



District 6 Toastmasters

Where Leaders Are Made

Never Underestimate the Power of Growing Our Clubs One Person at a Time

The power of one continues to amaze me. It isn't necessary for your club to get a large number of new members. Each club becomes more by adding one member at a time.

Early this year the Parliamentary Procedure Club was at six members and wondering where to get new members. Judy Twisk came to District training and spoke about her club and the benefits of learning Robert's Rules of Order. Two new members joined. I joined this club at Judy's invitation. One by one, new members have joined, and the club today is strong and energized, a testimony to adding one new member at a time.



The Tall Tales and International Speech Contests are underway, and perhaps you are uncertain about stepping up to compete. I would like to share a quote that I recently came across:

*"It's impossible, said Pride
It's risky, said Experience
It's pointless, said Reason
Give it a try, whispered the Heart."
(Author unknown)*

I will see you at the contests, and bring a friend!

Wishing you all the best,

Sharon L. Rollefson, DTM
Toastmasters International
District 6 Governor

Education & Training

District 6 Toastmasters continue to expand their accomplishments through Toastmasters International's educational program. We continue to excel in the areas of conference/convention/TLI participation and educational awards.



Call for Presenters

Applications are now being accepted to present one of several educational sessions at District 6's upcoming Spring Convention on Saturday, May 3, 2014. I encourage you to take your public speaking skills to a higher level by applying to present. Since the 2014 Spring Convention theme is heroes, the theme for our educational sessions will be "**Finishing Strong - Heroes.**" All educational sessions will focus on equipping each club with tools to help finish the year strong. If you have a presentation that will connect with this focus, we want to hear from you! We welcome proposals from up-and-coming speakers as well as highly experienced ones. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to, **Speechcraft, Youth Leadership, Leadership, Sales & Marketing Tools, Social Media, and Club Growth/Club Quality.** For more information, please visit www.d6tm.org.

Education Awards Tracking

Our members continue to excel in improving both their communication and leaderships skills. As of March 17, District 6 Toastmasters members have completed 318 CCs, 149 CLs, 133 ACs, 84 ALs, 18 LDREXCs/HPLs, and 14 DTMs. Additionally, 26 Triple Crown awards have been earned by District 6 members, making 716 total awards earned this Toastmasters year. Congratulations, and thanks for your continued diligence and dedication - and for all that you do in growing our district.

Clinton Hunt, Jr., Ph.D., DTM
Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training, 2013-2014
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Marketing Matters

Reminder, club dues need to be submitted by April 1!

Club Building Campaign

- Clubs currently under 8 members - If a club gets to 8 members by the April membership renewal, they will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card to the Toastmasters International store. (April membership renewals must be submitted by April 1 to qualify.)
- Clubs currently over 8 members - If a club retains 8 or more members with the April membership renewals, they will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card to the



Toastmasters International store. (April membership renewals must be submitted by April 1 to qualify.)

New Clubs

We have had three club kickoffs and four new leads since our last update. We now have five clubs in the process of submitting their charter paperwork. We will announce the new clubs once they officially charter!

Club Quality

We have had many clubs go from six or fewer members to now eight or above. Congratulations to all of those clubs who reached the eight member mark!

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Public Relations

Fellow District 6 Toastmasters,

Spring weather is finally on its way to our district! I feel even more energized to attend club meetings and speech contests.



Clubs and leaders have done a lot of solid public relations work over the past month. Toro ProsE Toastmasters celebrated their 30th anniversary on February 25, and Nanabijou Toastmasters celebrated their 50th anniversary on March 1. Leadership Summit Toastmasters held a special meeting to celebrate their members' accomplishments. More recently, David Hawes of Leadership Summit, Area 1 Governor Jim Rhodes, and Central Division Governor Helene Gagoud were invited to participate in the Normandale Community College vendor fair on March 11. I can keep listing these wonderful events, but I can't say enough to appreciate how much club members and district leaders did to make them successful! Please send me any pictures or event recaps for your club, and I will gladly help you to share the wonderful news around the district.

I want to remind you that the District 6 Public Relations Contest information is available on the District 6 website now. The goals are to 1) promote the benefits of being a Toastmaster; 2) promote club activities and provide a welcoming atmosphere; 3) apply the Toastmasters brand when possible. Here are the categories:

- Best website
- Best newsletter
- Best flyer/brochure
- Best guest packet

- Best promotional video
- Best social media presence

I have received several clubs' entries for the contest. Thanks for participating! There is still time to enter the contest: the deadline for submitting your materials is April 17. Winners will be announced at the District 6 Spring Convention. Save that weekend - May 2 & 3 at the Crown Plaza Minneapolis West in Plymouth. Information is available on the District 6 website.

Thanks again for all your help to promote your club, Toastmasters, and our awesome District 6!

Sincerely,

Colbert

Colbert Fong, DTM
Public Relations Officer

Be Super - Be a Hero!

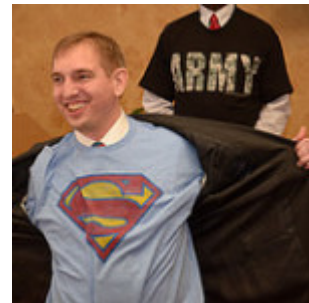
Come to the Spring Convention on May 2 and 3. You'll be glad you did!

On Friday and Saturday nights, our 10 Division speech contest winners will compete in the Tall Tales and International Speech Contests. Listen to "heroic" tales on Friday night at the Tall Tales contest and stay for the Super Heroes party! On Saturday, enjoy the annual gala and International Speech Contest - the 10 best speeches of the year!

Saturday morning starts with the breakfast awards program and parade of banners. Then, be empowered at our educational sessions, the Communication & Leadership Award luncheon, and the business meeting.

Club presidents and VPEs, be sure to attend the business meeting or send a club member with your proxy.

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