Use the time period from July 1 through mid-May to track member progress. Clubs should fill out the District TMOY form before they submit their nominee to their Area Governor. Area Governors and Division Governors use the **SAME** form.

Along with the usual plaques for Area, Division, and District TMOY winners, the Division TMOY winners will be listed on the District 6 website.

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