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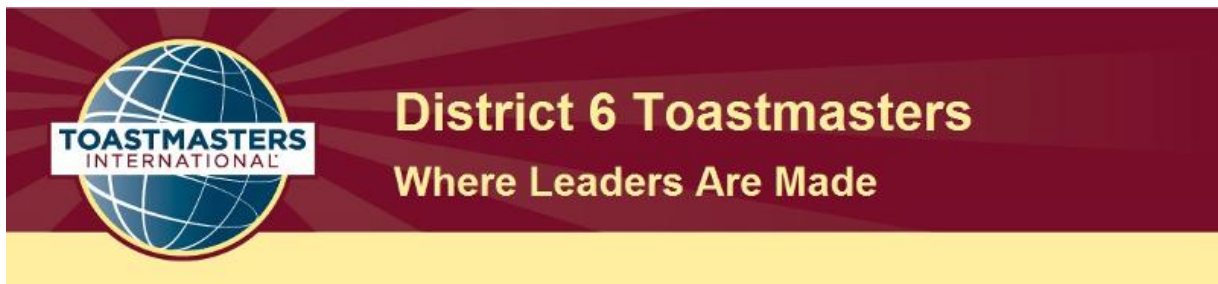
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Clubs & Membership

With just two months left in this Toastmasters year, much work remains to reach our club and membership growth targets (299 and 11,455, respectively). 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 to date. For the low/minimum requirement not yet met clubs, we are optimistic that these clubs will reach paid status before June 30, 2015.



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

Category	Totals
Total YTD Membership Payments (2014-2015)	**10,129 **
Total YTD Membership Payments (2013-2014)	10,269
Paid Clubs Base (July 1, 2014)	290
Paid Clubs YTD	** 260 **
Paid Clubs YTD (2013-2014)	287
Low - Min. Requirement Not Yet Met	20
Renewals Not In	4
Suspended Clubs	16

Our collective focus for the remainder of the year is on building new clubs, increasing membership, and retaining current clubs and members. We can still be Distinguished if we work together to finish strong.

Virtual Clubs and Meetings!!

It has been brought to my attention that several clubs in District 6 are holding meetings that include a virtual aspect or component. Although I understand the reasoning behind this practice, please know that it is contrary to the policy of Toastmasters International's bylaws. Below is a

response to my inquiry from TI's member services team, regarding virtual clubs and meetings.

"Per our discussion, we do have a few select clubs that are testing the aspect of 'virtual clubs' for us. At this time, we are not offering this option to any other clubs or **adding any other clubs to the test group**. With the increase of social media and International growth, there has also been an increase in the need to meet and communicate virtually or remotely and we are hearing this from our members. Before we are able to approve clubs and members meeting in this manner, we **must first establish programs and bylaws** that support this approach to ensure each member is receiving the same rewarding experience. As noted, the Board of Directors is aware and looking into the possibility of meeting virtually and we hope to have alternate options for members in the future.

Per our Policy and Protocol: **Policy 2.0:**

2. Club Minimum Requirements - A. Meetings are held at least 12 times per year; B. Regular meetings are conducted in person; C. Members work toward communication awards; D. Members give oral manual speeches and evaluations; and E. Members have the opportunity to develop and practice leadership skills and earn leadership awards.

According to the above stated policy, clubs are required to meet in person. The frequency of the club meetings will depend on the club itself. Each club is expected to adhere to our Policies and Protocol. Additionally, each club agrees to follow the rules outlined in our *Governing Documents* when the club charters. **Article X: Affiliation of the Club Constitution states:**

Section 1

Upon receiving a charter from Toastmasters International, and so long as this club remains in good standing with Toastmasters International, this club shall be a member of Toastmasters International, entitled to all the rights and powers, and subject to all the duties and requirements, of member clubs as may be stated from time to time in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Toastmasters International, in the District Administrative Bylaws, in this constitution, and in Policy and Protocol issued by Toastmasters International.

Furthermore, **Policy 3.0 Ethics and Conduct** specifies that:

1. Standards

F. If the actions of any individual member or club are in conflict with the basic principles, ideals, or standards of Toastmasters International, the club may be subject to suspension or expulsion by Toastmasters International and/or the individual member may be subject to suspension or removal from good standing, and/or other appropriate action.

While we understand the situation and the club's desire to hold virtual meetings, it is not possible for them to do so at this time. The club is expected to follow all of the rules and policies set in place by the Board of Directors."

Let us continue to focus on membership and clubs (growth, retention, and quality). 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

Where Leaders Are Made

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](#). We still have roughly 30 Area Director roles available. If you are interested in any other District leadership role, please fill out the [District Chair application form](#).

2015 Spring Convention

The Spring Convention was sizzling with fun!



Evaluation Speech contest winners

1st: Luke Green
 2nd: Greg Berman
 3rd: Starlett Drader

International Speech contest winners

1st: Eric Schurr
 2nd: Raymond Norton
 3rd: Nancy Zugschwert



Congratulations to our International Speech Contest winners. 1st: Eric Schurr; 2nd: Raymond Norton; 3rd: Nancy Zugschwert. Nancy is a charter member of a new club chartered this year, Toastmaster on a Stick, and was eligible as a charter member to compete, even though she has only given three manual speeches!

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 follow the link to [2014-2015 Awards](#).

Award	April 2015
Competent Communicators	375
Competent Leaderships	210
Advanced Communicators	187
Advanced Leaderships	116
High Performance Leadership Excellence	44
Distinguished Toastmasters	36
Triple Crown (# people)	64

Larry J. Marik, DTM

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

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Marketing Matters

New Club "Birth Announcement"

Welcome to our newest club, Speakers for Changing Lives, at Lutheran Social Services, Frontier Division, Area 25. So far, District 6 has 11 newly chartered clubs this year, and several more are anticipated to charter before June 30.



Congratulations to Talk Up Toastmasters Winners!

Eight District 6 clubs achieved the "Talk Up Toastmasters" Award, adding five or more new, dual, or reinstated members between February 1 and March 31. The clubs received a special ribbon to display on their banners and a discount for an order at Toastmasters International. Below are the clubs receiving this award, with the number of new members in parentheses:

- Community Spirit (7)
- Crosstown Talkers (5)
- Free Speakers (5)
- Mayo Daybreakers Club (5)
- Minneapolis Club (6)
- Mutual Voices Club (5)
- One Voice Club (5)
- Rochester Break of Day Toastmaster Club (5)

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

Officer Training Early Bird Drawing (also known as "Win Diane")

Two clubs will be winners! If your club has four or more officers trained by July 31, you will be placed in a drawing for an open house/special event speaker. If you have all seven officers trained, you will get an additional chance in the drawing to have Program Quality Director-Elect Diane Windingland, DTM, speak at your club open house or club special event for up to 45 minutes (from a short 5-7 minute "My Toastmasters Journey" speech to a 45 minute program on public speaking,

strategic storytelling, leadership, or networking).

Officer training must be completed by July 31 and recorded by August 5. Winners notified by August 10. The presentations will be scheduled to the mutual convenience of the clubs and Diane, and must be completed by November 30.

Corporate Recognition Awards

During an official visit on May 1, International Director for Region 4 Joan Watson presented Corporate Recognition Awards to Medtronic and Boston Scientific for their support of Toastmasters clubs at their companies.



Northern Division Governor Gary Kivi with Medtronic Vice President of Research and Development Chandra Subramaniam.



Toastmasters International Director for Region 4 Joan Watson and Boston Scientific Vice President of Research and Development Randy Schiestl.

Diane Windingland, DTM

Lieutenant Governor Marketing, District 6, 2014-2015

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PR Contest Results

Congratulations to the following clubs for their wonderful contributions to our recent Public Relations contest. They keep raising the bar.

Newsletter (total: 5)

1. Westerly Winds Toastmasters ([link](#))
2. Health Toasters Club ([link](#))
3. Ah Busters ([link](#))

Flyer/Brochures (total: 4)

1. Health Toasters ([link](#))
2. River Park Toastmasters ([link](#))
3. Carver County Communicators ([link](#))

Guest Packet (total: 5)

1. Word Masters
2. Health Toasters
3. Tongues Untied

Press Release (total: 2)

1. Tale Weavers ([link](#))
2. Carver County Communicators ([link](#))

Website (total: 5)



1. River Park ([link](#))
2. Health Toasters Club ([link](#))
3. Tale Weavers ([link](#))

Social Media (total: 2)

1. Health Toasters ([link](#))
2. Tale Weavers ([link](#))

Ravi Rai, DTM
Public Relations Officer

2015-2016 Leadership Team



2015-2016 Elected Leadership Team. Back (left to right): Nick Nelson (Div. A), Cheryl Evans (Div. B), Dave Gibson (Div. C), Jean Pearson (Div. F), Connie Mayta (Div. D), Jennifer Hamlin (Div. E), Gayle Zorad (Div. G), and Steve Crooks (Div. I). Front (left to right): Sue Ann Rawlins (Div. J), Harold Osmundson (Club Growth Director), Larry Marik (District Director), Diane Windingland (Program Quality Director), and Eric Johnson (Div. H).

District 6 Quarter Century Club

Ever wished you could get advice and assistance from a long-time Toastmaster? The District 6 Quarter Century Club is here to help.

This group is open to Toastmasters who have been members for at least 25 years. Here is the group's mission:

- To provide recognition for people who have been members of Toastmasters for at least 25 years.
- Where members are willing and able, to provide advice by telephone or e-mail to other Toastmasters who request it.
- Where members are willing and able, to provide on-site advisory assistance to clubs or for other Toastmasters events.



Along with this new focus is a new database to help implement the mission. Similar to "Find a Club" on the International site, the database allows you to "Find a Quarter Century Advisor." The database is destined to be a web service, but it is not there yet. To use it, call or email me, explain your needs, and I will help you find a senior member who is willing to assist you. I can be reached at [952-657-1105](tel:952-657-1105) or 73404.103@compuserve.com.

Rick Holtmeier, DTM

Save the Date!

District 6 Summer TLI
Saturday, July 25

Ramada Plaza - Minneapolis
1330 Industrial Boulevard Northeast
Minneapolis, MN 55413

Our featured speaker is World Champion of Public Speaking Lance Miller!

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